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Ms Lyn Beverley
Secretary
Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
The Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Beverley

**ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES HEARING
8 FEBRUARY 2016
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Following the hearing on Monday 8 February 2016, the Chair, Senator Bernardi, placed questions on notice about Senate Committees. The answers to these questions are attached.

Yours sincerely

(Rosemary Laing)

Question 9

Additional Estimates, February 2016

Finance and Public Administration Committee

Questions from Senator Cory Bernardi

Parliament

Department of the Senate

Topic: Senate Committees

During this current Senate:

1. How many Senate select committees have been established?

Twelve Senate select committees have been established during the 44th Parliament.

This figure includes a new select committee on the Establishment of a National Integrity Commission agreed by the Senate on 24 February but membership had not been finalised or any hearings held at 24 February 2016.

2. What were the names of these committees?
3. Please provide a list of the members on each of these select committees.
4. Please provide a list of the Chairs of each of these committees.
5. How many hearings did each of these committees hold?

Responses to Questions 2 – 5 are set out in the table below. The table records full members only. Information was current at 25 February 2016 and sets out details relating to eleven select committees.

Senate Select Committee	Chair	Members	Hearings
Abbott Government's Commission of Audit	Senator Di Natale	Senators Bushby, Dastyari, Edwards, Lines, Lundy, Smith Former: Senator Bernardi	7 in January-May 2014
Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs	Senator Lazarus	Senators Ketter, Ludwig, Macdonald, Waters	3 in November 2014 3 in February 2015
Health	Senator O'Neill	Senators Edwards, McAllister, Moore, Muir, Seselja, Williams Former: Senators Cameron, Di Natale, McLucas	15 in August-November 2014 19 in February-June 2015 11 in July-December 2015 2 in February 2016
Murray-Darling Basin Plan	Senator Leyonhjelm	Senators Day, Edwards, Madigan, McAllister, O'Sullivan, Simms Former: Senators Canavan, Rhiannon, Ruston	8 in September-December 2015
National Broadband Network	Senator McLucas	Senators Bilyk, Conroy, Johnston, Lindgren, Ludlam, Reynolds Former: Senators Bernardi, Lundy, McAllister, McEwen, Ruston, Seselja, Sinodinos, Smith, Thorp	4 in November-December 2013 6 in January-May 2014 5 in July-December 2014 2 in March-April 2015 1 on 14 September 2015
Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru	Senator Gallacher	Senators Carr, Hanson-Young, Johnston, Reynolds Former: Senator Bernardi	2 in May-June 2015 1 on 20 July 2015 1 on 20 August 2015

Senate Select Committee	Chair	Members	Hearings
School Funding	Senator Collins	Senators Back, McKenzie, O'Neill, Urquhart, Williams and Wright Former: Senators Kroger and O'Sullivan	10 in February-May 2014
School Funding Investment	Senator Dastyari	Senators Lazarus, McKenzie, McKim, O'Neill and Reynolds	Nil at February 2016
Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures (formerly Abbott Government's Budget Cuts)	Senator Whish-Wilson	Senators Abetz, Edwards, Lines, Singh, Smith and Urquhart Former: Senators Canavan, Dastyari, Di Natale and McGrath	4 in October-December 2014 2 in March 2015 4 in August-November 2015
Unconventional Gas Mining	Senator Lazarus	Senators Johnston, Lindgren, Ludwig, McEwen, Waters Former: Senator Canavan	1 on 17 February 2016
Wind Turbines	Senator Madigan	Senators Back, Canavan, Day, Leyonhjelm and Urquhart	8 in March-June 2015

6. Which senators attended each of these hearings?

The response to this question is set out in the table below. Information is current at 20 February 2016 which is the latest date that Hansards of public hearings are available.

Select Committees - Public hearings and members in attendance - 44th Parliament (as at 20 Feb 2016)

Abbott Government's Commission of Audit

15.1.14	Senators Bushby, Dastyari, Di Natale, Lines, Lundy, Smith	5.2.14	Senators Bushby, Dastyari, Di Natale, Lines, Lundy, Smith
18.2.14	Senators Bernardi, Bushby, Dastyari, Di Natale, Lines, Lundy, Smith	13.3.14	Senators Bushby, Dastyari, Di Natale, Edwards, Lines, Lundy, Smith
1.4.14	Senators Dastyari, Di Natale, Edwards, Lines, Ludlam, Siewert, Smith	15.4.14	Senators Dastyari, Di Natale, Lundy
2.5.14	Senators Dastyari, Di Natale, Eggleston, Lundy, Macdonald		

Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration related to Commonwealth Government Affairs

13.11.14	Senators Ketter, Lazarus, Ludwig, Macdonald, McGrath, O'Sullivan, Waters	21.11.14	Senators Canavan, Conroy, Ketter, Lazarus, Ludwig, Macdonald, McGrath, O'Sullivan, Waters
28.11.14	Senators Canavan, Ketter, Lazarus, Ludwig, Macdonald, McGrath, Waters	4.2.15	Senators Ketter, Lazarus, Ludwig, Waters
5.2.15	Senators Ketter, Lazarus, Ludwig, Waters	19.2.15	Senators Ketter, Lazarus, Ludwig, Waters

Health

21.8.14	Senators McLucas, O'Neill, Waters	28.8.14	Senators Cameron, Di Natale, Edwards, McLucas, O'Neill, Sesejja, Williams
4.9.14	Senators Cameron, Edwards, McLucas, O'Neill, Sesejja	15.9.14	Senators McLucas, O'Neill, Rhiannon
16.9.14	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill, Rhiannon	25.9.14	Senators Cameron, Di Natale, McLucas, O'Neill
30.9.14	Senators Di Natale, McLucas, O'Neill, Williams	2.10.14	Senators Cameron, Di Natale, McLucas, O'Neill, Sesejja
6.10.14	Senators Di Natale, McLucas, O'Neill, Singh	7.10.14	Senators Di Natale, McLucas, O'Neill
8.10.14	Senators Di Natale, McLucas, O'Neill, Williams	9.10.14	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill, Wright

10.10.14	Senators Cameron, O'Neill, Siewert	3.11.14	Senators Bilyk, Cameron, McLucas, Milne, O'Neill, Seselja
4.11.14	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill, Polley, Whish-Wilson	5.2.15	Senators Cameron, Di Natale, McLucas, O'Neill
13.2.15	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill	19.2.15	Senators Cameron, Di Natale, McLucas, O'Neill
10.3.15	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill	11.3.15	Senators Cameron, Ketter, O'Neill
12.3.15	Senators Cameron, Moore, O'Neill	14.4.15	Senators Cameron, Di Natale, McLucas, O'Neill
15.4.15	Senators Cameron, Di Natale, O'Neill, Seselja	16.4.15	Senators Collins, Di Natale, McLucas, O'Neill
17.4.15	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill	27.4.15	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill, Peris
28.4.15	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill, Peris, Siewert	28.4.15	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill, Peris, Siewert
29.4.15	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill, Peris	30.4.15	Senators Cameron, McLucas, O'Neill, Peris
1.5.15	Senators Cameron, Canavan, McLucas, O'Neill	9.6.15	Senators Di Natale, McAllister, McLucas, O'Neill
10.6.15	Senators McAllister, McLucas, O'Neill	11.6.15	Senators McAllister, McLucas, O'Neill
10.7.15	Senators McAllister, McLucas, O'Neill	26.8.15	Senators McLucas, Muir, Williams
28.8.15	Senators McAllister, McLucas, O'Neill	18.9.15	Senators McLucas, O'Neill, Rice
8.10.15	Senators McAllister, McLucas, O'Neill	4.11.15	Senators Muir, O'Neill, Williams
5.11.15	Senators McAllister, Muir, O'Neill	16.11.15	Senators McAllister, McLucas, O'Neill
17.11.15	Senators Ketter, McAllister, O'Neill	27.11.15	Senators McLucas, O'Neill, Williams
11.12.15	Senators Dastyari, Moore, O'Neill, Urquhart	2.2.16	Senators Moore, O'Neill, Williams
3.2.16	Senators McAllister, Moore, O'Neill, Williams		

Murray-Darling Basin Plan

18.9.15	Senators Canavan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, McAllister, Ruston	29.9.15	Senators Canavan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan
26.10.15	Senators Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, McAllister, Williams	27.10.15	Senators Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, McAllister, Williams
5.11.15	Senators Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Marshall, McKenzie	6.11.15	Senators Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, McAllister, McKenzie
8.12.15	Senators Canavan, Day, Edwards, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Simms, Urquhart, Xenophon	9.12.15	Senators Canavan, Day, Edwards, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Simms, Urquhart, Xenophon

National Broadband Network

28.11.13	Senators Conroy, Ludlam, Lundy, Thorp	29.11.13	Senators Conroy, Ludlam, Lundy, Thorp
11.12.13	Senators Conroy, Ludlam, Lundy, Ruston, Seselja, Smith, Thorp	17.12.13	Senators Conroy, Ludlam, O'Neill, Ruston, Seselja, Smith, Thorp
29.1.14	Senators Conroy, Ludlam, Lundy, Ruston, Seselja, Smith, Thorp	4.2.14	Senators Conroy, Lundy, Seselja, Thorp, Whish-Wilson
11.3.14	Senators Conroy, Lundy, O'Neill, Rhiannon, Ruston	12.3.14	Senators Conroy, Lundy, O'Neill, Rhiannon, Ruston, Smith
5.5.14	Senators Conroy, Lundy, O'Neill, Seselja	19.5.14	Senators Lundy, Ruston, Seselja, Thorp
11.7.14	Senators Bernardi, Bilyk, Conroy, Ludlam, Lundy, Smith	26.9.14	Senators Bilyk, Conroy, Lundy, Ruston, Smith
3.10.14	Senators Bernardi, Bilyk, Conroy, Lundy, Ruston, Smith	2.12.14	Senators Bernardi, Bilyk, Conroy, Lundy, Ruston, Smith
4.12.14	Senators Bilyk, Conroy, Lundy, Ruston, Smith	12.3.15	Senators Conroy, Lundy, McEwen, Sinodinos
17.4.15	Senators Bilyk, Conroy, Ludlam, McEwen, Sinodinos	14.9.15	Senators Conroy, Lines, McAllister, Ruston, Sinodinos

Recent Allegations relating to Conditions and Circumstances at the Regional Processing Centre in Nauru

19.5.15	Senators Carr, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Reynolds	9.6.15	Senators Carr, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Reynolds
20.7.15	Senators Carr, Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Johnston, Ludlam	20.8.15	Senators Gallacher, Hanson-Young, Johnston, Ludlam, Reynolds

School Funding

13.3.14	Senators Back, Collins, McKenzie, O'Neill, Urquhart, Williams, Wright	18.2.14	Senators Back, Collins, McKenzie, O'Neill, Urquhart, Wright
1.4.14	Senators Collins, McKenzie, Urquhart, Wright	3.4.14	Senators Collins, McKenzie, Urquhart, Wright
4.4.14	Senators Collins, Urquhart, Wright	29.4.14	Senators Collins, McKenzie, O'Neill, Wright
30.4.14	Senators Collins, Edwards, O'Neill, Wright	30.4.14	Senators Collins, O'Neill, Wright
1.5.14	Senators Back, Collins, McKenzie, O'Neill, Wright	16.5.14	Senators Collins, McKenzie, Urquhart, Wright

School Funding Investment

	No hearings held yet
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Scrutiny of Government Budget Measures (formerly Abbott Government's Budget Cuts)

16.10.14	Senators Canavan, Di Natale, Lines, McGrath, Smith, Urquhart	13.11.14	Senators Di Natale, Lines, Rice, Smith
25.11.14	Senators Di Natale, Lines, Rice, Smith	12.12.14	Senators Lines, Ludlam, McKenzie, Ruston
18.3.15	Senators Canavan, Dastyari, Di Natale, Lines, McGrath, Milne, Smith, Urquhart	26.3.15	Senators Dastyari, Di Natale, Rhiannon, Smith
14.8.15	Senators Dastyari, Smith, Whish-Wilson	9.10.15	Senators Lines, Ludlam, Smith, Whish-Wilson
5.11.15	Senators Dastyari, Urquhart, Whish-Wilson	6.11.15	Senators Dastyari, McKim, Urquhart, Whish-Wilson

Unconventional Gas Mining

17.2.16	Senators Lazarus, Lindgren, Ludwig, Waters
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Wind Turbines

30.3.15	Senators Back, Canavan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Urquhart, Xenophon	18.5.15	Senators Back, Canavan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Marshall
19.5.15	Senators Back, Canavan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Urquhart, Xenophon	9.6.15	Senators Back, Canavan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Urquhart, Xenophon
10.6.15	Senators Back, Canavan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Urquhart, Xenophon	19.6.15	Senators Back, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Urquhart
23.6.15	Senators Back, Cameron, Canavan, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Urquhart	29.6.15	Senators Back, Day, Leyonhjelm, Madigan, Urquhart, Xenophon