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1	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Xenophon, Wong	Air Warfare Destroyer Project - Equivalent Air Warfare Destroyers	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you please, on notice, tell us what ship is equivalent to the AWDs in terms of weapons systems, in terms of capabilities, in terms of tonnage—</p> <p>Senator WONG: And first in class.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: and first class, is an accurate reflection?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Minister, just tell us where we can get the same sort of warship for \$1 billion—the same sort of warship, the same sort of capability, the same sort of tonnage, the same missile system, the same range and the same quality.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I have taken on notice to provide the basis for that comparison.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you please table to this committee the information and advice that you have received that forms the basis of your assertion of the \$3 billion to the \$1 billion comparison? Just show us the evidence.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I have already indicated to you that I will be providing on notice a response to a similar question asked earlier.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 20 & 73, 27 May 2015
2	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Wong	Air Warfare Destroyer Project - Provision of advice from the Department of Finance	<p>Senator WONG: Mr Lamarre, the minister identified you as one of the people who was briefed on the Wednesday prior to the article appearing in <i>The Australian</i> about what was variously described as 'an audit', 'a comprehensive cost recovery' and 'an analysis'. Can you tell me what you were briefed about on Wednesday? The minister has given evidence about this having occurred. What were you briefed about on the Wednesday?</p> <p>Mr Lamarre: We got a preliminary view of the joint release of the two ministers.</p> <p>Senator WONG: From whom?</p> <p>Mr Lamarre: It came about through the Department of Finance.</p> <p>Senator WONG: From whom?</p> <p>Mr Lamarre: I am sorry. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 36-37, 27 May 2015 Answered on the day Page 58
3	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Xenophon	Air Warfare Destroyer Project - Size of the forensic audit	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Sure. And you made reference in your joint media release that 'the government has finalised a forensic audit to quantify the level of costs and schedule overruns in the air warfare destroyer project'. Can you tell us how big that forensic audit is?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you indicate to this committee, in approximate terms, how big the forensic audit is? You have seen the audit; you have read what you can say are the relevant parts of it. Is it a 10-page document, a 20-page, document a 50-page document?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: ... I will take the question that you have asked on notice, and we will take it from there.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 40-41, 27 May 2015
4	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Xenophon	Air Warfare Destroyer Project - Timing of the forensic audit	<p>Senator XENOPHON: When was that? Let's call it a forensic audit; is that okay? Are you happy with that terminology if we call it a forensic audit? It is referred to as a forensic audit in your joint media release.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: ... When did you first see it ...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I would have to take that on notice ...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 42, 27 May 2015

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5	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Xenophon	Air Warfare Destroyer Project - Comparison of costs	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Minister, could you please take on notice the extent to which the \$1.2 billion cost overrun that you refer to can be ascribed to matters that are outside the control of the ASC, whether it is Defence, Navantia, the DMO or whatever?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Halton: Senator, as the group who will have to coordinate that answer, that may be very difficult to do. We will see what we can do.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We have taken it on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: ... The ANAO report from March 2014, ... refers to the <i>2007 Phase 2 overall program Report</i>. ... To what extent do just those two distinct features, referred to in the ANAO report—matters that the alliance, including the ASC, quite properly pointed out caused problems for them—blow out the costs of the AWD? These are matters that were beyond the control of the ASC and, in fact, the ASC highlighted them quite properly to the ANAO.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: ... We have previously taken on notice the question of whether and to what extent we might be able to assist you in allocating the proportions of the—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: And I was assisting you by giving you a specific example.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: and we will review that, and I undertake on notice to consider the specific question you have asked and to what extent we might be able to assist you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 45-46, 56-57 & 73, 27 May 2015
6	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Conroy	Air Warfare Destroyer Project - Timing of German delegation	<p>Senator CONROY: I believe they included, as we have agreed, a Japanese delegation. When was that arranged and when did the French and the Germans come through?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: The arrangement for the visit of the Japanese, I believe, was a couple of weeks ago.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: And the Germans and the French.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Whiley: The French were at ASC last week and some of this week, and I think they are in Western Australia at the end of this week as well. Regarding when the Germans were here, I will take that on notice. I think it was a couple of weeks ago.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 48-49, 27 May 2015
7	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Conroy	Air Warfare Destroyer Project - Copy of delegation program	<p>Senator CONROY: Is there a formal program for the delegation that you have put together?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Within the visit to ASC, yes, there was a formal program.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And Western Australia?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: And in Western Australia, yes.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Can we have a copy of that?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 50-51, 27 May 2015
8	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Conroy	ASC General Manager's access to information	<p>Senator CONROY: In Mr Costello's capacity as executive general manager at ASC, did he have access to information that could be considered sensitive in either a commercial or a national security sense?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I am unsure what information—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We will take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: You must know what information—he is head of strategy—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We have taken the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: What information is an executive manager at ASC privy to?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: That is a different way of asking the same question, and I have already taken that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Would an executive general manager be privy to information concerning ASC's intellectual property—commercially sensitive information, confidential or operational information, information relating to its internal governance structures and decision making processes?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: That is another way of asking the same question, and I have already taken that question on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 51-52, 27 May 2015

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9	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Conroy	ASC Code of Conduct	<p>Senator CONROY: Does ASC have a code of conduct for senior employees? Mr Whiley: We have a code of conduct full stop.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So, there is a requirement that they cannot use the information that they have—how is that articulated in the agreement? Mr Whiley: I am not sure regarding its contract, so I will take that on notice and find out how it is articulated. Senator Cormann: What I will do is see whether we can provide to you a copy of the relevant extract of the code of conduct, and we will take it from there.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 52, 27 May 2015
10	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Conroy	Air Warfare Destroyer Project – contingency spending	<p>Senator CONROY: Minister, on 3 February last year, 2014 at the keel-laying for the second AWD, the then Minister Johnston said: <i>I can confirm that the contingency has not been spent already.</i> So last year, just over 12 months ago, the then minister said the contingency had not been spent. Has the contingency been spent yet? Senator Cormann: I am not aware of what former Minister Johnston may have said. I will have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: So to be absolutely clear and put it beyond doubt and in black and white: the \$1.2 billion is the additional funding requirement to complete the AWD project on top of any funding previously provided to the project, including any contingency funding previously provided to the project. Ms Halton: That is right.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 54, 27 May 2015
11	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Wong	Air Warfare Destroyer Project – briefing information	<p>Mr Lamarre: I was across what the recommendations were. I have been briefed a number of times on the other cost accounts, if you will, and ultimately participated in a meeting in Canberra with Rod Equid, who was representing the alliance. We had a meeting with Finance and Defence and DMO to brief the number. Senator WONG: When was that, approximately? Mr Lamarre: I do not know. We will have to take that on notice. Senator WONG: Was it last year or within the last few weeks? Mr Lamarre: No. It was within the last four to six weeks.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 59, 27 May 2015 Answered on the day Pages 59/60
12	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Wong	Air Warfare Destroyer Project- steering committee minutes	<p>Senator WONG: Ms Hall or Ms Halton—you will take this on notice, I am sure—can I get the minutes of the steering committee, please. Senator Cormann: We will consider that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 62, 27 May 2015
13	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Wong	Air Warfare Destroyer Project – request for copy of forensic audit	<p>Senator WONG: Can I just go them back to the question that I asked you, Senator, which you declined to answer—and I would say to you the reasons you gave are not reasons that are contemplated by the order that the chair read out—and that was whether or not Mr Carter had asked you for a copy of the forensic audit. Senator Cormann: I do not want to talk on behalf of Mr Carter about what was discussed at a private meeting, but I will take it on notice and will consult with Mr Carter to see what he might be prepared for me to provide on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 65, 27 May 2015

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14	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Wong	Air Warfare Destroyer Project – workforce numbers	<p>Senator WONG: ... Please remind me how many of your current workforce—and I know this is hard to attribute because you do submarines and AWDs separately—would you attribute to sustainment and maintenance and how many would you attribute to construction?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am sure he will be able to tell me how many workers Mr Whiley has and how many he has.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think we might have to take it on notice in order to be accurate. I do not think we should put Mr Lamarre a position to provide information—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I will do it this way: how many employees are in your business, Mr Lamarre?</p> <p>Mr Lamarre: About 1,500.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you have any knowledge of approximately how many—and I am happy on notice for it to be corrected—</p> <p>Mr Lamarre: We would have to take it on notice...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 66, 27 May 2015
15	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Wong	Air Warfare Destroyer Project – media release of 22 May 2015	<p>Senator Cormann: ... I was aware of the information the government decided to put into the public domain, and the Minister for Defence and I put the information into the public domain on Friday, 22 May, in the form of a joint statement.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: When was that statement finalised?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was that finalised the night before?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: If you could take on notice when the media release was finalised, but I have this question: when did you and Mr Andrews make a decision to release on the Friday? Was it on the Friday? Or was it on the Thursday, Wednesday or another day?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I would have to check. My recollection is that we initially decided to release the information sometime prior—which stands to reason—to 29 May 2015.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 68, 27 May 2015
16	Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	2/2.6	Ludwig	Numbers of complaints	<p>Senator LUDWIG: That is an interesting point there, Senator Xenophon. I suspect there are people who have live complaints—either complaints about not being able to access, or complaints about your decision in relation to not providing them with X. Is there a number—by scheme? When the merger occurs, I assume they automatically roll over, if there are those—I call them complaints, but you may refer to them differently.</p> <p>Ms McNaughton: We certainly do have those numbers. I will take that back and provide it on notice because I do not have them with me. There are a number of ways in which people can complain, or challenge decisions. We do have a formal complaints handling process that members access. I can provide you with details of those.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Also, the length of time—if you have that statistic—that people have been waiting. I do not want any identified information. I was looking at the way you handle the complaints and the time line for resolution of those complaints—I expect there will be a median and a long tail, in some respects—however you would like to provide that. I can then compare that sometime down the track with how the joined organisation works.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 75, 27 May 2015

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17	Department of Finance	2/2.5	Wong	Air Warfare Destroyer Project - Numbers of external contracts	<p>Senator WONG: I want to ask a follow-up question if I may. Mr Edge, are you able to give us an indication of how many external contracts—contracts with external advisers or service providers—and their cost to date since the change of government have been entered into in relation to the AWD project?</p> <p>Mr Edge: We would have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Halton: Senator, let us come back with a proper answer on this question.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That is fine. I am actually just trying to get the who clarified. I appreciate you want to put it on notice and give me more detail.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 82, 27 May 2015
18	Department of Finance	2/2.5	Wong	Value of Ashurst contract	<p>Senator WONG: It is probably on AusTender somewhere, but can you give me the value of the contract with Ashurst?</p> <p>Ms Halton: On AusTender, it is reported as \$3,643,000.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Has it been varied as well?</p> <p>Ms Halton: Not that I am aware of, but let me check. We will check that for you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 83, 27 May 2015
19	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Wong	Determination of net loss position	<p>Senator WONG: I think I have worked out what Senator Ludwig was referencing. If you go to pages 68-69 of the PBS, he is looking at the net losses from asset sales line item, which is 1.19 and 1.047 in 2015-16 and 2016-17 year. We wanted to understand what assets are giving rise to this net loss and what was the gain and actual loss. How is the net loss position arrived at?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: It relates to property sales. It is obviously a very small number and it relates to any variation between valuation and sale price, but, as to the specifics, we will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We will provide that information on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 83-84, 27 May 2015
20	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Budget measures including second-round effects	<p>Senator WONG: In terms of the budget measures and BP2, is anyone able to point me to any—and people might want to take it on notice as well—measure which includes second-round effects in the costing?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: For completeness, we will take it on notice. I would have thought no, because we have obviously conducted the costings consistent with the requirements of the Charter of Budget Honesty.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 86, 27 May 2015
21	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Department of Finance's input into the 2015-16 'Budget Overview' document	<p>Senator LUDWIG: Are you able to advise the committee which sections of the budget overview were seen by Finance prior to its publication?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take that on notice,</p> <p>Ms Halton: The answer is not much, Senator.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: The glossies for the budget—the family package, the growing jobs and small business, the fairness in tax and benefits, and protecting Australia—they were all Treasury? In other words, did Finance have any role in those glossies?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We have already taken on notice the Finance involvement. This is a Treasury document.</p> <p>Ms Halton: My earlier answer is still apposite.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: You did not clear them or provide any—</p> <p>Ms Halton: No.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 94-95, 27 May 2015

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					<p>Senator LUDWIG: drafting?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Finance did not clear them. Obviously, as I have indicated before, I work very closely with the Treasurer and, personally, I have had a level of involvement in relation to some of that documentation. We have already taken on notice the level of involvement of Finance in relation to various aspects, but it is not much.</p>	
22	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Impact of non-passage of 2014-15 budget savings measures	<p>Senator LUDWIG: If you then look at that, Table 4 on page 3-11 shows the effect of what we will call the Senate, if you want. If you take away the effect of 2018-19, as this is not in reconciliation table on page 3-17, the total effect of that is about \$3.9 billion.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes, but the table on 3-17, as I have indicated before, actually goes over a different period. The table on page 3-17 relates to the 2014-15 forward estimates, whereas Table 4 and Table 3 relate to the 2015-16 estimates and go to 2018-19, so they are not directly comparable, because the final financial year of the current forward estimates is not included.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: It shows in Table 7 on page 3-17 about \$9 billion, so I was just trying to reconcile the difference between the 3.9 and the nine. Even by one year—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: If you want, in order to be helpful, I will take on notice to provide you with a comparison and a reconciliation where we match the differences between Table 7 and Table 4 so that it is very obvious what the effect of 2018-19 is. I will take that on notice and I am pretty confident that we can assist you with that.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 98, 27 May 2015
23	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Combining the CCR and the CCB payments	<p>Senator LUDWIG: So it is pretty clear that it is still on the table. I want to have a look at the breakdown of some of those childcare costings. On page 154 of Budget Paper No.2, in relation to the childcare costing as part of the families package childcare workforce participation stream—are you able to break down the impact of the various aspects of the childcare costings? Can you include the impact of combining the CCR and the CCB payments—I am happy for you to take this on notice, obviously—as well as the changes to the income thresholds and the implementation of the activity test? Separately can you step me through the activity test and specifically how that is applied in the costings?</p> <p>Mr Thomann: The costs here as described in this measure and provided in this resource table are the net additional costs on top of the current arrangements so they will not include childcare benefit or childcare rebate. That is in the base estimate. In relation to the other factors and their relative contribution to the costing, we would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take that on notice. I do understand the issue around the CCR and the CCB. I would have to ask the department responsible.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 102, 27 May 2015
24	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Gallagher	Impact of reversing the CPI measure	<p>Mr Thomann: The impact of reversing the CPI measure is restricted to actually claiming back the cost of implementation, the DHS costs.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: And what were they? Can you provide those?</p> <p>Mr Thomann: From memory, around about \$10 million or something like that.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: It was \$9 million.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So it was \$9 million for the costs of implementation.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We will confirm that.</p> <p>Ms Halton: If we are wrong, we will correct it.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 107, 27 May 2015 Answered on the day Page 107

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25	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Breakdown of Health program measure	<p>Senator LUDWIG: ... Moving to the rationalising and streamlining health program measure—page 110 of Budget Paper No. 2—can you provide a breakdown of the \$968.2 million into the six dot points that are listed in the measure description?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The measure description is what the measure description is. If you want a more detailed breakdown I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I am always pleased when I am in the right area. Then for the smaller government in the Health portfolio on page 111—so the next page of Budget Paper No. 2—I would like a breakdown of the \$113.1 million into the seven dot points that are outlined in that measure as well.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: You would like the breakdown?</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 112, 27 May 2015
26	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Breakdown of Attorney-General's Department funding and efficiencies	<p>Senator LUDWIG: ... Then, in the Attorney-General's portfolio efficiencies—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Page? Is that page 59?</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Page 59, in the efficiencies. I would like a breakdown of how we get to the \$54.2 million from a reduction in departmental funding for the A-G's Department efficiencies to a range of administrative programs.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Sure.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: What I was trying to also understand is how much is from departmental funding and how much is from efficiencies.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We will give you the breakdown.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We will give you the figures on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Maintaining is consistently applied the same way. But we will give you the breakdown on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Perhaps you could then give what the previous figures were.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Sure.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 112-113, 27 May 2015
27	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Gallagher	Breakdown of Department of Education and Training and Human Services' funding and efficiencies	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: In relation to the education and training portfolio, on page 79 of budget paper No. 2. I think these are similar questions to the one Senator Ludwig just asked ... I am really just trying to get an understanding of the different elements relating to the savings there—the breakdown. We will achieve savings over five years. Is that able to be provided, the breakdown of the 131?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Consistent with the approach taken in relation to other measures, we can take that on notice, but just by way of background: the government initiated and has conducted functional and efficiency reviews, so far, into the health and education departments.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: If we could get a breakdown of those, that would be very useful; and the same for the Department of Human Services. I think they are covered on 115.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes, we will do that.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 114, 27 May 2015

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28	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Gallagher	Breakdown of paid parental leave elements	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I know I said I was not going to ask another question on paid parental leave tonight, but I have one more. It is on pages 3 to 11 of BP1. What I am after is a breakdown of the elements that make up that \$10.2 billion, which I think—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: In order to give it to you in a nice table, scientifically, to the last decimal point, I am happy to take it on notice, but what I have just explained is what the information behind it is.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 115, 27 May 2015
29	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Gallagher	Indexation pauses	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: There are a number of initiatives that have an indexation pause. Would you be able to pull those together?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes, on notice, because there is obviously quite a long list. We did provide that last year, so I am very happy to provide that again this year. That is fine.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 115, 27 May 2015
30	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Breakdown of natural disaster recovery payments	<p>Senator LUDWIG: I noticed something under the Attorney-General's portfolio that I missed. On page 60 of Budget Paper No. 2, it says that the government will provide \$41.4 million in 2014-15 and \$11.9 million in 2015-16 to individuals affected by disasters. It then uses the phrase 'and ex gratia payments to New Zealand citizens for bushfires and cyclones in South Australia, Queensland, the Northern Territory, Western Australia and New South Wales'. Can I get a breakdown of the disaster recovery payments that were made?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We might have to take that on notice. Technically, it is a matter for the Attorney-General's portfolio, but, because in this committee we are so helpful we will take it.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 116, 27 May 2015
31	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Profiles of research and development payments	<p>Senator LUDWIG: So with the R&D payment of \$1.5 billion over four years, if you wanted to know what it was in the fourth year, would you divide \$1.5 billion by four?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: No. They are going to have different profiles.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Exactly. So is the information of what their profiles would look like available?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We could take that on notice. I am not sure that it is readily available elsewhere in the budget papers.</p> <p>Ms Blewitt: No.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We could take it on notice because clearly they all have profiles.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: That is what I would have thought. I would like to understand how that profile will look.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: If you want us to take on notice providing you with profiles on the parameter and other variations elements, we can do that.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 117, 27 May 2015
32	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Differences between the 2014-15 MYEFO and 2015-16 Budget	<p>Senator LUDWIG: Is there anything in there that you can provide me which—the information on these link the 2015-16 budget to the 2014-15 budget. That is effectively what you are saying, isn't it?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: It is MYEFO. It is a variation since MYEFO.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: But the difference between 2014-15 MYEFO and the 2015-16 budget?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes. So at the 2014-15 MYEFO the forecast looked like this; at the 2015-16 budget, the forecast is 214 million more. In 2015-16, it is 824 million more over the four years. It started like this; there is an increase; it ends like this.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Because you get actuals.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes, but we can step you through that. ...</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take that on notice just to step me through the figures in this one case so that I can understand it better.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 119, 27 May 2015

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33	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Gallagher	Top 20 fastest-spending programs in the Budget	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I have a question on what I understand is an update, so it must have come up at a previous hearing, on the top 20 fastest-spending programs in the budget.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think there is actually a table, isn't there? To the extent that it is not publicly available, we will see whether we can provide you with some information on notice. There is some information about expenditure.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: It is page 513 of BP1.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: This is not quite what you have just asked.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Top 20 ranked by expenses 2015-16.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Is that it?</p> <p>Ms Halton: Yes. Table 3.1?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Is that what you asked for?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I did.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: These are the top 20 programs by expenditure. I understood that you asked about the top 20 fastest growing.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We might take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: They are different, are they? I see, these are the top 20. These are the largest; not necessarily the fastest growing.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: There is information in a separate table, which I am trying find, not about programs but about portfolio areas.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Okay, that would be great.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: If you go to table 3 in Budget Paper 1, page 1-9 you will see the expenditure growth trends across the various portfolios.</p> <p>Ms Halton: We would need to give it to you on notice in terms of the specific question you asked to begin with, but this gives you a feel.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 121, 27 May 2015
34	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Ludwig	Gateway reviews	<p>Senator LUDWIG: So is there a list of all of the gateway reviews or reviews that you are currently doing both for this budget, and obviously if they go from gateway 1 to 6—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Would you mind if we take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: No. By all means, take it on notice. Just so that I can get a sense of which projects have gateway reviews; so new ones, current ones and where the gateway review is up to for the current ones that are in train?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: So which stage of the process?</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Yes please...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 5-6, 28 May 2015
35	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Ludwig	Gateway reviews – responses to surveys	<p>Senator LUDWIG: Do you track the historical rate of the survey responses by the department?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Yes, we do. We have data for that going back a couple of years.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Can I get that on notice, please?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 6, 28 May 2015

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36	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Ludwig	Gateway reviews – report recommendations	<p>Senator LUDWIG: As to the 90 per cent of Gateway review report recommendations: are they actioned by entities? In other words, is there a historical rate for: they make a review, they make recommendations, they action them, and the survey then says line departments have implemented those fully?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: We would be able to track that, and certainly the reviewers themselves consider those things. But I will take on notice the detail of that question.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 6, 28 May 2015
37	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Ludwig	Indigenous procurement targets by Portfolio	<p>Senator LUDWIG: Thanks. Is there a target in terms of contracts or you are just simply reporting? Is there a level that you are trying to achieve? It might be PM&C trying to achieve and you are reporting against that.</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: There are targets in the policy. The targets are on the number of contracts and it is about an increase in the number of contracts over previous years. In 2015-16, agencies are required to get 0.5 per cent of their contracts with Indigenous companies; in 2016-17, it is 1.5 per cent; in 2017-18, it is two per cent; and, in 2018-19, it is 2.5 per cent.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: So what would the numbers be? The 0.5 and 1.5 per cent—how do you equate those to a number?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: Let's assume that there are 80,000 contracts a year across the Commonwealth. One percent of that is 800 and half a per cent is 400.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take that on notice. I take it that you do have the exact numbers or close enough?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I think we know the numbers by agency. I think they were broken down in the press release.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: See what you can do, thanks.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 19, 28 May 2015
38	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Gallagher	Vacant office space across Government	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you provide the committee with a list of surplus vacant space across government?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We might take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Also, please provide upcoming lease expiry dates. That would be useful, if you could take that on notice as well. In terms of the department of immigration, how to proceed from here with the tender is in a state of active consideration.</p> <p>Ms Halton: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 28, 28 May 2015
39	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Seselja	Car park adjacent to the Department of Immigration	<p>Senator SESELJA: I did not want to focus on Immigration, but obviously that has been canvassed. Maybe this needs to be taken on notice, but it is my understanding that there are the existing large offices in Belconnen and that the car park adjacent to the immigration department—and correct me if I am wrong—is actually Commonwealth land, which is a rare thing. I understand that some of that car park space may actually be Commonwealth—is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Halton: Yes. I think we will have to give you the precise details of that on notice. I think, from what I am being told, this is quite complex.</p> <p>Senator SESELJA: Sure. Obviously if that is the case—and thank you for taking that on notice—there are possibly some opportunities that may not have been considered in terms of what model is needed for Immigration there.</p> <p>Ms Halton: Very possibly.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 29, 28 May 2015
40	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Ketter	Malabar Headland – transfer of ownership	<p>Senator KETTER: Ms Halton, I have some questions in relation to Malabar Headland and, in particular, issues related to the proposed transfer of ownership of parts of that area to the New South Wales government. What is the cost to government for the engagement of Coffey Projects (Australia) Pty Ltd to prepare the initial business case for the divestment of Malabar Headland which was dated 17 September 2014?</p> <p>Ms Halton: We will have to take that on notice. I am advised we do not have that figure here. You would be aware that there was a change in the policy, so we will actually have to look to see whether and if how much was expended.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 33, 28 May 2015

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41	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Ketter	Malabar Headland — cost of Nation Partners to Government	<p>Senator KETTER: I understand another firm, by the name of Nation Partners, was also engaged to do work from the government on Malabar Headland. Could you explain the nature of that work?</p> <p>Ms Elliott: Nation Partners were engaged on Malabar Headland to provide project management and contract administration services and also investigate future development opportunities for the site. That was prior to the announcement on 22 January.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: What was the cost to government of the engagement of Nation Partners?</p> <p>Ms Elliott: I am sorry; I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 34, 28 May 2015
42	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Ketter	Malabar Headland - Engagement of Coffey Projects Australia and Nation Partners	<p>Senator KETTER: Which minister made the decision to engage Coffey Projects (Australia) and Nation Partners, and when was that decision made?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: That would not have been a ministerial decision. That would have been a decision at a departmental level.</p> <p>Ms Halton: That would have been a departmental decision.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: Are you able to provide further information about at what level that decision was made?</p> <p>Ms Halton: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: That decision obviously was not approved by cabinet?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: No.</p> <p>Ms Halton: No.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 34, 28 May 2015
43	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Ketter, Wong	Malabar Headland – expenditure to upgrade lot 301	<p>Senator KETTER: Did the Department of the Environment seek advice from the Department of Finance in relation to this decision to spend \$5 million?</p> <p>Ms Elliott: There have been ongoing discussions with the Department of the Environment, but we did not determine the \$5 million.</p> <p>Senator KETTER: What discussions have been held there?</p> <p>Ms Elliott: My understanding is the \$5 million is for a number of issues. The discussions have been very general around the actual site because we are the</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: When was Finance first aware of the announcement to which Senator Ketter referred?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could you just let us know whether or not Finance was aware of the nature of the announcement, and the expenditure to which Senator Ketter has referred, before the announcement was made. If so, please let us know approximately when Finance became aware of that decision being made.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We might have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I assumed that. Could you also confirm for us—I am sure Senator Ketter will put this on notice at the Environment and Communications Committee or that it will be followed up there—who the decision maker around the expenditure was? Was it only Minister Hunt or was there ministerial involvement or departmental agreement with Finance?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 35-36, 28 May 2015
44	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Wong	Malabar Headland – New Policy Proposal from the Department of the Environment	<p>Senator WONG: Was there an NPP from the Department of the Environment that Finance was aware of?</p> <p>Ms Elliott: I believe there were some comments on an NPP very early on.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: ... I will ask on notice, then: when was the NPP on this received by Finance, if there was one?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 36, 28 May 2015

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45	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Gallagher	The Lodge – breakdown of works undertaken	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Could I maybe get that on notice: what the elements of the work have been for the project? Have security enhancements been informed by another piece of work?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The Lodge refurbishment is a substantial project—</p> <p>Ms Halton: It is very significant.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: including, now, obviously, some security upgrades which have come into scope in more recent times. In relation to Kirribilli, the work that is undertaken at Kirribilli is care and maintenance.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I will be interested in that question on notice concerning the breakdown.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 37-38, 28 May 2015
46	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Gallagher	Australian Rail Track Corporation – expiry of leases	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you provide a list to the committee of all the leases that the ARTC holds, the value of the leases and when they are set to expire?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We might have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, sure. On notice is fine.</p> <p>Ms Halton: And we will have to refer that, obviously, in getting the information, because we do not hold that information.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 42, 28 May 2015
47	Minister for Finance	2/2.3	Gallagher	Australian Rail Track Corporation – discussions about leases with the Deputy Prime Minister	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Have there been discussions with the board of the ARTC about a potential future sale and the timing of it?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Obviously the Deputy Prime Minister and I are the joint shareholder ministers for the ARTC. This, as you have indicated, has been a matter for public discussion for some time. It was something that we looked at and decided not to proceed with in last year's budget, at that time. We decided this year to proceed with it. The day-to-day relationship is managed by the Deputy Prime Minister, so I can take on notice whether he has had any specific conversations prior to this issue being finalised. Personally, I have not had any conversations with the management of the board in the lead-up to this year's budget.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: If you could confirm about the Deputy Prime Minister, that would be useful.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 42-43, 28 May 2015
48	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Gallagher	Australia Post – analysis of efficiencies including labour costs	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is there any more you can provide the committee on that, such as the effect on jobs with the proposed changes, and particularly effects on regions versus metropolitan areas? Was that looked at?</p> <p>Mr Edge: I believe the analysis would have covered a range of things to do with costs, and the proposal that we were reviewing and that led to the announcement was around a different, two-tiered, pricing structure for Australia Post mail deliveries. The impact of that on costs, labour and employment and all the relevant factors would have been considered in terms of our analysis of the proposal.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is there anything you can tell me about that analysis?</p> <p>Mr Edge: I think we would need to take any detailed questions about the analysis on notice. I am not able to respond at this point.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: We might put them on notice then.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 43, 28 May 2015
49	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Breakdown of savings from the functional reviews of the Departments of Health, Education and Attorney-General	<p>Senator LUDWIG: I will start again. The \$106 million from the Department of Health, \$131 million from the Department of Education, \$54.2 million from the Attorney-General's Department and \$168.1 million from the Department of Immigration and Border Protection: are they as a result of—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Perhaps I can pause you there. I think we went through this yesterday in outcome 1.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I should have asked yesterday when I was listening, but the functional reviews: are they available to the committee? Are they going to be released or made publicly available?</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 44-46, 28 May 2015

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					<p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: ... —is there available, once the decision has been made, so with two departments, a breakdown of where those savings are going to come from, whether they are going to come from reduction in staff, whether they are going to come from various sections within the department or divisional areas?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think we might have taken these questions on notice yesterday.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take them on notice.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: To the extent that we did not take these questions on notice yesterday, I am very happy to look at the measures that are reflected in the budget as a result of the functional and efficiency reviews into Health and Education and see what sort of breakdown we may be able to provide. Then we might be able to take it from there at the next estimates.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: In providing that on notice, also could you tell me whether the service standards or the key performance indicators have changed as a consequence ...</p>	
50	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Gallagher	Revenue from the ASIC registry service	<p>Senator Cormann: There is obviously no specific measure reflecting the revenue from the ASIC registry service, but it would be reflected in Budget Paper No. 1 in the context of non-tax revenue received by the government—but it is not specifically identified.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you tell me what it is—just indulge me?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I can tell you on notice. I do not want to be unhelpful, but ASIC is actually in the Treasury portfolio so it is actually revenue; that is part of the Treasury portfolio.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I am very happy to indulge you. In the spirit of indulgence, I am happy to indulge you with the ASIC registry revenues as well, if you are interested.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I am.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: \$430 million in annual review fees, which is about 59 per cent. There are \$3 million in revenue from annual return fees, \$95 million from company incorporations, \$70 million from late payment fees, \$17 million from late lodgement and late review fees, \$43 million from business name registration and renewal, \$7 million from other prescribed fees. Information and search fees make up the remainder—\$52 million information broker fees, \$5 million other search fees—for a total annual revenue in financial year 2014 of \$723 million. That gives you a bit of a flavour. Given that we believe that there is opportunity to grow that revenue substantially in the context of value-added services being provided, it also gives you a flavour for the size of the transaction in the context of releasing some capital value up front in the context of whatever contract we may be able to enter into.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 49, 28 May 2015 Answered on the day Page 51
51	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	Telepresence – cost to date	<p>Mr Sheridan: We have done phase 2, but we have the ability—essentially as part of business as usual—to grow the network more as is required.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: What is the cost to date? I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I would need to take that on notice. I do not have a figure up to date.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Do you keep statistics on the rate of usage?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: We do.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Do you have graphs that demonstrate that or can you make those available to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I can provide the number of meetings conducted, the amount of travel that essentially has been substituted for—</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I was going to come to that.</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I have those statistics, so we can provide them.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I note that on the Finance portfolio budget statement, on page 40, it states that usage should increase 10 per cent annually. Do you have a graph or a table that shows—</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I can provide that. We are certainly meeting that requirement.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 56, 28 May 2015

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					<p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: And the personal videoconferencing units—they were the phase 2 rollout, were they?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: That is right.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Is there a discrete cost for those?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: You mean in terms of project—</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Yes, so phase 1, phase 2.</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: Yes. We have two different project costs. I can provide that detail as well if you would like it.</p>	
52	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	Telepresence – cost per desktop	<p>Senator LUDWIG: And the cost per unit of the desktop?</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: The installed cost is under \$8,000. But I would not mind taking that on notice to confirm, please.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 56, 28 May 2015
53	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	Whole-of-government travel exhibition - costs	<p>Senator LUDWIG: And what is the cost of that?</p> <p>Ms Halton: The cost of which?</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: The exhibition.</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: I do not have the figure in front of me but I imagine that, as is usual, we will charge the vendors taking place. There will be a cost per booth so we will recover some of the cost as a consequence of that.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: If you have got some projected costs, I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: We will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Include the event hiring, the advertising publication costs and the like.</p> <p>Mr Sheridan: Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 61, 28 May 2015
54	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Gallagher	Medical Research Future Fund – list of savings	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I have got some questions on the Medical Research Future Fund, on table 8.3.</p> <p>... Is there a line somewhere in the budget that cross-references that saving line, savings invested in the MRFF?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, it is hard to go back. Is there some way you would be able to provide me with what those savings are?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes, we can; we will give you a list.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: ... We will provide you with a list on notice but ,essentially, at a high level, the savings that are intended to go into this capital fund are savings in health portfolio in the 2014-15 budget that are passing the Parliament.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 61-62, 28 May 2015
55	Department of Finance	2/2.7	Gallagher	Asset Recycling Fund – projects for the ACT and NSW	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: In relation to Budget Paper No. 1, page 543, box 6, when is it anticipated that the Asset Recycling Fund will commence?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Depending on legislation, 1 July 2016.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is there some committed spending already?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes there is. The ACT, New South Wales, and we believe that there are some other bits about to come forward from some of the other jurisdictions.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Are you able to provide the individual projects for the ACT and New South Wales?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 63, 28 May 2015

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56	Department of Finance	2/2.5	Ludwig	Independent Communications Committee appointments- Mr Greg Williams	<p>Senator LUDWIG: ... Is Mr Greg Williams continuing his role with the Victorian government? In other words, these are part-time appointments I take it?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Smyth: We would have to take that on notice. I would have to approach Mr Williams to ask him for that information.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I assumed you would have asked what his continuing employment was when he took it over, but I am happy for you to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 65-66, 28 May 2015
57	Department of Finance	2/2.5	Ludwig	Independent Communications Committee - arrangements	<p>Senator LUDWIG: Except for the salary arrangements, are the arrangements for members of the ICC the same as the previous government arrangements?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I do not pretend to have an intimate understanding of—</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take the question on notice. It is a question of whether the arrangements are the same or different or whether they are new arrangements, or you can take me through the arrangements.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We would probably need to go back and see if we have some historical information on previous arrangements. Otherwise we will just take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 66, 28 May 2015
58	Department of Finance	2/2.5	Ludwig	Independent Communications Committee – approval date	<p>Mr Smyth: And then the advertising materials that the campaign launched on 8 March. As I referred to you earlier, the ICC was not constituted effectively until 17 March.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: And then the letter from—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: It is all here. Then the letter from you approving it was what date?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 68, 28 May 2015
59	Department of Finance	2/2.5	Ludwig	Short-term Interim Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns	<p>Senator LUDWIG: So will the <i>Intergenerational report</i> be the seventh?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: I would have to check exactly when that one was initiated. I think it was initiated back in December, but I would have to check. I think it was, and it was finalised after the new guidelines. But it actually—</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: It was initiated prior to—</p> <p>Mr Smyth: It was prior to 1 February.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Yes. So your rule was that anything initiated prior to 1 February would finish in with the interim guidelines?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Anything that was started under the interim guidelines would be finished under the interim guidelines.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Anything started after 1 February would be finalised from there. And you can take on notice just the dates the executives sent the letter and the date the minister approved those campaigns as well. Thanks.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 69, 28 May 2015
60	Department of Finance	2/2.5	Ludwig	Advertising campaigns currently in the media	<p>Senator LUDWIG: And then—I may have asked this in a roundabout sort of way, but I am happy for you to take it on notice—how many campaigns are currently underway? So the total number of campaigns.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Until a campaign is launched, there is never discussion at estimates about—</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: No, those that are—</p> <p>Mr Smyth: The ones that are currently in the media?</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: There are currently 10 advertising campaigns by non-corporate Commonwealth entities that are running in the media.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: All right. I am happy for you to give me a list of those on notice, thank you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 69, 28 May 2015

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61	Department of Finance	2/2.5	Ludwig	Arrangements for guidelines before the establishment of the Independent Communications Committee	<p>Senator LUDWIG: So effectively the rule was: anything prior to 31 March was done under the interim guidelines. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: Because we did not have an independent communications committee in place, we needed to operate under the interim guidelines.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: So it is correct to say that anything done prior to 31 March was done—</p> <p>Mr Smyth: I will provide on notice, if I could, the exact dates of those things.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 70, 28 May 2015
62	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Gallagher	Coalition Advisory Service – change to positions	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: There are no staff positions allocated for the Coalition Advisory Service. Are they all currently occupied?</p> <p>Ms Moy: I believe they are, yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I think there has been a change since the February estimates, because there was a change in relation to the position of Mr Ruddock, to the individual staff in that unit. Could you say how many continued on in that role? Do you have that information?</p> <p>Ms Moy: I do not have that with me.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: But you could answer it? I do not want individual names.</p> <p>Ms Moy: I can provide it to you on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 73, 28 May 2015
63	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Dastyari	Additional staffing allocated to Hon Philip Ruddock MP	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Perhaps you could take this question on notice, because it is a bit more relevant. The Prime Minister also made an announcement regarding a special role for Mr Ruddock. I was wondering if there was a staffing allocation associated with that.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I am not aware—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: I understand, Minister Ronaldson, that at the next estimates we will get a new table. Because this announcement was made prior to this estimates hearing happening today, if there is a sudden change in the next week or so, can you take on notice whether there is any allocation that will change this document as a result of the Prime Minister's announcement earlier this week?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We will look and see what we can or cannot provide you with.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: I have a follow-up on something I was asking about earlier, Ms Moy—and perhaps a question for the minister. I am not sure if this is the right place to ask it. I asked a question you have taken on notice: whether there was any staff allocation associated with the new role for Mr Ruddock. Can you also take on notice whether there are any remuneration or other associated benefits? Is it a role that has been given to him by the Prime Minister or is it a formal role—an executive appointment?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We will give you what information we can in relation to it.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 74 & 78, 28 May 2015

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64	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Dastyari	Staff assigned to the 'Tax White Paper' unit	<p>Senator DASTYARI: I want to ask about the tax white paper unit. There are five additional staff assigned ...When did they start?</p> <p>Ms Moy: I would have to have a look at that separately. I do not have the date here with me. It would have been since the last estimates.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Moy: The salary rates are published in the MOPS enterprise agreement.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: For us to calculate that we would need to calculate when the start date is, which you are taking on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 74-75 & 78, 28 May 2015
65	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Gallagher	Changes to Communications Allowance budgets following increase to the price of stamps	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I can understand that. In relation to the increase in stamp prices which has been announced—I think Minister Turnbull has announced a two-tiered pricing scheme for letter deliveries—has any analysis been done of how this may impact on members' and senators' communications budgets?</p> <p>Ms Moy: Yes, we are looking at that at the moment. I understand the changes will not come into place until around September, but we are looking at how the two-tiered scheme would impact on the budget, because the budget is currently calculated using the price of a normal stamp—75c.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: The stamps, of course, are a different matter to the entitlements changes. I think the issue with the stamps is determined in April. Is that right? Is it April?</p> <p>Ms Moy: I thought the date of commencement was September, but I would have to go and check.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Moy: The price we use to develop the ongoing budget for 2015-16 is the stamp price in April. However, with these changes occurring in September, we are looking to see what impact that will make on the 2015-16 budget.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 76-77, 28 May 2015 Answered on the day Page 77
66	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Gallagher	Extensions to settling out period following ministerial changes	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I have a couple of questions in relation to if there have been any extensions to the settling out period for MoP(S) employees following any ministerial changes or reshuffles since September 2013.</p> <p>Ms Moy: Since 2013, there have been on a number of occasions and we have reported them at previous estimates.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Okay. For my benefit, could you update that?</p> <p>Ms Moy: There have been a number. I do not think I would remember them all offhand, but as a general rule we could take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 77, 28 May 2015
67	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Gallagher	'Tax White Paper' unit - corresponding ratio to Opposition staffing	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: So Mr Hockey has been given five extra staff to work specifically in the tax white paper unit? Will that flow on to the opposition staff? Is there a ratio that if the government increases its staff numbers by five there is an acknowledgement that the opposition should have a commensurate increase in its staff numbers?</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So that should mean there should be at least an extra staff member allocated to the opposition.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: It is a good try, Senator. I said I would take it on notice and provide you with an answer. I am not going to pre-empt what the response will be.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: We look forward to you implementing the longstanding ratio.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: I am not going to be pre-empt what the response might be to your question, which I have taken on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 78, 28 May 2015

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68	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	Cost of COMCAR services for recent visits by the Netherlands and New Zealand	<p>Senator LUDWIG: All right; put it to the side then. Are you able to then detail for us the visit by the Netherlands—what Comcar usage was undertaken—and the same for New Zealand? Is this information available to the committee?</p> <p>...</p> <p>CHAIR: I think Senator Ludwig was referring to a visit by the Dutch Prime Minister—</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: The Prime Minister, yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: both here in Canberra and Sydney, I think. There was a figure provided to us which did seem quite a lot for a 24-hour visit.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: That is why, I think, we will take it on notice and we will see what we can or cannot do.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 79, 28 May 2015
69	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Dastyari	Costs of the party funding component of Elections	<p>Senator DASTYARI: You were saying there is also the party funding component. Is there any other component—you can take this on notice—that comes to mind? I am not talking about staff travel or other things that have nothing to do with your finance. But is there anything that comes to mind for the Electoral Commission, apart from the party funding and the election funding?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: They are the major components, but I will take that on notice to make sure I do not mislead you.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Please provide an amalgamated figure for the AEC on the parts of an election that relate to you. I understand that there are all these other things that are in different departments that may be somehow linked to an election but which have nothing to do with the AEC. I just want the overall cost for the AEC. There has obviously been a fair bit of discussion—and I am sure you have seen some of the commentary—around Senate voting reform. You are nodding, Mr Rogers, so you are aware of the commentary?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I am aware of the commentary in the media—without going into the specifics of that.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 83, 28 May 2015
70	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Dastyari	Dates of Senate voting reforms	<p>Senator DASTYARI: It is a point I am very happy with. Mr Rogers, when was the last time the commission had to implement any Senate voting reforms? Are we talking the mid-1980s?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Are you able to take on notice—because I assume it is not information you would have readily available—for the 1983 changes, what the period was between the legislation passing and the actual election in which those changes were implemented?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Rogers: We can provide those dates. It is going to be difficult to provide anything more than that given the effluxion of time.</p> <p>...</p> <p>CHAIR: I do think Senator Dastyari has asked for a historical time frame for the 1983 change, from when it passed through the parliament to when it was actually implemented.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: And they are taking it on notice, which I think is acceptable for them.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 84-85, 28 May 2015
71	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Gallagher	AEC's staffing numbers	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: What are the staffing numbers in the AEC? Actually, I think I have them—788?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: That would be roughly correct. The chief finance officer has our budget staffing figures. I can take that on notice and provide you with a detailed breakdown, if that would be of assistance.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 87, 28 May 2015

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72	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Gallagher	AEC's graduate staffing numbers	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Absolutely. How many are involved in your graduate program? Mr Rogers: This year: the answer to that is zero. Last year it was four. This year it was zero. ... Senator GALLAGHER: That is a shame. Have you every gone down to zero before? Mr Rogers: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that information in front of me.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 88, 28 May 2015
73	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Gallagher	AEC's staffing numbers - redundancies	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: In terms of your staffing numbers, the average staffing level at the end of the 2014-15 year was 801, as I understand it. However, the budget papers for the 2014-15 year spoke of an expected 858 positions for that year. Mr Rogers: That is correct. Senator GALLAGHER: So you lost 57 positions over that 12 months? ... Senator GALLAGHER: So that was a mixture of staff vacancies. Were there any redundancies involved in that number? Mr Rogers: I would have to take that on notice. There has been no redundancy program or any widespread redundancies at all. Senator GALLAGHER: Would you mind taking on notice whether there were any redundancies and if there were any compulsory redundancies as part of that answer...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 88, 28 May 2015
74	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Ludwig	Senate counting software language	<p>Senator LUDWIG: Right. The computer program is one that has been around for how long now? It must be a standard— Mr Pirani: No, the computer program was originally developed as part of our Industrial Elections Program. Mr Rogers: I might take that part of the question, Mr Pirani. I think you are heading down a particular path, Senator—I hope. That program has been externally certified—it is obviously an important program for us—to make sure that it is accurate and produces an accurate result. As Mr Pirani said earlier on, the program is based on the act so it produces a result accordingly. Senator LUDWIG: Is that written in a particular language? ... Mr Rogers: I can honestly tell you that I do not know, but I shall find out.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 93, 28 May 2015
75	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Cameron	Scoping study – Australian Hearing Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are the Minister and Department aware of the fears and concerns expressed by parent groups and Australian Hearing clients should Australian Hearing be privatised and sold? 2. Has the scoping study been completed? On what date? What was the final cost of the scoping study? What amounts have been paid to each of the consultants? 3. When did the Minister receive the completed scoping study? 4. Has the Minister for Human Services been briefed on the findings of the scoping study? On what date? By whom? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the Department of Human Services been briefed? On what date? By whom? b) Has Australian Hearing been briefed? On what date? By whom? c) Who else has been briefed on the findings of the scoping study? On what date? By whom? 5. Who is carrying out the further consultations indicated in the Minister's media release on 8 May 2015? Please list who is being consulted and on what date(s). 6. Will the Minister or Department release the scoping study? When? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If not, will the Minister or Department release the findings of the scoping study? b) If not, as the findings of the scoping study are specifically referred to in the Minister's media release dated 8 May 2015, what is the Minister or Department consulting about? 7. Will the Minister listen to the parent and client concerns and rule out privatising Australian Hearing? 	Written

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76	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Rhiannon	Discrepancies between party and donor returns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In response to question reference number F43, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) advised that an automated process had identified 172 potential discrepancies between party and donor returns. The AEC's response also indicated that some of these potential discrepancies would be subject to further review. Can the AEC provide a spreadsheet in an .xlsx or .docx format listing each of these potential discrepancies, including the amount of money, the donor, the party, and an indication of whether it is subject to further review? 2. Can the AEC provide a spreadsheet in an .xlsx or .docx format listing amended party disclosure returns submitted for 2012-13, including the party, the total amount of the requested amendment, and a link to the 'Request for Amendment' form on the AEC website? 3. If the data requested above cannot be supplied in an .xlsx or .docx format please supply a list of the 172 potential discrepancies with the amount of money, the donor, the party, and an indication of whether it is subject to further review. 	Written
77	Department of Finance	General	Waters	Divestment from coal	Has the government done any work to find out how much of the Future Fund is invested in companies earning over 30% of their revenue from coal?	Written
78	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Carr	Procurement Connected Policies	Recommendation number 59 (b) from the Commission of Audit recommended the abolition of all Procurement Connected Policies. Can the Department outline how Procurement Connect Policies have been reviewed in relation to this recommendation, including whether or not the policies are being retained.	Written
79	Department of Finance	1/1.1	McLucas	Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility	What is the role of Finance in the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility?	Written
80	All	General	Ludwig	Departmental Dispute Resolution	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How are disputes between departmental and/or agency staff mediated? 2. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc). b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget. c) When the contract with the firm commenced. d) When the contract with the firm will expire. e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service. f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute. 3. How are code of conduct violations by departmental and/or agency staff mediated? 4. Are any outside firms contracted to assist with this process? If yes: please list them, please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The structure of payments made to each firm (e.g. retainers, fees for each consultation etc). b) Amount paid to each firm since the last budget. c) When the contract with the firm commenced. 	Written

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d) When the contract with the firm will expire. e) Why the firm was selected to provide the service. f) Please provide a list of disputes referred to the firm, including a brief description of the dispute. 	
81	All	General	Ludwig	Non-Australian Citizens Employed by the Department/Agency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's policy with regard to hiring non-Australian citizens? 2. Does the agency have a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) policy? If yes, please provide a summary. 3. How does the Department/Agency determine whether a person is a non-Australian citizen? 4. How many staff who were not Australian Citizens have been hired by the Department/Agency since the Federal Election in September, 2013? Please break the numbers down by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Levels at which they are employed b) Immigration Status (Visa) c) Cultural Background d) Linguistic Background e) How many were hired to satisfy CALD targets? 	Written
82	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Ludwig	Australian Electoral Commission – Portfolio efficiencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is administered revenue projected to fall by \$5 million in the budget estimate for 2015-16? 2. Why is administered revenue in an election year (2016-17) only just above expected non-election years? 3. In the preparation of the Budget 2014-15, what factors went into the calculation of revenue projections for the forward estimates? 4. Was the Commission advised of any planned legislative changes that would affect the Commission's administered revenue? If yes, please detail. Include the date the Commission was advised and a summary of the advice. 5. Is the Commission expected to make savings in the next financial year? If yes, where have savings been found and how much do they total? 6. Is the Commission expected to spend less in the federal election expected in 2016-17 than previous elections? If yes, please detail. Include where the savings will be made and what they will total. 7. Why do the forward estimates for 2016-17 have \$21 less in government revenue for what is the expected election year than the budgeted actuals for 2013-14 (when the Commission administered the 2013 federal election)? 8. Does the Commission commence planning for the public awareness campaign upon the announcement of the election or prior to the announcement of the election by the Prime Minister? If prior, how is the timing decided? 9. Given the reduction in government and administered revenue, how will it affect the Commission's delivery communication, education and public awareness activities to inform Australians of electoral and Parliamentary matters? 10. What is the current level of enrolment participation at this time? 11. Last federal election, the AEC spent \$20.2 m on Government advertising during the federal election campaign to increase voter awareness. What were the outcomes of that program? 12. Your Annual Report for 2013-14 indicates that increase to overall enrolment from 91.2 to 92.3 per cent – with the biggest increase in voter participation with younger voters – who of course are disproportionately disengaged from the electoral process. Given the reduction in funding in the forward estimates, does the Commission expect this to affect the delivery of the Commissions' successful outcomes in these areas seen in the last federal election? If yes, please detail the expected impact on outcomes. 13. How will reductions in funding affect the Indigenous Voter Participation program? 14. Why are employee benefits going fall from \$78.6 m in the 2014-15 actuals to \$74.7 m in the 2015-16 budget estimates? 	Written

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					<p>15. Is this due to a loss of own source revenue or government source revenue?</p> <p>16. How many Commission employees have been made redundant or were retrenched in the last financial year?</p> <p>17. How many Commission employees will be made redundant in the 2015-16 financial year?</p> <p>18. Will this affect the number of staff that the Commission can employ if an election is called? If yes, please detail the effects on election staffing.</p> <p>19. Is the Commission reducing staff to get back to surplus as soon as possible?</p>	
83	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Ludwig	Australian Electoral Commission – Sen Cormann LP Campaign Fund	<p>Referring to the Liberal Party of Australia Annual Disclosure 2012-13.</p> <p>1. Was it determined by the Commission that the Senator M Cormann LP Campaign Fund was a party unit of the Liberal Party WA Division?</p> <p>a) If yes, why did this party unit donate to the National Division of the Liberal Party and not the state branch for the Federal campaign, like most other party units?</p> <p>b) Did this Campaign fund expend any money for political purposes?</p> <p>i. If no, so it just made an \$80,000 donation to the Liberal Party National Division?</p> <p>ii. If no, how does the Commission know whether the Fund expended money for political purposes?</p> <p>iii. If yes, was this included in the WA Divisions Return?</p> <p>c) If no, is it an associated entity under 287(1) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act?</p> <p>i. Is there an Associated Entity disclosure for this fund?</p> <p>ii. If no, why?</p> <p>iii. If yes, could it please be provided to the committee?</p> <p>2. How does the Commission know if donors have donated to this fund in excess of \$12,100?</p>	
84	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Ludwig	Australian Electoral Commission – Incomplete return – WA Division of the Liberal Party of Australia.	<p>Referring to memorandum addressed to the Commission from the State Director of the Western Australian Liberal Party, attached to the Political Party Disclosure Return for the financial year of 2012-13 for that WA branch of the Liberal Party, notifying the Commission of an incomplete return.</p> <p>1. Did the Commission find that the Liberal Party (WA Division) acted legally and diligently in disclosing their return?</p> <p>a) If no, please detail why the Commission came to that conclusion.</p> <p>2. Was the Commission satisfied that all reasonable attempts have been made to obtain the missing information before the Commission accepted the Notice of Incomplete Return? If no, what was the Commission's recommendation to rectify the situation? If yes:</p> <p>a) Please provide a copy of the Commission's findings on this matter.</p> <p>b) Who was involved in signing off on the Notice of Incomplete Return?</p> <p>c) When was the notice lodged?</p> <p>d) When was the notice accepted and processed?</p> <p>e) Why did the Liberal Party (WA Division) have a difference between total receipts between Party Units and the total payments between Party Units?</p> <p>f) Did the amended returns by the Liberal Party (WA Division) rectify the disparity?</p> <p>g) Did the Commission undertake a compliance investigation?</p> <p>i. If no: Why didn't the Commission see a need to undertake a compliance investigation?</p> <p>ii. If yes: please provide a copy of the outcome.</p>	Written

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85	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Ludwig	Enquiry Into Electoral Matters	<p>On the 22nd of May, it was reported in the Herald Sun (pg3) that Senator Ronaldson had asked the Federal Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters to investigate rules and practices at polling places.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would the Special Minister of State be able to elaborate on the community concerns that were raised with him about the conduct of campaigners at polling places? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide details of any occasions where these concerns have been raised? b) Who raised these concerns? c) How many times has the minister been contacted with regard to this issue? 2. Is the Minister exploring any other avenues for reform in this area? IF yes, please provide further details? 3. Has the Minister or his office contacted the AEC to discuss these reforms? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide details about these interactions. b) What views have been expressed by the AEC representatives? 4. Has the Minister of his office consulted with parliamentary colleagues with regard to this enquiry? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide details about these interactions? b) What views have been expressed by parliamentary colleagues? 5. Has the Minister of his office consulted with the Senate Cross Bench with regard to this enquiry? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide details about these interactions? b) What views have been expressed by the Cross Bench? 6. The article mentioned the Minister's concern over union representatives and their actions during Election Day activities. Is the Minister concerned about any non-union groups as well or does he see this enquiry as focusing purely or at least primarily on union activity? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Does the minister believe other community groups such as churches should be investigated, should their members be involved in Election Day activities? Please detail. 7. Does the Minister believe unions or their members should be banned from certain political activities that they are currently allowed to participate in? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Which activities and why? 8. Does the Minister believe any other community groups should also be banned from these activities? If yes: which ones and why? If no, why not? 	Written
86	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	Scoping Studies - general	<p>The Government has flagged a number of government owned asset sales with scoping studies announced as part of the 2015-2016 budget – www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies</p> <p>These assets included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Defence Housing Australia (DHA), o Australian Hearing Services (AHS), o The registry services of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), o The Royal Australian Mint <p>With regard to asset sales more generally:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the process used by the government to identify assets as being candidates for sale? 2. Is there a set of criteria used by the department to determine suitable candidates for sale? 3. Who is typically involved in these discussions? 4. After the scoping study is completed, what are the steps that will follow before the asset is sold? 	Written

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87	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	Scoping Studies – Defence Housing Australia	<p>The Government has flagged a number of government owned asset sales with scoping studies announced as part of the 2015-2016 budget – www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies</p> <p>These assets included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Defence Housing Australia (DHA), ○ Australian Hearing Services (AHS), ○ The registry services of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), ○ The Royal Australian Mint <p>With regard to the DHA scoping study: www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies/scoping-study-terms-of-reference-defence-housing-australia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would you be able to lay out a time frame for the scoping study? 2. Why was it identified as an asset that may be able to be sold? 3. How much revenue is raised by the agency annually? 4. How much do you anticipate the agency would generate at sale? 5. Who has been appointed to provide commercial consultation for the project? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How were they selected? 6. Who has been appointed to provide legal advice on the scoping studies? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How were they selected? <p>Four areas have been identified within the terms of reference as areas of impact worth examining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ quality of housing services to ADF members; ▪ Defence costs and responsiveness of housing provision including as provided for under the DHA/Defence services agreement; ▪ flow-on effects for example to ADF operations, retention and recruitment; and ▪ The housing and property investment industry. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. What would the minister determine to be an acceptable impact on the quality for our ADF personnel and their families as far as their homes are concerned? 8. What would the minister consider an acceptable increase in costs for veterans and their families trying to find a home as a result of the DHA sale? 9. What level of impact on ADF operations, retention and recruitment would the minister be willing to accept? 	Written
88	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	Scoping Studies – Australian Hearing Services	<p>The Government has flagged a number of government owned asset sales with scoping studies announced as part of the 2015-2016 budget – www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies</p> <p>These assets included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Defence Housing Australia (DHA), ○ Australian Hearing Services (AHS), ○ The registry services of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), ○ The Royal Australian Mint <p>With regard to the AHS scoping study: www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies/scoping-study-terms-of-reference-australian-hearing-services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would you be able to lay out a time frame for the scoping study? 	Written

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					<p>2. Why was it identified as an asset that may be able to be sold?</p> <p>3. How much revenue is raised by the agency annually?</p> <p>4. How much do you anticipate the agency would generate at sale?</p> <p>5. Who has been appointed to provide commercial consultation for the project?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) How were they selected?</p> <p>6. Who has been appointed to provide legal advice on the scoping studies?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) How were they selected?</p> <p>As part of the commercial review, in the terms of reference several areas are identified for examination, I'd like to ask a few questions with regard to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ identification of the benefits, risks and costs of options available, including continuing business as is; and ▪ a review of any community service obligations and implications for any change in ownership. <p>7. What would the minister determine to be an acceptable level of risk to the sale of AHS?</p> <p>8. What would the minister determine to be an acceptable level of impact on community services offered by AHS?</p>	
89	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	Scoping Studies – ASIC	<p>The Government has flagged a number of government owned asset sales with scoping studies announced as part of the 2015-2016 budget – www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies</p> <p>These assets included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Defence Housing Australia (DHA), ○ Australian Hearing Services (AHS), ○ The registry services of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), ○ The Royal Australian Mint <p>With regard to the ASIC scoping study: www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies/scoping-study-terms-of-reference-australian-securities-and-investments-commission-asic-registry-business</p> <p>1. Would you be able to lay out a time frame for the scoping study?</p> <p>2. Why was it identified as an asset that may be able to be sold?</p> <p>3. How much revenue is raised by the agency annually?</p> <p>4. How much do you anticipate the agency would generate at sale?</p> <p>5. Who has been appointed to provide commercial consultation for the project?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) How were they selected?</p> <p>6. Who has been appointed to provide legal advice on the scoping studies?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) How were they selected?</p> <p>As part of the terms of reference several areas are identified for examination, I'd like to ask a few questions with regard to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ensure any recommended outcome/s treats any affected ASIC employees in a fair manner, including through the preservation of accrued entitlements ▪ minimise any residual risks and liabilities to the Commonwealth; ▪ consideration of how separating the registry function from ASIC would affect other parts of ASIC; ▪ potential investors, outsource providers or other parties relevant to a new commercial arrangement ; and ▪ identification of any national security issues and mitigation strategies. <p>7. What does the minister believe is a fair way for ASIC employees to be treated throughout the sale, should it occur?</p>	Written

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					a) Would staff reductions be considered to be treating employees in a fair manner? b) Would wage reductions be considered to be treating employees in a fair manner? c) What does the minister consider to be an acceptable level of residual risk or liability to the commonwealth during the sale? d) What does the minister consider to be an acceptable impact on the function of ASIC from the sale of the registry function? e) Have any potential investors been identified? i. Does the minister believe it would be appropriate for foreign investment to be included in the ASIC registry? f) Does the minister believe any damage to our national security is an acceptable cost for the sale of the ASIC registry? If yes, please detail.	
90	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	Scoping Studies – The Mint	The Government has flagged a number of government owned asset sales with scoping studies announced as part of the 2015-2016 budget – www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies These assets included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Defence Housing Australia (DHA), o Australian Hearing Services (AHS), o The registry services of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), o The Royal Australian Mint With regard to the Mint scoping study: www.finance.gov.au/procurement/scoping-studies/scoping-study-terms-of-reference-royal-australian-mint/ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would you be able to lay out a time frame for the scoping study? 2. Why was it identified as an asset that may be able to be sold? 3. How much revenue is raised by the agency annually? 4. How much do you anticipate the agency would generate at sale? 5. Who has been appointed to provide commercial consultation for the project? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How were they selected? 6. Who has been appointed to provide legal advice on the scoping studies? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How were they selected? As part of the terms of reference several areas are identified for examination, I'd like to ask a few questions with regard to the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduce regulation/red tape ▪ Assist small business ▪ Reduce the tax burden on the business sector <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. How does the privatisation of the Mint reduce regulation or red tape? 8. How does the privatisation of the Mint assist small business? 9. How does the privatisation of the Mint reduce the tax Burden on business? 	Written

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91	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	Deregulation Report 2014	<p>I refer you to the Finance Portfolio Annual Deregulation Report for 2014. www.finance.gov.au/sites/default/files/deregulation-annual-report-finance-portfolio.pdf?v=1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On page 3, the document says that no Regulatory Impact Statements (RIS) were completed for the Finance portfolio. On Page 4, the document states that there have been \$72.3m in savings from Deregulatory Measures and \$0 in Regulatory Measures, equalling a net reduction in regulation of \$72.3m <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) When was an RIS last completed? b) Why were there none in 2014-2015? c) Is it unusual to have a year with no RISs having been completed? d) How does the department calculate the costs and benefits of its regulations and deregulations without RISs? e) Has a minister or a representative from the minister's office requested or suggested that RISs should not be completed, or that their completion should be slowed down? If yes: please detail this request. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. When was the request made? ii. Who made the request? iii. What form did the request take? (e.g. email, memo etc). f) Although no RISs were completed, were any commenced or ongoing? If yes, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Can you provide a list of these? Please include the completion date or expected completion date. g) Given that there were no RISs, how did the department arrive at the figures listed on page 4? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How and when was this process developed? 2. On Page 6, the document says that a Ministerial Advisory Council (MAC) is under consideration. What is the progress on this proposal? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How much is it expected to cost? b) When do you expect to have a decision on establishing the MAC? c) Would a MAC replace any existing government stakeholder engagement processes, or just augment them? d) Are there any proposals about how people will be appointed to the MAC? If yes, what are they? 3. On page 6, the document says that the AEC is the only entity within the finance portfolio which is considered a regulator for the purposes of the deregulation agenda. What definition does the government use to define a regulator for the purposes of the deregulation agenda? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is the AEC the only entity within finance that has been asked to look for ways to reduce regulation? b) If yes: Do you not consider there's the possibility to save money by reducing compliance burdens in other areas? Page 12 and 13 of the document list 56 pieces of legislation that are administered by the portfolio, not all of which are covered by the AEC. They range from superannuation legislation to the Qantas Sale Act to entitlements Acts for Judges and Parliamentarians. How do these acts not act as regulation? c) If no: What other areas are being considered and why are they not covered under the definition as it stands? 	Written
92	Department of Finance	2/2.5	Ludwig	Campaigns Reviewed by the ICC	<p>For each campaign reviewed by the ICC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What date did the Department seek consideration of the campaign from the Independent Communications Committee? 2. What date did the Independent Communications Committee provide their report on the compliance of this campaign? 3. What date was the campaign certified by the Chief Executive? 4. What date was the relevant Minister provided with the certification? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Did the minister or the minister's office provide any feedback or comment? If yes, please provide a copy. 5. What date and where is the certification published on the Department's website? 6. What date was this campaign launched? 	Written

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					<p>7. How long will this campaign run for? 8. What is the approved budget for this advertising? 9. What was the process to approve this budget? 10. In the event the project runs over budget, what is the process to acquire additional funding? 11. In the event the project runs under budget, what happens with the remaining funding? 12. What market research was undertaken before this advertising campaign was developed? 13. Who did the market research? 14. How much did the research cost? 15. When was the research conducted? 16. Was the relevant minister or the minister's office provided with a copy or summary of the research? If yes, when? 17. Will you release the research? a) If no, why not? b) If yes, when will it be released? 18. What were the productions costs of making the advertisements? 19. What were the placement costs of these advertisements? 20. Who made the advertisements? 21. Where are they placed? 22. Did the relevant minister or the minister's office see the advertisement before it was distributed? If yes: a) When were they provided with a copy? b) How was the advertisement provided and shown to them? (e.g. sent via email, posted etc) c) Did they provide comment, feedback, advice etc? If yes, please provide a copy. 23. What media type are these advertisements placed in? 24. What is the breakdown of the campaign spending by media type? 25. What is the spend by market?</p>	
93	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	MOPS Act (Cth) entitlements – Office of the Treasurer	<p>Please provide the following information with reference to the Office of the Treasurer in the 2014-15 Financial Year.</p> <p>1. In the 2014-15 financial year, how many ongoing and non-ongoing Senior Government Personal Employees and Government Personal Employees (other than senior staff) did the Treasurer employ? a) Please provide a list of their classification and level (and salary point) pursuant to Part 5.2.1 of <i>Ministers of State Entitlements</i>. b) Are there any personal employees that are employed as Advancers? i. If so, how many? ii. What is there level (or salary point) and classification? c) Are there any personal employees that are employed as graphic designers? i. If so, how many? ii. What is there level (or salary point) and classification? d) Are there any personal employees that are employed as speech writers? i. If so, how many? ii. For each person or persons employed in the capacity of a speech writer, what is their level (or salary point) and classification? e) Are there any personal employees that are not employed in the policy, media or administrative classification? i. If so, please detail their responsibilities. f) Please provide a gender profile.</p> <p>2. In accordance with the departmental determination 2007/PM/1 – Senior Staff Guidelines (Private-Plated Vehicles): how</p>	Written

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					<p>many entitled Senior Government Personal Employees attached to the Office of the Treasurer were currently claiming a private-plated vehicle or a Private-Plated Vehicle Allowance (PPVA) 2014-15 financial year?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Referring to Guideline 4, what are the makes and models selected from the list of Australian manufacturers vehicles issued by the Department, under a vehicle package? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Were there an exceptions granted? ii. If so, why? iii. If so, please detail the make, model and cost. b) Referring to Guideline 9, what is the total of fuel and maintenance costs that were met at official expense for all vehicles? c) Referring to Guideline 12, how many parking and traffic infringement notices were issued and employees nominated for payment by the responsible employee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Were there an exceptions granted? ii. If so, please detail how many times this occurred and for what reasons and who granted the exception? d) Referring to Guideline 14, were there any accidents where the ComInsure excess was met by the Department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many? e) Referring to Guideline 15, were there any incidents where the conduct of the employee rendered the ComInsure policy void or voidable? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many times? ii. If so, were these costs met by the Department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Please itemise all, ministerial and personal employee overseas travel from 30 June 2014 to Budget Estimates with the location and country, date, total amount spent and the purpose of the travel. 4. Pursuant to question 3, please provide the following supplementary information. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How much was spent on accommodation and meals? b) How many personal staff travelled in advance of the Treasurer and what was their classification? c) How many personal staff accompanied the Treasurer and what was their classification? d) How much was spent on accommodation and meals. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please itemise this expenditure. ii. What amount of the subtotal (if any) was spent on hospitality, dining at restaurants or hotels and how many times did this occur? iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what type? iv. If so, please provide the relevant guest lists. 5. Please detail according to each travel item pursuant to question 3, how much was spent on official hospitality? 6. Please detail according to each travel item pursuant to question 3, how much was spent on non-portfolio related official hospitality? 	
94	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	MOPS Act (Cth) entitlements – Office of the Prime Minister	<p>Please provide the following information with reference to the Office of the Prime Minister in the 2014-15 Financial Year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At any point during the 2014-15 financial year, how many ongoing and non-ongoing Senior Government Personal Employees and Government Personal Employees (other than senior staff) did the Prime Minister employ? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide a list of their classification and level (and salary point) pursuant to Part 5.2.1 of <i>Ministers of State Entitlements</i>. b) Are there any personal employees that are employed as Advancers? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many? ii. What is there level (or salary point) and classification? c) Are there any personal employees that are employed as graphic designers? 	Written

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many? ii. What is there level (or salary point) and classification? d) Are there any personal employees that are employed as speech writers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many? ii. For each person or persons employed in the capacity of a speech writer, what is their level (or salary point) and classification? e) Are there any personal employees that are not employed in the policy, media or administrative classification? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, please detail their responsibilities. f) Please provide a gender profile. 2. In accordance with the departmental determination 2007/PM/1 – Senior Staff Guidelines (Private-Plated Vehicles): how many entitled Senior Government Personal Employees attached to the Office of the Prime Minister were currently claiming a private-plated vehicle or a Private-Plated Vehicle Allowance (PPVA) 2014-15 financial year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Referring to Guideline 4, what are the makes and models selected from the list of Australian manufacturers vehicles issued by the Department, under a vehicle package? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Were there an exceptions granted? ii. If so, why? iii. If so, please detail the make, model and cost. b) Referring to Guideline 9, what is the total of fuel and maintenance costs that were met at official expense for all vehicles? c) Referring to Guideline 12, how many parking and traffic infringement notices were issued and employees nominated for payment by the responsible employee? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Were there an exceptions granted? ii. If so, please detail how many times this occurred and for what reasons and who granted the exception? d) Referring to Guideline 14, were there any accidents where the ComInsure excess was met by the Department? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many? e) Referring to Guideline 15, were there any incidents where the conduct of the employee rendered the ComInsure policy void or voidable? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many times? ii. If so, were these costs met by the Department? 	
95	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	Overseas travel entitlements – Office of the Prime Minister	<p>With reference to the Expenditure on Entitlements Paid by the Department of Finance for the Hon Tony Abbott MP Final Report from 1 Jan to 30 June 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to overseas travel expenditure amounting to \$120,309.22 for the Prime Minister to attend the World Economic Forum in Switzerland on a ministerial visit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please itemise this expenditure. b) How many personal employees travelled in advance of the Prime Minister? c) How many personal and departmental employees accompanied the Prime Minister and what was their classification? d) Please itemise expenditure amounting to \$43,694.63 spent on accommodation and meals – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please itemise this expenditure. ii. Was an amount of the subtotal (if any) was spent on official hospitality and dining at restaurants and how many times did this occur? iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what label and vintage? 	Written

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. If so, please provide the relevant guest lists for official hospitality. e) In relation to ‘OS Ministerial – Related Travel Expenses’ amounting to \$20,426.65. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the usual nature of this expenditure? ii. Please itemise this expenditure. 2. In relation to the expenditure amounting to \$219,857.04 for the Prime Minister’s official travel to Japan, Republic of Korea and China on a ministerial visit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What was the purpose of these ministerial visits? b) How many personal staff travelled in advance of the Prime Minister and accompanied the Prime Minister and what was their classification? c) Please itemise expenditure amounting to \$56, 881.13 spent on accommodation and meals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What amount of the subtotal (if any) was spent on official hospitality? ii. Please provide in itemised form: the location, relevant guest lists and the amount spent. iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what label and vintage? d) In relation to ‘OS Ministerial – Related Travel Expenses’ amounting to \$51,813.18. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the usual nature of this expenditure? Please define. ii. Please itemise this expenditure. e) In relation to ‘Official Hospitality non Portfolio related’ amounting to \$58,803.98. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What does the Department mean by non-portfolio related and what type of official hospitality does this include? ii. Please provide in itemised form: the location, relevant guest lists and the amount spent. iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what label and vintage? 3. In relation to the expenditure amounting to \$42,039.98 or the Prime Minister’s official travel to Indonesia, France, Canada and the USA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What was the purpose of these ministerial visits? b) How many personal staff travelled in advance of the Prime Minister and accompanied the Prime Minister and what was their classification? c) Please itemise expenditure amounting to \$13,368.98 spent on accommodation and meals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What amount of the subtotal (if any) was spent on official hospitality? ii. Please provide in itemised form: the location, relevant guest lists and the amount spent. iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what label and vintage? d) In relation to ‘OS Ministerial – Related Travel Expenses’ amounting to \$4,893.50. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the usual nature of this expenditure? Please define. ii. Please itemise this expenditure. e) In relation to ‘Official Hospitality non Portfolio related’ amounting to \$4,592.17. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What does the Department mean by non-portfolio related and what type of official hospitality does this include? Please define. ii. Please provide in itemised form: the location, relevant guest lists and the amount spent. iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what label and vintage? 4. Please itemise all, ministerial and personal employee overseas travel from 30 June 2014 to Budget Estimates with the location and country, date, total amount spent and the purpose of the travel. 5. Pursuant to question 4, please provide the following supplementary information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How much was spent on accommodation and meals? b) How many personal staff travelled in advance of the Prime Minister and accompanied the Prime Minister and what was their classification? 	

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) How much was spent on accommodation and meals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please itemise this expenditure. ii. What amount of the subtotal (if any) was spent on hospitality, dining at restaurants or hotels and how many times did this occur? iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what type? iv. If so, please provide the relevant guest lists. v. Please detail according to each travel item pursuant to question 4, how much was spent on official hospitality? 	
96	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	MOPS Act (Cth) entitlements – All ministerial offices	<p>Please provide the following information with reference to all ministerial offices (with the exception of the Treasurer, the Prime Minister and the AG) in the 2014-15 Financial Year –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the 2014-15 financial year, how many ongoing and non-ongoing Senior Government Personal Employees and Government Personal Employees (other than senior staff) did the Ministerial offices employ? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b) Are there any personal employees that are employed as Advancers? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many? ii. What is there level (or salary point) and classification? c) Are there any personal employees that are employed as graphic designers? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many? ii. What is there level (or salary point) and classification? d) Are there any personal employees that are employed as speech writers? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many? ii. For each person or persons employed in the capacity of a speech writer, what is their level (or salary point) and classification? e) Are there any personal employees that are not employed in the policy, media or administrative classification? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, please detail their responsibilities. f) Please provide a gender profile. 2. In accordance with the departmental determination 2007/PM/1 – Senior Staff Guidelines (Private-Plated Vehicles): how many entitled Senior Government Personal Employees attached to the Office of the Minister for Employment were currently claiming a private-plated vehicle or a Private-Plated Vehicle Allowance (PPVA) 2014-15 financial year? 3. Referring to Guideline 4, what are the makes and models selected from the list of Australian manufacturers vehicles issued by the Department, under a vehicle package? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Were there an exceptions granted? b) If so, why? c) If so, please detail the make, model and cost. 4. Referring to Guideline 9, what is the total of fuel and maintenance costs that were met at official expense for all vehicles? 5. Referring to Guideline 12, how many parking and traffic infringement notices were issued and employees nominated for payment by the responsible employee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Were there an exceptions granted? b) If so, please detail how many times this occurred and for what reasons and who granted the exception? 6. Referring to Guideline 14, were there any accidents where the ComInsure excess was met by the Department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If so, how many? b) What was the cost associated with each? 7. Referring to Guideline 15, were there any incidents where the conduct of the employee rendered the ComInsure policy void or voidable? 	Written

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					<p>a) If so, how many times? b) If so, were these costs met by the Department?</p> <p>8. Please itemise all, ministerial and personal employee overseas travel from 30 June 2014 to Budget Estimates by Minister, with the location and country, date, total amount spent and the purpose of the travel.</p> <p>9. Pursuant to question 8, please provide the following supplementary information.</p> <p>a) How much was spent on accommodation and meals? b) How many personal staff travelled in advance of the Minister and what was their classification? c) How many personal staff accompanied the Minister and what was their classification? d) How much was spent on accommodation and meals.</p> <p>i. Please itemise this expenditure. ii. What amount of the subtotal (if any) was spent on hospitality, dining at restaurants or hotels and how many times did this occur? iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what type? iv. If so, please provide the relevant guest lists.</p> <p>e) Please detail according to each travel item pursuant to question 8, how much was spent on official hospitality? f) Please detail according to each travel item pursuant to question 8, how much was spent on non-portfolio related official hospitality?</p>	
97	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	MOPS Act (Cth) entitlements – Office of the Attorney General and Minister for the Arts	<p>Please provide the following information with reference to the Office of the Attorney General and Minister for the Arts in the 2014-15 Financial Year.</p> <p>1. In the 2014-15 financial year, how many ongoing and non-ongoing Senior Government Personal Employees and Government Personal Employees (other than senior staff) did the Attorney employ?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of their classification and level (and salary point) pursuant to Part 5.2.1 of Ministers of State Entitlements. b) Are there any personal employees that are employed as Advancers? i. If so, how many? ii. What is there level (or salary point) and classification? c) Are there any personal employees that are employed as graphic designers? i. If so, how many? ii. What is there level (or salary point) and classification? d) Are there any personal employees that are employed as speech writers? i. If so, how many? ii. For each person or persons employed in the capacity of a speech writer, what is their level (or salary point) and classification? e) Are there any personal employees that are not employed in the policy, media or administrative classification? i. If so, please detail their responsibilities. f) Please provide a gender profile.</p> <p>2. In accordance with the departmental determination 2007/PM/1 – Senior Staff Guidelines (Private-Plated Vehicles): how many entitled Senior Government Personal Employees attached to the Office of Office of the Attorney General and Minister for the Arts were currently claiming a private-plated vehicle or a Private-Plated Vehicle Allowance (PPVA) 2014-15 financial year?</p> <p>a) Referring to Guideline 4, what are the makes and models selected from the list of Australian manufacturers vehicles issued by the Department, under a vehicle package?</p>	Written

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Were there an exceptions granted? ii. If so, why? iii. If so, please detail the make, model and cost. <p>b) Referring to Guideline 9, what is the total of fuel and maintenance costs that were met at official expense for all vehicles?</p> <p>c) Referring to Guideline 12, how many parking and traffic infringement notices were issued and employees nominated for payment by the responsible employee?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Were there an exceptions granted? ii. If so, please detail how many times this occurred and for what reasons and who granted the exception? <p>d) Referring to Guideline 14, were there any accidents where the ComInsure excess was met by the Department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many? <p>e) Referring to Guideline 15, were there any incidents where the conduct of the employee rendered the ComInsure policy void or voidable?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, how many times? ii. If so, were these costs met by the Department? 	
98	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	Overseas travel entitlements – Office of the Attorney General and Minister for the Arts	<p>With reference to the Expenditure on Entitlements Paid by the Department of Finance for the Senator the Hon George Brandis QC Final Report from 1 Jan to 30 June 2014.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to overseas travel expenditure amounting to \$48,412.57 for the Attorney to attend the high level meetings on national security in the UK and the USA. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please itemise this expenditure. b) How many personal employees travelled in advance of the Attorney? c) How many personal and departmental employees accompanied the Attorney and what was their classification? d) Please itemise expenditure amounting to \$11,061.08 spent on accommodation and meals – <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please itemise this expenditure. ii. Was an amount of the subtotal (if any) was spent on official hospitality and dining at restaurants and how many times did this occur? iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what label and vintage? iv. If so, please provide the relevant guest lists for official hospitality. 2. Referring to media statement from the Office of the Attorney General and Minister for the Arts dated 6 of May 2015 ‘Australian Pavilion at Venice Biennale.’ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please itemise all expenditure. b) How much was spent on accommodation and meals? c) How many personal staff travelled in advance of the Attorney and what was their classification? d) How many personal staff accompanied the Attorney and what was their classification? e) How much was spent on accommodation and meals. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please itemise this expenditure. ii. What amount of the subtotal (if any) was spent on hospitality, dining at restaurants or hotels and how many times did this occur? iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what type? iv. If so, please provide the relevant guest lists. 3. Please itemise all, ministerial and personal employee overseas travel from 30 June 2014 to Budget Estimates with the location and country, date, total amount spent and the purpose of the travel. 	Written

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					<p>4. Pursuant to question 3, please provide the following supplementary information.</p> <p>a) How much was spent on accommodation and meals?</p> <p>b) How many personal staff travelled in advance of the Attorney and what was their classification?</p> <p>c) How many personal staff accompanied the Attorney and what was their classification?</p> <p>d) How much was spent on accommodation and meals.</p> <p>i. Please itemise this expenditure.</p> <p>ii. What amount of the subtotal (if any) was spent on hospitality, dining at restaurants or hotels and how many times did this occur?</p> <p>iii. If so, how much money was spent on wine or alcoholic beverages and on what type?</p> <p>iv. If so, please provide the relevant guest lists.</p>	
99	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Future Fund earnings presentation in the medium term projections	<p>Was the Finance Minister or the Department of Finance involved in any way in the decision to:</p> <p>a) Not include the earnings of the Future Fund in the 2013-14 MYEFO, 2014-15 Budget and 2014-15 MYEFO;</p> <p>b) But include the earnings of the Future Fund in the 2015-16 Budget,</p> <p>for the purposes of the presentation of the medium term projection of the underlying cash balance?</p>	Written
100	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme reforms	<p>With regards to the reforms to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and elements of the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement announced on 27 May 2015:</p> <p>a) Was the funding in relation to this – described as a net saving of \$3.7 billion – in the contingency reserve / decisions taken but not yet announced entries in the 2015-16 Budget?</p> <p>b) Can the Department provide a breakdown of the funding, year-by-year, over the forward estimates for each of the individual elements in the National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2015?</p>	Written
101	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Wong	Staff to conduct process of selling buildings in the Parliamentary triangle	<p>With regards to the \$4.8 million provided as part of the “Smaller Government – Property Divestment Programme – general office accommodation Canberra” measure, how many staff members are included in the costing for that?</p>	Written
102	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Wong	List of properties for divestment	<p>Can the Department provide the committee with a complete list of Commonwealth properties that are currently classified for divestment?</p>	Written
103	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Wong	Streamlining and Improving the Sustainability of Courts	<p>Referring to the measure titled “Streamlining and Improving the Sustainability of Courts” on page 66 of Budget Paper Number Two.</p> <p>1. The measure says that Finance will be provided with \$30 million for refurbishment of Court buildings - which group will be responsible for this in Finance?</p> <p>2. What is the scope of refurbishment – how many court buildings are to be refurbished as a result?</p> <p>3. Does the Department have a timeframe for implementation of this refurbishment?</p> <p>4. When will these be finished?</p>	Written

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104	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Wong	Sale of Mount Macedon Property used by the AEMI	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What will the \$0.5 million in funding be used for? 2. When does the Department anticipate that the property will be sold? 3. What further due diligence is required? 4. What is the type of access that local community groups require for the property? Have there been any issues with these local community groups that the Department have come across? 5. Can the Department provide any information on what costs are involved in moving the Institute to Canberra? 6. Can the Department provide an indication of the value of the property? 7. Can the Department provide the committee with information on who conducted the valuation of the property? 8. Can the Department give an indication of who are the likely buyers – developers? 	Written
105	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Wong	Commonwealth Property Density	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department advise what is the occupational density target for new leases, buildings and major fit-outs? 2. How many departments and agencies in the Commonwealth comply with this target? 3. How many do not? Has the Department got a list of these departments and agencies? What are the reasons for non-compliance? 	Written
106	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Wong	Kirribilli House	<p>Question number 204 from PM&C’s senate estimates hearings in February of this year asked the following question of PM&C: “Since 18 September 2013 what amount has been expended on renovations, refurbishments and repairs at Kirribilli House? Can a breakdown of costs per project be provided?” The answer they came back with was “The Department of Finance, as building owner, has responsibility for these matters.”</p> <p>Given this answer, since 18 September 2013, what amount has been expended on renovations, refurbishments and repairs at Kirribilli House? Can a breakdown of costs per project be provided?</p>	Written
107	Department of Finance	2/2.5	Wong	Whole of Government procurement arrangements – ICT products and services	Can the Department outline how many staff members would be funded from the \$15.6 million in the measure?	Written
108	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Wong	Digital Transformation Office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department outline the specific functions that transferred from Finance to the Digital Transformation Office? 2. Did this involve the transfer of staff? If so, how many staff members transferred? What APS, Executive Level or Senior Executive Service level were they? 	Written
109	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Measures with “funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government” or “savings for this measure have already been provided for by the Government”	<p>For all the measures in the 2015-16 Budget which have in their measure description: “Funding for this measure has already been provided for by the Government” or “Savings for this measure have already been provided for by the Government”, can the Department provide a table that shows the year-by-year over the forward estimates breakdown of the actual funding or savings that have been provided for?</p> <p>For example on page 150 of Budget Paper Number Two and the “Australian Working Life Residence – tightening proportionality requirements” measure, it says there are savings of \$168.6 million but there is no profile year-by-year over the forward estimates – what is this year- by year profile.</p>	Written

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110	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Former efficiencies in Attorney-General's portfolio programs	Can the Department elaborate on the concept of "former efficiencies that were going to terminate" in a number of programs in the Attorney-General's portfolio (see pages 112 and 113 of the Hansard from the transcript of Wednesday's hearing). What were these "former efficiencies"? When were they put in place? Does "maintaining at nominal levels" effectively mean a freeze in indexation for those programs?	Written
111	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Wong	Functional Reviews	For each of the functional reviews that will be initiated for the following departments and agencies (as announced on 11 May 2015): Departments of Agriculture, Environment, Foreign Affairs and Trade, Treasury, Attorney-General's, Social Services; and the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Bureau of Statistics: 1. When will the review start? 2. Will Finance staff be involved in these reviews? If so, will they be outposted into the relevant department/agency? How many staff members would be involved per review? 3. Will external contractors be involved? If so, how many per functional review? 4. Who will lead the review? 5. Who will be ultimately responsible for implementing any recommendations of the review? 6. Will staff of the departments/agencies being reviewed be involved in the process of the review?	Written
112	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Wong	ASIC Registry Function	1. Are there plans to relocate the registry function away from Traralgon? 2. As part of the process of conducting and finalising the scoping study, was the Latrobe City Council consulted? If not, why not?	Written
113	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Welfare Payment Infrastructure Transformation – Tranche One	1. What role will Finance play in relation to the Human Services measure "Welfare Payment Infrastructure Transformation – Tranche One"? 2. When is it envisaged that work on the actual new ICT system would begin? What role would Finance play in that? 3. Can the Department explain where the savings of \$44.7 million in 2017-18 and \$64.2 million in 2018-19 are coming from? What expenditure is being decreased?	Written
114	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Parliamentary Departments – additional funding	1. What will Finance be doing with the \$2.8 million provided under the "Parliamentary Departments – additional funding" measure in the 2015-16 Budget? 2. Are there additional staff members budgeted for under this measure? If so, how many are there?	Written
115	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Washington Chancery	Can the Department provide the full year-by-year profile of funding, including beyond the forward estimates, for the "Washington Chancery – construction" measure?	Written
116	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Wong	Proceeds of sale of surplus land/properties	Is there a budget rule in relation to the proceeds of sale of surplus land/properties, that is, do proceeds automatically go to the Consolidated Revenue Fund, or do they get retained within relevant portfolios?	Written

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117	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Family Tax Benefit Part B costings	Has Finance: 1. Completed a costing; 2. Been provided costing information from the Department of Social Services; 3. Provided advice on this costing or costing information to a) The Minister for Finance; or b) The Minister for Finance's office; in relation to options for modifying the 2014-15 Budget measure titled "Family Payment Reform – limit Family Tax Benefit Part B to families with children under six years of age"?	Written
118	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Digital Transformation Agenda – portfolio contributions	Can the Department provide a table, with year-by-year funding profiles over the forward estimates, of the contributions provided by each portfolio that contribute to the \$120 million in savings as part of the "Digital Transformation Agenda – Portfolio Contributions" measure?	Written
119	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Central Budget Management System – further redevelopment	1. As part of the funding provided to further redevelop the Central Budget Management System, is funding provided for Finance to recruit additional staff members to assist with the redevelopment? 2. If so, how many additional staff members are budgeted for? 3. Are there any external contractors budgeted for under this measure? If so, how many?	Written
120	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Accelerated depreciation for primary producers	1. Was Finance involved in any way with the decision to change the start date for the accelerated depreciation for primary producers measure? 2. Did Finance receive any costings in relation to this? If so, when were they received? 3. Was Finance notified of the decision to change the start date? If so, when?	Written
121	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Wong	Administered Program Indexation Pause – two year extension	1. Was Finance involved in the decision to continue the pause on indexation for 78 out of the 112 programs that had their indexation paused in the 2014-15 Budget? 2. If so, can the Department explain why 78 programs were chosen? Why not all of the 112 programs? Why not more or less?	Written
122	Department of Finance	General	Wong	Enterprise Resource Planning Systems	1. How many Enterprise Resource Planning Systems does Finance have? 2. How much does it cost to operate / run each of these systems? 3. When were each of these systems acquired? Have they been upgraded at any time since their acquisition? 4. When do the licenses for each of these systems expire? Will there be a cost to end any of these licenses early? 5. How many staff members in Finance are responsible for the maintenance / upkeep of each of these systems?	Written

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123	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Wong	Tax White Paper Unit	<p>Can the Minister or Department, as at 1 May 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confirm that the Government had five additional personal positions compared to 1 February 2015; 2. Confirm that these five additional personal positions were added to the Treasurer's office; 3. Advise whether these five additional personal positions are permanent or temporary; 4. Advise that if they are temporary, when these positions would cease to exist; and 5. Advise that if they are permanent, will other personal staff allocations be adjusted to take this into account? 	Written
124	Department of Finance	General	Gallagher	Parking – ballots for reserved car parking spaces	<p>In reference to reports in The Canberra Times that “Reserved car spaces for public servants in Canberra's Parliamentary Triangle are so precious they are being raffled.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the Department confirm whether or not ballots for reserved car spaces have taken place, or are planned to take place? 2. How do the ballots work? 3. Are all employees eligible? If not what level of employee is deemed eligible? 4. What about part time workers; are they eligible and is there a discount for their shorter hours? 5. How often will the ballots take place? 6. What plans are being put in place to get feedback from staff on transitional issues arising from the new arrangements? <p>http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/public-service/car-parks-free-for-industry-department-public-servants-20150621-ghs9ws</p>	Written