

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES, 22 OCTOBER 2014
Department of Defence

Q No.	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard, page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd	Date tabled
1.	Defence	Conroy	Development of options for Iraq deployment	<p>Senator CONROY: You might want to take some of these on notice, as they are just factual things. I was just interested in understanding the time line of our activities. I was wondering whether you could give us an indicative date of when the government first asked the CDF to prepare options to deal with the threat of ISIL in Iraq. When did we first start gearing up for it? Minister, you might be able to help. As I said, I am happy to get an exact date later on.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I think we would need to take that on notice, because it would more than likely be a matter that was done formally, as opposed to discussions around the issue.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Sure. I appreciate that. Thank you.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: We did start our first humanitarian assistance airdrop on 14 August. That was the Mount Sinjar—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Yes. So, that was our first actual activity, but, as I said, I am happy with the minister's indication of taking on notice when we first started getting ready. When were the first options presented to government? Again, I am happy for you to take that on notice. And I did want to speak specifically about the RAAF operations in Iraq. Again, just to get dates: when was the deployment of the Super Hornets first proposed to government? That would fall into the same category, I think, as Senator Johnston said. How many times have the Super Hornets flown into Iraqi airspace? I was not sure whether you mentioned 20 missions for the Hornets or 20 missions for one of the other planes.</p>	p. 11	25/11/14	12/02/15

2.	Defence	Back	Aid drops in Iraq	<p>CHAIR: Could you give us some understanding of the military equipment that has been provided to the Kurdish forces and of whether we are in a position to, or we have been requested to, provide further assistance to the Kurdish forces.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: We have conducted five resupply missions into Erbil out of both Albania and Bulgaria. It has mainly been small arms, mortars and things like that. We can get you some detail on that. It has not been heavy weapons, and it has not been us providing it. We have been doing the transportation, as I said, from Albania and Bulgaria. My understanding is that we do not have any of those missions in train for planning purposes at the moment.</p> <p>CHAIR: Mention was made earlier of the humanitarian action, which you said commenced on 14 August. Can you please give us some understanding of what humanitarian assistance has been provided by the ADF?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I can get you the exact details of what was in the loads, but it was effectively water, blankets and that sort of thing, particularly onto Mount Sinjar. We also did in Amerli as well, so there were two separate areas where we provided humanitarian assistance.</p>	p. 14	24/11/14	12/02/15
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3.	Defence	Conroy	Supporting arrangements with Iraqi Government for deployment	<p>Senator CONROY: Okay, thank you. The sort of agreement we have been talking about with the Iraqis has usually been covered by a status of force agreement. That is what we have usually wrapped up these arrangements within. Is that the normal process?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: That depends on the length of the activity and the sovereign government who you are dealing with. That is one mechanism.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: That is the most common one though, is it not?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: Common—I mean, we have one, for example, in Afghanistan which has been recently signed for the NATO part of—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And we had one previously for activities in Iraq?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I would have to take that on notice. That was some years ago.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Minister, have we used an exchange of letters for an ADF deployment before or is this just due to the unique circumstances?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I would have to take that on notice as to an exchange of letters. We had previously, in Iraq, an arrangement that was appropriate in terms of our participation in a multinational force. But, of course, we had UN Security Council resolution 1790, which provided us with a mandate to go into Iraq previously. All I can say about what we have is that Defence is certain of the view that this is a very strong arrangement that provides the necessary protection for our people that we want and need.</p>	p.15	19/11/14	12/02/15
4.	Defence	Conroy	Role of ADF following 2003 Iraqi conflict	<p>Senator CONROY: Was the ADF involved in training, advising and assisting the Iraqi army following the 2003 conflict?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I would have to take that on notice, the exact mission that we had down at al-Muthanna.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: You have got the Chief of Army here, who might be able to help.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: He might.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I am assuming the answer is yes, but I just wanted have a discussion about that.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: I will have to take that question on notice. We were there in more of a protect, secure and stabilise role.</p>	p.17	19/11/14	12/02/15

5.	Defence	Lambie	Length of ADF deployment on warlike operations	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Is it true that some serving members have completed five or six or even seven tours of combat duty in a war zone in the last decade because we did not have enough troops, reserves or resources?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: It is true that members of the Defence Force, especially the Army, in recent times have been committed to numerous tours in operational areas, and in some cases that has been around the numbers that you have just asked about. In each case they have been psychologically assessed as ready for further service; they have had to have completed psychological examination and testing on their return and they have of course been given periods of relief between operational tours. In every case they have been volunteers for it. With respect to whether the multiple tours have been an indication that we have been too small in size, I do not agree that that has been the case. We are a defence force of a given size, the Army has a regular force of just under 30,000, our special forces who have had multiple tours, but they are not the only ones, are of a certain size that meets the requirements of the government and the CDF, and I think in every case we have managed the multiple tours as best we can.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: There have been 73,991 members of the ADF that have deployed since 1999—38.5 per cent of them have deployed once; 23.9 per cent of them have deployed twice; 27.2 per cent of them have deployed between three and five times and 10.4 per cent have deployed six or more times. I think that puts some numbers around it.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Let me get this right. We stretched our tours from six months to eight months and some of these guys have now done four to five years in a war zone—is that what you are telling me, Vice Admiral Griggs? I find that absolutely astounding.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I did not tell you that at all—I told you what the percentage numbers of deployments were.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Yes, and that would show me that some of them have done four or five years in a war zone.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: No, that is not a correct assumption to draw. Some may have, but some of these tours are only two to three months. They are not all eight or six months.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: What percentage of these men have done over three years in a war zone?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I do not know. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	p.18	19/11/14	12/02/15
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6.	Defence	Xenophon	Defence contracts	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I have a minute that has been obtained under freedom of information. It is marked 'Security in Confidence' but it has been obtained, with some redactions. This minute is from the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Command; it is a minute dated April 13—I think the actual date may have been redacted. It relates to issues of Defence contracts and contractors. I am not going to refer to any specific case.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: You do not have to. I know what it is.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I just want to get to the principle of where Defence is on this issue. It says, 'Defence contracts. Consider inserting a non-disparagement clause into all future Defence contracts.' There is a typo there. It goes on to say, 'This will prevent those who are engaged by Defence from making comments which may be adverse to Defence's reputation and interests without requiring that the information upon which such comments are based be obtained through their official engagement with Defence. This moves away from the concept of disclosure of official information and extends the matters about which contractors are not permitted to publicly discuss to include their personal opinions and observations on Defence matters for the duration of the contract.' Are you familiar with that particular minute, Vice Admiral Griggs?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: Yes; I am, in broad terms.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Is that inconsistent with the matters raised by the Defence minister on 11 October 2012?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: Senator, if you want to go into this, I can go into this.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I just want—</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: You do not want to go into the details but to answer this properly, you need to go into the details.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: No, Vice Admiral. I am asking the questions. I have a specific question in terms of general policy. I find that minute quite disturbing because it seems to indicate a policy within Defence to say that we will effectively gag people through a non-disparagement clause even though the matters they comment on are not a part of their official engagement with Defence through a contractual relationship. Is that a fair summary? Am I misinterpreting it?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: No. The context of this case is very important.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: No.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I am sorry; it is very important. If you will not let me go into the details of it, then I am not going to be able to answer it in a way—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: No; I think you misunderstand where I am coming from on this. I am trying to establish whether there is, indeed, a policy in Defence of having a non-disparagement clause with respect to contractors to basically shut them up if they comment on Defence issues, notwithstanding that it has nothing to do with their official engagement or their contractual engagement with Defence.</p>	p.20-22	18/11/14	12/02/15
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7.	Defence	Lambie	Defence medical personnel numbers	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Are the civilian doctors and civilian nurses within the medical corps prepared to fight Ebola alongside the military? I am not sure what their contracts are, so do they get to move out if they do not want to fight this if it hits? How big is the medical corps within the armed forces that is military?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I would have to take the exact numbers on notice.</p>	p.27	25/11/14	12/02/15
8.	Defence	McEwen	ADF personnel rotation – Op Resolute	<p>Senator McEWEN: Do we have a figure for how many ADF personnel in total have rotated through Operation Resolute between September 2013 and 12 June this year?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I can tell you that since 1999 around 21,000 people have deployed to Resolute.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Since 1999?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: Yes, and that includes its predecessor operations, Relex and others.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Perhaps you could take on notice—</p> <p>Vice Adm. Barrett: I can take that on notice and find those figures.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: the statistic from September to June, and then also from 12 June to the current time.</p> <p>CHAIR: So September 2013 to June, and then June to now.</p>	p.28	27/11/14	12/02/15

9.	Defence	McEwen	Injuries – Op Resolute	<p>Senator McEWEN: Correct. In response to a question on notice asked by Senator Conroy regarding unscheduled breaks or leave from Operation Sovereign Borders duties—it is question on notice No. 22—the department stated that there were 68 injuries and illnesses relating to personnel deployed on Operation Resolute duties, and that 40 of the 68 cases required medical evacuation. Can you elaborate on the nature of those injuries and whether or not they were as a direct result of tasks associated with Operation Resolute?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: It seems like a lot of injuries. Is it? Is it a high number for a deployment of that nature?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: It really depends on the nature of the injuries. They could be sprains. Someone could have bumped their head going through a hatch or going down a ladder. Without knowing the details, it is hard to say.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: But you can provide that information?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: In broad terms, yes.</p>	p.28-29	14/11/14	12/02/15
				<p>(...) Senator McEWEN: Can I ask my other questions before we go to that? They are more statistical—sorry, Admiral Walker—and I am pretty sure you will have to take them on notice. To enable a comparison, would you be able to provide details of the casualty notifications and the number of medical evacuations for Navy deployed to the MEAO from September 2013 until 12 June?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Barrett: Yes, we can do that. The data clearly will need to be normalised because we have more ships in Resolute than we have in the MEAO.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Would you also provide an update on the number of casualties reported and medical evacuations for Resolute between 13 June and today, 22 October, and for Navy operations in the MEAO as well for that period of time, 13 June to 22 October.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Barrett: I think I have it—that is a follow-on from the previous question.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Correct.</p>			12/02/15

10.	Defence	Fawcett	Afghan National Security Forces	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Vice Admiral Griggs, can I take you to your opening statement? You made a comment about our contribution to Resolute Support, which I think is an ongoing coalition support mission in Afghanistan. I think you mentioned a figure of \$300 million.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: The \$300 million was for the commitment to sustain the Afghan National Security Forces, the Australian commitment for the sustainment of the ANSF.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Can you explain a little more about how that is being delivered? Is that being given essentially as a cash grant to the Afghan national government? Is it being delivered through the coalition? I am interested in the due diligence of how that money is being spent.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I think I will take the governance aspects of that on notice. I do not want to mislead. There is a governance construct, and I think it would be best if we did that on notice.</p>	p.31	19/11/14	12/02/15
11.	Defence	Fawcett	Operation ASLAN rotations	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Sure. We have had a lot of focus on the Middle East, but we still have people in other parts of the world. Regarding Operation ASLAN, could you confirm whether we still have people in South Sudan?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: We do. We have 21, I believe, at the moment.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Has the scope of their work or their role changed since they were first deployed there?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: No, they are still observers.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: How much longer is it planned for them to be on the ground in Sudan?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I do not believe there is any intention to withdraw from that mission. As you know, it is still a deeply troubled and divided country.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: How long are the rotations for the people in Operation ASLAN?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: It is normally about four to six months. I will get some detail and come back to you during the day, if that is fine.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Sure.</p>	p.31	19/11/14	12/02/15
12.	Defence	McGrath	Personnel numbers involved in Operation RENDER SAFE	<p>Senator McGRATH: Vice Admiral, in your opening statement you mentioned Operation Render Safe 2014. Are you able to expand on that a little bit, particularly how many personnel are involved in it?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: I can get you the exact numbers later in the day, but it would be several hundred.</p>	p.32	24/11/14	12/02/15

13.	Defence	Ludlam	Costs for Iraq deployment	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I have some follow-up questions on the cost of the deployment into Iraq. How much has been spent so far on our latest iteration of involvement in Iraq—so, maybe starting from 1 June of this year?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I think we might have to take that on notice because we do not as yet have that data.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: We do not know how much we have spent?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: Not until we sit down and work out what beginning and end point we want to analyse. For MYEFO, we will have some data. But, given that we do not have an accurate period of time that we will be conducting this operation, we have not to this point in time, I do not believe—and I stand to be corrected—have a running tally that we can give you. But, ultimately, those numbers will be very transparently disclosed in MYEFO and the budget.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: What is the estimated cost of keeping the force in the field, as we have thus far? What is the average monthly estimated cost of the Air Force deployment, the SAS deployment and those who surround them?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: Again, we would need to take that on notice because we do not have a configuration, a regular configuration such as we now have in Iraq, that we can draw upon for information. So we will collate that, on notice, for you and tell you what we think the average representative cost fairly is, but it will take some time for us to put all that together.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Just to be clear, then, I have asked for two separate things. One is: what has been expended thus far? I picked a starting date of 1 June; if you want to pick a different starting date, that is all right. The second is the average ongoing monthly costs. I am a bit surprised that you are not able to even provide us with order-of-magnitude estimates, though, Minister.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: Because we are at a very early stage and we have not actually deployed fully. We have been running now for three or four weeks in various iterations. We started off with heavy-lift aircraft, then we deployed the tanker, the E7 and the fighter aircraft. It will take some time for those costs to filter through. But bear in mind we would have been training with many of these assets in any event; the wages and salaries of the personnel would have been paid in any event—and there is an allowance that goes on top of that. We will put that together, on notice, for you and give you as accurate a representation of the costs to date and the average monthly costs as we can</p>	p.32	19/11/14	12/02/15
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14.	Defence	Reynolds	Pathway to Change progress update	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: My question for Air Chief Marshal Binskin is in relation to the Pathway to Change program. I had the privilege of being involved through the Chief of Army's program a couple of years ago. Could you provide us with an update on the implementation and any successes of the program to date. (...)</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Would it be possible to get some more information on things like your initial observations and lessons learnt? I am happy to take those on notice.</p>	p.41	28/11/14	12/02/15
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15.	Defence	Fawcett	Remediation costs	<p>Senator FAWCETT: That is what concerns me, Mr Richardson. That is a significant amount of money, and yet, at this point in time, despite nearly 12 months of asking, I am still unable to get the size of that backlog onto the public record. As you say, there have been some significant hits to the budget over the last six years. Yes, there has been more funding provided in the last budget, and I certainly welcome that. But the reality is, as you have indicated in your answers to questions on notice, that has not been enough to remediate the existing backlog of work, and I would like to try and get onto the record how many billions the value of that backlog of work is so that we in the parliament—and the public—have an understanding, as we shape future budgets, not just what we need to buy new equipment but how much we actually need to put into this budget just to maintain all the enablers that we currently have.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: That is part of the exercise that is being done in respect of the Force Structure review and, in particular, the white paper. The government has previously stated publicly that the principal challenge in the white paper is to match capability and money, and when we talk about capability we also mean the enablers—the facilities and ICT. They are some of the very issues that we are looking at within the context of the white paper.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Can you give me an undertaking then that, as part of the white paper, we will actually see, in a table or whatever format you want to present it, an indication of what that backlog of work is, because what we see, budget after budget, is that, when measures are absorbed by Defence or when projects are slid and there is, all of a sudden, a legacy capability that we have to extend contracts for, those costs are never highlighted, but they have an impact on Defence's ability to remediate outstanding work. There is a growing cumulative debt that the taxpayer has for that work in the Defence department, and we need to understand how big that is so that we can argue the case more strongly for a budget that not only meets future aspirations but also looks after what we already control and take care of on behalf of the taxpayer.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: No, Senator, I cannot give you a guarantee of what will or will not be in the white paper. Self-evidently, it is still being developed, but certainly facilities are in remediation and enablers including ICT are a big part of the white paper's considerations.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I accept that you cannot guarantee it will be in the white paper, but if you are going to do the work anyway, could I ask you to take on notice and bring back to this committee the answer as to what that dollar value is for the outstanding remediation work in the areas that you have highlighted.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We will certainly take it on notice and see what we can provide.</p>	p.53-54	27/11/14	12/02/15
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16.	Defence	Fawcett	Rizzo Review update	<p>Senator FAWCETT: In one of the previous estimates I asked about the Rizzo reforms and Navy's progress. The answer on notice that came back said that 'Navy and DMO have been developing an innovative and comprehensive through life career plan for recruitment, retention, development of their engineering talent. Work to develop this plan is underway and is scheduled to commence implementation in July of 2014.' I am wondering if you can give us an update as to whether that has been implemented.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Barrett: I cannot say that I have read the answer to that specific question on notice, but I will tell you what I have seen in this role as Chief of Navy in the last 10 weeks. There are a number of activities within the Rizzo program that looked at rejuvenation of engineering practice within Navy. One of those was to establish from a workforce perspective a range of changes on how we do engineering practice within Navy. I will take you through a number of those. The first one in terms of rebuilding our workforce concentrates particularly on those engineers within service and there are a number of measures that were taken across within Navy workforce to look at what was engineering and mechanical engineering. We now have established a workforce which is a more robust than it was when Rizzo first started the program—that is, the numbers we have sustained are higher than they were at the time. That has been done through both through retention and a level of recruiting initiatives. There are some innovations. For instance, we conducted a number of engineering challenges to try to encourage people to be part of the technical services within Navy from both a recruiting perspective and a retention perspective to keep the interest of those who were already in service.</p> <p>We have looked at the professional development of existing engineers within the service and we have offered ways in which they can develop their technical and professional skills, again as a retention effort. That is from workforce perspective. Our numbers are better than they were, though we are not fully sustaining the numbers that we need but the trend is upwards. The issue for me around that is that d we still have to consider the experience and appropriate use of those engineers in this particular areas. We have looked at structure as well, and we have restructured how engineering services are provided particularly to the fleet. In that regard, we have made some substantive changes by placing senior experienced engineers throughout each of the groups to manage engineering practice in a seaworthiness sense across each of those groups. We have established class engineering officers. Their role is to ensure that engineering practice is being conducted by other engineers within each of those groups. So it is a governance issue as much as anything else. The two main streams that Rizzo was asking us to do, was to establish the workforce and also to use the workforce appropriately. I have seen evidence—in terms of looking at workforce numbers and also structural changes—</p>	p.54-55	21/11/14	12/02/15
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			<p>changes—that those things have been put in place.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Could you perhaps take on notice whether the actual plan that was scheduled to commence in July this year has been implemented.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Barrett: I think I have just described it but I will confirm for you that what I have just described is indeed the plan that you referred to.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Again, in one of the questions on notice from the June estimates there was some detail about the whole concept you have talked about with naval engineering practice. I was glad to see that in phase 2 there were sea postings and experience elements, but in terms of the more advanced areas there is no indication as to how Navy is going to get experience. There is a lot of talk about qualifications but not a lot of talk about how they will give experience to those engineering officers. I am happy for you to take it on notice but I would like you to detail that for me. Lastly, I will go to the establishment of special technical bureaus. That was a key element of the Rizzo plan. The response on notice has come back. It says:</p> <p>The ability to establish all of these in the near future depends upon the availability of competent uniformed and APS personnel ...</p> <p>There is essentially a question mark as to whether that is going to be achieved. Then it says:</p> <p>While the initial intent was to locate the bureaus within the Navy program, there are already established bureau-like organisations in parts of DMO ...</p> <p>There is an inference there that perhaps there will be a dispersion of that technical expertise, as opposed to having it within the naval program. I was wondering whether you could comment on that now or, again, I am happy for you to take on notice the question of how that aligns with the outcomes that Rizzo has sought and, specifically, whether Rizzo and his working group are comfortable with the delay in the introduction of technical panels and the dispersion across other groups.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Barrett: I think I have described a very general view. I apologise for not having the full detail of that question on notice. I will make the statement that we have recently been through the program board with Mr Rizzo and we have considered each of the recommendations. I recall his satisfaction against the work that has been done. That, in and of itself, does not give you the evidence you need but what I am trying to provide is a sense of assurance that the progress has been made to his satisfaction. I will answer the question on notice and provide you with that evidence.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: In one of the answers to a question on notice it talks about increased outplacement opportunities with industry. I would be interested to know how many, what level of engineer, and what parts of industry that is occurring in.</p>			12/02/15
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17.	Defence	Conroy	Guidelines for political events on ADF bases	<p>Senator CONROY: Are you able to provide me with a copy of the guidelines for political events on the ADF bases as they exist at the moment?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I am sure we can find you a pair of the guidelines. In fact, they are probably on the internet somewhere. But I am happy to download them, print them off and deliver them to you, Senator.</p>	p.55	19/11/14	12/02/15
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18.	Defence	Conroy	Use of the Australian Defence Image Library	<p>Senator CONROY: I want to ask you about the use of the Australian Defence Image Library. Under the terms of the copyright of these images, is it permitted to use images from the library for party political purposes? This is probably a question for Mr Richardson.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I think we might have someone who is skilled in that, but, if we do not, we can take the question on notice.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Could you repeat the question.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: The question is: under the terms of the copyright of these images, is it permitted to use images from the library for party political purposes?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: Which library?</p> <p>Senator CONROY: The Australian Defence Image Library. Is there no-one here with responsibility for that?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I think it would be best if I took it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: No, I asked if there was anybody here who had responsibility for it.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I do not know.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: It must be under somebody's section.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: No, no-one is.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: It does not look like it.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: It is not something that immediately comes to mind.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I refer you to item 3 of the Defence copyright statement, which covers the library, to assist in your deliberations. It reads, and I am quoting directly: Material from this web site must not be used in advertising, displays, other web sites, or in any public or mass media context other than reporting news, without specific written authorisation from the Department of Defence ... If you want to quickly google it while we are talking, or someone behind you, it is www.defence.gov.au/copyright.asp, to assist anyone who has a device handy. Does this copyright statement allow the use of Defence library images on party political social media accounts without written Department of Defence approval?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: On the basis of what you read out previously, I would assume the answer is no, but I would again take that on notice.</p>	p.56	21/11/14	12/02/15
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19.	Defence	Conroy	Authorisation of use of images from Australian Defence Image Library	<p>Senator CONROY: Minister, this is probably more for you, then, but Mr Richardson might want to join in: has any authorisation being sought from these ADF personnel for their images to be used on party political websites which solicit donations to the Liberal Party?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Have the personnel find any image release forms or waivers?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: We will take that on notice. I would presume so, but we will follow up.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I also draw your attention to item 1 of the Defence copyright statement, which states: Commonwealth copyright and Department of Defence origin must be appropriately acknowledged with status at least equal to other credits ... Could you review those images that you have there and report back to the committee how many of the Defence Force library images used were appropriately acknowledged?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Yes, we can do that.</p>	p.57	21/11/14	12/02/15
20.	Defence	Milne	MH370 – imagery analysis	<p>Senator MILNE: I have some questions in relation to the search for MH370. On 20 March, the Prime Minister went into the House of Representatives and said: ... I ... inform the House that new and credible information has come to light in relation to the search for Malaysia Airlines flight MH370 in the southern Indian Ocean. The Australian Maritime Safety Authority has received information based on satellite imagery ... Following specialist analysis of this satellite imagery, two possible objects related to the search have been identified. Was it the geospatial intelligence organisation within the Defence Force that conducted that specialist analysis; and, if so, what was the analysis? Exactly what did they tell AMSA, on the basis of which the Prime Minister then made this statement?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: I would like the specific information in relation to that.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Yes.</p>	p.58	14/11/14	12/02/15

21.	Defence	Milne	Acoustic Centre analysis related to MH370	<p>Senator MILNE: Perhaps I can ask in specific terms. I accept what you are saying, and we will have to pursue it with the joint agency, because, as I said, the retired Air Vice Marshal, within a very short time of the Prime Minister's speech, came out and said that there was no information. So, somebody had provided the Prime Minister with that information, even though they knew the day before, according to the <i>Subsea World News</i>, that the Joint Acoustic Analysis Centre had said that it was unlikely to be related to the aircraft black boxes. HMAS <i>Albatross</i> was the first ship, I understand, to detect—</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: No. HMAS <i>Albatross</i> is a couple of runways at Nowra. It is the Fleet Air Arm base at Nowra. So, if it detected them, we are very good!</p> <p>Senator CONROY: That could explain the problem!</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Would they have done the analysis?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: That is where the analysis was done. Sorry, I was being flippant, but the Australian Joint Acoustic Analysis Centre is at HMAS <i>Albatross</i> at Nowra.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: Okay. That is what I was trying to establish—that the acoustic centre is the same as HMAS <i>Albatross</i>. And do you know whether they did the acoustic analysis of all five pings that were recorded or whether they did it only from the <i>Orion</i>?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: No, they would have subsequently done the analysis of all the Australian detected signals, as well as, in a longer-term sense, working in parallel with them—actually working in close concert with them; I think DSTO were working with them as well, because they have some experts in this field. I think what you are seeing here is that this was all agencies being brought together, because each agency had expertise in certain area, and brought together under the Joint Agency Task Force. It actually worked very, very well. But no single agency is responsible for what was coming out of the JATF itself, sitting at the top. That was collated together as information.</p> <p>Senator MILNE: On 10 April, which was the day before the Prime Minister's speech, early in the morning, experts were quoted as saying: ... the process of teasing out the signals from the cacophony of background noise in the sea is a slow and exhausting process. Operators must separate a ping lasting just 9.3 milliseconds - a tenth of the blink of a human eye - and repeated every 1.08 seconds from natural ocean sounds, as well as disturbances from search vessels. That is making it fairly clear that an analysis would be quite a complicated thing to do in a short time.</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: It is complicated. They are experts in doing it, though.</p>	p.60-61	24/11/14	12/02/15
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22.	Defence	Conroy	DEFGRAM announcing appointment of MAJGEN Jim Molan (Retd)	<p>Senator CONROY: Could we get a copy of that DEFGRAM?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Yes, I believe you can because—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: It is not classified, is it?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I will check, but I do not believe it was. Certainly if it was asked for under FOI I believe it would be provided.</p>	p.62	21/11/14	12/02/15

23.	Defence	Conroy	Meetings held with MAJGEN Jim Molan (Retd)	<p>Senator CONROY: Did a meeting take place?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: What sort of meeting?</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Between Mr Richardson and Mr Molan or you and Mr Molan or all of you or none of you? How was an informal arrangement reached? Usually people have conversation and shake hands.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: That is a very good question. I would have to take that on notice, because I am just not sure what precisely happened there. (...)</p> <p>Senator CONROY: That was the July-ish meeting?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Around then, yes. There was a subsequent meeting at which there were one or two people from the minister's office. I think there might have been one other person from the department.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Do you remember who that was?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I am not sure. I just need to check before I give you a name, to make sure that my memory of someone else being there from the department is indeed accurate, because if it is not the person I am thinking of then I do not think there was anyone there from the department.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So, in July you had an informal discussion within work. Was the informal agreement reached at that meeting or at this subsequent meeting?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: No, it was at the subsequent meeting.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: In that case it is important to know who was there. Minister, were you present at the meeting?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I may have been. I am not sure. I would like to take that on notice to discuss it with my staff, because I would need to check my diary in detail to see if there was a meeting. I remember a meeting at some point but I could not tell you when it was.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Fair enough. So you think that you were possibly at this meeting where the informal agreement was made. That is subject to confirmation. (...)</p> <p>Senator CONROY: But he must have expressed the reason to you when he said, 'I do not intend to take up your offer.' You are saying it is the backdrop, which is a word that is hard to get your head around unless you have a better understanding of the discussion, which you do. So what reporting arrangements were not as agreed?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: What he said to me was in confidence, and I will respect that confidence.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Minister, you think you may have attended? You think one of your staff may have attended—probably your chief of staff, if he was there?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I will take that on notice and give you the actual meeting as best we can recall.</p>	p.65-68	21/11/14	12/02/15
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24.	Defence	Conroy	Parliamentary pass – MAJGEN Jim Molan (Retd)	<p>Senator CONROY: Did General Molan have a pass to Parliament House?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I believe that he did.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Does he still have it?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I am unaware.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Mr Richardson, is he still entitled to access the building?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I do not know, because I have never had a discussion with him about parliamentary passes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: But anyway, Defence would not be the issuing authority, would it?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: No.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: My question is: does he still have a pass? Has it been cancelled?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I do not know.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: The arrangements for his pass in respect of the department are all finished off properly, and he no longer has the pass that he had—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: To access the department?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: in that couple of weeks period.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Given he was not taking up employment, did your office have his pass cancelled?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I do not know. I do not think so.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If I were to ask the Department of Parliamentary Services—whoever handle passes—would they have a record if your office had cancelled General Molan's pass?</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I would not know.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Take it on notice. I am happy with that.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: I will take it on notice.</p>	p.68	21/11/14	12/02/15

25.	Defence	McGrath	Acquisition of capabilities – securing maritime borders	<p>Senator McGRATH: What capabilities is Defence acquiring to secure Australia's maritime borders?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: Most of them, I would say.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If someone gave you that, you would want to speak to them!</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: You look at the surveillance initially, and then potential response options. From a surveillance point of view, you are looking at the surface ships that we purchase, submarines and capabilities. Then you start to build on the air side of that: P8A Poseidon patrol aircraft and Triton uninhabited aerial vehicles. You build more on that with the surveillance of the JORN over-the-horizon radar system.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: What sort of investment are we talking about here?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: Sort of investment?</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: What dollar figure can you give?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: The head of Capability Development can give you the dollar figure against all those. We can go down into the lower level detail, or would you prefer the higher level?</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: I am happy with the lower level detail.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Caligari: We are acquiring a number of capabilities all of which would support that mission. In order to come to a figure for what they are and where they sit in the decade, we would need to take that on notice.</p>	p.69	5/12/14	12/02/15
26.	Defence	Fawcett	Submarine APB program contract costs	<p>Senator FAWCETT: The other question was about the opportunities for Australian industry to become involved. We have heard for a number of estimates periods now that Defence is looking at a project to provide opportunities. At estimates in June you took a question on notice on that and the answer came back saying that there is a program and that they put out requests for tenders in April 2014, that tenders were currently being evaluated and that contracts were expected to be in place by the end of July this year. I was just wondering if you could give us an update. Are there any contracts in place? Who are they with? What is the scope of work that has been awarded to Australian industry?</p> <p>Mr Gould: Two companies are on contract following those two particular tenders. As regards the value, I will have to come back to you notice. They are quite small value contracts; I will say that. They are under contract now.</p>	p.71	25/11/14	12/02/15
27.	Defence	Reynolds	Plan Suakin implementation costs	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: What are the costs associated with implementing Plan Suakin?</p> <p>Ms Skinner: We might take that on notice.</p>	p.74	19/11/14	12/02/15

28.	Defence	McGrath	Soldier Recovery Centres – personnel numbers	<p>Senator McGRATH: What is the progress of the soldier recovery centres? How many are operating and in what locations?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: We have soldier recovery centres in all of our main Army locations—Darwin, Townsville and Brisbane. We also have a recovery centre in Holsworthy Barracks or in the Liverpool area, where our special forces are.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: What type of activities do they utilise to aid the recovery and rehabilitation of Defence Force personnel?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: There are a variety of activities. We have, over the course of the last four years, developed a range of expertise. We have done that within the Defence network—Defence personnel or those people who work in the medical area of the Defence department—but we have also been able to access, in all locations, help from outside Defence, including clinical advice.</p> <p>We have also approached sporting sides. They have very good rehabilitation, obviously, for some of the professional sides. In Brisbane, for example, work has been done with the Brisbane Lions. We have been open to a range of areas to find the best way to improve the rehabilitation of our soldiers or our Defence personnel.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: Does this include mental health issues?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: Yes—both mental health and physical health.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: Can you tell me how many personnel have been assisted to date?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: I would have to take that on notice. I will take that on notice and get you an answer.</p>	p.77	27/11/14	12/02/15
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29.	Defence	Xenophon	Legal action / liquidated damages instituted by DMO	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Is it not the role of the DMO to ensure that, if a contract is entered into, there are undertakings given, reduced in writing to the form of a legally enforceable contract, with, presumably, penalty clauses if the contract is not adhered to? If the terms of that contract are not complied with, it is not as though the DMO is powerless. You are in a position to legally enforce your rights, presuming the contracts—</p> <p>Mr King: But do you know what happens, Senator?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Please tell me.</p> <p>Mr King: You cannot make happen what cannot happen. You have a contract in place that the contractor has freely committed to—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But there are these things called penalty clauses.</p> <p>Mr King: Yes, and we exercise those. But it does not get the capability into the hands of the military.</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: That is right. You can enforce all the legal liquidated damages that you want on the contractor, but, from a capability point of view, as CDF I do not have the capability in service to be able to then do the task.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I know there is an issue of capability, but won't that—</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: But that is what it is all about.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: How often are liquidated damages or is legal action taken against contractors who fail to comply with their contracts?</p> <p>Mr King: During my tenure, quite regularly, Senator—and that does not necessarily solve the problem. And we do do it. For example, I remember a case in the UK. A small yard goes broke and you are left with an asset sitting in a yard that is worthless that has to be finished.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Presumably, you would contract with an entity that either has assets or insurance.</p> <p>Mr King: We have some insurances. But, if a project comes out 50 per cent late, I cannot do anything to make it come out.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could you take on notice: in the last three years, how many legal actions have been instituted? I do not need to know which parties—</p> <p>Mr King: It does not have to be a legal action. We can exercise liquidated damages that are pre-agreed. I can name the big ones straight off—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: No, no. I really want to ask you some other questions. But, on notice, if I could get an idea of the quantum of liquidated damages involved.</p>	p.87	25/11/14	12/02/15
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30.	Defence	Xenophon	Details on RFT0315/2012	<p>Senator XENOPHON: A tender that the former government was involved in related to the effect on the economy of building submarines in Australia. I think it was tender RFT0315/2012 won by macroeconomics.com.au and they were paid a bit over \$459,000 to deliver a report by 30 June 2014. Are you familiar with that at all?</p> <p>Mr King: No, I am not.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am drawing blanks so you might want to take that on notice. I am looking at a statement of work and an attachment from AusTender.</p> <p>Mr King: I am not aware of that. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: Was it a Defence tender or was it an industry tender?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: It starts off by referring to the Australian government spending in the order of \$5 billion each year on military equipment including advanced weapons systems. It made specific reference in paragraph 1.7 of the future submarine project. It referred to four stages including a report on the economic impact of the C1000.</p> <p>Senator Johnston: Let us take that on notice. If you could give us a detailed description of what that tender nomenclature was, we will come back to you as to the fate of that tender.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I will forward that to your office.</p>	p.88	24/11/14	12/02/15
31.	Defence	Xenophon	Comment on evidence given by Dr John White at Senate Economic References Committee – Naval Shipbuilding inquiry	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Can we go back to the evidence given by Dr John White, who has an outstanding reputation in this country in respect of naval shipbuilding. He broke his silence in a sense. He was one of the co-authors of the Winter-White report, which we still have not seen despite a couple of Senate orders. Dr White gave evidence about having a competitive design source selection process. He said that, if we get on with it, we can do so. I think that he gave a time line of about 12 months. Is the time line that Dr White suggested a reasonable one and one that fits in with your concerns about getting on with having a future submarine project up and running and that capability in time for the retirement of the Collins?</p> <p>Mr King: I did not look in detail at his evidence or the time line, so I cannot comment. I accept that—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you take that on notice after you look at that?</p> <p>Mr King: Yes, I could do that.</p>	p.91	26/11/14	12/02/15

32.	Defence	Ludlam	Information on Defence investigation processes	<p>Senator LUDLAM: No, I will not waste your time, but it is remarkable that the parliament is not even allowed to know whether it exists or not. That is really extraordinary.</p> <p>I want to come to something that occurred only a matter of a couple of weeks ago, and you may not be able to tell me whether or not these two things are related. Earlier this month, a number of peace activists trespassed on Commonwealth land at Swan Island in Victoria. You will not be able to confirm or deny, I guess, whether it was 4 Squadron that they trespassed on, but just tell us what the protocol is for people who have admitted in advance that they were planning on doing that. I understand that this same group has done so a couple of years running. What is the protocol for apprehending them when they are found to be trespassing?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: Swan Island is a Defence facility which is used for Army training, including counter-terrorism training. Under section 72 of the Defence Act, ADF personnel are given the power to detain persons they suspect of trespassing on Defence land until they can be transferred to civilian authorities. It is my understanding that, on 2 October of this year, eight protesters from that group that you mention entered and illegally breached the perimeter of Swan Island's training area and they were apprehended by both Defence personnel and Victoria Police.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes—I gather in that order. The Victoria Police were a little bit late on the scene, so it was actually the Defence personnel, whoever they were, who interdicted them, as it were, initially.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: There were four protesters who were apprehended by Defence personnel, and subsequently another four protesters were apprehended by Victoria Police.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay. Reports on the day and reports provided directly to me indicate that they were black-bagged, stripped naked, dragged along the ground and threatened with anal rape and with drowning. I am presuming that is not in operational procedures for apprehending demonstrators.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: Those allegations were made at the time.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: They are taken seriously by Defence and they are the subject of a Defence investigation.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay.</p> <p>Lt Gen. Morrison: I would note, however, that, as I understand it, Victoria Police have charged those who entered the Swan Island training facility, under Commonwealth laws.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That does not surprise me, I guess. I understand that these people expected to be apprehended and arrested. I guess that is what will happen if you sneak onto a Defence base. Describe to me, if you would, the nature of this investigation or review that is underway.</p>	p.94-95	18/11/14	12/02/15
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33.	Defence	McGrath	Costs of additional C-17's and potential additional jobs	<p>Senator McGRATH: What is the cost of the two additional C17A Globemaster aircraft the government has recently decided to purchase?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We have asked for the formal documentation from the US. We will not know the precise cost I think until we get that.</p> <p>Unidentified speaker: It is a letter request.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: They are going to go into the RAAF base at Amberley, are they not?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: They will go into part of the 6 Squadron at Amberley.</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: Will any additional jobs be put into Amberley through support crews and things like that for the C17?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: As in extra crews?</p> <p>Senator McGRATH: Yes, and support crews.</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: Unfortunately we are talking submarines. Chief of Air Force is not here. As I understand it, as part of the project there will be extra crews, extra personnel, to go with those aircraft, but I do not have those details. Can we take that on notice and give you the exact details?</p>	p.96	24/11/14	12/02/15
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34.	Defence	Xenophon	Lessons learnt from ANAO report – Caribou replacement	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps I could just go to the issue of limited tender, and this refers to some very forensic work that the Defence minister did in opposition. Again, I am complimenting the minister. I don't think he wants me to compliment him! The last time Defence went to a limited tender was for AIR 8000 Phase 2—the C-27J Spartan battlefield airlifters, the Caribou replacement. The minister in opposition asked the Auditor-General to look into it, as he should have. The Auditor-General made a specific recommendation in relation to industry. Can you remember what that recommendation and finding was?</p> <p>Mr King: I remember that they found that I had applied all the appropriate rules. I do not remember what the finding was.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps I could just read this to you: Defence's approach to industry did not transparently communicate the status of the procurement process, and resulted in a misunderstanding by the commercial suppliers that Defence had initiated an open procurement process, rather than collecting additional information for government decision making in the pursuit of a direct source procurement. In that respect, Defence's approach did not have sufficient regard to the expectation in government procurement that suppliers will be treated in a fair and transparent manner. Defence has acknowledged the lack of clarity attending its approach to industry and has amended its processes so as to improve communication with industry in the future.</p> <p>So, is that happening here now—as in the improved processes for the submarines?</p> <p>Mr King: I am quite certain that—</p>	p.99-100	25/11/14	12/02/15
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35.	Defence	Xenophon	Information on economic assertions by CEO DMO in relation to SEA 1000	<p>Mr King: Can I just give you a sense of scale, too, because all these things are important. Looking at military demand as a way of keeping industries alive is a very false guide—and I will give you an example because I started the AWD project. It was less than one day's production of steel and we bought that once in a 10-year construction program. So you cannot keep the steel industry alive on building a warship. You just cannot. The other aspect—and I am not an economist—is that the economic modelling says that, while you can get a point response for some of our big projects in a particular state or a particular environment, that money can in fact create a negative outcome in adjoining states. One model I have seen, for example—and as I said, I am not an economist—says that, if you do this sort of work in say, Adelaide, you get a point positive in Adelaide, which is not all that large, surprisingly, but you get a negative in the other states because of the crowding effect. For example, if you spend a billion dollars more on this to get this capability than you need to then that billion dollars comes out of stuff that might have been a road or a railway line or a port. And a defence asset is not productive—it is critical for defence, but it is not a productive asset.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Do we not 'downstream'—where one state is doing part of the fitting out, one state is doing another, so it is all being shared around?</p> <p>Mr King: You get a little bit, but the total crowding out modelling shows that—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If you are at full capacity. Crowding out works if you are at full capacity. If you are under-utilising assets around the country—</p> <p>Mr King: Indeed.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: But if your economic analysis—</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: As a matter of fact, if you were doing the job and you were doing it well, and you were doing it better than everybody else, they would be ordering them from us instead of us doing it the other way. This is where we have lost our way. Why aren't we leading? Why aren't we out there as the country that is leading with this stuff? That is what we need to be asking ourselves.</p> <p>Mr King: I went to quite some length while you were not here about, for example, why I believe concentrating on building surface ships at this time would be the greatest way forward. I explained how we could be a world benchmark.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Wave goodbye to the subs.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Chair, Mr King has made some quite bold economic assertions. Could he please provide us with the basis for that.</p> <p>CHAIR: I think perhaps the fairest thing to do would be to take it all on notice if we can.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: On notice.</p>	p.101	21/11/14	12/02/15
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36.	Defence	Rhiannon	ADF in Bougainville PNG	<p>Are ADF troops or any ADF personnel stationed in Bougainville PNG?</p> <p>a. If yes:</p> <p>i. Where are they stationed?</p> <p>ii. How many troops?</p> <p>iii. How long are they planned to be in Bougainville?</p> <p>iv. Why are they there?</p>	Written	26/11/14	12/02/15
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37.	Defence	Conroy	First Principles Review	<p>(1) Has the Department provided directions, formally or informally, to the First Principles Review panel?</p> <p>(2) What staffing resources are being provided to the panel for the purpose of conducting the review?</p> <p>a. What is the cost of these resources, including staffing costs</p> <p>(3) Which external consultancy has been engaged to support the panel?</p> <p>a. what is the cost?</p> <p>b. what is their role?</p> <p>c. will they be embedded in the department?</p> <p>d. what will the relationship be between the panel and the consultancy?</p> <p>e. is it expected that the external consultancy will be doing the bulk of the drafting of the report</p> <p>(4) Will the report be made public?</p> <p>a. If so, when?</p> <p>(5) The terms of reference ask that consideration be given to “what can be done about rising personnel costs, particularly for the ADF, that are putting the investment budget under significant pressure.”</p> <p>Is this an expansion of the expected terms of reference to directly address issues within the ADF, rather than the Department’s role in supporting the ADF.</p> <p>(6) In the Issues for Consideration number 3 (e), we see “Further options for the enhanced commercialisation of Defence functions, including DSTO but excluding DHA”</p> <p>Why has DHA been excluded?</p> <p>(7) The final Issue for Consideration asks the panel to review “Recommendations from the Commission of Audit not covered above.”</p> <p>Why has the panel been asked to investigate the recommendation that “staffing in Defence Headquarters, including the numbers of star-ranked and Senior Executive Service officers, should return to the 1998 level”?</p> <p>(8) If accepted, would this recommendation from the Commission of Audit result in reducing the number of civilian staff in the ACT to 4,999 ongoing staff and 2,200 non-ongoing staff?</p> <p>(9) This would be a cut of nearly 22 per cent in staffing levels, which functions currently undertaken by the Department would have to cease under a cut of this magnitude?</p>	Written	26/11/14	12/02/15
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38.	Defence	Conroy	Plan Suakin	<p>(1) How has the ADF organised itself to progress the aims of Suakin?</p> <p>(2) What progress has there been on developing a range of full-time, part-time and casual employment categories?</p> <p>(3) What progress has there been on implementing a transfer process to allow ADF members to move across the various service categories?</p> <p>(4) Please outline the areas that will need to change, and whether there are particular difficulties that have been identified in the planning phase?</p> <p>a. In particular, is there any need to change legislation, personnel policies, regulations, and payments of benefits and allowances to reflect new employment categories?</p> <p>(5) What problems, if any, have emerged so far?</p> <p>(6) Could each of the services please update the committee on the unique difficulties that they face?</p> <p>(7) What are the arrangements for ongoing consultation with ADF members?</p> <p>a. Have there been any further consultations since the November announcement?</p>	Written	1/12/14	12/02/15
39.	Defence	Conroy	Operation SLIPPER	<p>Can you also please update the committee on Operation Slipper and our personnel in Afghanistan?</p> <p>a. Is there a clearer picture of what our role in Afghanistan will look like in 2015? What is it?</p> <p>b. Will much need to change over the next 12-24 months in relation to our mission?</p> <p>c. How is the training of Afghan National Security Forces going?</p> <p>d. Are you confident that the Afghan National Security Forces would be able to resist attacks from an ISIL-type force?</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
40.	Defence	Conroy	Ukraine	<p>(1) How many ADF personnel were deployed to assist, or in preparation to assist, the AFP mission in Ukraine?</p> <p>a. On what date were these personnel first deployed?</p> <p>b. On what date were they recalled?</p> <p>c. For what reason were they deployed?</p> <p>d. What did they do while they were deployed?</p> <p>e. Were they called on to assist the AFP at any time during their deployment?</p> <p>(2) Were other options prepared for deployment of ADF personnel to Ukraine?</p>	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15

41.	Defence	Conroy	AUSMIN	<p>(1) I note the AUSMIN communique refers to the interoperability between the US and Australian Special Forces and commits to fostering these links and enhancing capacity within the region. Can you describe the cooperation that currently takes place between US and Australian Special Forces?</p> <p>a. Are there any plans to increase our engagement with US Special Forces in the years ahead?</p> <p>b. Has our engagement with US Special Forces been of assistance when operating in coalition with them in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas of operation?</p> <p>c. Are Special Forces currently part of the USMC rotation to Darwin? Are they likely to be in future years?</p> <p>(2) The statement also refers to enhancing capability within the region, what is currently being done to achieve that goal?</p> <p>(3) Do we have the same, or similar, relationships with the Special Forces of other nations (E.g. New Zealand, the UK or Indonesia)?</p> <p>(4) I understand that our tactics, techniques and procedures, as well as potentially the equipment that we use, is highly classified. What approach do we take on these sensitive matters when we're working closely with the US Special Forces?</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
42.	Defence	Conroy	Parade boots	<p>(1) Regarding faulty parade boots – It was established at Senate Estimates back in 2012 that the faulty parade boots entered service in 1999. We also established at those estimates that the first issue of the soles falling off was reported in March 2000. Would you please provide an update of the rollout for the RM Williams boots?</p> <p>a. Have there been any delays to the roll out or is it on target to be completed within the original timeframe of three years?</p> <p>(2) Are you aware of a report in the Brisbane Courier Mail from the 2 September this year that reports QUOTE: "soldiers from the Army's Townsville-based 3rd Brigade paraded through the city, with some leaving behind the soles of their Chinese made parade boots"? When is this brigade scheduled to receive the new boots?</p> <p>(3) Do you have a forward schedule of units planning to parade over the life of this roll out?</p> <p>a. If yes – Are you prioritising those units so that they can have the confidence that their boots won't fall apart during the parade?</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15

43.	Defence	Conroy	Contract with RAND Corporation	<p>(1) I would like to ask some questions about a contract signed by the Department on 15 September with RAND Corporation, the CN ID is CN2593291. What is being delivered by RAND Corporation under this contract?</p> <p>(2) I note that the contract is for a little more than 2.5m and runs for 7 months – that’s over \$350,000 every month. Are you satisfied that this is value for money?</p> <p>(3) How many staff at RAND are working on this contract?</p> <p>(4) Where is the work being undertaken by RAND Corporation?</p> <p>a. Is any or all of it being done by staff in Australia?</p> <p>i. If yes: Is any of the work being conducted on Defence premises?</p> <p>(5) I note the reporting date for the report is 18 April 2015, are you expecting to receive a report or a body of work on that date, or will there be a more consistent flow of information and advice from RAND during the period of the contract?</p> <p>a. Are you concerned that this report from RAND may result in further delays to decision-making about the future of the ship building industry?</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15
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44.	Defence	Conroy	Winter-White Report	<p>(1) Could you please provide the committee with an update on progress that is being made to implementation of the Winter-White report's recommendations?</p> <p>a. Who is responsible within government for the implementation of the report?</p> <p>i. Who is the lead Department within government that is dealing with this report?</p> <p>ii. Does the lead Department possess the relevant military and logistical knowledge and experience, given the impact of this report on Australia's strategically-vital shipbuilding industry?</p> <p>b. How is the work to review and implement the report's recommendations being managed? Is it being done by the Departments together, separately, or has an external consultant been engaged?</p> <p>c. How advanced are the government's efforts to implement the recommendations?</p> <p>i. Specifically on any recommendations that refer to the government's involvement – have those recommendations been accepted and how close are they to being completed?</p> <p>ii. Specifically on any recommendations that refer to changes that need to take place within industry – has consultation with industry begun and how close are you to completing those recommendations?</p> <p>d. Are you satisfied that you are moving quick enough to ensure that critical issues in the AWD Project are being managed appropriately in line with the report's recommendations?</p> <p>e. Do you think that the recommendations from the report would improve the AWD Program and the shipbuilding industry in Australia more broadly?</p>	Written	04/02/15	12/02/15
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45.	Defence	Conroy	Interaction between RAND and Winter-White Report	<p>(1) How does the RAND report complement the Winter/White report?</p> <p>a. What does the RAND report do that the Winter/White report did not do?</p> <p>(2) Is the work being undertaken by RAND set out in the recommendations of the Winter-White report?</p> <p>(3) Is the RAND work an implementation study for the recommendations made by the Winter-White report?</p>	Written	26/11/14	12/02/15

46.	Defence	Conroy	Australian involvement in the US ballistic missile defence	<p>(1) Could you inform the committee about what is being planned regarding ballistic missile defence cooperation with the United States as described in the AUSMIN Communique?</p> <p>a. Has a working group been established?</p> <p>i. How are talks progressing?</p> <p>ii. Who represents Australia in the working group?</p> <p>(2) At this early stage, are you able to describe what Australian involvement in this ballistic missile defence system might look like?</p> <p>a. It was suggested in an article by Greg Sheridan on 14 August that QUOTE: “<i>This could even involve US commanders being able to fire, remotely, missiles from Australian ships.</i>” Is this a possibility?</p> <p>(3) The same article from Greg Sheridan suggests that the AWDs would be the ships most likely to be fitted-out to join this program – is that correct?</p> <p>a. If yes, how much work would be involved in refitting the AWDs with the equipment required to become part of an integrated ballistic missile defence system?</p> <p>i. What would be the opportunity cost involved in such a refit – not just the dollar value, but what sorts of capabilities would we need to forego in order to fit-out the AWDs to be part of this system?</p> <p>(4) Is the ballistic missile defence system potentially something that could be designed into the Future Frigates?</p>	Written	21/11/14	12/02/15
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47.	Defence	Conroy	HMAS Bundaberg fire	<p>(1) Regarding the fire on HMAS Bundaberg in August this year, what is the nature of damage that the vessel sustained?</p> <p>a. Is the vessel a write-off as reported in the media?</p> <p>(2) I understand that two civilian contractors were treated for smoke inhalation from the fire. Is Defence tracking their recovery? How are they going?</p> <p>(3) Did anyone else receive injuries from this fire?</p> <p>(4) Has the cause of the fire been established yet?</p> <p>(5) Do we know who or what was at fault?</p> <p>(6) Is there any recourse for the government if an individual or third party was at fault?</p> <p>(7) Is the Department looking at what went wrong and how it can be avoided in the future?</p> <p>(8) Has this incident stopped other vessels from being serviced at this ship yard?</p> <p>(9) What has happened to other vessels that were scheduled to be serviced at this facility?</p> <p>a. Have they been rescheduled or moved?</p>	Written	1/12/14	12/02/15
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48.	Defence	Conroy	Plan BEERSHEBA	<p>(1) Can you please advise the committee on progress regarding Army Reserve component of Plan BEERSHEBA?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the timetable for delivering the Battle Group Plus in its final form? What are the milestones? b. What are the plans for ensuring the Army Reserve and Army are interoperable in their communications? How is the roll-out of the Battle Management System to Army Reserve progressing? c. How has the training continuum of Army Reserve been changed so that it is aligned with the 'Raise, Train, Sustain' 3-year-cycle of the 3 Multi-Role Combat Brigades? d. Has there been any change to the budget of Army Reserve to support changed training requirements? e. How does the Employer Support Payment Scheme (ESPS) support the standing up of a Battle Group Plus? f. Where is Army thinking regarding evolving the existing High Readiness Reserve (HRR) scheme so that it better delivers readiness amongst Army Reservists that are preparing for a 'Ready-year' as part of the Battle Group Plus. <p>(2) Does Beersheba hinge on major acquisition projects – For instance Land 400 or the LHD acquisition (JP 2048)?</p> <p>(3) How would Beersheba be affected if the LHDs were significantly overhauled and its capacity reduced, for example, to accommodate STOVL aircraft?</p>	Written	4/12/14	12/02/15
49.	Defence	Conroy	Purchase of two new C-17A Globemaster strategic airlift aircraft	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What were the reasons behind the decision to purchase two new C-17A Globemasters? (2) Will the new aircraft be providing the same capability as the existing six, or will they offer a new capability? (3) Where will they be based? (4) Were these new aircraft in the DCP? (5) Where did the money come from to buy these new aircraft? Do offsetting savings need to be made elsewhere? (6) Have any other acquisitions been affected to accommodate this purchase? (7) Does this impact the ADFs ability to deliver a balanced force? 	Written	11/12/14	12/02/15

50.	Defence	Conroy	Loss of separation incidents at shared civil military airports	<p>I would like to get some reassurance for the Committee on concerns that have been expressed about loss of separation incidents in military controlled airspace. Specifically, in relation to the ATSB report of 18 October 2013 which stated: "The investigation found that military controlled terminal area airspace in general, and all airspace around Darwin and Williamtown in particular, had a disproportionate rate of LOS (for civilian aircraft)."</p> <p>Could you inform the committee how the RAAF sees what it sees as the challenges and problems these LOS events and what is being done to address the concerns raised in the report?</p>	Written		12/02/15
51.	Defence	Conroy	F-35A Lightning II EIS Project	<p>(1) I would like to have an update on progress with the EIS for the F-35A project. Could you summarise for us the reactions and feedbacks you have had at your public information and consultation sessions at Williamtown, Tindal, Darwin and Townsville?</p> <p>(2) How confident are you about the modelling and assessment in gauging likely levels of noise and disruption?</p> <p>(3) Once the F-35As are operating, is there a plan for ongoing monitoring?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
52.	Defence	Conroy	National Family Health Program	<p>(1) I understand that as at 30 June, 13,896 ADF families were registered for the National ADF Family Health Program with a total of 32,714 individual ADF dependants registered. As it stands the take-up rate looks to be under 50 per cent. Do you have current updates of these figures?</p> <p>(2) What is the actual take up rate to date in percentage terms?</p> <p>(3) How does this take up rate match your expectations?</p> <p>a. What are you doing to increase it?</p> <p>(4) What is the Department doing to ensure defence families are well informed on the Program?</p>	Written	4/12/14	12/02/15

53.	Defence	Conroy	Civilian staff morale	<p>(1) Could you update to question on notice no. 80 from the Budget Estimates hearing in June by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Giving the most recent figures from your regular surveys to which you refer in the answer to the question on notice b. Providing us with the full results of the YourSay survey, including a breakdown of morale assessments into civilian staff and ADF. <p>(2) What is your assessment of the impact that uncertainty about how far job cuts will extend is having on staff morale?</p> <p>(3) What is your assessment of the impact that uncertainty about possible major structural changes emerging from the First Principles Review is having on staff morale?</p> <p>(4) In your answer to the question on notice you also gave a general description of how you keep staff informed of developments. Could you elaborate on what you have been doing to keep staff abreast of what is happening with the First Principles review?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
54.	Defence	Conroy	Understaffing of ADF Investigative Service	<p>(1) I would like to use this opportunity to get some clarity on claims of serious understaffing in the ADF Investigative Service (The Australian, 1 October) "The ADF Investigative Service had only 75 investigators in place at the end of last year, far short of its authorised strength of 140, according to an internal military report obtained by The Australian." Are these claims of severe understaffing correct?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so what are some of the consequences you would attribute to the understaffing? b. Is it affecting the investigation of allegations of sexual assault? <p>(2) Have you any measures of morale in ADFIS?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What do those measures show? <p>(3) What are the reasons for understaffing?</p> <p>(4) What steps are you taking to ensure that the staffing profile moves to its desired levels?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15

55.	Defence	Conroy	Graduate Intake	<p>(1) How many offers were made for the graduate intake program at Defence? a. How many of these were accepted?</p> <p>(2) What was the shortfall between the offers made and the offers accepted for each category: a. Generalists b. Intelligence and security c. DMO d. Navy Engineering Development</p> <p>(3) What was the reason for this shortfall, generally and in particular for each category?</p> <p>(4) Will the First Principles Review look at graduate recruitment?</p> <p>(5) Will graduate recruitment remain at roughly current levels over the forward estimates?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
56.	Defence	Conroy	Defence Enterprise Collective Agreement	<p>(1) Has the Department put forward to unions and staff a proposal for a new Defence Enterprise Collective Agreement to replace the Agreement that expired on 30 June 2014? a. Has the Department put its position to the Minister for the Public Service? b. How close is the Department to putting forward a position for negotiation?</p> <p>(2) Has the government's position, leaked to the media and reported on 25 July, changed?</p>	Written	11/12/14	12/02/15
57.	Defence	Conroy	ADF Pay	<p>What are the benefits of applying commercial and APS productivity measures to the Defence Force when determining appropriate pay rates?</p> <p>a. Can you please describe how productivity in the ADF is measured and how that measurement has changed over the past three years?</p> <p>b. Are other ADF conditions, such as deployment allowances, subject to DFRT determinations? Could they be determined by the DFRT in future?</p>	Written	11/12/14	12/02/15

58.	Defence	Conroy	Management of redundancies - CIOG	<p>(1) Please update the committee could on date of planned redundancies among IT staff following the contract with Lockheed Martin Australia for the provision of centralised processing services?</p> <p>(2) How many officers will be affected by the outsourcing?</p> <p>(3) Have staff been given detailed and clear timelines for possible redundancies or redeployment?</p> <p>(4) How many staff within the Chief Officer Information Officer group have already been redeployed?</p> <p>(5) How many staff have accepted voluntary redundancies?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
59.	Defence	Conroy	DSTO to be outsourced	<p>The Government's Commission of Audit recommended that the DSTO be outsourced. Has the Department of Defence undertaken any work, at the direction of Government, to assess the feasibility of this recommendation?</p> <p>a. The First Principles Review has as a Term of Reference, 'Issues for Consideration, 3f. Recommend further options for the enhanced commercialization of Defence functions, including DSTO but excluding DHA'. Is the first principles review of Defence contemplating the outsourcing of DSTO?</p> <p>b. Has the Department provided to the review team with information to consider DSTO privatisation or commercialisation? If so, what is the nature of this information?</p>	Written	26/11/14	12/02/15
60.	Defence	Conroy	SEA 1000 – Air-Independent Propulsion	<p>(1) What are the benefits of Air-Independent Propulsion (AIP) for Australia's future submarines?</p> <p>a. Are there trade-offs involved in operating such a system on Australia's Future Submarines? What are these trades-offs?</p> <p>b. Is AIP suitable for submarines that have a long transit time to reach their patrol area?</p> <p>(2) Has any work been done at DSTO on the use of Lithium Ion batteries in the Future Submarine?</p> <p>a. Can you run us through the strengths and weaknesses of using these batteries on a submarine?</p> <p>b. What are the safety concerns of using with Lithium Ion batteries in submarines?</p>	Written	28/11/14	12/02/15

61.	Defence	Conroy	SEA 1000 - Analysis of Soryu and other MOTS options	<p>(1) I understand that, prior to Mr King's first visit in February this year, the Soryu had been assessed as part of the SEA 1000 project. Rear Admiral Moffitt, then head of the Future Submarine Program, told this committee in 2011 that QUOTE:</p> <p><i>"To meet the high end of all of the capabilities of the submarine as outlined in the Defence white paper—which is not the only way of meeting those requirements—is to describe a design of submarine that does not exist. There are submarines that can come close; they may or may not be available to us. For example, in terms of size overall—but not capabilities overall—the Japanese Soryu class could come close. But to execute a high end of capability of all of the things described in the white paper is to undertake a new design."</i></p> <p>Has the Soryu submarine has previously been assessed under SEA1000 for its potential to meet Australia's future submarine needs?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has anything changed in relation to the failure of the Soryu submarine to provide the capabilities that Australia requires from our future submarines? b. What sort of assessment had been done on the Soryu back in 2011 to allow Admiral Moffitt to provide that evidence to the committee? <p>(2) What sort of evaluation was done on other MOTS and evolved-MOTS options for the SEA1000 Project?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Were the following options considered? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Germany ii. Sweden iii. France iv. Spain b. What conclusions were made about these options? c. Did this research form the basis of the decision to limit the focus of the SEA1000 project to evolved-Collins and a new design? 	Written	09/02/15	12/02/15
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62.	Defence	Conroy	Future Submarine project - Tender Process	<p>(1) What are your current acquisition plans for the Future Submarine project?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will a competitive tendering process be undertaken in the procurement of Australia's Future Submarines to secure best value for the taxpayer? b. How will you be able to ensure Australia gets a world class submarine at a competitive price, if a competitive tender does not take place. <p>(2) Dr White, Rear Admiral Briggs and Commodore Greenfield all gave evidence to the Senate Committee on the Future of Australia's naval shipbuilding industry saying that there is sufficient time to hold a funded Project Definition Study within the SEA1000 timeline and avoid a capability gap. Given this evidence, will the government hold a funded PDS to provide competition between bidders and get the best outcome?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Given that this process was followed for the ANZAC Frigates and Mine-hunters, which both proved to be very successful, why wouldn't the Government commit to going down the same path now? b. Without a competitive tender process, how can the Australian people ensure that we're able to get the best capability for the best price? c. In his submission to the shipbuilding inquiry, Dr White expressed concerns that it would create an "unacceptable commercial, operating, political and national security risk exposure, should a unilateral, sole-source approach with only one submarine designer be pursued at this relatively early phase in the evaluation and purchasing process." Do you agree with Dr White's assessment? <p>(3) In the same document, Dr White goes to great lengths to set out a detailed, step-by-step acquisition strategy for the future submarines. His proposal includes a timeline that would see the future submarine introduced as the Collins Class reach the end of their service life. Do you see any reason why the program that Dr White sets out could not be followed?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dr White concludes with the statement that following the competitive tendering arrangements that he sets out could result in significant cost reductions for the initial future submarines (up to \$5bn) and reduced through-life sustainment costs by more than \$10bn all while ensuring a sovereign submarine capability. Is this an outcome that you would be seeking for the future submarine project? Are you confident that it could be achieved through a sole-source tendering approach? <p>(4) The committee also received evidence that there is no current submarine that meets Australia's needs. Do you agree with this analysis?</p>	Written	09/02/15	12/02/15
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63.	Defence	Conroy	Confidentiality arrangements for Defence tendering	<p>What are the confidentiality arrangements that surround defence tendering?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Would it be common for information about Australia's capabilities to be revealed when we go to tender for defence acquisitions? How are the risks of disclosing information to our adversaries when we tender for defence acquisitions managed? Are you confident that DMO can run tender processes that protect national security information? 	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15
64.	Defence	Conroy	Future submarine project -Selection of AN/BYG-1 combat system	<p>(1) In 2013, the Minister announced that the AN/BYG-1 combat system would be the reference system for the future submarine project. How was this decision reached?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are the benefits of this combat system over the others that may be available to Australia? What benefits will we gain from using this particular combat system? How many countries does the US export that combat system to? Is the decision to focus on a particular combat system a significant milestone in the development of a submarine project? <p>(2) Former Chief of the Defence Force Peter Cosgrove, before he became the Governor-General wrote a paper on why Australia's submarines need to be built in Australia, in it he says:</p> <p><i>"The Government's recent announcement that it will use the United States AN/BYG-1 combat system for future submarine design work is extremely illuminating. The fleet will be fitted with sensitive US systems, which will need to be installed and integrated in Australia for security reasons. It cannot be done in the US, as it doesn't build conventional submarines. And it makes no sense, even if it was possible, to retrofit the systems in a hull built overseas. It would be high-risk, costly and time-consuming."</i></p> <p>Do you agree with his assessment of the complexity of inserting Australia's preferred combat system into an overseas built submarine?</p>	Written	04/02/15	12/02/15

65.	Defence	Conroy	SEA 1000 - Technology sharing with Japan	<p>(1) I note the technology sharing agreement with Japan only provided for the sharing is the establishment of the Marine Hydrodynamic Project. Has this been established yet?</p> <p>(2) Does this project involve sharing existing knowledge on hydrodynamics, or the joint development of new knowledge on hydrodynamic information?</p> <p>(3) Are there any other arrangements between Australia and Japan that would enable the sharing of classified military information for defence acquisitions?</p> <p>(4) Admiral Sammut, mentioned in his recent evidence to the Senate Committee on the Future of Naval Shipbuilding in Australia stated that he had access classified information about the performance of Japanese submarines. On what date did the government request that the Japanese provide classified information about the Soryu submarines for consideration as part of SEA1000?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can you provide a copy of the formal request sent to the Japanese and a copy of the unclassified sections of the response that they provided? b. When did the government first receive classified information about the performance of the Soryu submarines? c. What type of information has the government been provided with? (e.g. capabilities, blue prints, materials used, etc.) d. Does the government have access to data about the actual performance of these submarines, or is it just technical information? e. Does the government have information that would allow you to manage the risk of retrofitting the US combat system, including all US highly classified information? f. Does the government have detailed information about the missions for which the Japanese submarines are designed to undertake? <p>(5) Does the government have access to all the classified information that it needs in order make a decision about the suitability of the Japanese submarines to meet Australia's needs?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have you identified and requested the information that you would need to make that decision? b. What information would you require? (e.g. capabilities, blue prints, materials used, etc.) c. Will you require access to data about the actual performance of Japanese submarines? 	Written	09/02/15	12/02/15
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				<p>(6) Would it be possible to decide to purchase Japanese submarines without access to a wide array of highly classified information about these submarines?</p> <p>(7) How much experience do the Japanese have with exporting military materiel? Have they ever exported a submarine before?</p> <p>a. Would the export of a submarine – given the highly classified nature – be more complex or difficult than the export of a less sensitive piece of military hardware?</p> <p>b. Are you concerned about the potential risks that would be involved working with a partner that doesn't have a broad experience in exporting complex military hardware?</p>	Written		12/02/15
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66.	Defence	Conroy	SEA 1000 - Involvement from Japan	<p>(1) A story in the Australian on 16 October (<i>Formal approach to Japan on subs</i>) indicated that the government had formally asked Japan if it was willing to build Australia's future submarines. Can you provide the committee with a copy of the correspondence?</p> <p>(2) Has the government asked if the Japanese government are willing to sell the Soryu submarine to Australia?</p> <p>(3) The article also states that Australia is looking into the purchase of a new class of submarine that is currently being planned by the Japanese, is this correct?</p> <p>a. Given the possibility that the Japanese may offer Australia access to this new submarine, what can you tell the committee about the planning and progress towards these new submarines?</p> <p>i. Will it be designed with the US combat system, which has been selected for the SEA1000 project?</p> <p>ii. Will it have the required improvements to range which Australia requires?</p> <p>iii. Do you know if the Japanese Future Submarine Project will require the same range, endurance and capability requirements as the Australian Future Submarine Project?</p> <p>iv. Has the government offered to build Japan's submarines in Adelaide?</p> <p>(4) The figure of \$20-\$25bn for the construction of 8 submarines in Japan, according to the Australian Financial Review, has the Japanese Government made an official offer on these terms?</p> <p>a. If yes,</p> <p>i. What is included in the \$20-25bn figure?</p> <p>ii. How much of this figure is fixed cost?</p> <p>iii. What are the risk sharing arrangements?</p> <p>iv. Who will be responsible for cost over runs?</p> <p>v. Does the proposal involve any work in Australia?</p> <p>vi. Does it include costs for maintenance and replacement parts and expert services through the life of the submarines?</p>	Written	09/02/15	12/02/15
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				<p>b. If no,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Have there been any discussions with Japanese officials in relation to putting in a competitive bid, including options for build in Australia and for through-life sustainment in Australia? ii. Have we received an informal offer from Japanese officials? iii. Is any discussion of a certain price for a certain number of Japanese submarines is mere speculation at the moment? iv. Given your engagement with Japanese officials, when do you expect that we would receive a detailed, fully costed, whole-of-life management and sustainment plan for any purchase of Japanese submarines? 	Written		12/02/15
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67.	Defence	Conroy	SEA 1000 - Other participants	<p>(1) Are you aware of any other informal proposals that have been made by industry for the construction for 10 or 12 submarines as part of SEA1000?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Given the statement from Thyssen Krupp Marine Systems (TKMS) on 11 September that they could build 12 submarines designed for Australia's unique needs for \$20bn, do you think this is an achievable price-point for an Australian-built submarine? b. Is there a plan to investigate the German offer? c. I note that the German offer also includes work being undertaken in Adelaide, does the importance of developing and maintaining a skilled workforce form part of your consideration of the various options for SEA1000? d. SAAB Kockums have also stated that they can provide an affordable option for SEA1000. The CEO of Saab told the Australian Financial Review that QUOTE: "if there is an open competition, Saab Kockums will be in it. We can compete in the battle for affordability." Have you investigated this option? e. Have you received a formal or an informal expression of interest from French naval shipbuilder DCNS? f. Are you aware of any other offers, formally or informally? g. Are you planning to investigate those offers? h. What resources have been allocated to investigating these alternative offers? i. Have you received any information or estimates from ASC about what they think it will cost to build 12 submarines in Australia? <p>(2) Have you seen the economic impact study done by Professor Goran Roos that shows that the Australian economy would be better off by around \$20bn if these submarines are built in Australia?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When you're comparing the cost of various options, do you consider the wider economic impacts of purchasing decisions? b. Will the Australian Government provide a proper economic impact comparison of the different alternatives regarding building a Future Submarine? c. Has the Government made any assessment of job losses regarding lost taxation, the payment of unemployment benefits, retraining and other costs to the economy? d. Has the Government made any assessment on the revenue to the economy in terms of taxes, superannuation and other benefits that these jobs bring? e. When the government comparing the various options, does the government consider the wider impact on the strategically-important submarine and ship building and maintaining industry, including maintaining and improving skills in this vital industry? 	Written	09/02/15	12/02/15
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68.	Defence	Conroy	SEA 1000 - Supply Chains	<p>(1) At a recent visit to ASC, I was informed that 92% of the parts that go into a Collins-class submarine are locally manufactured by small and medium enterprises around the country. They informed me that, given the long life of capabilities like submarines, this local manufacturing support has been vital to the recent improvements in submarine availability. Are you concerned that an overseas built submarine will not have a local supply chain?</p> <p>a. Can you please table a list of Australian companies that supply parts or services to the Collins-class submarine?</p> <p>(2) How do you plan to compare the various maintenance and support arrangements that form part of the various offers before making a decision?</p> <p>a. Are you confident that overseas supplies of parts will be assured for the full life of the future submarines, especially in times of tension or conflict?</p> <p>(3) Will the total through-life support costs be considered as part of a decision to select a successful bidder for SEA1000?</p> <p>a. What is your expectation about the amount of the through-life cost that will be at a fixed-price – including expert advice, spare parts, mid-life updates and repairs?</p> <p>b. How much of the total cost of ownership for a submarine is made up by the maintenance costs, replacement parts and through-life refitting?</p> <p>c. Are you concerned by reports that exclusive reliance on overseas supply chains for parts may add to cost and risk of purchasing submarines built overseas?</p> <p>(4) Will it be a requirement that Australia be the owner of the Intellectual Property of the Future Submarines?</p> <p>a. Without owning the IP, what role will Australian scientists and engineers in upgrading and evolving the design of the future submarines?</p> <p>(5) Will a requirement for the submarines to be built in Australia be part of any contract to build the future submarines?</p> <p>a. Will the impact of government investment in fostering skills and experience in Australia’s strategically-vital ship building industry be considered as part of any tender process?</p> <p>b. Will the whole of economy impacts of defence spending be considered when looking at value-for-money considerations?</p>	Written	09/02/15	12/02/15
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69.	Defence	Conroy	Land 125 Phase 3B – Uniforms, equipment and ADA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) On what basis was the decision made to choose the 100% manufactured overseas supplier? (2) How many pricing options was ADA asked to submit in their tender and what was the price differential between, 100% produced onshore, 100% manufactured offshore and a mixture of both on and offshore? (3) Was it a purely price driven decision? (4) Was any consideration given to the impact to the local economy of the work / jobs going overseas? (5) The pouches / utility belts prototypes have been produced and manufactured at the ADA site Bendigo – Why can't the finished products be produced in Bendigo too? (6) There is very strict security at the Bendigo factory. What measures have been taken to address the security of the factories in Vietnam? (7) There has been a long standing position that all combat uniforms are to be manufactured in Australia – Can you explain why this doesn't extend to the utility belts, back-packs and pouches that will be manufactured through this contract? (8) What consideration has been given regarding the working conditions in the Vietnam factories? (9) What consideration has been given regarding ethical clothing? (10) What assurances have been given about the quality of these products? How will that quality be tested? 	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
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70.	Defence	Conroy	Future of Australian Shipbuilding	<p>(1) The ANAO Report into the Air Warfare Destroyer Program identified steadily improving performance in terms of quality and productivity at the BAE and Forgacs shipyards. Can you please give the committee an update on the continuing productivity improvements being experienced in the AWD program?</p> <p>(2) Can you please advise the committee what the expected productivity differential is between Ship 1, Ship 2 and Ship 3?</p> <p>a. I note the submission by BAE to the shipbuilding inquiry states that they are achieving 76 compensated gross man hours per tonne, lower than the target of 80 hours. Can you confirm that this is correct?</p> <p>b. The figure of 76 is drastically different to the 150 compensated gross man hours per tonne which has been used in relation to the AWD project to date, do you know how this incorrect figure has been used?</p> <p>c. I was also told recently on a visit to ASC that their productivity had improved by between 25%-30% between ship 1 and ship 2. Can you confirm that this is correct?</p> <p>d. Is this the level of improvement that you would typically expect?</p> <p>e. Do the improvements at BAE and ASC reflect what you would typically expect from the beginning of a production line for complex projects like the AWD?</p> <p>f. What reason do you have to expect that this improvement won't continue?</p> <p>(3) Is the difference in productivity between Ship 1 and Ship 3 across the AWD project typical in the construction of warships?</p> <p>(4) Would you agree that we've learned a number of valuable lessons about building ships through the experience of building the AWDs?</p> <p>a. Given what we've learnt, what is the government doing to ensure that future shipbuilding in Australia is able to build on the experience and success of the AWD program and realise the investment that successive government have put into the Australian shipbuilding industry for future work?</p> <p>(5) The AWD Reform Program is underway, as a result of the Government's independent review of the AWD program, which was led by Professor Don Winter, and Dr John White. When does Government plan to release the Winter Review?</p> <p>a. How can this committee assess the progress of that reform program, in the absence of the report that gave rise to it?</p>	Written	09/02/15	12/02/15
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				<p>(6) The Department of Finance are understood to be the lead agency for the AWD Reform Program, is that correct?</p> <p>a. How is Finance able to provide leadership on a project with unique defence requirements? Wouldn't DMO be more appropriate?</p> <p>(7) Can you please advise the committee on the role, purpose and expectations of the Navantia team that were recently inserted into the AWD project?</p>	Written		12/02/15
71.	Defence	Conroy	SEA 5000 - Future Frigate Program	<p>(1) With regard to SEA 5000; Future Frigate Program, there has been speculation that a F-100 hull (that used for the AWD) is an appropriate hull for the Future Frigate, and that the so called 'valley of death' can be avoided by allocating blocks for the Future Frigate program. Has DMO provided advice to Government on this matter?</p> <p>a. What is the current timeline for the selection of a design for Future Frigate?</p> <p>b. Is that timeline likely to be reviewed by Government so as to avoid the valley of death?</p> <p>c. What does this mean for the proposal to join with the United Kingdom and perhaps other partners such as Canada and New Zealand to build a common Frigate design (Type 26)?</p> <p>(2) Part 1 of the report into the Future of Australia's naval shipbuilding made recommendations to Government that the tender for the replacement logistics/supply ships be re-opened to include Australian industries, with a high value placed on Australian Content and that future naval acquisitions should have an open tender process.</p> <p>Does Government intend to adopt these recommendations?</p> <p>a. When does Government intend to respond to the report?</p>	Written	04/02/15	12/02/15
72.	Defence	Conroy	Projects of Concern	<p>(1) Is the availability of the Collins submarines still trending in the right direction?</p> <p>(2) One of the measures taken was the execution of the Collins Transformation Implementation Plan. Is that plan still on track to meet its objectives?</p> <p>(3) What are the criteria for projects to come off the projects of concern list?</p> <p>(4) Are any of the projects close to coming off the list OR have any of the projects slipped further, in terms of schedule, cost or quality from their baseline since June?</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15

73.	Defence	Conroy	Land 121 Phase 4	<p>(1) Could you please give an update on Land 121, Phase 4 – the Hawkei?</p> <p>(2) There have been recent reports that a decision to proceed with the Hawkei is imminent. Are those reports correct?</p> <p>(3) How has the testing of the Hawkei progressing?</p> <p>(4) When is a decision on the Hawkei expected?</p>	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15
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74.	Defence	Conroy	Land 400 Phase 2	<p>(1) I refer to the LAND 400 Phase 2 Key Requirements Matrix published on 4 July 2014, can you please identify whether there are any armoured vehicles currently in production anywhere in the world that are able to meet the listed requirements?</p> <p>(2) Given that LAND 400 Phase 2 is seeking to identify a MOTS or A-MOTS solution, how is the Government able to proceed on the basis of this key requirements matrix in the absence of a suitable MOTS solution in manufacture and operation?</p> <p>(3) In the event that only a proportion of the key requirements can be met, can you please identify which requirements are deemed mandatory, and what proportion of the total requirements you are expecting to achieve?</p> <p>(4) I refer to the LAND 400 Phase 2 Solicitation Key Discriminators published on 11 June 14, can you please outline to the Committee how it is anticipated that those wishing to submit a tender have sufficient time to conclude the task of identifying possible participants/subcontractors in Australian industry, ascertain their capabilities, and conclude contracts or deeds?</p> <p>(5) In terms of the overall structure of LAND 400 Phase 2, there is a requirement to supply between two and three demonstrator vehicles for testing and evaluation. This is obviously an expensive requirement for industry to meet. How is this burden on industry justified?</p> <p>a. How can this requirement be met in the absence of there being any suitable MOTS solutions available or in production?</p> <p>(6) How does LAND 400 Phase 2 relate to the next phases of LAND 400?</p> <p>b. Is it not the case that the successful bidder for Phase 2 is likely to then be better placed to compete in future phases?</p> <p>(7) Can you advise the committee whether there is a preference for tracked or wheeled vehicles in Phase 2 and subsequent phases?</p> <p>(8) How is this limitation on the number of potential bidders for LAND 400? How many manufacturers of armoured vehicles are able to offer both wheeled and tracked options?</p> <p>(9) How many Combat Reconnaissance Vehicles (CRV's) is Army aiming to acquire through Phase 2? How many Infantry Fighting Vehicles (IFV's) is Army aiming to acquire in subsequent phases?</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15
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75.	Defence	Ludwig	Self Initiated Work	<p>(1) Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)?</p> <p>(2) Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail:</p> <p>(3) When did the project commence?</p> <p>(4) When is it expected to conclude?</p> <p>(5) What will the total cost of the project be?</p> <p>(6) Where did the money for the project come from?</p> <p>(7) Where is the project based?</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
76.	Defence	Ludwig	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	<p>(1) Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created?</p> <p>(2) What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</p> <p>(3) Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?</p> <p>(4) What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</p> <p>(5) For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?</p> <p>(6) Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?</p> <p>(7) Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?</p> <p>(8) If no consultation has occurred, why not?</p> <p>(9) Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?</p>	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15

77.	Defence	Ludwig	Non- Conventional Therapies	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <p>(1) Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc) If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the process by which these therapies can be approved? b. Who are they available to? c. Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)? <p>(2) Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What therapies have been provided? b. What were they used to treat? c. What was the cost of the therapy? 	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
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78.	Defence	Ludwig	Statutory Review Provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? (2) Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the review (3) When did/will this work begin? (4) When is/was the review due to commence. (5) What is the expected report date. (6) Who is the minister responsible for the review (7) What department is responsible for the review (8) List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. (9) List the terms of reference. (10) What is the scope of the review. (11) Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? (12) What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? (13) When was the Minister briefed on this matter? (14) What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? (15) List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review (16) Will the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when? 	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15
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79.	Defence	Ludwig	Sunset Provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not? (2) Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions? (3) Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active. (4) When did/will this work begin? (5) When is/was the review due to commence. (6) What is the expected report date. (7) Who is the minister responsible for the review (8) What department is responsible for the review (9) List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. (10) List the terms of reference (11) What is the scope of the review. (12) Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? (13) What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? (14) When was the Minister briefed on this matter? (15) What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? (16) List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review (17) Will the the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when? 	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15
80.	Defence	Ludwig	Domain Usage	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>Please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system). (2) Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site. (3) Number of times the site was accessed. 	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15

81.	Defence	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals (Departmental)	<p>(1) Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and:</p> <p>(2) When was the manual last updated?</p> <p>(3) Who is responsible for updating the manual?</p> <p>(4) Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail.</p> <p>(5) Who is the manual distributed to?</p> <p>(6) Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the minister or the minister's office?</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
82.	Defence	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals (Ministerial)	<p>(1) Does the minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and:</p> <p>(2) When was the manual last updated?</p> <p>(3) Who is responsible for updating the manual?</p> <p>(4) Who is the manual distributed to?</p> <p>(5) Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department?</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15

83.	Defence	Ludwig	G20 - Brisbane	<p>(1) Which ministers from the portfolio attended the G20 conference in Brisbane? For each attending minister, please answer the following:</p> <p>(2) How long will the minister be in Brisbane for?</p> <p>(3) Please provide a copy of the minister's program and a list of any meetings that are scheduled.</p> <p>(4) Did the minister requested any briefing material from the department in relation to the G20? Please provide a list of the briefing titles.</p> <p>(5) How many ministerial staff will attended with the minister?</p> <p>(6) How many departmental staff attended the G20?</p> <p>(7) For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on airfares to and from Brisbane?</p> <p>(8) For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on accommodation in Brisbane?</p> <p>(9) For each minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on other associated expenses? Please detail.</p> <p>(10) Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material for the G20? Please detail.</p> <p>(11) Will the department be preparing a report following the G20? If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What will be the scope of the report? When will it be complete? Will it be available to the public? 	Written	28/11/14	12/02/15
84.	Defence	Ludwig	Report Printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of?</p> <p>(2) If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal.</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
85.	Defence	Ludwig	Graduate intake	<p>(1) What was the graduate intake for 2012-2013?</p> <p>(2) What was the graduate intake for 2013-2014?</p> <p>(3) What is the graduate intake for 2014-2015?</p> <p>(4) What will be the graduate intake for 2015-2016?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
86.	Defence	Ludwig	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	<p>(1) Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department.</p> <p>(2) Please list their starting and expiration dates.</p> <p>(3) What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.</p>	Written	4/12/14	12/02/15

87.	Defence	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? 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>(2) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>(3) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15
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88.	Defence	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the date they were ordered b. the date they commenced c. the minister responsible d. the department responsible e. the nature of the review f. their terms of reference g. the scope of the review h. Who is conducting the review i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j. the expected report date k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public <p>(2) For any review commenced or ordered since Budget Estimates in June, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g. If yes, for each, who selected them h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur <p>(3) Which reviews are on-going?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list them. b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 	Written	1/12/14	12/02/15
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				<p>(4) Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>(5) Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>(6) How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>(7) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>(8) What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a. When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c. When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d. Will the government release each review?</p> <p>i. If so, when? If not, why not?</p>			12/02/15
89.	Defence	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) Please detail any board appointments made from to date.</p> <p>(2) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>(3) Has the department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.</p> <p>(4) Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.</p>	Written	1/12/14	12/02/15
90.	Defence	Ludwig	Stationery Requirements	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date?</p> <p>a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office.</p> <p>b. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office.</p> <p>(2) How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date.</p> <p>(3) Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost.</p>	Written	4/12/14	12/02/15

91.	Defence	Ludwig	Electronic equipment – Minister's office	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office.</p> <p>(1) List the items (2) List the items location or normal location (3) List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level (4) List the total cost of the items (5) List an itemised cost breakdown of these items (6) List the date they were provided to the office (7) Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</p>	Written	1/12/14	12/02/15
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92.	Defence	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? What is provided to the Minister or their office? What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? <p>(2) What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? What is provided to the Minister or their office? What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? <p>(3) What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? What is provided to the Minister or their office? What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? <p>(4) What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? What is provided to the Minister or their office? What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
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93.	Defence	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</p> <p>c. Itemise these expenses.</p> <p>(2) What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period?</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</p> <p>c. Itemise these expenses</p>	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15
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94.	Defence	Ludwig	Media training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services b. An itemised cost breakdown of these services c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e. The names of all service providers engaged f. The location that this training was provided <p>(2) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>(3) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>(4) The location used</p> <p>(5) The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>(6) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>(7) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15
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95.	Defence	Ludwig	G20 - expenses	<p>Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups) events, including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, security.</p> <p>For each item, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to. (2) The location of the event. (3) The date of the event. (4) The name and ABN of the service provider. (5) Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process. (6) The total value of the contract/invoice. (7) The date the contract was executed by the Department. (8) The number of attendees at the event, if applicable. (9) Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail. (10) Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail. (11) Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted. 	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
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96.	Defence	Ludwig	Market Research	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: List any market research conducted by the department/agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) List the total cost of this research (2) List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program (3) Who conducted the research? (4) How were they identified? (5) Where was the research conducted? (6) In what way was the research conducted? (7) Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? (8) How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? (9) How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected? (10) What input did the Minister have? (11) How was it approved? (12) Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail. 	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15
97.	Defence	Ludwig	FOI Requests	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? (2) Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? (3) Of those assessed as deliberative documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? b. For how many has a redacted document been provided? 	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15

98.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial Motor vehicle	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What is the make and model? (2) How much did it cost? (3) When was it provided? (4) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? (5) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. (6) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? (7) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. (8) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. (9) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. (10) Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail. 	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
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99.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What is the make and model? (2) How much did it cost? (3) When was it provided? (4) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? (5) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. (6) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? (7) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. (8) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. (9) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. (10) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
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100.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What is the make and model? (2) How much did it cost? (3) When was it provided? (4) Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? (5) What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. (6) Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? (7) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. (8) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. (9) Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. (10) Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 	Written	14/11/14	12/02/15
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101.	Defence	Ludwig	Building Lease Costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department?</p> <p>(2) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Date the lease agreement is active from. Date the lease agreement ends. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? Location of the building (City and state). Cost of the lease. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>(3) Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Date from which the lease agreement was active. Date the lease agreement ended. Why was the lease not renewed? Location of the building (City and state). Cost of the lease. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>(4) Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. Expected location of the building (City and state). Expected cost of the lease. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <p>(5) For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the current occupancy rate for the building? If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for. 	Written	5/12/14	12/02/15
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102.	Defence	Ludwig	Government advertising	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List each item of expenditure and cost List the approving officer for each item Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising <p>(2) What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List the total expected cost List each item of expenditure and cost List the approving officer for each item Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising 	Written	26/11/14	12/02/15
103.	Defence	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List each item of expenditure and cost <p>(2) Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up?</p> <p>(3) If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes</p>	Written	21/11/14	12/02/15
104.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial Website	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How much has been spent on the Minister's website?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List each item of expenditure and cost <p>(2) Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website?</p> <p>(3) Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
105.	Defence	Ludwig	Existing Resources Program	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List each List the staffing assigned to each task What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project? 	Written	21/11/14	12/02/15

106.	Defence	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times:</p> <p>(1) Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times?</p> <p>(2) Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued?</p> <p>(3) Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?</p>	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15
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107.	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing transfers	<p>(1) How many people does your department employ?</p> <p>(2) What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <p>(3) What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <p>(4) What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?</p> <p>(5) Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to?</p> <p>(6) How many of these people are employed in Canberra?</p> <p>(7) How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>(8) How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013</p> <p>(9) How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>(10)For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.</p> <p>(11)For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>(12)For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.</p> <p>(13)For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>(14) For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>(15)For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?</p> <p>(16)For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?</p> <p>(17)Please provide all relevant dates.</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
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108.	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing redundancies	<p>(1) How may positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these positions were ongoing? How many of these positions were non-ongoing? How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>(2) How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these employees were ongoing? How many of these employees were non-ongoing? How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>(3) How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these employees were ongoing? How many of these employees were non-ongoing? How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>(4) How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these employees were ongoing? How many of these employees were non-ongoing? How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>(5) How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these employees were ongoing? How many of these employees were non-ongoing? How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>(6) For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position. Please provide all relevant dates. 	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
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				<p>(7) For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located. b. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment. c. Please provide the reason for that redeployment. d. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>(8) Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>(9) How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>(10) For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located. b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy. d. Please provide the reason for that redundancy. e. Please provide all relevant dates. 			12/02/15
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109.	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing hiring	<p>(1) How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?</p> <p>(2) How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?</p> <p>(3) How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>(4) How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</p> <p>(5) How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>(6) How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>(7) How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?</p> <p>a. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>(8) How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a. For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>(9) How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p>	Written	11/12/14	12/02/15
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			<p>(10) How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?</p> <p>(11) How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>(12) How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>(13) How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>(14) How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>(15) How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>(16) How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p>		12/02/15
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				<p>(17)How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>(18)How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p>			12/02/15
110.	Defence	Ludwig	Departmental Upgrades	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <p>(1) If so, list these (2) If so, list the total cost for these changes (3) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure (4) If so, who conducted the works? (5) If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works (6) If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15

111.	Defence	Ludwig	Wine Coolers / Fridges	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <p>(1) If so, list these (2) If so, list the total cost for these items (3) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure (4) If so, where were these purchased (5) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased (6) If so, what is the current location for these items? (7) If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
112.	Defence	Ludwig	Office Plants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants?</p> <p>(1) If so, list these (2) If so, list the total cost for these items (3) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure (4) If so, where were these purchased (5) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased (6) If so, what is the current location for these items?</p>	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15
113.	Defence	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <p>(1) If so, list these (2) If so, list the total cost for these items (3) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure (4) If so, where were these purchased (5) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased (6) If so, what is the current location for these items? (7) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15

114.	Defence	Ludwig	Vending Machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <p>(1) If so, list these (2) If so, list the total cost for these items (3) If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure (4) If so, where were these purchased (5) If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased (6) If so, what is the current location for these items? (7) If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15
115.	Defence	Ludwig	Legal Costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency (2) List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external (3) List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) (4) How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice.</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15
116.	Defence	Ludwig	Lobbyist Register Meetings	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register (2) List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting (3) List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15

117.	Defence	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of:</p> <p>(2) What has been provided?</p> <p>(3) The purchase cost.</p> <p>(4) The ongoing cost.</p> <p>(5) A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).</p> <p>(6) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	Written	21/11/14	12/02/15
118.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	<p>(1) List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary</p> <p>(2) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>(3) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>(4) For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification</p> <p>(5) For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment</p>	Written	14/11/14	12/02/15
119.	Defence	Ludwig	Unallocated Equipment	<p>(1) Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff</p> <p>(2) Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.</p>	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15

120.	Defence	Ludwig	Communications staff	<p>(1) For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>(2) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>(3) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>(4) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>(5) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>(6) How many are media managers?</p> <p>(7) How many organise events?</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
121.	Defence	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>(1) Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <p>a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</p> <p>(2) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</p> <p>(3) How have they been recruited?</p> <p>(4) What process was used for their appointment?</p> <p>(5) What is the total cost of this unit?</p> <p>(6) What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. _</p> <p>(7) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</p> <p>(8) Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. _</p> <p>(9) What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</p>	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15

122.	Defence	Ludwig	Land costs	<p>(1) How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>(2) Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</p> <p>(3) List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.</p> <p>a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>(4) How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>(5) Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</p> <p>(6) In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</p>	Written	5/12/14	12/02/15
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123.	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level b. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? (2) Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? b. How long have they worked for the Minister? (3) Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, on what date did they comply? (4) Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, on what date were those disclosure made? (5) By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee (6) Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment (7) Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level 	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15
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124.	Defence	Ludwig	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) How often has each board met, break down by board name; (2) What travel expenses have been incurred; (3) What has been the average attendance at board meetings; (4) List each member's attendance at meetings; (5) How does the board deal with conflict of interest; (6) What conflicts of interest have been registered; (7) What remuneration has been provided to board members; (8) How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? (9) Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members? (10) Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings (11) What have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list. 	Written	1/12/14	12/02/15
125.	Defence	Ludwig	Shared resources following MOG changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? (2) What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? (3) What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements? 	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15

126.	Defence	Ludwig	Departmental Rebranding	<p>Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <p>(1) Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <p>(2) Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>(3) Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <p>a. Signage.</p> <p>b. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</p> <p>c. Logos</p> <p>d. Consultancy</p> <p>e. Any relevant IT changes.</p> <p>f. Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>(4) How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <p>(5) Who was involved in reaching this decision?</p> <p>(6) Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.</p>	Written	14/11/14	12/02/15
127.	Defence	Ludwig	Contracts under \$10,000	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000.</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15

128.	Defence	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act):</p> <p>Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister</p> <p>(1) Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>(2) If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Department or Agency which was consulted; b. The document; c. The purpose of the consultation; d. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension <p>(3) Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister's office about Freedom of Information requests it has received?</p> <p>(4) If yes, provide a table setting out the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted; b. The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted; c. The purpose of the consultation; d. Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; e. Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension f. Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister's office <p>Staffing resources</p> <p>The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013:</p> <p>(5) For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?</p>	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15
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			<p>FOI Disclosure Log</p> <p>(6) For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)? Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)? Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify). <p>(7) If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed by [date]? What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task? <p>(8) Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)?</p> <p>(9) If so, please provide the following information in a table:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> On how many occasions charges have been imposed; The amount charged for each document The total amount charged; What is the highest charge that has been imposed. 			12/02/15
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				<p>With respect to FOI requests:</p> <p>(10) How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt?</p> <p>(11) Of those, how many were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Released in full Released in part Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest Other (please specify) 			12/02/15
129.	Defence	Ludwig	Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders	<p>(1) Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders?</p> <p>(2) Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?</p> <p>(3) Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?</p> <p>(4) Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?</p> <p>(5) Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel?</p> <p>(6) Have the minister or ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels?</p> <p>(7) Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?</p>	Written	1/12/14	12/02/15

130.	Defence	Ludwig	Senate estimates briefing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>(2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</p> <p>a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>(3) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>(4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>c. When were the changes made?</p> <p>(5) Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
131.	Defence	Ludwig	Advertising	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising? Including through the use of agencies.</p> <p>(2) Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning.</p> <p>(3) Provide copies of approvals, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister of their delegate or the department or their delegate.</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15
132.	Defence	Ludwig	Departmental Staff Misconduct	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct.</p> <p>(2) Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff?</p> <p>a. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level.</p> <p>b. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>c. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p> <p>d. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.</p>	Written	5/12/14	12/02/15

133.	Defence	Ludwig	Cloud Services and Storage	<p>(1) Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department? b. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use. c. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service. d. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use? e. How much does this cloud storage cost per month? f. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage? g. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements? h. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown. 	Written	28/11/14	12/02/15
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134.	Defence	Ludwig	Disability Access	<p>(1) Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the department / agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide:</p> <p>(2) The year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires).</p> <p>(3) What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the act.</p> <p>(4) When these plans will commence and when they are expected to be complete.</p> <p>(5) Has the minister or the minister's office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the minister's office and the department regarding this issue.</p> <p>(6) What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs.</p> <p>(7) Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached.</p> <p>(8) Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail.</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
135.	Defence	Ludwig	Fee for services	<p>Since September 7, 2013:</p> <p>(1) Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include:</p> <p>(2) Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers.</p> <p>(3) How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service).</p> <p>(4) The date the fee came into place.</p> <p>(5) Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review.</p> <p>(6) What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place?</p> <p>(7) How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)?</p> <p>(8) What justification is there for the fee?</p>	Written	28/11/14	12/02/15

136.	Defence	Ludwig	Documents provided to Minister	<p>(1) Excluding policy or correspondence briefs, how many documents are provided to the Minister's office on a regular and scheduled basis? Including documents that are not briefs to the minister and do not require ministerial signature.</p> <p>(2) List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by ministerial signature and office for noting documents)</p> <p>(3) How are they transmitted to the office?</p> <p>(4) What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents?</p> <p>(5) What level officer are they provided to in the minister's office?</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15
137.	Defence	Ludwig	Merchandise or promotional material	<p>Since 7 September 2013:</p> <p>(1) Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?</p> <p>(2) List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose)</p> <p>(3) List the cost for each item</p> <p>(4) List the quantity of each item</p> <p>(5) Who suggested these material be created?</p> <p>(6) Who approved its creation?</p> <p>(7) Provide copies of authorisation</p> <p>(8) When was the Minister informed of the material being created?</p> <p>(9) Who created the material?</p> <p>(10) How was that person selected?</p> <p>(11) How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?</p>	Written	28/11/14	12/02/15
138.	Defence	Ludwig	Freedom of Information - Stats	<p>(1) How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date.</p> <p>(2) How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act?</p> <p>(3) How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act?</p> <p>(4) How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act?</p> <p>(5) How many of those requests were finalised out of time?</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15

139.	Defence	Ludwig	Contracts for Temporary Staff	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?</p> <p>(2) How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?</p> <p>(3) What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?</p> <p>(4) How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?</p> <p>(5) Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
140.	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing profile	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency?</p> <p>(2) Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state).</p>	Written	5/12/14	12/02/15
141.	Defence	Ludwig	Savings and Efficiency Measures	<p>Since the Appropriations Bills 2014 were passed by the parliament:</p> <p>(1) How many measures, savings tasks or efficiency measures contained in the Appropriations bills have not been actioned or have had no guidance instructions issued?</p> <p>(2) For each measure or task identified in question 1:</p> <p>a. What is the timeframe for implementation?</p> <p>b. Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks?</p> <p>c. When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing requested by the minister or initiated by the department?</p> <p>d. What action has the minister asked be done on this policy?</p>	Written	28/11/14	12/02/15

142.	Defence	Ludwig	Computers	<p>(1) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used</p> <p>(2) List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location</p> <p>(3) Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs</p>	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15
143.	Defence	Ludwig	Travel costs - department	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel?</p> <p>(2) If so, under what policy?</p> <p>(3) Provide a copy of that policy.</p> <p>(4) When was this policy implemented?</p> <p>(5) List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under.</p> <p>(6) Detail the process.</p> <p>(7) When is the minister notified, when is approved provided?</p> <p>(8) Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>(9) 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>(10)What date was the minister or their office was notified of the travel?</p> <p>(11)What date did the minister or their office approve the travel?</p> <p>(12)What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written	11/12/14	12/02/15

144.	Defence	Ludwig	Travel costs - ministerial	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary</p> <p>(2) List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;</p> <p>(3) List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;</p> <p>(4) List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary.</p> <p>(5) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>	Written	14/11/14	12/02/15
145.	Defence	Ludwig	Grants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) What guidelines are in place to administer grants?</p> <p>(2) How are grants applied for?</p> <p>(3) Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>a. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.</p> <p>(4) What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?</p> <p>(5) Who is involved in this selection process?</p> <p>(6) Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>a. Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>(7) Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</p> <p>(8) Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</p>	Written	21/11/14	12/02/15

146.	Defence	Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</p> <p>(2) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days?</p> <p>(3) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days?</p> <p>(4) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days?</p> <p>(5) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days?</p> <p>(6) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014?</p> <p>(7) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15
147.	Defence	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>(2) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>(3) Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?</p> <p>a. List each, including name, cost and purpose</p> <p>b. If so, why?</p>	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15

148.	Defence	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Estimates, 2014 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(3) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15
149.	Defence	Ludwig	Functions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function <p>(2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.</p>	Written	11/12/14	12/02/15

150.	Defence	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Total spending on these services (2) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification (3) 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) (4) The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) (5) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location (6) In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed? (7) For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title. 	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15
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151.	Defence	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs?</p> <p>a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification</p> <p>(2) Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of:</p> <p>(3) What is provided?</p> <p>(4) The purchase cost.</p> <p>(5) The ongoing cost.</p> <p>(6) A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).</p> <p>(7) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	Written	1/12/14	12/02/15
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152.	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? a. What was the reason for these reductions?</p> <p>(2) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>(3) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</p> <p>(4) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</p> <p>(5) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>(6) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>(7) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff?</p> <p>(8) What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position</p> <p>(9) How do the packages differ from the default public service package?</p> <p>(10) How is the department/agency funding the packages?</p>	Written	4/12/14	12/02/15
153.	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>(2) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>(3) How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</p>	Written	5/12/14	12/02/15

154.	Defence	Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014: Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>(1) 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>(2) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>(3) 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>(4) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>(5) Who has access?</p> <p>(6) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>(7) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15
155.	Defence	Ludwig	Corporate cars	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>a. Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b. What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period?</p> <p>d. How far did each car travel during the specified period?</p> <p>(2) How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p> <p>a. Where are the cars located?</p> <p>b. What are the cars used for?</p> <p>c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period?</p> <p>d. How far did each car travel during the specified period?</p>	Written	21/11/14	12/02/15
156.	Defence	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>(2) What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p> <p>(3) How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?</p>	Written	21/11/14	12/02/15

157.	Defence	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>(2) What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p> <p>(3) How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?</p>	Written	19/11/14	12/02/15
158.	Defence	Ludwig	Credit cards	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card.</p> <p>(2) Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>(3) Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored?</p> <p>(4) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so:</p> <p>(5) Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>(6) Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p> <p>(7) How many credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.</p>	Written	21/11/14	12/02/15

159.	Defence	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June, 2014:</p> <p>(1) What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(3) What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(5) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(6) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(7) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(8) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>(9) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
160.	Defence	Ludwig	Printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in June 2014:</p> <p>(1) How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed?</p> <p>a. How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>(2) Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs?</p> <p>a. If so, what companies were used?</p> <p>b. How were they selected?</p> <p>c. What was the total cost of this printing by item?</p>	Written	18/11/14	12/02/15

161.	Defence	Xenophon	Asbestos	<p>In 2001, the use and importation of asbestos-containing materials were made illegal in Australia, with the prohibition coming into force on January 1, 2004. The Defence Force won an exemption to continue using chrysotile asbestos parts until 2007, on two strict provisos: that the parts were "mission-critical" and no non-asbestos replacements could be found. In December that exemption was extended again until 2010 by the Government's safety and compensation council.</p> <p>(1) What are Defence's current policies for the use and removal of asbestos? Has there been a complete phase-out of asbestos? If not, why not?</p> <p>(2) Can you advise if any current exemptions exist for the use of asbestos in the Defence Force? Are there exemptions for "mission-critical" parts?</p> <p>(3) How many asbestos items have been approved for defence use in the years since 2007? Are any of these items still in use?</p> <p>(4) What procedures does Defence have in place for current and former personnel to report possible exposure to asbestos?</p> <p>(5) Does Defence have policies around the use of asbestos and removal of asbestos when on deployment overseas? What are these policies?</p> <p>(6) Does Defence have details on the number of current and former ADF employees that may have been exposed to asbestos?</p>	Written	1/12/14	12/02/15
162.	Defence	Xenophon	LAND 400	<p>(1) Regarding the Land 400 project, can you please explain what separate stages it has been broken into and what sort of equipment is to be acquired for each stage?</p> <p>(2) When is First Pass approval likely to occur?</p> <p>(3) What is the Minister's expectation in terms of Australian content in Land 400?</p> <p>(4) Is there a minimum Australian content requirement from Government?</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15
163.	Defence	Xenophon	Fumes entering cockpit of Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter	<p>I understand in 2012, there were three separate incidents of fumes entering the cockpit of the Australian Army's Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter (ARH) - the 'Tiger'.</p> <p>(1) Have fumes in the cabin of the Aussie Tiger caused any reported incidents, cancellation of sorties or missions, health and safety problems for crews in 2013 or to-date in 2014?</p> <p>(2) Has the ADF developed a solution to the fumes problem for the Aussie Tiger?</p> <p>(3) Does the fumes issue require specific procedures to be followed or limitations on duration of flights, overall time spent flying for crews, or any other limitations in the operations of the helicopters?</p>	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15

164.	Defence	Xenophon	Joint Strike Fighters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) What positions and teams have Australian personnel occupied in the JSF Program Office (JPO)? (2) What issues has Australia raised with the JSF Executive Steering Board (JESB)? (3) How many issues raised by Australia in the JSF Executive Steering Board have been overruled? (4) What contributions has Australia made to the JESB? (5) What contributions has Australia made to the design of the F-35? (6) With respect to the F-35, to what extent does Australia engage with areas of the US Department of Defense other than the JPO and JESB, such as the Office of Test and Evaluation or acquisition/costing organisations? (7) To what extent did the Australian civilian and military bodies engage with the US Congressional Budget Office (CBO) or Government Accountability Office (GAO) in assessing costs for the F-35? (8) To what extent has Australian civilian and military bodies considered the estimates of the GAO and CBO, which considered the US Department of Defense's cost estimates to be unrealistic and optimistic, in determining the likely costs and delivery schedule for Australia's F-35s? (9) What was the value of the industrial work share for the F-35 offered by Lockheed Martin in early 2002, and what parts or systems of the aircraft did this include? (10) Why did Australia explore the option of an additional removable fuel tank for the F-35 in September 2002? (11) Did the RAAF consider the range of the JSF with standard internal fuel tanks sufficient for Australia's needs? (12) Why was Australia looking for additional Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities for the F-35 in September 2002? (13) Did Australia consider the standard ISR capabilities of the JSF adequate for Australia's needs? (14) What other additions or modifications for the F-35 did Australia explore in 2002? (15) Why were the additions/modifications not adopted? (16) What other additions or modifications for the F-35 did Australia explore, or request to the JSF programme office since 2002? (17) When did Australia first begin looking at the F-35 as a possible acquisition option for Australia? (18) When did the RAAF first decide the F-35 was the right aircraft for Australia? (19) What was discussed between Prime Minister John Howard and Lockheed Martin in Washington in 2002? 	Written	4/12/14	12/02/15
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165.	Defence	Xenophon	Joint Strike Fighters - Price	<p>(1) In Australia's acquisition of the JSF, who is the seller?</p> <p>(2) What is the ADF's estimate of the Unit Recurring Fly-away cost (URFC) that Australia will be charged (by the seller)?</p> <p>(3) Once you include all the things that need to be paid for to make it operational, what is the ADF's estimate of the "Program Price" of the JSF for Australia? Please specify what you are including in this price.</p> <p>(4) In Estimates in November 2006 the Government said that the price for the JSF was approximately US\$55 million. Why has the URFC gone up so much?</p> <p>(5) Does the Government/ADF have a guaranteed ceiling on the JSF's URF cost above which we will not have to pay? If so, what is it?</p> <p>(6) Does the URF cost quoted to the Government now include the aircraft engine required to fly it?</p> <p>(7) According to Australian Consumer Law (ACL), using a subordinate cost to represent the price of a product or service is called "Component Pricing" or, moreover, "Deceptive Component Pricing" which is misleading and likely deceptive without also stating the full price of the product or service. Why, for the past dozen years or so, have Lockheed Martin been using and been allowed to use a pricing strategy that is clearly in breach of Australian law?</p> <p>(8) Why has such behaviour been condoned as well as adopted by Defence?</p>	Written	4/12/14	12/02/15

166.	Defence	Xenophon	Joint Strike Fighters - Noise	<p>(1) The ADF has conducted Environmental Impact studies of the bases at which the JSF is expected to be operated from. What has the ADF found in relation to RAAF Williamtown, near Newcastle, and whether noise will increase or decrease in the surrounding area, and please specify whether you are talking about average noise, peak noise levels or number of noise incidents or some other measure of noise level?</p> <p>(2) Is it correct that the F135 engines which the JSFs are equipped are among the loudest engines ever built?</p> <p>(3) Will they be the loudest jet engines ever operated by the RAAF?</p> <p>(4) Are they louder (at after-burner thrust levels; namely ETR =150%) than the engines currently operated by the F/A18 Classic Hornets?</p> <p>(5) In the US there are rising concerns, reported in the media, that noise levels experienced in residential areas will increase with the introduction of the JSF. Why are bases in the US preparing for increased noise while the Government here in Australia has concluded that noise will remain about on a par with the current FA18 Classic Hornet operations?</p> <p>(6) Was the RAAF's flight test centre, Aircraft Research and Development Unit, involved in:</p> <p>a. The Noise Studies?</p> <p>b. Independent Verification and Validation of the F-35A JSF take off performance and its ability to do most if not all take-offs at RAAF Base Williamtown in Military Power (ETR = 100%)?</p> <p>(7) Can you provide the Committee with the reports on the Noise Studies, including the Conditions of Test, Methods of Test and the Results as well as the Discussions, Conclusions and Recommendations?</p> <p>(8) Can you provide the Committee with the reports on the F-35A JSF take off performance, including the Conditions of Test, Methods of Test and the Results as well as the Discussions, Conclusions and Recommendations?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
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167.	Defence	Xenophon	Retirement of FA 18 Classic Hornet and JSF schedule	<p>(1) What is the current retirement date for the FA18 Classic Hornet fleet?</p> <p>(2) Will flying hours of these aircraft need to be reduced in that period in order to reach that time frame?</p> <p>(3) What restrictions/limitations apply to the operations of the F/A-18 Hornets at the present</p> <p>(4) Will further restrictions/limitations need to be applied in order for the Hornets to reach the planned retirement date? If so, what are these restrictions/limitations</p> <p>(5) Are there any further upgrades, such as replacement centre barrels, re-wiring, other structural modifications, etc. that need to be completed in order to achieve that time frame?</p> <p>(6) How many centre barrel upgrades have so-far been completed?</p> <p>(7) When does the RAAF now expect the JSF to enter operational service in the RAAF? If 2020, what month in 2020?</p> <p>(8) Given the well-known slide in the schedule of delivery of the JSF and the significant increase in the cost of the project, arguably worse than any other defence acquisition in recent memory, why isn't the JSF project – the NACC/AIR6000 Project- on the top of the DMO Projects of Concern List?</p>	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15
168.	Defence	Xenophon	Joint Strike Fighters – Engine incident	<p>This year a JSF taxiing on a runway had its engine explode and a fire break out as a consequence. The JSF fleet was grounded for several months and the appearance of the aircraft at airshows in the UK was cancelled.</p> <p>Determining the “root cause” of the incident appears to have taken some months and recent reports suggest this has been found, but little detail has emerged. So called “bad rubbing” of turbine blades was identified early on as part of the chain of events that led to the engine explosion, but it's not clear that that was the root cause.</p> <p>(1) Does RAAF know what the root cause of the incident was? If so, what was it?</p> <p>(2) Has the RAAF satisfied itself that the incident has been adequately explained and a remedy has been properly developed and applied?</p> <p>(3) Has RAAF taken steps to determine if its aircraft, either the two so far delivered or any future aircraft, will contain any of the parts identified as problematic following the incident?</p>	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15

169.	Defence	Xenophon	Contestability of ideas	<p>(1) In relation to the discussion between Senator Xenophon and Vice Admiral Griggs about "Contestability of Ideas":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can you please confirm that the minute (COMTRAIN/OUT/2012/S5723813...believed sent sometime after 21 January 2013) was sent out under the authority of COMTRAIN to the addressees on the minute? b. Can you provide details, including correspondence, of what occurred subsequent to the minute (COMTRAIN/OUT/2012/S5723813) being sent with strict reference to generic policy recommendations, not the specific matter which gave cause to the minute being written? <p>(2) In a 20 January email from CDRE Michael Noonan to RADM Timothy Barrett sent on Saturday 19 January 2013 at 01:09 AM, the writer states in a list under Recommended COA at e: <i>"It has been determined that action will be initiated wrt all future Defence contracts, and current contracts where possible, to formally preclude contractors from engaging in public comment about Defence issues"</i>. Please provide details as to whom within Defence had done the <i>"determining"</i> or the circumstances that led the writer to believe that <i>"It has been determined"</i>.</p> <p>(3) What processes and procedures are in place to ensure that those who speak out on defence issues (that may be critical of defence policies) are not in any way either targeted or prejudiced in their dealings with Defence as a result of their views?</p> <p>(4) The DMO website: (http://www.defence.gov.au/dmo/DoingBusiness/ProcurementDefence/ContractinginDMO/ASDEFCON/ASDEFCON-Services.aspx#sthash.wFLdfCvI.dpuf) states that "The most recent version of ASDEFCON (Services) is Version 2.2 (October 2010)". Can Defence confirm that Defence Contracts do not, as a result of the specific matter which gave cause to the minute (COMTRAIN/OUT/2012/S5723813) being written, have standardised words in them referencing public commentary policy words found in Defence Instruction (General) (DI(G)) ADMIN 08-01 <i>Public comment and dissemination of official information by Defence personnel</i>.</p>	Written	28/11/14	12/02/15
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170.	Defence	Xenophon	Collins Class submarines	<p>In relation to Collins Class submarines</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Please provide 2013/14 and forward estimates for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Collins Sustainment Costs b. Collins Operating Costs c. Collins Major Capital Investment program and minor projects (2) What percentage of the Navy's sustainment spend is spent on the Collins fleet? (3) How much money has been spent on submarine sustainment from the commencement of the previous term of government to the commencement of the current term of government? (4) How much money has been spent on submarine sustainment from the commencement of the current term of government to date? (5) What is the current planned handover date of HMAS Collins from ASC to the RAN? (6) How long will HMAS Collins have spent at ASC? (7) In relation to extending the life of the Collins class submarines an extra full docking cycle (i.e. what has previously been referred to as SLEP): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is a life extension still being considered by government? b. If so, what work would need to be carried out above and beyond normal sustainment work to effect a life extension? c. If so, what would the cost of this additional work be? d. If not, why has this strategy been abandoned? (8) Defence advised at Estimates that it is spending \$1M for Australian companies to participate in the US Combat System AN/BYG-1 program. How much, as a percentage, is this in relation to the total amount of money paid to the US Government for the AN/BYG-1 since 2001? (9) How many real emergency events (e.g. fire, flood, hydraulic burst etc) occurred on Collins Class submarines over the past 12 months and please provide details (nature/circumstance/cause) of each event. (10) With respect to recent (last 12 months) international naval exercises that the RAN has participated in? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many were there? b. How many of these were RAN submarines supposed to participate in? c. How many did RAN submarines participate in, fully without a defect which brought the boat alongside? 	Written	04/02/15	12/02/15
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171.	Defence	Xenophon	Future Submarine Program	<p>In relation to the future submarine program:</p> <p>(1) How much money has been spent on the future submarine program since it was first mentioned at National Security Committee in 2008?</p> <p>(2) How much of this future submarine program money has been spent from the commencement of the current term of government to date?</p> <p>(3) With respect to the <i>Submarine Propulsion Energy Support and Integration Facility</i> (SPECIFY) project?</p> <p>a. Noting the Minister's statement re: Option three and four being "fantasy", what is the status of this program?</p> <p>b. How much money has been spent on this program to date?</p> <p>(4) Please provide the forward estimates for the future submarine program.</p> <p>(5) How much (internal to Defence and external to Defence) was spent on the development of that "Future submarine industry skills plan"?</p> <p>(6) Why has it taken 6 years for Defence to articulate its future submarine requirements (noting requirements are solution neutral)?</p> <p>(7) Noting the Minister's statement to the Senate on 27th August 2014 suggesting the most obvious contenders for supplying our future submarines (and a further explanation provided at Estimates).</p> <p>a. With respect to interoperability:</p> <p>i. Do French Navy submarines exercise with US submarines?</p> <p>ii. Do French Navy submarines exercise with the US Navy Surface Fleet and/or US Air Force?</p> <p>iii. Do German Navy submarines exercise with US submarines?</p> <p>iv. Do German Navy submarines exercise with the US Navy Surface Fleet and/or US Air Force?</p> <p>v. Do Japanese Navy submarines exercise with US submarines?</p> <p>vi. Do Japanese Navy submarines exercise with the US Navy Surface Fleet and/or US Air Force?</p> <p>vii. Do the users of French designed submarines exercise with US submarines?</p> <p>viii. Do the users of French designed submarines exercise with the US Navy Surface Fleet and/or US Air Force?</p> <p>ix. Do the users of German designed submarines exercise with US submarines?</p> <p>x. Do the users of German designed submarines exercise with the US Navy Surface Fleet and/or US Air Force?</p> <p>b. What, if anything, is likely to restrict the installation of a US combat system on:</p> <p>i. A French design of submarine</p> <p>ii. A German design of submarine?</p> <p>iii. A Japanese design of submarine?</p>	Written	09/02/15	12/02/15
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<p>Defence Portfolio - Supplementary Budget Estimates, 22 October 2014</p>				<p>(11) Noting submarine capability gap concerns that have been raised by the Minister, has the Department given consideration to an interim solution on the way to a final solution? For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Scorpene to Conventional Barracuda b. Type 214/218SG/Dolphin II to Type 216 c. Soryu to next iteration Japanese submarine design <p>(12) In relation to Mr King's September 2014 trip to Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the position/role of the staffer from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet that travelled with Mr King? b. Was the Prime Minister and Cabinet staffer invited by Defence, and if so, for what purpose? If not, why did he/she travel with Mr King? <p>(13) What agreements have been entered into between Australia and Japan in relation to future submarines, and what are the details of these agreements?</p> <p>(14) What formal agreements are in place in relation to the exchange of classified information between Australia and Japan?</p> <p>(15) With respect to Air Independent Propulsion submarine solutions and a solely lithium ion battery submarine solution (and assuming a comparison has been made under option three and four funding), in broad terms, how do these approaches compare with respect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Indiscretion ratio during high speed transit (e.g. 8 to 12 knots) b. Indiscretion ratio during an opposed transit (e.g. nominally 4 knots) c. Indiscretion ratio at nominal surveillance speed (e.g. nominally 4 knots) d. Total submerged time in area (e.g. nominally 4 knots) <p>(16) How many people were employed by ASC on submarine construction during the height of the Collins build?</p> <p>(17) What is Defence's estimate of the number of Australian's employed on submarine construction during the height of the Collins build?</p> <p>(18) Of the total Collins procurement budget, what percentage of the total price was spent in Australia?</p> <p>(19) Noting Mr King stated of the future submarine program (in answers to question from Senator Fawcett), "The economic benefit does not normally form part of my area—that is a Treasury function":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. On what basis did DMO fund Macroeconomic to fund a study (DMOCIP RFT 0315/2012) into the economic benefit of the SEA 1000 project? b. What weighting does DMO place on Australian Industry Involvement in its procurements? c. What weighting does DMO place on Australian suppliers getting traction in a submarine designer's global supply chain (say, compared to the F-35)? 			<p>12/02/15</p> <p>123</p>
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172.	Defence	Xenophon	DMO employees	(1) What is the total number of DMO employees at present? (2) What was the total number of DMO employees at the commencement of the current term of Government?	Written	5/12/14	12/02/15
173.	Defence	Xenophon	AWD program - discrepancy	(1) Noting ASC is a customer to Defence and the Minister has stated that the AWD program is running at 150 man hours per tonne: a. At what stage did the DMO, who manage the AWD contract, detect this problem? b. What action has Defence taken to ensure this number is reduced? (2) What explanation does Defence have for the discrepancy between the Ministers claimed (to Estimates) 150 hours per tonne number and ASC's claimed (to the Senate) 76 hours per tonne number for AWD construction?	Written	24/11/14	12/02/15

174.	Defence	Xenophon	Fraud	<p>(1) I refer to Q66 from Budget Estimates, 02 June 2014. It was understood by the individual referred to in this question, that Defence ceased any investigative capability in this matter when the then Minister in person, advised the individual in 2010 that his file had been read, he had been to everyone (in Defence) and that there was nothing that the Minister could do. The then Secretary was with him at the time.</p> <p>a. Defence have previously given explanation to the term 'suspend' and 'terminate' with regard to Australian Defence Force discipline. Could Defence now advise an explanation on the sub-paragraph of the definition of defence member relating to the service and ethics requirements of Reserve Defence members: '4(b) a member of the Reserves is taken to be on duty while acting, or purporting to act, in his or her capacity as a member of the Reserves.'</p> <p>b. Given Defence has examined the reasons, can Defence:</p> <p>i. Release the audit attached to letter 'LD 90 24935 / JMOVT 278/95' 'The detail you provided on Sergeant [REDACTED] travel has permitted me to conduct an audit of that particular booking. After reviewing the booking details and the actual airline invoice, I am able to advise that the airline provided the ticket in accordance with the contract and at a very favourable rate in comparison with the prices you advised were available to you...As a managing director of a travel agency you would doubtlessly be aware that the price on the ticket is not necessarily the price that is invoiced by the airline and paid by the customer. Such is the situation in this case.'</p> <p>ii. Can Defence advise the legislative and/or regulatory basis used to support their position that there was insufficient evidence to support the allegations?</p> <p>iii. Can Defence explain the then requirements to be followed by Certifying Officers prior to certification of a claim on DEFMIS?</p> <p>iv. Has Subdivision C- Fraudulent conduct Section 47 contained within the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 been significantly changed or altered since 1995?</p> <p>v. Prior to its repeal in 2001 and replacement by the Criminal Code Amendment (theft, fraud, bribery and related offences) Act 2000, was the Secret Commissions Act 1905, referred to in any investigation of false account reported within the Department of Defence?</p>	Written	28/11/14	12/02/15
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				<p>vi. Is it still the case today as it was in 1992 that 'It is Government policy that Commonwealth departments and agencies must carry out their own investigations of fraud in the first instance, so the Australian Federal Police or State Police should not be approached unless you have been advised to do so by Defence Investigators.'?</p> <p>vii. Can Defence advise how many instances of fraud were referred to the Australian Federal Police in the period 1995-2010 with key words "procure", "contract", "corruption" and "fraud" were used to report relevant cases?</p> <p>(2) I refer to Q06 from Budget Estimates, 02 June 2014. I was advised that "as well as Inspector General Division staff, the plan is supported by a network of 16 fraud control coordinators appointed within the Groups and Services."</p> <p>a. Can you identify the categories of detected fraud for the years 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014?</p> <p>b. Can you identify to which cost centres the 16 fraud control coordinators were allocated?</p> <p>c. Can you identify the value of the detected fraud emanating from each of the individual Groups and Services that have been allocated fraud control coordinators for the last four annual reports?</p> <p>d. Can you update the \$1,412,571 supplied for the recovered Commonwealth funds for the full four year period and then provide a breakdown per financial year.</p>			12/02/15
175.	Defence	Xenophon	Priorities of Inspector General	<p>(1) Can the Inspector General Defence give an indication of what his top investigative priorities are for the financial year 2014-15? If not, why not?</p> <p>(2) What were the completed investigative priorities in 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14?</p> <p>(3) Have any of the results for completed years been published by way of either Defence or AFP media releases? If not, why not?</p> <p>(4) Can Defence identify when the Directorate of Fraud Investigation Systems was first established?</p> <p>(5) You have advised that the current version of the Australian Defence Force Investigator's Course was endorsed in February 2010. Can Defence provide an opinion piece/assessment on the improvement to the Investigator's Course for the period 1995-2010 to support the undertakings of the ADF's 2011 Pathways to Change?</p>	Written	25/11/14	12/02/15

176.	Defence	MacDonald	Dispute between Serco Sedexo and Townsville Demolitions	<p>(1) What was Serco Sodexo Defence Services' (SSDS) contract with Defence in relation to the Macrossan site (the site where Townsville Demolitions commenced work on removal of a building)?</p> <p>(2) Did the original contract between Defence and SSDS call for demolition of a building?</p> <p>(3) Have those buildings been demolished and/or removed? If so by whom and when and at what cost to Defence?</p> <p>(4) What money was paid to SSDS for the contract which involved the work at the Macrossan site?</p> <p>(5) What role did Defence actually play in the demolition or otherwise of buildings at the Macrossan site?</p> <p>(6) Did any part of the contract between Defence and SSDS specifically relate to demolition of the building?</p> <p>(7) What action or discussions took place between Defence and SSDS and any of its subcontractors in relation to those buildings and their demolition or removal?</p>	Written	1/12/14	12/02/15
177.	Defence	MacDonald	Defence and SDSS	<p>(1) On a broader scale please identify all contracts between Defence and SSDS or any associated or subsidiary group or company in the north Queensland region indicating the dollar value of the contracts, the date of commencement and completion of these contracts, and whether such contracts were awarded following an open tender process?</p> <p>(2) Is Defence aware of the "standing offer panel" named by SSDS?</p> <p>(3) Is the existence of such a panel part of any contract or dealing between Defence and SSDS?</p> <p>(4) Is it lawful for SSDS to maintain such a panel that effectively involves a breach of the consumer competition laws in Australia?</p>	Written	27/11/14	12/02/15
178.	Defence	Carr	Future Submarine Project	<p>In relation to the Future Submarine Project:</p> <p>(1) Has DMO budgeted for a contested project definition study involving the contestants for the future submarine project?</p> <p>(2) What measures will the Department put in place to ensure that an overseas builder won't favour their own supply chain?</p> <p>(3) What measures will the Department put in place to ensure the overseas designer will involve Australian industry and supply chains?</p>	Written	5/12/14	12/02/15

179.	Defence	Carr	Defence Force Boots Tender	<p>(1) In relation to the Defence Force Boots Tender and the Department's response to Question on Notice no. 854:</p> <p>a. What scheme exists in Indonesia that is similar to the Homeworkers' Code of Practice? What evidence does the Department have to demonstrate the efficacy of this scheme?</p> <p>(2) In relation to the Defence Force Boots Tender, have any new processes been put in place to ensure greater Ministerial oversight over the awarding of such contracts in future? If so, please provide a detailed summary of what new measures have been or will be put in place.</p>	Written	21/11/14	12/02/15
180.	DMO	Fawcett	APB Program	<p>Mr Gould: This is slightly unusual in the APB program because it is, as you will probably recall, a two-year cycle. This is happening in mid-cycle. So the intent would be to bring it into the next two-year cycle as a formal program.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: The answer on notice last time said that \$1 million had been made available to support the process. You have said that these two contracts are very low dollar value. Do they absorb only a part of or the bulk of that \$1 million?</p> <p>Mr Gould: I will come back to you on that on notice, if I may. I think they will be within that \$1 million.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I would be interested to know if it is only a small part of that or whether there are plans to have a third or fourth contract within this time frame.</p>	Spoken	25/11/14	12/02/15