

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

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List of Questions on Notice/Questions in Writing

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Q No	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written	Date recd.	Date tabled
1.	CMD	Fawcett	Workplace harassment	How many cases of workplace bullying were reported in 2011-12? Include how that compares to previous years.	Page 5	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
2.	CMD	Fawcett	Workplace harassment	Can you also tell me whether there have been any changes to the system of reporting, and how incidents in the workplace are classified?	Page 5	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
3.	CMD	Fawcett	Workplace harassment	Would you take on notice to provide the committee with an indication of how many reports have been made that have not been rolled up into the departmental-level reporting?	Page 6	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
4.	CMD	Fawcett	Workplace harassment	Could you give us an indication as to how many reports have been made that have results in some kind of action against an employee, whether it be a fine, a demotion or even termination of employment?	Page 6	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
5.	CPD	Kroger	Consular – Mr Zygier	When was that file (of Mr Zygier-Alon) actually opened?	Page 9	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
6.	CPD	Milne	Consular – Mr Zygier	I suppose that is the judgement that I am referring to in terms of other Australian citizens who might find themselves in a similar situation. However the investigation will clearly go to that and go to why the decision was taken. And I certainly would ask that you take that on notice – that there is some response given to that to the Australian parliament. I want go on to ask you, Minister, about how you intend to progress this, apart from the issues of how this was dealt with from the Australian side. What are you going to do now in relation to seeking answers from the Israeli government? In particular, I understand that there was an investigation that went on for quite some time into the circumstances of the death, conducted by a judge. I am asking what action you are going to take now in terms of seeking answers from the Israeli government in relation to this case.	Page 11	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
7.	SMD	Kroger	AUKMIN communique	I want to go to the AUKMIN communique. I will read it out. It says: “We call on Israel to stop settlement activity. All settlements are illegal under international law and settlement activity undermines the prospects for peace.” Did the department receive any formal advice, communications, verbal,	Page 15	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				oral or written– I am now happy to be quite prescriptive - in relation to this matter?			
8.	EXB	Kroger	Ministerial travel	Out of the total number of trips he (Alexander Downer) had when foreign minister, how many of those did his wife, Nicky Downer, travel with him? I do not want to know about just the last year. Likewise, how many times did Mrs Smith travel with foreign minister Smith? When Kevin Rudd was foreign minister, how many times did Ms Rein travel with foreign minister Rudd during his time? Include the total number of trips each foreign minister had along with the number of times that their partners accompanied them.	Page 16	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
9.	EXB	Kroger	Ministerial travel	In relation to your (Senator Carr) wife's official capacity, and being invited in an official capacity, which countries extended invitations to your wife for her to be involved in official activities?	Page 16	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
10.	SMD	Kroger	Middle East	Indeed in overview. This goes to reports, Senator Carr, that you will present a four-point action plan to world leaders in an attempt to reduce Muslim anger towards an anti-Islamic movie, and your plan in relation to that. Could you outline what that four-point plan proposal is?	Page 17	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
11.	SMD	Kroger	Middle East	So you have raised that plan with world leaders, already. It has been presented. When was it presented?	Page 17	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
12.	SMD	Kroger	Middle East	Could you give me a list of who you have raised it with, which leaders and the date of when that took place. Have you communicated that plan with any foreign ministers? Do you have the details of that with you?	Page 17	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
13.	SMD	Kroger	Middle East	Could you also give us, on notice, which foreign ministers you have raised it with, whether it was in correspondence or a direct communication, the date of that and whether you have received any responses or communications back to that plan? Have you received offers of support for that plan?	Page 17	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
14.	ILD	Kroger	UNSC Task Force	So you are looking at 28 in total, of which three are secondees – does that sound right? Can you put it on notice to provide us with a breakdown of the classification level of each of those positions? When is Australia going to hold the rotating presidency?	Page 19	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
15.	AAD (in consultation with EXB)	Rhiannon	Direct Aid Program (DAP)	I want to ask some questions about the direct aid program funding. Can you provide a complete list of projects that have some connection with the Australian African Mining Industry Group – either direct involvement or undertaken in an area adjacent to where mining companies are operating? Can you take that on notice and include the name of the project, the location, the company involved and the name of any NGO that had been hired to facilitate the project and the nature of the project?	Page 21	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
16.	AAD (in consultation with EXB)	Rhiannon	Direct Aid Program (DAP)	Just to ask that again: were any applications (to DAP) from mining companies denied?	Page 21	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
17.	EXB	Rhiannon	Direct Aid Program (DAP)	Have companies or organisations that misuse funds, or where you have had some concerns about the project, been involved in a subsequent	Page 21	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				project?			
18.	ISD	Fawcett	Bulgaria – Consular/Counter-terrorism	Can I take you to the incident in Bulgaria in July last year where an Australian was involved in a terrorist attack? Does the department have any updates on either the incident or subsequent actions that have been take in Australia after that incident, given the involvement of an Australian national?	Page 22	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
19.	NAD	Fawcett	Australia-Japan	I would like to go to the recent Australia-Japan talks. Was anything raised by the Japanese during those talks about the recent appointment of previous Senator Bob Brown as the director of Sea Shepherd?	Page 24	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
20.	CPD	Kroger	Consular - China	I understand that an Australian journalist, Chris Buckley, was expelled from China either late last year or the beginning of this year. What can you tell us about that? Did we make official representations on his behalf to the appropriate authorities in China?	Page 25	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
21.	CPD	Kroger	Consular – China	I appreciate that he was working for the <i>New York Times</i> . Did he seek any interference from us in terms of the matter and any support?	Page 25	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
22.	AAD	Fawcett	AUSMIN talks	During the AUSMIN talks there was an announcement about US-Australian radar systems being able to accurately track objects launched into orbit by China or Russia. Have either of these countries – China in particular in this part of the inquiry – made any comment to Australia in relation to that?	Page 25	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
23.	SED	Rhiannon	Myanmar	I have some questions about Burma. The UN Special Rapporteur’s mandate is up for renewal in March. In his last report he expressed significant concern about the ongoing violation of human rights in Burma. Will Australia support the extension of the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur for human rights in Burma for a further year?	Page 27	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
24.	SED	Rhiannon	Myanmar	I understand that the USA has implemented a reporting requirement for American companies investing in Burma. Under this requirement, companies will have to disclose their due diligence with regard to human rights and land acquisition. Has the government here looked at a similar process? And has there been any discussion on adopting a similar program? So, if you could take on notice whether we are considering doing it or whether there has been any consideration or any talks on this possibility, that would be appreciated.	Page 28	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
25.	SED	Rhiannon	Myanmar	Is Australia providing any support, financial or otherwise, to the Australia-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce? If so, what support is being provided?	Page 29	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
26.	CMD	Kroger		Senator KROGER: Turning to Thailand for a moment, given the volume of tourism traffic in Phuket and the number of Australians that seem to find themselves in dire straits and, in fact, have died there, is there consideration for a permanent presence in Phuket itself? Mr Varghese: In terms of where we would see the pressures on the system, that would be one. If resources were to enable us to do so, I think we would like to do so. But I think, at the moment and for at least the short-term future, that is unlikely.	Page 55	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>Senator KROGER: Certainly this year it looks unlikely. What is your staffing level in Bangkok?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I would have to take advice on that.</p>			
27.	CPD	Kroger	Consular – Mr Zygier	Are you aware of whether an official or representative from the Israeli government accompanied the body home to Australia?	Page 32	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
28.	AAD	Kroger	USA	<p>Staying on the Americas: this in relation to the AR15 weapon that was used in the recent US school shootings. I understand that there was a statement made by your minister on 24 October 2012 whereby you suggested that no weapons were produced in Australia. I quote: “There are no arms manufactured in Australia so the weapons that people use in crimes here are all imported and often imported illegally.” Did you receive an advice from the department before you made that statement, specifically in relation to require arms?</p> <p>Senator Carr: Can we check that quote?</p>	Page 33	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
29.	OTN	Heffernan	Import of beef from countries with BSE in cattle	<p>Three years ago I was in Canada. When they discovered I was there, they did not deport me but invited me to the rural committee of the parliament to discuss why Australia would not import beef from Canada. As I said to them in very simple language, 'If you could guarantee us that you do not have any BSE in your herd, we would talk to you. Until you have not, we may not talk to you.' Given that we very nearly agreed to import beef from the United States, and BSE has been reacting there—and there have been many reactors in Canada which has an open border, or did have. It is the same with Mexico—no national livestock identification from birth to death, et cetera. There is no such thing as a BSE-free herd because the only way to know if someone has not got BSE in a cow is to kill it. As you know, there is probably up to a 30-year incubation period for CJD in humans. It is endemic in Europe. Given that we have recently announced that we have agreed to take beef from some countries in Europe that have had BSE, and I will be dealing very ferociously with that, in a diplomatic sense and in terms of diplomatic pressure to accept these importations of beef from countries that have had BSE, is there a risk from your perspective, Minister, that the pressure to come to a trade arrangement could be more powerful than the arguments on biosecurity, which have to be based on science and the vagaries of science and health?</p> <p>Given that we have never had a BSE reactor in Australia, and given that there are no such things as BSE-free zones in the United States, at a DFAT level have you (Senator Carr) or DFAT had discussions as to how they could facilitate diplomatically the entry of such products into Australia?</p>	Page 33	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
30.	SMD	Rhiannon	Sri Lanka	With respect to the document <i>Lessons learnt and reconciliation commission</i> , you would be aware that there was considerable international criticism, that there was inequity in many areas and that there are	Page 43	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>continuing calls for there to be an independent international investigation into the war crimes on both sides. Have you given consideration to that call?</p> <p>Senator Carr: I am not sure how that was canvassed in the discussions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. I am happy to take that on notice.</p>			
31.	ILD	Faulkner	Open Government Partnership	<p>You said, Mr Rowe, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is serving on an IDC. What sort of level of representation does your department have on the IDC? Do you have available to you, and I appreciate you may not, a record of the meetings of the IDC? Do you have a record of the dates, times, places and attendance?</p>	Page 45	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
32.	CPD	Kroger	Consular	<p>In relation to Australian students who are studying and undertaking educational exchange programs overseas, do you provide specific advice to them, or is it in terms of the Smartraveller website, or is it incorporated on the advice that is given depending on which country they are actually studying in? Is there anything specific for overseas students? I am interested to know if there is any exchange-student-specific information that is particularly pertinent for students.</p>	Page 52	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
33.	APO	Fawcett	Passports	<p>The outcome that is potentially most measurable is when false passports are identified as being used. There are high-profile cases like the incident in the Middle East that included assassinations. I am assuming there are many other incidents that are just criminal in nature. So as to have this on record, please give us an indication of how many Australian passports over the last five years on an annual basis have been identified to be fake passports, whether it is through AFP, Customs or international agencies?</p>	Page 55	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
34.	CMD	Kroger	Security for Embassies overseas	<p>Has there been any reduction in the number of security personnel employed to guard Australian embassies or high commissions? I would like to verify the security clearance process for overseas missions, in particular whether the security checks on potential staff include their families.</p>	Page 56	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
35.	FTD	Back	Trade Agreements	<p>Given the brevity of the time, could you take on notice and come back to the committee and advise us: what were the trade agreements or commitments or other obligations, including those under WTO, that Australia broke with Indonesia when we imposed the ban on the export of live cattle to Indonesia in 2011? I do not expect you to have that information, but it was obviously done without consultation with the Indonesians. I would be appreciative if you could provide that on notice for me.</p>	Page 58	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
36.	TED	Nash	Beef trade with South Korea	<p>Can I take you to our beef trade with South Korea. I notice on your website that you have listed beef exports between Australia and South Korea at \$770 million. Over what period was that?</p> <p>The MLA has stated that beef exports are at \$632 million. I am trying to</p>	Page 58	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				determine if the disparity in figures is simply a measurement assessment issue from each of the parties or if there is an actual discrepancy in one of the figures – one of them is not actually correct. Could you look at that for me?			
37.	NAD	Nash	South Korea - trade	Would a South Korean company pulling out of a bid with Australia citing sovereign risk – and I quote the Poongsan Corporation: “The sovereign risk the Australian program represents to Korean companies has become too large to ignore” be something that you are conscious of as to the impacts on trade? Is that something that has rung any alarm bells for you? It is on page 3 of the <i>Australian Financial Review</i> and you are not aware of it? Does no one read the paper in the department? Could you take on notice to ask somebody in your department to bring this to your attention, and could you provide the committee with your response as to the significance of that particular article?	Page 59	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
38.	FTD	Nash	South Korea - trade	Can you take on notice for me, then, what you see those advantages as being (US having a tariff advantage) and what those advantages have been over the last 12 months for the US, and provide that to the committee? The investor state dispute settlement mechanism that South Korea wants to be in the FTA – is that the sticking point? Is that what is holding it up? What is our view on that?	Page 60	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
39.	EFIC	Rhiannon	EFIC	In response to the (Productivity) Commission’s recommendation 9.6 dealing with funding proposals that have significant adverse environmental or social impacts, which includes three separate recommendations, the government’s response document says, ‘Agree in part’ across all three. Could you clarify which parts are agreed to and which parts are not agreed to?	Page 67	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
40.	EFIC	Rhiannon	EFIC	PNG LNG developments. I was going to come to this later, but I notice that you said then ‘on their next visit’. Because some of the information I received was that post the tragic mudslide, there was not the visit. Could you provide us with the date for the visit after the mudslide?	Page 68	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
41.	CPD	Kroger	Zygier case	<p>A. Was the then Foreign Minister (Smith) or Prime Minister (Rudd) informed of Ben Zygier’s detention in an Israeli prison in 2010?</p> <p>B. When exactly was the then Foreign Minister told and by whom?</p> <p>C. If the then Foreign Minister wasn’t informed of Mr Zygier’s detention, why did the Department not inform him?</p> <p>D. During the Estimates hearing on Thursday, February 14 the following exchange took place regarding when the Department would be able to answer all of the relevant questions on the case:</p> <p><i>Senator KROGER: Mr Varghese, can you give us a time frame of when you believe that you will be across the relevant material for us all to be fully informed of the situation?</i></p> <p><i>Mr Varghese: I hope that we can be in that position in the not-too-distant future. I would hope towards the end of next week that we would be</i></p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p><i>able to answer, one way or another, the questions you have raised and other questions that still remain to be addressed.</i></p> <p>When was the Department able to ascertain all of the relevant facts in this case so as to answer questions posed during Senate Estimates?</p> <p>E. When did the Department complete its investigation?</p> <p>F. When did the Department provide a full report of its investigation to Minister Carr?</p> <p>G. When did the Department and/or Minister hold a briefing for the media to respond to further questions on this case?</p>			
42.	EXB	Kroger	Itinerary for Helena Carr during overseas trips	<p>A. During the Estimates Hearing Senator Kroger asked the Minister that it be taken on notice, “In relation to your wife’s official capacity, and being invited in an official capacity, which countries extended invitations to your wife for her to be involved in official activities?”</p> <p>a. Is the Department involved in managing the invitations extended to Mrs Carr?</p> <p>B. Does the Department have input into which invitations Mrs Carr accepts and declines?</p> <p>C. If the Department isn’t involved in this process, who provides guidance on which invites Mrs Carr should accept/decline?</p> <p>D. Who has responsibility for co-ordinating Mrs Carr’s itinerary on overseas trips?</p> <p>E. Minister Carr mentioned in the Estimates hearing that “my wife is there, invited by organisations and attending the functions, as she did in the South Pacific, visiting women’s refuges, speaking to refugee women and performing other functions that are useful”. Is the focus of Mrs Carr’s itinerary usually on visiting organisations and attending functions with a focus on women and women’s issues?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
43.	CMD (in consultation with ILD)	Kroger	Resources for UN Security Council seat	<p>A. Minister Carr confirmed during the Estimates hearing that \$27.5 million has been budgeted for to support the UN Security Council seat for 2013-14. Can the Department clarify how much funding it sought to support the seat for 2013-14?</p> <p>B. Can you provide details of how the \$1.7million in capital expenditure will be spent?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
44.	EXB	Kroger	Prime Minister’s involvement in Foreign Affairs	<p>A. How many times per week do the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister discuss international affairs?</p> <p>B. Are regular meetings (via phone or in-person) scheduled? How often do these occur?</p> <p>C. Which staff from the offices of the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister meet to discuss foreign affairs and how often does this occur?</p> <p>D. How do the PM and FM offices co-ordinate international visits and summits? Who takes the lead? Who was deciding for example that the Prime Minister would participate in the Indonesian Democracy Forum</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				in Bali?			
45.	NAD	Kroger	Appointment of former Senator Bob Brown as Sea Shepherd director	A. Did Japanese officials make any representations to the Department or Minister regarding the appointment of former Senator Bob Brown to the position of Sea Shepherd director? B. If yes, what was the nature of these representations?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
46.	SED	Kroger	Discussions between Prime Minister Gillard and President of Burma Thein Sein	A. I understand that Prime Minister Gillard met with the President of Burma during her six-day trip to South-East Asia in November. Was the Foreign Minister part of this delegation? If not, what was his itinerary during this time period? B. What topics were discussed between the Prime Minister and the President of Burma during the meeting? C. Is it correct that – as reported in the media – the Prime Minister suggested resuming defence ties with Burma? Did the Department provide advice to the PM on the resumption of defence co-operation with Burma? D. Burmese president Thein Sein cancelled a trip to Australia in December at the last minute. Has the visit been rescheduled? When is the president expected to visit Australia?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
47.	AAD	Kroger	Dialogue between US Secretary of State and Foreign Minister	A. How many times has the Foreign Minister been in direct contact with the new US Secretary of State, Senator John Kerry? B. On what dates did this contact occur and what was discussed each time? C. When will the Foreign Minister and his US counterpart hold their first meeting in person? D. Did the government present a gift to the outgoing Secretary of State Hilary Clinton? What was this gift and what did it cost?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
48.	SMD	Kroger	Female genital mutilation in Egypt	There have been media reports recently that female genital mutilation (FGM) is on the rise in Egypt. Is the Department aware of this? What information does the Department have regarding the current prevalence of FGM in Egypt?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
49.	EUD	Kroger	Ban on Americans adopting children from Russia	What does the Department consider to be the implications, if any, of the recent introduction of a ban on American adopting children from Russia?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
50.	EUD	Kroger	Strategic partnership with Germany	A. Australia has signed a bilateral strategic partnership with Germany to institutionalise regular high-level policy dialogues between the two countries. Please provide further details of the partnership, including how often representatives from the two countries will meet. B. What outcomes do you expect from this strategic partnership? C. How many 'bilateral strategic partnerships' does Australia have? With which countries?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

51.	OPO	Kroger	Construction of new Australian embassy in Jakarta	<p>A. What is the value of the architectural and design contract that was awarded to Denton Corker Marshall?</p> <p>B. What is the value of the project management contract which was awarded to Think Projects?</p> <p>C. What is the cost of the Department's own IT installations?</p> <p>D. What is the value of the direct security costs that would be capitalised?</p> <p>E. What is the value of the operating costs incurred in the delivery of the project?</p> <p>F. What is the value of the construction material being brought from Australia?</p> <p>G. What is the status of the discussions with the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding waiving the VAT costs of material brought from Australia for the embassy? Has the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs agreed to waive or reduce the VAT? What are the savings associated with this?</p>	H. Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
52.	EFIC	Kroger	Small/medium enterprise sector	<p>A. Does EFIC work much in the SME (small medium enterprise) sector?</p> <p>B. I refer to the statement from the Minister for Trade on 29 January 2013</p> <p>C. "EFIC Reforms to help business in Asia.", 29 January 2013</p> <p>D. The Minister said: "Small and medium-sized enterprises exporting to Asia will benefit most from changes to the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation."</p> <p>E. What are the changes to EFIC that will enable you to offer products to small businesses?</p> <p>F. Do these changes involve new products that EFIC can offer? If so, what are the new financial products you are offering?</p> <p>G. The Minister also said: "EFIC will apply a new market failure test that will help it determine an exporter's eligibility for its financial products and services."</p> <p>H. Can you expand on this market failure test?</p> <p>I. Can you outline EFICs resource allocation (human resources and other) that will be deployed to these new products?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
53.	PAD	Rhiannon	PACER – timelines and sectoral interests	<p>The roadmap for PACER-Plus covers the commencement of negotiations in services and investment.</p> <p>A. .When are negotiations looking to start on both of those areas?</p> <p>B. What are Australia's specific sectoral interests in these areas?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
54.	PAD	Rhiannon	PACER – SPS and TBT negotiations	<p>PACER-Plus negotiations on Sanitary Phytosanitary (SPS) and Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) have resulted in agreement that Island nations that are not WTO members will not be bound to apply the WTO consistent measures and instead will be supported in applying them through assistance from Australia and New Zealand.</p> <p>A. Will DFAT commit to a continuation of that flexibility in other areas of negotiations, particularly allowing Island nations to make non-GATS consistent commitments on Services?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				B. Will Australia be looking to have Parties to the PICTA TIS (<i>Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement Trade in Services</i>) agreement make additional commitments in under any negotiations on services in PACER-Plus?			
55.	PAD	Rhiannon	PACER – Seasonal Workers Program	What is DFAT's position on the extension of the Seasonal Workers Program to include other sectors in the context of negotiating such an outcome in PACER-Plus?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
56.	PAD	Rhiannon	PACER	A. Will Australia commit additional funding for further research into the social impacts of PACER-Plus as well as ongoing consultations at both the national and regional levels? B. Under the Development Assistance negotiations will DFAT commit to providing funding for both implementation and development assistance in line with Pacific Islands' requests?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
57.	EXB (in consultation with AAD)	Rhiannon	Direct Aid Program	A. Paladin Energy has received DAP funds. Is AusAID aware of serious allegations against Paladin in Malawi and have these allegations caused DFAT to reassess Paladin as a receiver of DAP funds? B. What guidelines exist for reviewing current environmental and social impact assessments for mining companies DFAT chooses to partner with through the DAP program? C. Are the mining companies responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of the projects they receive DAP funding for or does AusAID or DFAT independently monitor these as well? Are these monitoring or evaluation reports made public? What action can DFAT take if they are not satisfied with the recipient's use of the DAP funding?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
58.	EFIC	Rhiannon	EFIC reforms following Productivity Commission report	A. When does EFIC or DFAT anticipate the reforms accepted by the government from the Productivity Commission will be put to parliament to amend the EFIC Act? Will these come in an omnibus bill will all the reforms accepted by the government? B. Will the reforms be put into legislation or operationalised within the next 6 months? If not all of the reforms, which ones do you anticipate will be put into legislation or operationalised within the next 6 months? C. Will EFIC provide public justifications for approvals from the National Interest Account facility as well as a process for facilitating Parliamentary and public scrutiny? If so, what exactly will this process be and what is the timeline for implementing this process? D. Will EFIC provide public information on the performance of National Interest Account facilities, including progress against the fulfilment of Action Plans established to avoid or mitigate negative environmental or social impacts?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
59.	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing	A. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>B. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>C. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>			
60.	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing	<p>A. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>B. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>C. How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
61.	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing	<p>A. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>B. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
62.	CMD	Eggleston	Making the Public Service more efficient	<p>Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html).</p> <p>In addition, please provide the following detail:</p> <p>A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel? Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>B. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>C. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>D. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
63.	CMD	Eggleston	Printing costs	<p>How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
64.	CMD	Eggleston	Graduate Recruitment	<p>A. How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				Please itemise and detail costs. B. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.			
65.	CMD	Eggleston	Staffing	A. How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? B. Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
66.	CMD/CPD	Eggleston	Advertising	A. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? B. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. C. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. D. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. E. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. F. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. G. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
67.	CMD/EXB	Eggleston	Hospitality and Entertainment	A. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. B. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. C. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. D. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. E. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. F. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>G. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>H. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>I. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>			
68.	CMD/EXB	Eggleston	Meeting Costs	<p>A. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>B. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>C. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>D. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
69.	CMD/EXB	Eggleston	Program Launch Costs	<p>A. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>B. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>C. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>D. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>E. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>F. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.			
70.	EXB	Eggleston	Board Appointments	<p>A. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>B. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>C. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</p>	Eggleston	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
71.	ILD	Eggleston	Freedom of Information	<p>A. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>B. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>C. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
72.	EXB	Eggleston	Community Cabinet Meetings	<p>A. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.</p> <p>B. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.</p> <p>C. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
73.	EXB	Eggleston	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>A. How many Reviews are being undertaken?</p> <p>B. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</p> <p>C. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>D. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>E. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</p> <p>F. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p> <p>G. What reviews are planned?</p> <p>H. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
74.	CMD	Eggleston	Consultancies	<p>A. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>B. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.			
75.	CPD	Eggleston	Media Monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?</p> <p>A. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>B. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>C. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p> <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <p>A. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>B. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>C. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
76.	CMD	Eggleston	Social Media	<p>A. Have there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.</p> <p>B. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?</p> <p>C. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks).</p> <p>D. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?</p> <p>E. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?</p> <p>F. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
77.	IMD	Eggleston	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
78.	OPO	Eggleston	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
79.	OPO	Eggleston	Coffee Machines	A. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>B. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>C. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>D. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>E. Who has access?</p> <p>F. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>G. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>H. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>I. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>J. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>K. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>L. Who has access?</p> <p>M. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>N. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>			
80.	CMD	Eggleston	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>A. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>B. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>C. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>D. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>E. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>F. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>G. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>H. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>I. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>J. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
81.	CMD	Eggleston	Grants	<p>A. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>B. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>C. Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for grant?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
82.	EXB	Eggleston	Commissioned Reports	<p>A. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>B. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>C. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
83.	CMD	Eggleston	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>A. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (ie., within 30 days)?</p> <p>B. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown,</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>C. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>D. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>			
84.	CMD/EXB	Eggleston	Stationery requirements	<p>A. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>B. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p>	Eggleston	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
85.	IMD/CPD	Eggleston	Media Subscriptions	<p>A. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>B. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>C. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>D. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>E. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>F. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p> <p>G. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>H. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>I. What is the cost for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
86.	EXB/CMD	Eggleston	Travel Costs	<p>A. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>B. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>C. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>D. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>E. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed?</p> <p>F. How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>why.</p> <p>G. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>H. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>I. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
87.	ILD	Eggleston	Legal costs	<p>A. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>B. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>C. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>D. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
88.	CMD	Eggleston	Education expenses	<p>A. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>B. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
89.	CMD	Eggleston	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>A. Total spending on these services</p> <p>B. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>C. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>D. The names of all service providers engaged</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (D), please provide:</p> <p>A. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>B. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>C. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>D. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>E. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>F. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>A. The location used</p> <p>B. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>C. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>D. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
90.	CMD	Eggleston	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>A. Total spending on these services</p> <p>B. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>C. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>D. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (D), please provide:</p> <p>A. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>E. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>F. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>G. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>H. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>I. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>A. The location used</p> <p>B. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>C. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>D. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
91.	CMD	Eggleston	Paid Parental Leave	<p>A. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>B. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>C. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
92.	EXB	Eggleston	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>A. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>B. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>C. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
93.	CMD	Eggleston	Corporate Cars	<p>A. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>B. Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>C. What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>D. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>E. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
94.	CMD	Eggleston	Taxi Costs	<p>A. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date?</p> <p>B. Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>C. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
95.	CMD	Eggleston	Hire Cars	<p>A. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date?</p> <p>B. Provide a breakdown of each business group in each</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				department/agency. C. What are the reasons for hire car costs?			
96.	CMD	Eggleston	Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card. Please update details of the following: A. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? B. How is corporate credit card use monitored? C. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? D. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? E. List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. F. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
97.	IMD	Eggleston	Provision of Equipment	A. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? B. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? C. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. D. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
98.	OPO	Eggleston	Electricity Purchasing	A. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? B. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
99.	CPD	Eggleston	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include: A. How are briefings requests commissioned? B. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. C. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. D. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. E. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <p>A. How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>B. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>C. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>D. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>E. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>F. Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p>			
100.	CMD	Eggleston	Shredders	<p>A. Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year?</p> <p>B. If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
101.	CMD	Eggleston	Protective security policy framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
102.	OPO	Eggleston	Office Locations	<p>Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <p>A. Department/Agency;</p> <p>B. Location;</p> <p>C. Leased or Owned;</p> <p>D. Size;</p> <p>E. Number of Staff at each location and classification;</p> <p>F. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre;</p> <p>G. If owned, the value of the building;</p> <p>H. Depreciation of buildings that are owned;</p> <p>I. Type of functions and work undertaken.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
103.	CMD/CPD	Eggleston	Communications Staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>By Department or agency:</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>A. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>B. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>C. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>D. How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>E. How many are media managers?</p> <p>F. How many organise events?</p> <p>G. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>			
104.	PAD	Xenophon	Fiji	<p>I note the Minister's statement on ABC's Radio National that <i>Fiji should look closely at the way Indonesia has restructured the relationship between its government and its military</i>. This statement gives a clear signal to all and the Bainimarama regime of Australia's stand.</p> <p>Yet judging by the Fijian Military's submission to the Ghai Draft Constitution, its rejection and burning of that Draft, the Fiji military is adamant in playing a constitutional role in shaping democracy post 2014 elections.</p> <p>Is Australia willing to accept the regime's re-draft of the Ghai Draft with an entrenched military role in politics?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
105.	PAD	Xenophon	Fiji	<p>If political parties fail to register according to the Political Parties Decree, will the Australian Government suspend its support for the 2-14 Fijian election?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
106.	PAD	Xenophon	Fiji	<p>If political parties fail to contest the 2014 Fijian election and the military regime creates a party in an uncontested election, will Australia recognise this as a democratic election process?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
107.	OTN	Fawcett	Tariffs	<p>A. Given that Australian tariffs on the importation of horticultural products is very low to zero, what bargaining opportunities does Australia have to encourage importing countries to reduce their tariffs on Australian horticultural products?</p> <p>B. Has Australia ever used, or would consider using, restrictions on access to non-agricultural Australian products as leverage to reduce tariffs on imported Australian agricultural produce? If not, why not?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
108.	TED	Senator Nash	Beef exports to South Korea	<p>MLA has released figures of metric tonnes of Australian beef exports to South Korea. In 2011, 146,348 metric tonnes was exported. In 2012, 125,000 metric tonnes was exported, which is down 14%. Is the department or minister aware of these figures?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
109.	NAD	Senator Nash	Beef exports to South	<p>Can the department provide a breakdown on the reasons that beef exports</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

			Korea	to South Korea has decreased by 14%?			
110.	TED	Senator Nash	Beef exports to South Korea	Can the department provide a figure of how many metric tonnes of beef were exported in 2011, 2012 and what has been exported to South Korea so far in 2013?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
111.	FTD	Senator Nash	Free Trade agreement with South Korea	Can the department provide a detailed list of what is delaying the signing of the FTA with South Korea?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
112.	EFIC	Eggleston	Staffing	A. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? C. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff? D. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
113.	EFIC	Eggleston	Staffing	A. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? B. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff? C. How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
114.	EFIC	Eggleston	Staffing	A. Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. B. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
115.	EFIC	Eggleston	Making the Public Service more efficient	Please provide an update of the savings achieved through pursuing further efficiencies in the way the public service operates (see media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State of 25 September 2012 http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_1982012.html). In addition, please provide the following detail: A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for reductions in air travel? Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? B. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? C. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates? D. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?			
116.	EFIC	Eggleston	Printing costs	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
117.	EFIC	Eggleston	Graduate Recruitment	A. How much has been spent on 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs. B. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
118.	EFIC	Eggleston	Graduate Training	A. How much was spent on 2013 Graduate Training? B. Provide details of what training was provided, why and the estimated cost for each.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
119.	EFIC	Eggleston	Advertising	A. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date? B. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services. C. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. D. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item. E. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item. F. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services. G. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
120.	EFIC	Eggleston	Hospitality and Entertainment	A. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. B. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. C. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>D. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>E. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>F. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>G. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>H. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>I. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?</p>			
121.	EFIC	Eggleston	Meeting Costs	<p>A. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>B. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>C. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>D. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
122.	EFIC	Eggleston	Program Launch Costs	<p>A. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>B. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>C. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>D. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>E. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for 2011-12? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>F. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for 2011-12. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>			
123.	EFIC	Eggleston	Board Appointments	<p>A. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>B. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>C. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</p>	Eggleston	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
124.	EFIC	Eggleston	Freedom of Information	<p>A. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>B. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>C. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
125.	EFIC	Eggleston	Community Cabinet Meetings	<p>A. How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.</p> <p>B. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.</p> <p>C. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
126.	EFIC	Eggleston	Reviews	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>A. How many Reviews are being undertaken?</p> <p>B. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?</p> <p>C. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>D. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>E. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?</p> <p>F. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				G. What reviews are planned? H. When will each of these reviews be concluded?			
127.	EFIC	Eggleston	Consultancies	A. How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. B. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
128.	EFIC	Eggleston	Media Monitoring	A. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? B. Which agency or agencies provided these services? C. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? D. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date? E. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date? F. Which agency or agencies provided these services? G. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? H. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
129.	EFIC	Eggleston	Social Media	A. Have there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. B. Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media? C. If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks). D. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage? E. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future? F. Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				internet usage in standard business hours).			
130.	EFIC	Eggleston	Internet	Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
131.	EFIC	Eggleston	Staff Amenities	What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
132.	EFIC	Eggleston	Coffee Machines	<p>A. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>B. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>C. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>D. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>E. Who has access?</p> <p>F. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>G. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>H. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>I. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>J. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>K. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>L. Who has access?</p> <p>M. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>N. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
133.	EFIC	Eggleston	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <p>A. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>B. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes,</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>C. Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>D. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>E. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>F. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>G. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>H. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p> <p>I. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>J. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</p>			
134.	EFIC	Eggleston	Grants	<p>A. Could the department/agency provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>B. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.</p> <p>C. Provide a list of grants that your department/agency administers that had uncommitted grants funding reduced as per the statement by the Finance Minister on 22 October 2012 (see http://www.financeminister.gov.au/media/2012/mr_2102012.html). How much was funding reduced for grant?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
135.	EFIC	Eggleston	Commissioned Reports	<p>A. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>B. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level? C. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?			
136.	EFIC	Eggleston	Government Payments of Accounts	A. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (ie, within 30 days)? B. If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached) C. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year? D. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
137.	EFIC	Eggleston	Stationery requirements	C. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date? D. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?	Eggleston	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
138.	EFIC	Eggleston	Media Subscriptions	A. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? B. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel. C. What is the cost for this financial year to date? D. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? E. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. F. What is the cost for this financial year to date? G. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? H. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. I. What is the cost for this financial year to date?	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
139.	EFIC	Eggleston	Travel Costs	A. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). B. For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. C. What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>D. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>E. Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed?</p> <p>F. How is the department/agency following the advice? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.</p> <p>G. Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>H. When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>I. Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>			
140.	EFIC	Eggleston	Legal costs	<p>A. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>B. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>C. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>D. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
141.	EFIC	Eggleston	Education expenses	<p>A. What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?</p> <p>B. For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
142.	EFIC	Eggleston	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>A. Total spending on these services</p> <p>B. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>C. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>D. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (D), please provide:</p> <p>E. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>F. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>G. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</p> <p>H. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>I. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>J. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>K. The location used</p> <p>L. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>M. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>N. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
143.	EFIC	Eggleston	Media Training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>A. Total spending on these services</p> <p>B. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>C. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>D. The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (D), please provide:</p> <p>E. The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>F. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>G. The number of employees who received the service and their</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>H. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>I. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>J. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>K. The location used</p> <p>L. The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>M. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>N. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
144.	EFIC	Eggleston	Paid Parental Leave	<p>A. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>B. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p> <p>C. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
145.	EFIC	Eggleston	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>A. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>B. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>C. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
146.	EFIC	Eggleston	Corporate Cars	<p>A. How cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>B. Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>C. What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>D. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?</p> <p>E. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
147.	EFIC	Eggleston	Taxi Costs	<p>A. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>year to date?</p> <p>B. Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>C. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>			
148.	EFIC	Eggleston	Hire Cars	<p>A. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date?</p> <p>B. Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>C. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
149.	EFIC	Eggleston	Credit Cards	<p>A. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>Please update details of the following:</p> <p>B. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>C. How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>D. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>E. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse been discovered?</p> <p>F. List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>G. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
150.	EFIC	Eggleston	Provision of Equipment	<p>A. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>B. For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?</p> <p>C. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>D. Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
151.	EFIC	Eggleston	Electricity Purchasing	<p>A. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>B. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
152.	EFIC	Eggleston	Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents	<p>A. Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>B. How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>C. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>D. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>E. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>F. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>G. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <p>H. How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>I. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>J. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>K. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>L. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>M. Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p>			
153.	EFIC	Eggleston	Shredders	<p>A. Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year?</p> <p>B. If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
154.	EFIC	Eggleston	Protective security policy framework	Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
155.	EFIC	Eggleston	Office Locations	<p>Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:</p> <p>A. Department/Agency;</p> <p>B. Location;</p> <p>C. Leased or Owned;</p> <p>D. Size;</p> <p>E. Number of Staff at each location and classification;</p> <p>F. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre;</p> <p>G. If owned, the value of the building;</p> <p>H. Depreciation of buildings that are owned;</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				I. Type of functions and work undertaken.			
156.	EFIC	Eggleston	Communications Staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>By Department or agency:</p> <p>A. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>B. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>C. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>D. How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>E. How many are media managers?</p> <p>F. How many organise events?</p> <p>G. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
157.	SED/ILD	Madigan	CMATS	<p>The CMATS treaty between Australia and Timor-Leste can, according to Article 12 of the treaty, be unilaterally terminated by either party at any time, now that a development plan has not been agreed to before the end date of 23rd February 2013.</p> <p>The Foreign Minister gave several detailed answers to my questions in the Senate. In those answers the Minister referred to an independent reserve estimate study that is currently underway.</p> <p>A. Can you advise when that study commenced and what its estimated reporting date will be?</p> <p>B. As this study has been agreed to by all the involved parties can you advise whether the Australian and Timor Leste governments are kept informed of ongoing developments as they occur or will this information be withheld until the final report is issued?</p> <p>In my question to the Minister on whether Australia would be prepared to engage in maritime boundary negotiations if the CMATS treaty were terminated, the Minister stated, understandably, that he <i>would not speculate on what action Australia would take in such an event</i>. However, it seems unlikely that this scenario has not been considered and some plans formulated to cover this possibility.</p> <p>C. Can you advise whether any plans have been drawn up to cover such a contingency?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				<p>D. Have other legal avenues been considered, should a dispute over maritime boundaries arise?</p> <p>E. Are you aware of any plans for Australia to rejoin the UNCLOS process from which we withdrew in 2002?</p> <p>F. Can you advise how many meetings have been held between the Australian and Timor Leste Governments on this matter over the past two years?</p> <p>G. Who were the representatives at those meetings?</p> <p>H. Can you advise how many meetings have been held between the Australian Government and Woodside on this matter over the last two years?</p> <p>I. Who were the representatives at those meetings and were any third parties involved?</p> <p>J. Does the government include the Timor Leste government in any development negotiations it has with Woodside?</p>			
158.	SED	Di Natale	West Papuan prisoners	<p>A. Is the Department aware that West Papuan prisoners August Sananay Kraar, Dominikus Sorabut, Edison Waromi, Ferdinand “Feri” Pakage, Filep Karma, Forkorus Yaboisembut, Luis Gedi, Jefrai Murip, Selpius Bobii, Buktar Tabuni are currently being held in in Abepura prison in Indonesia?</p> <p>B. Have any Australian diplomatic staff visited these prisoners? Are any staff planning to visit them?</p> <p>C. Does the Department agree that the above list of prisoners are political prisoners (i.e. imprisoned for political offences such as free speech, free assembly, and displaying the Morning Star flag) rather than conventional criminals?</p>	Written	12/04/2013	15/5/2013
159	ISD	Fawcett	Consular	<p>Senator FAWCETT: On a broader but related issue, your department's website has quite a comprehensive page talking about our obligations under United Nations Security Council resolutions in terms of counter-terrorism that goes both to the freezing of assets but also the prescription of organisations as terrorist organisations. Other countries such as the US, Canada, the Netherlands, Egypt and Bahrain have all banned Hezbollah as an entire organisation—a step that Australia has not taken. In fact, Mr Brennan, the US counter-terrorism chief, has told his EU counterparts that a failure to designate Hezbollah as a terrorist organisation makes it harder to defend our countries and protect our citizens. In light of this incident where there has been clearly interaction between Australia and its citizens and Hezbollah and terrorist activities and those statements from the US plus pressure from other stakeholders, is Australia reconsidering its 2003 decision to not list the whole of Hezbollah as a terrorist organisation?</p>	22	12/04/2013	15/5/2013

				Senator Bob Carr: I am interested in the arguments about it and I am interested in what implications this case has for Australia moving our policy from what you say is a 2003 position, and I will seek further advice.			
160	CPD	McEwen		<p>Senator McEWEN: I have just one other question, about the Philippines. What is the travel advisory there at the moment, particularly given problems with insurgencies et cetera in some areas of that country?</p> <p>Mr Brown: Certainly in the southern Philippines it is 'do not travel'. If you would let me have five or 10 minutes I can give you the full details of the countrywide travel advisory, but for Mindanao it is 'do not travel'.</p>	28	12/04/2013	15/5/2013