

FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES – 20 NOVEMBER 2014

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1	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Moore	Office for Women – Boardlinks (numbers of women on Boards)	How many women have been appointed to Government boards through the Boardlinks program since 7 September 2013? How many women are registered?	Written		
2	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Moore	Office for Women – Boardlinks (funding)	How much funding does it (Boardlinks) receive on an annual basis and over the forward estimates?	Written		
3	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Moore	Office for Women – Boardlinks (newsletter)	When was the last newsletter circulated to those on the Boardlinks mailing list (the website says August 2013)?	Written		
4	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Xenophon	Overview of public sector fraud and financial error	In the recent Budget Estimates June 2014, I asked question F147 which asked for an overview of public sector fraud and financial error. I was advised: <i>The nature of the information collected does not enable an overall figure for fraud to be determined.</i>  Can the Department advise what was the last financial year that it could confidently advise Parliament the figure for determined Australian Government public sector fraud and financial error? If so, what was the year, and what was the figure? If not, why not?	Written		
5	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Rhiannon	Discrepancies over returns (Altum and others)	In May, amended returns were posted on the AEC website for Altum, 6 St Paul's Terrace Trust, and LNP Nominees – all associated entities linked to the LNP in Queensland. These returns showed that the original documents contained millions of dollars in discrepancies, with a \$100 million discrepancy in the case of Altum. Had the AEC reviewed the initial returns?	Written		
6	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Rhiannon	Inquiries about discrepancies	Has the AEC made any specific inquiries about large discrepancies between the documents, particularly: 1. An increase in money received from the LNP to \$1.9 million; 2. An increase in receipts including \$1 million from companies, and a \$1 million discrepancy in the total amount received and the individual amounts disclosed; 3. An increase total payments from \$100,000 to \$3 million; and 4. A reduction in total debt from \$100 million to \$10 million.	Written		

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7	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Rhiannon	LNP fundraising	Has the AEC made any specific inquiries about why the LNP's fundraising bodies have been moving large amounts of money and loans between one another?	Written		
8	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Rhiannon	Referrals to the Australian Federal Police	At Estimates hearings in May 2014, the AFP advised that the AEC had not made any referrals to the AFP on funding and disclosure.  Given that Altum, 6 St Paul's Terrace Trust, and LNP Nominees have moved nearly \$21 million to the LNP in Queensland over the last years, with annual returns revealing a complex web of transactions, is the AEC considering referring the Queensland LNP associated entities for further investigation?	Written		
9	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Rhiannon	Delays in disclosing donations	The AEC has previously raised concerns about the long delay in disclosing donations making it impossible for any illegal action in this area being considered by the Court of Disputed Returns. 1. Does the AEC have any specific cases of concern where delays in reporting have prevented effective enforcement of legislation? 2. What action would be most effective?	Written		
10	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	Electorate Office Relocations	Since Budget Estimates in May 2014: 1. What are the guidelines through which a member or senator can request to have their electorate office relocated? 2. Please provide a list of standard features, fixtures, furniture and other equipment that come standard with an electorate office relocation. 3. Which members and/or senators have relocated their electorate offices to a new location during the specified period? 4. For each listed above, please provide a cost break down for the relocation. 5. For each listed above, please provide a list of all specific requests made by the member, senator or their office for features, fixtures, furniture and other equipment. 6. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the member, senator or their office regarding the office relocation.	Written		
11	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Ludwig	Audit of spending capex and outcomes generated by ICT investment	I refer you to QoN response F276 - from Budget Estimates in May 2014: 1. Can you provide an update on the audit of spending capex and outcomes generated by ICT investment? 2. Which phase are we currently up to? 3. What have been the findings of any completed phases?	Written		

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12	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Ludwig	Air Warfare Destroyer Program Review (Winter Review)	<p>With regard to the Air Warfare Destroyer Program Review (Winter Review):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the cost of the review?</li> <li>2. When will the review be available to the public to read?</li> <li>3. The review recommended changing the management team: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Has the change to the management team occurred? If yes:</li> <li>b) How many people are on the new management team?</li> <li>c) How was this new team selected?</li> <li>d) Is the contract/salary for the new team members costing the government more than the previous arrangement? If yes, please detail.</li> <li>e) Has the new team managed to reduce the cost of the overall project at this stage? If yes, please detail.</li> <li>f) Has the new team managed to reduce the time it will take to complete the Air Warfare Destroyers? If yes, please detail.</li> <li>g) Are there any provisions in the contracts of the new management team that link their continued employment with outcomes? If yes, please detail.</li> <li>h) Are there any provisions in the contracts of the new management team that link bonus payments with outcomes? If yes, please detail.</li> <li>i) Were there any costs associated with ending the contracts of the old management team? If yes, please detail.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Is the government reconsidering future ship building projects in light of the Winter Review? (Such as the next generation submarines and the 8 next generation frigates.) If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What benchmarks are the government looking at to determine the future of ship building in Australia? Please detail.</li> <li>b) How many Australians are currently employed by the Australian ship building industry? (break down by sector construction, maintenance etc)</li> <li>c) What is the timeframe for decision to be taken on the Winter Review?</li> <li>d) What is the timeframe for any change to government policy on the building of ships in Australia</li> <li>e) Has the government considered, or is considering any assistance measures for workers who might be transited to other types of employment if the Australian industry is no longer required to build ships domestically? Please detail.</li> <li>f) Has the government sought or received any advice regarding security concerns that would arise should Australia no longer produce or be able to produce ships domestically in the future? If yes, please detail.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
13	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Administrative Program Index Pause	<p>I refer you to QoN response F27 from Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you provide to the committee an update of any changes to the funding models for the 112 programs detailed at Budget Estimates.</li> <li>2. List each.</li> </ol>	Written		

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14	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	List of Smaller Government surplus Commonwealth properties	I refer you to QoN response F46 from Budget Estimates in May 2014: 1. Can you please update the committee on the status of the list of surplus properties. 2. Has the list been finalised? 3. Have the sales commenced? 4. Please produce the list of properties sold/to be sold. 5. What is the cost of each property? Itemise all costs associated with these properties.	Written		
15	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Government Bodies	I refer you to QoN response F250 from Budget Estimates in May 2014 Attachment A: 1. Could you please update the committee with any changes to the list of Government bodies? 2. Is this list now considered complete? If no: a) When is it expected to be complete? 3. What is the process for finding additional bodies?	Written		
16	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Ludwig	Data.gov.au datasets	I refer you to QoN response F275 from Budget Estimates in May 2014: Can you provide an update regarding work done on making data sets available on data.gov.au, in particular how many requests for data there have been from 13 June to date, and what the updated response rate is?	Written		
17	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	CBMS Redevelopment Project Review	I refer you to QoN response F158 from Budget Estimates in May 2014: 1. Could the Minister please provide an update to the committee on the CBMS Redevelopment Project Review. 2. Could you please provide a copy of the review. If not, could you provide a summary?	Written		
18	Future Fund	1/1.2	Ludwig	Future Fund - Managing Director	I refer you to QoN response F3 - from Budget Estimates in May 2014: What were the final costs for the global search process that resulted in the appointment of David Neal as the Managing Director of the Future Fund? Please provide a detailed breakdown.	Written		
19	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Ludwig	Commissioned Reports (Follow Up)	I refer you to QoN response F159 – from Budget Estimates in May 2014. 1. Please provide an update to the status of the scoping studies on options for future ownership of the ASIC Registry function, Australian Hearing, Defence Housing Australia and the Royal Australian Mint. 2. Could you please provide a copy of these studies? If no, could you provide a summary? 3. What conditions are being placed on the sale of these entities? If the studies are not complete: 4. When is the expected completion date of the study? 5. Are there any preliminary findings available? Please detail.	Written		

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					6. Has there been any level of discussion regarding conditions being placed on the sale of these entities? If yes, please detail.			
20	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Communications and Public Affairs Functions – targeted savings Measures	I refer you to QoN response F239 from Budget Estimates in May 2014: In part 3 of your response, it is stated that “As at 31 May 2014, no guidance or information had been issued to agencies.” Could you please update the committee as to whether this has changed since 31 May 2014?	Written		
21	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Cost Recovery Guidelines	I refer you to QoN response F246 from Budget Estimates in May 2014: Can you provide an update on the review of the cost recovery guidelines?	Written		
22	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Contestability Framework	I refer you to QoN response F249 from Budget Estimates in May 2014: 1. Can you provide an update on the status of the Contestability Framework? 2. Have any particular targets been set in relation to areas for benchmarking? If so, what are they? 3. What process will be used for benchmarking? 4. What is the timeline for implementation? 5. Can you please provide a breakdown of what areas of the Contestability Framework are being dealt with by department / agency?	Written		
23	Department of Finance	1/1.2	Ludwig	ComSuper / Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation merger	I refer you to QoN response F270 - from Budget Estimates in May 2014: 1. Could you please update the committee as to whether a CEO has been chosen for the merged entity and if so, who? 2. Has there been any work done in relation to the effect on staffing levels as a result of the merger? If yes, please detail.	Written		
24	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff Turnover	Could the SMOS please answer the following questions on behalf of all Ministers: 1. List the current staffing allocation for all Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification. 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken	Written		

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					<p>down by their staffing classification</p> <p>5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment.</p>			
25	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Pre-Qualified or Multi-Use panel tenders	<p>Could the SMOS please answer the following questions on behalf of all Ministers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any firms which are on a pre-qualified or multi-use tender panel, for a department or agency overseen by their employing Minister? If yes, please detail.</li> <li>2. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise- in any firms which are on a pre-qualified or multi-use tender panel, for a department or agency overseen by their employing Minister? If yes, please detail.</li> <li>3. Have any Ministers or Ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels?</li> </ol>	Written		
26	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff Vehicles	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, could the SMOS please answer the following questions on behalf of all Ministers:</p> <p>Have any Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the make and model?</li> <li>2. How much did it cost?</li> <li>3. When was it provided?</li> <li>4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> <li>9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written		
27	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	Staffing in the Prime Minister's office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the current staffing of the PMO, broken down by classification?</li> <li>2. Since 7 September - how many people have held each of the positions currently allocated against each classification level? (ie, Since September 3 people have held the 2 positions at XX level...ie. What is the turn over by position?)</li> <li>3. For each position that has been held by more than one person, how long was each person employed against that classification?</li> <li>4. For each position that has been held by more than one person, why did the employee's contract end? (contract length, promotion, resigned, terminated, returned to the department, etc)</li> <li>5. For any employee that has resigned, how many did so to seek employment elsewhere under the MoPS Act?</li> </ol>	Written		

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					<p>6. For any employee that has resigned and was not continuing under the MoPS Act, for what purpose did they resign?</p> <p>7. Under what circumstances does the PMO conduct exit interviews with staff members?</p> <p>8. How many exit interviews have been conducted since 7 September?</p> <p>9. Who conducts the exit interviews for the PMO? Are they conducted by the PM, the PM's CoS or others?</p> <p>10. Who else is present during exit interviews?</p> <p>11. What format to those interviews take?</p> <p>12. Are they conducted in line with the APS or Ministerial staff code of conduct?</p> <p>13. Are they recorded?</p> <p>14. Removing identifiers can you please provide those records to the Committee?</p> <p>15. I refer to the table provided in February estimates 2014 (Government Personal Positions as at 1 February 2014) that noted 11 employees were engaged as "Exec assistant/office manager" and in the document tabled at May estimates 2014 (Government Personal Positions as at 1 May 2014), 10 employees were engaged in the same classification.</p> <p>a) Can you explain to the committee why that occurred?</p> <p>b) Did that change in staffing go to the Government Staffing Committee?</p> <p>c) If not, why not?</p> <p>d) How was a decision taken to reduce the number of Exec Assistant/office manager positions?</p>			
28	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014 could the SMOS please answer the following questions on behalf of all Ministers:</p> <p>1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by any Minister, their office or the department?</p> <p>a) If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level</p> <p>b) If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</p> <p>c) If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</p> <p>2. Can the SMOS confirm that all Ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the Ministerial staff code of conduct?</p> <p>a) If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level?</p> <p>b) How long have they worked for the Minister?</p> <p>3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment?</p> <p>a) If not, on what date did they comply?</p> <p>4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee?</p> <p>a) If so, on what date were those disclosure made?</p> <p>5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee.</p> <p>6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment.</p> <p>7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level.</p>	Written		

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29	All	General	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</li> <li>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> <li>3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ol>	Written		
30	All	General	Ludwig	Statutory Review Provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not?</li> <li>2. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the review.</li> <li>3. When did/will this work begin?</li> <li>4. When is/was the review due to commence.</li> <li>5. What is the expected report date.</li> <li>6. Who is the Minister responsible for the review?</li> <li>7. What department is responsible for the review?</li> <li>8. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.</li> <li>9. List the terms of reference.</li> <li>10. What is the scope of the review?</li> <li>11. Who is conducting the review? How were they selected? What are the legislated obligations for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</li> <li>12. What are the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</li> <li>13. When was the Minister briefed on this matter?</li> <li>14. What decision points are upcoming for the Minister on this matter?</li> <li>15. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review?</li> <li>16. Will the the report will be tabled in Parliament or made public. If so, when?</li> </ol>	Written		
31	All	General	Ludwig	Self-initiated work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the department/agency have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the Minister's office or department management)?</li> <li>2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) When did the project commence?</li> <li>b) When is it expected to conclude?</li> <li>c) What will the total cost of the project be?</li> <li>d) Where did the money for the project come from?</li> <li>e) Where is the project based?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		



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32	All	General	Ludwig	Graduate intake	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the graduate intake for 2012-2013?</li> <li>2. What was the graduate intake for 2013-2014?</li> <li>3. What is the graduate intake for 2014-2015?</li> <li>4. What will be the graduate intake for 2015-2016?</li> </ol>	Written		
33		General	Ludwig	G20 - expenses	<p>Please provide an itemised table of all expenses incurred by the department since September 7, 2013 associated with official G20 and related: working group, taskforce, roundtable, Sherpa meetings, workshop and study groups, events including but not limited to hospitality, accommodation, transport, recreation, merchandise, meals/drinks, catering, and security.</p> <p>For each item, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The name of the event/meeting that the expense related to.</li> <li>2. The location of the event.</li> <li>3. The date of the event.</li> <li>4. The name and ABN of the service provider.</li> <li>5. Advise whether the contract was awarded through an open tender process.</li> <li>6. The total value of the contract/invoice.</li> <li>7. The date the contract was executed by the Department.</li> <li>8. The number of attendees at the event, if applicable.</li> <li>9. Advise whether an Australian Government Minister was in attendance. Please detail.</li> <li>10. Advise whether foreign delegates were in attendance. Please detail.</li> <li>11. Advise whether the contract/expenditure was approved by the Prime Minister's Office, and if so the date that approval was sought and granted.</li> </ol>	Written		
34	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	G20 - Brisbane	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which Ministers from the portfolio attended the G20 conference in Brisbane? For each attending Minister, please answer the following:</li> <li>2. How long will the Minister be in Brisbane for?</li> <li>3. Please provide a copy of the Minister's program and a list of any meetings that are scheduled.</li> <li>4. Did the Minister request any briefing material from the department in relation to the G20? Please provide a list of the briefing titles.</li> <li>5. How many Ministerial staff will attend with the Minister?</li> <li>6. How many departmental staff attended the G20?</li> <li>7. For each Minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on airfares to and from Brisbane?</li> <li>8. For each Minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on accommodation in Brisbane?</li> <li>9. For each Minister and staff member attending, how much was spent on other associated expenses? Please detail.</li> <li>10. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material for the G20? Please detail.</li> <li>11. Will the department be preparing a report following the G20? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What will be the scope of the report?</li> <li>b) When will it be complete?</li> <li>c) Will it be available to the public?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		

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35		General	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals (Ministerial)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the Minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and:</li> <li>2. When was the manual last updated?</li> <li>3. Who is responsible for updating the manual?</li> <li>4. Who is the manual distributed to?</li> <li>5. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department?</li> </ol>	Written		
36		General	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals (Departmental)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the Minister? If yes, please provide a copy and:</li> <li>2. When was the manual last updated?</li> <li>3. Who is responsible for updating the manual?</li> <li>4. Has the Minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail.</li> <li>5. Who is the manual distributed to?</li> <li>6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the Minister or the Minister's office?</li> </ol>	Written		
37	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Domain Usage	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the Minister's office. Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system).</li> <li>2. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site.</li> <li>3. Number of times the site was accessed.</li> </ol>	Written		
38	All	General	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the date they were ordered</li> <li>b) the date they commenced</li> <li>c) the Minister responsible</li> <li>d) the department responsible</li> <li>e) the nature of the review</li> <li>f) their terms of reference</li> <li>g) the scope of the review</li> <li>h) Who is conducting the review</li> <li>i) the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> <li>j) the expected report date</li> <li>k) the budgeted, projected or expected costs</li> <li>l) If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. For any review commenced or ordered Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		

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					<p>trading names</p> <p>b) If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent</p> <p>c) If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item</p> <p>d) If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</p> <p>e) If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</p> <p>f) If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</p> <p>g) If yes, for each, who selected them</p> <p>h) If yes, for each, did the Minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</p> <p>i) If yes, please detail what involvement it was</p> <p>ii) If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</p> <p>iii) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>iv) If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</p> <p>v) If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</p> <p>3. Which reviews are on-going?</p> <p>a) Please list them.</p> <p>b) What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p> <p>4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6. How many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8. What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a) When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c) When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d) Will the government release each review? If so, when? If not, why not?</p>			
39	All	General	Ludwig	Wine Coolers / Fridges	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies? If so:</p> <p>1. List these</p> <p>2. List the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. List the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. Where were these purchased</p> <p>5. List the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. What is the current location for these items?</p> <p>7. What is the current stocking level for each of these items?</p>	Written		

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40	All	General	Ludwig	FOI Requests	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received?</li> <li>2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents?</li> <li>3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest?</li> <li>b) For how many has a redacted document been provided?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
41	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Ministerial Motor vehicle	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, has the Minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the make and model?</li> <li>2. How much did it cost?</li> <li>3. When was it provided?</li> <li>4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a Minister is entitled to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>8. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</li> <li>9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a Minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>10. Have these guidelines changed since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written		
42	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the make and model?</li> <li>2. How much did it cost?</li> <li>3. When was it provided?</li> <li>4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met?</li> <li>5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel.</li> <li>6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met?</li> <li>7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle.</li> <li>8. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> <li>9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</li> <li>10. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written		

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43	All	General	Ludwig	Building Lease Costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department?</li> <li>2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Date the lease agreement is active from.</li> <li>b) Date the lease agreement ends.</li> <li>c) Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not?</li> <li>d) Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>e) Cost of the lease.</li> <li>f) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Date from which the lease agreement was active.</li> <li>b) Date the lease agreement ended.</li> <li>c) Why was the lease not renewed?</li> <li>d) Location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>e) Cost of the lease.</li> <li>f) Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Date the lease agreement is expected to become active.</li> <li>b) Date the lease agreement is expected to end.</li> <li>c) Expected location of the building (City and state).</li> <li>d) Expected cost of the lease. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Has this cost been allocated into the budget?</li> </ol> </li> <li>e) Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. For each building owned or leased by the department: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What is the current occupancy rate for the building?</li> <li>b) If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
44	All	General	Ludwig	Government advertising	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>b) List the approving officer for each item</li> <li>c) Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) List the total expected cost</li> <li>b) List each item of expenditure and cost</li> <li>c) List the approving officer for each item</li> <li>d) Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		

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45	All	General	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	Since Budget Estimates in May 2014: 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? List each item of expenditure and cost. 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes.	Written		
46	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Ministerial Website	Since Budget Estimates in May 2014: 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? List each item of expenditure and cost. 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? 3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.	Written		
47	All	General	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, list any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times: 1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? 2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? 3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal?	Written		
48		General	Ludwig	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	1. Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department. 2. Please list their starting and expiration dates. 3. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail.	Written		
49	All	General	Ludwig	Departmental Upgrades	Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these changes 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, who conducted the works? 5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works 6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?	Written		
50	All	General	Ludwig	Non-Conventional Therapies	Since 7 September 2013: 1. Are non-conventional therapies, for staff or Ministerial use, able to be provided by the department/agency? (Including, but not limited to: Music Therapy, Hypnosis, Acupuncture, Chiropractic, Homeopathy, Naturopathy, etc) If yes: a) What is the process by which these therapies can be approved? b) Who are they available to?	Written		

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					<p>c) Please detail the reasons the therapies able to be provided (e.g. Work Place Agreement, recommended by a report to the department, etc)?</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency paid for any non-conventional therapy for any Minister or staff? If yes:</p> <p>a) What therapies have been provided?</p> <p>b) What were they used to treat?</p> <p>c) What was the cost of the therapy?</p>			
51	All	General	Ludwig	Office Plants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants? If so:</p> <p>1. list these</p> <p>2. list the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. where were these purchased</p> <p>5. list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. what is the current location for these items?</p>	Written		
52	All	General	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)? If so:</p> <p>1. list these</p> <p>2. list the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. where were these purchased</p> <p>5. list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>7. what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written		
53	All	General	Ludwig	Vending machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities? If so:</p> <p>1. List these</p> <p>2. List the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. List the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. Where were these purchased</p> <p>5. List the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. What is the current location for these items?</p> <p>7. What is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written		

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54	All	General	Ludwig	Legal Costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency.</li> <li>List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external.</li> <li>List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, Ministerial).</li> <li>How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice.</li> </ol>	Written		
55	All	General	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What has been provided?</li> <li>The purchase cost.</li> <li>The ongoing cost.</li> <li>A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).</li> <li>A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</li> </ol>	Written		
56	All	General	Ludwig	Lobbyist Register Meetings	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register</li> <li>List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</li> <li>List all interactions between the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</li> </ol>	Written		
57	All	General	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, please detail any board appointments made from to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</li> <li>Has the department instigated or changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.</li> <li>Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed.</li> </ol>	Written		
58	All	General	Ludwig	Staff transfers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many people does your department employ?</li> <li>What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</li> <li>What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</li> <li>What functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?</li> </ol>	Written		



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					<p>5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to?</p> <p>a) How many of these people are employed in Canberra?</p> <p>6. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>7. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013</p> <p>8. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>9. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide:</p> <p>a) their age.</p> <p>b) their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>c) their gender.</p> <p>d) the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>e) a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>10. For every transferred employee, please provide:</p> <p>a) an explanation for their transfer.</p> <p>b) any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer.</p> <p>c) all relevant dates.</p> <p><u>Redundancies</u></p> <p>11. How many positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these positions were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>12. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>13. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>14. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>15. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?</p>			

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					<p>a) How many of these employees were ongoing?                      b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?                      c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>16. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:                      a) Provide a dollar figure of their pay out, their age, gender and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing), responsibilities and where they were located.                      b) Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).                      c) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.                      d) Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.                      e) Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>17. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:                      a) Their age, gender and a description of their position prior to and after redeployment, including the wages of these positions, the APS level of these positions, the contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) and where they were located.                      b) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.                      c) Please provide the reason for that redeployment.                      d) Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>18. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?                      a) How many of these employees were ongoing?                      b) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?                      c) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?                      d) How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?                      i) How many of these employees were ongoing?                      ii) How many of these employees were non-ongoing?                      iii) How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>19. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:                      a) Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located.                      b) Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).                      c) Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.                      d) Please provide the reason for that redundancy.                      e) Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p><u>Hiring</u>                      20. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?                      21. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?                      22. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?</p>			

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					<p>23. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</p> <p>a) How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>i) For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>b) How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>i) For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>24. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?</p> <p>a) For every unapproved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of the unapproved extension, the reasons why the extension was granted, whether the extension was submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval, and the reasons why the extension was granted without the approval of the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>25. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) For every expired non-ongoing contract please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the reason why an extension was not sought, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>26. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>27. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>i) For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>b) How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>i) For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public</p>			

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					<p>Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>28. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a) For every non-ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p> <p>29. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>30. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>a) How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>i) For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>b) How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>i) For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>31. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a) For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason for engaging this employee without the Public Service Commission's approval, as well as all relevant dates.</p>			
59	All	General	Ludwig	Existing Resources Program	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, how many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List each.</li> <li>2. List the staffing assigned to each task.</li> <li>3. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project?</li> <li>4. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?</li> </ol>	Written		

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60	All	General	Ludwig	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do any contracts managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations or restrictions on advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created?</li> <li>2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</li> <li>3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?</li> <li>4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</li> <li>5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?</li> <li>6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?</li> <li>7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public?</li> <li>b) If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?</li> <li>c) If no consultation has occurred, why not?</li> </ol> </li> <li>8. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?</li> </ol>	Written		
61	All	General	Ludwig	Market Research	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, list any market research conducted by the department/agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List the total cost of this research.</li> <li>2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program</li> <li>3. Who conducted the research?</li> <li>4. How were they identified?</li> <li>5. Where was the research conducted?</li> <li>6. In what way was the research conducted?</li> <li>7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used?</li> <li>8. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?</li> <li>9. How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected?</li> <li>10. What input did the Minister have?</li> <li>11. How was it approved?</li> <li>12. Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written		
62	All	General	Ludwig	Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Department/Agency have existing prequalified or multi-use list panels for tenders?</li> <li>2. Please list all prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency?</li> <li>3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels?</li> <li>4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels?</li> </ol>	Written		

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					5. Do any Ministerial staff have interest- financial or otherwise in any of the firms on your panel? 6. Have the Minister or Ministerial staff made representations concerning the panels? 7. Is Australian Public Affairs on any of your panels?			
63	All	General	Ludwig	Communications staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 1. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. 2. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. 3. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. 4. How many are graphic designers? 5. How many are media managers? 6. How many organise events?	Written		
64	All	General	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	The following questions relate to requests made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (the Act): 1. <u>Consultations with other Departments, Agencies and the Minister</u> a) Other than for the purpose of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, does the Department consult or inform other Departments or Agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so, for each instance provide a table setting out the following information: i) The Department or Agency which was consulted; ii) The document; iii) The purpose of the consultation; iv) Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; v) Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension. b) Other than for the purposes of discussing a transfer under section 16 of the Act, has the Department consulted or informed the Minister’s office about Freedom of Information requests it has received? If yes, provide a table setting out the following information: i) The requests with respect to which the Minister or Ministerial office was consulted; ii) The Minister or Ministerial office which was consulted; iii) The purpose of the consultation; iv) Whether an extension of time was sought from the applicant to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension; v) Whether an extension of time was sought from the Information Commissioner to allow time for the consultation, including whether it was granted and the length of the extension. vi) Whether any briefings (including formal briefs, email briefings and verbal briefings) were provided to the Minister’s office. 2. <u>Staffing resources</u>	Written		

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					<p>a) The following questions relate to the period from 18 September 2013: For the period of time from 18 September 2013, what was the average FTE is allocated to processing FOI requests?</p> <p>3. <u>FOI Disclosure Log</u></p> <p>a) For the purposes of meeting its obligations under 11C of the Act, does the Department or Agency:</p> <p>i) Maintain a webpage allowing download of documents released under section 11A (direct download)?</p> <p>ii) Require individuals to contact the Department or Agency to ask for the provision of those documents (request for provision)?</p> <p>iii) Facilitate to those documents in a different manner (if so, specify).</p> <p>b) If the Department or Agency has moved from a system of meetings its 11C obligations by direct download, to a system of meeting those obligations by request for provision, provide the following information:</p> <p>i) The dates for which documents were made available for direct download, and the dates for which documents were made available through request for provision;</p> <p>ii) The total number of direct downloads of documents released under 11A the Departmental or Agency website;</p> <p>iii) The total number of requests for provision to documents that had been directly received, and how many had been processed to date?</p> <p>iv) What was the average FTE allocated to monitoring incoming email, collating and forwarding documents providing under a request for provision?</p> <p>v) What was the approximate cost for salaries for the FTE staff allocated to this task?</p> <p>c) Has the Department or Agency charged any for access to a document under section 11C(4)? If so, please provide the following information in a table:</p> <p>i) On how many occasions charges have been imposed;</p> <p>ii) The amount charged for each document</p> <p>iii) The total amount charged;</p> <p>iv) What is the highest charge that has been imposed.</p> <p>4. <u>With respect to FOI requests:</u></p> <p>a) How many documents were assessed (at internal review or - if internal review was not requested - by the original decision maker) as conditionally exempt?</p> <p>b) Of those, how many were:</p> <p>i) Released in full.</p> <p>ii) Released in part.</p> <p>iii) Refused access on the grounds that release of the document would be contrary to the public interest.</p> <p>iv) Other (please specify).</p>			

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65	All	General	Ludwig	Functions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The guest list of each function.</li> <li>b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function.</li> <li>c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function.</li> <li>d) A list of drinks consumed at the function.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost.</li> </ol>	Written		
66	All	General	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What is the progress of that red tape reduction target?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</li> <li>3. How have they been recruited?</li> <li>4. What process was used for their appointment?</li> <li>5. What is the total cost of this unit?</li> <li>6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit.</li> <li>7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</li> <li>8. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</li> <li>9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?</li> </ol>	Written		
67	All	2/2.2	Ludwig	Land costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</li> <li>2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included).</li> <li>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</li> <li>b) What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</li> <li>c) What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</li> <li>5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</li> <li>6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining</li> </ol>	Written		



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68	All	General	Ludwig	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014 for each board in the portfolio or agencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How often has each board met, break down by board name;</li> <li>2. What travel expenses have been incurred;</li> <li>3. What has been the average attendance at board meetings;</li> <li>4. List each member's attendance at meetings;</li> <li>5. How does the board deal with conflict of interest;</li> <li>6. What conflicts of interest have been registered;</li> <li>7. What remuneration has been provided to board members;</li> <li>8. How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards?</li> <li>9. Have any requests been made to Ministers to dismiss board members?</li> <li>10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings</li> <li>11. What have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list.</li> </ol>	Written		
69	All	General	Ludwig	Shared resources following MOG changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</li> <li>2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</li> <li>3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources?</li> <li>4. What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?</li> </ol>	Written		
70	All	General	Ludwig	Departmental Rebranding	<p>Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February 2014? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Signage.</li> <li>b) Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</li> <li>c) Logos.</li> <li>d) Consultancy.</li> <li>e) Any relevant IT changes.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		

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					<p>f) Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>3. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <p>a) Who was involved in reaching this decision?</p> <p>b) Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.</p>			
71	All	General	Ludwig	Credit cards	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <p>1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card.</p> <p>2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored?</p> <p>4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so:</p> <p>a) Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>5. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p> <p>6. How many credit cards are available to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>a) If so, please list by classification.</p> <p>b) Has there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office?</p> <p>c) Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.</p>	Written		
72	All	General	Ludwig	Contracts for Temporary Staff	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <p>1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?</p> <p>2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?</p> <p>3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?</p> <p>4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?</p> <p>5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?</p>	Written		
73	All	General	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p> <p>3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their Minister or Minister's office?</p>	Written		
74	All	General	Ludwig	Unallocated Equipment	<p>1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff.</p> <p>2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.</p>	Written		

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75	All	General	Ludwig	Advertising	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising? Including through the use of agencies.</li> <li>2. Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, Ministerial or Ministerial staff involvement in commissioning.</li> <li>3. Provide copies of approvals, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister of their delegate or the department or their delegate.</li> </ol>	Written		
76	All	General	Ludwig	Departmental Staff Misconduct	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct.</li> <li>2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) List the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level.</li> <li>b) What remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not?</li> <li>c) When was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware?</li> <li>d) Were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
77	All	General	Ludwig	Cloud Services and Storage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is the department using or planning to use cloud digital services (e.g. storage, computer software access etc)? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What date did/will cloud services be deployed in the department?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Please provide a list of all cloud services in use or being considered for use.</li> <li>3. How much do these services cost? Please break down by service.</li> <li>4. How much cloud storage (in gigabytes) is available for departmental use? What percentage of the available total is in use?</li> <li>5. How much does this cloud storage cost per month?</li> <li>6. What security arrangements are in place to protect cloud based services and storage?</li> <li>7. Have any security analysts been employed / contracted to advise on the implementation and upkeep of these security arrangements?</li> <li>8. What has been the cost of security for the cloud? Please provide a breakdown.</li> </ol>	Written		
78	All	General	Ludwig	Disability Access	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please provide a list of all premises owned, leased or otherwise operated by the department / agency which do not yet comply with the Disability Discrimination Act (through The Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010). For each, please provide the year in which it was purchased / leased / rented (and if lease / rental agreement, when it expires).</li> <li>2. What plans are in place to make the premises compliant with the Act? When will these plans commence and when they are expected to be complete.</li> <li>3. Has the Minister or the Minister's office been informed of these plans? Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) between the Minister's office and the department regarding this issue.</li> <li>4. What is the expected cost of making the premises compliant? Please break down the costs.</li> <li>5. Have any plans to make any premises compliant been cancelled, put on hold or delayed since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail, including the reasons for which they were cancelled, put on hold or delayed and how the decision was reached.</li> <li>6. Have any complaints been lodged with regard to the premises not being compliant? If yes, please detail.</li> </ol>	Written		

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79	All	General	Ludwig	Fee for services	<p>Since September 7, 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers.</li> <li>b) How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service).</li> <li>c) The date the fee came into place.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review.</li> <li>3. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place?</li> <li>4. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)?</li> <li>5. What justification is there for the fee?</li> </ol>	Written		
80	All	General	Ludwig	Documents provided to Minister	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Excluding policy or correspondence briefs, how many documents are provided to the Minister's office on a regular and scheduled basis? Including documents that are not briefs to the Minister and do not require Ministerial signature.</li> <li>2. List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by Ministerial signature and office for noting documents)</li> <li>3. How are they transmitted to the office?</li> <li>4. What mode of delivery is used (hardcopy, email) for those documents?</li> <li>5. What level officer are they provided to in the Minister's office?</li> </ol>	Written		
81	All	General	Ludwig	Merchandise or promotional material	<p>Since 7 September 2013, has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose)</li> <li>2. List the cost for each item.</li> <li>3. List the quantity of each item.</li> <li>4. Who suggested this material be created?</li> <li>5. Who approved its creation?</li> <li>6. Provide copies of authorisation.</li> <li>7. When was the Minister informed of the material being created?</li> <li>8. Who created the material?</li> <li>9. How was that person selected?</li> <li>10. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material?</li> </ol>	Written		
82	All	General	Ludwig	Freedom of Information - Stats	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many FOI requests were received between 7 September 2013 to date.</li> <li>2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act?</li> <li>3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act?</li> <li>4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act?</li> <li>5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time?</li> </ol>	Written		

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83	All	General	Ludwig	Savings and Efficiency Measures	<p>Since the Appropriation Bills 2014 were passed by the Parliament:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many measures, savings tasks or efficiency measures contained in the Appropriations bills have not been actioned or have had no guidance instructions issued?</li> <li>2. For each measure or task identified in question 1: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What is the timeframe for implementation?</li> <li>b) Who is the responsible agency for actioning these measures, guidelines or tasks?</li> <li>c) When was the Minister last briefed on this item? Was this briefing requested by the Minister or initiated by the department?</li> <li>d) What action has the Minister asked be done on this policy?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
84	All	General	Ludwig	Contracts under \$10,000	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into that are worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000.</p>	Written		
85	All	General	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</li> <li>2. How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</li> <li>3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) List each, including name, cost and purpose</li> <li>b) If so, why?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
86	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Electronic equipment provided to Ministers' offices	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, other than phones, ipads or computers please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. List the items.</li> <li>2. List the items' location or normal location</li> <li>3. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of Minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level.</li> <li>4. List the total cost of the items.</li> <li>5. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items.</li> <li>6. List the date they were provided to the office.</li> <li>7. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</li> </ol>	Written		

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87	All	General	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel.</li> <li>b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</li> <li>b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</li> <li>b) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> <li>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</li> <li>d) What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
88	All	General	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>b) What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</li> <li>c) Itemise these expenses.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>b) What has been spent providing these services during the specified period?</li> <li>c) Itemise these expenses</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
89	All	General	Ludwig	Media training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Total spending on these services.</li> <li>b) An itemised cost breakdown of these services.</li> <li>c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification.</li> <li>d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification.</li> <li>e) The names of all service providers engaged.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		

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					<p>f) The location that this training was provided.</p> <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased.</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based.</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification).</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification).</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service.</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</p> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used.</p> <p>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion.</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification).</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.</p>			
90	All	General	Ludwig	Report Printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? If so please give details:</p> <p>1. Name of report,</p> <p>2. Number of copies,</p> <p>3. Cost of printing,</p> <p>4. Who order the disposal,</p> <p>5. Reason for disposal.</p>	Written		
91		General	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - Ministerial	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <p>1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs?</p> <p>a) Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or Minister classification.</p> <p>2. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of:</p> <p>a) What is provided?</p> <p>b) The purchase cost.</p> <p>c) The ongoing cost.</p> <p>d) A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc).</p> <p>e) A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	Written		

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92	All	General	Ludwig	Computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used</li> <li>List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the department, listing the equipment cost and location</li> <li>Please detail the operating systems used by the department's computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs.</li> </ol>	Written		
93	All	General	Ludwig	Travel costs - department	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is the Minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If so, under what policy?</li> <li>Provide a copy of that policy.</li> <li>When was this policy implemented?</li> <li>List all occurrences of travel that this has occurred under.</li> <li>Detail the process.</li> <li>When is the Minister notified, when is approved provided?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</li> <li>Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</li> <li>What date was the Minister or their office notified of the travel?</li> <li>What date did the Minister or their office approve the travel?</li> <li>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</li> </ol>	Written		
94	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Travel costs - Ministerial	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary</li> <li>List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip;</li> <li>List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and;</li> <li>List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary.</li> <li>What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</li> </ol>	Written		



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95	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Senate Estimates briefing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many officers have been responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Senate Estimates?</li> <li>How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If so, when did this occur?</li> <li>How many versions of this information were shown to the Minister or their office?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Did the Minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If so, when did this occur?</li> <li>What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</li> <li>When were the changes made?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.</li> </ol>	Written		
96	All	General	Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others?</li> <li>How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>under 30 days?</li> <li>between 30 and 60 days?</li> <li>between 60 and 90 days?</li> <li>between 90 and 120 days?</li> <li>over 120 days?</li> </ol> </li> <li>For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014?</li> <li>Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ol>	Written		
97	All	General	Ludwig	Stationery Requirements	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers /Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Detail the items provided to the Minister's office.</li> <li>Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office.</li> </ol> </li> <li>How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date.</li> <li>Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost.</li> </ol>	Written		

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98	All	General	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</li> </ol>	Written		
99	All	General	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</li> <li>9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</li> </ol>	Written		
100	All	General	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <p>Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services.</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification.</li> <li>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification).</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased.</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based.</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification).</li> <li>e) The total amount spent on the service.</li> <li>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).</li> </ul> <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The location used.</li> <li>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification).</li> <li>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification).</li> <li>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location.</li> </ul> <p>6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>			
101	All	General	Ludwig	Staffing profile	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency?</li> <li>2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state).</li> </ul>	Written		
102	All	General	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What was the reason for these reductions?</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.</li> <li>4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</li> <li>5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency? What classification were these staff?</li> <li>7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff?</li> <li>8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position</li> <li>9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package?</li> <li>10. How is the department/agency funding the packages?</li> </ul>	Written		

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103	All	General	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?</li> </ol>	Written		
104	All	General	Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014, has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</li> <li>2. Why were coffee machines purchased?</li> <li>3. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</li> <li>4. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</li> <li>5. Who has access?</li> <li>6. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</li> <li>7. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</li> </ol>	Written		
105	All	General	Ludwig	Printing	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many of these printed documents were also published online?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) If so, what companies were used?</li> <li>b) How were they selected?</li> <li>c) What was the total cost of this printing by item?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		
106	All	General	Ludwig	Corporate cars	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Where are the cars located?</li> <li>b) What are the cars used for?</li> <li>c) What is the cost of each car during the specified period?</li> <li>d) How far did each car travel during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Where are the cars located?</li> <li>b) What are the cars used for?</li> <li>c) What is the cost of each car during the specified period?</li> <li>d) How far did each car travel during the specified period?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written		

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107	All	General	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</li> <li>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</li> <li>3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their Minister or Minister's office?</li> </ol>	Written		
108	All	General	Ludwig	Grants	<p>Since Budget Estimates in May 2014:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?</li> <li>2. How are grants applied for?</li> <li>3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?</li> <li>5. Who is involved in this selection process?</li> <li>6. Does the Minister or the Minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Has the Minister or the Minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail.</li> </ol> </li> <li>7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</li> <li>8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</li> </ol>	Written		
109	All	General	Ludwig	Sunset provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not?</li> <li>2. Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions?</li> <li>3. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active</li> <li>4. When did/will this work begin?</li> <li>5. When is/was the review due to commence.</li> <li>6. What is the expected report date.</li> <li>7. Who is the minister responsible for the review</li> <li>8. What department is responsible for the review</li> <li>9. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision.</li> <li>10. List the terms of reference.</li> <li>11. What is the scope of the review.</li> <li>12. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</li> <li>13. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review?</li> </ol>	Written		

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					14. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? 15. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? 16. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 17. Will the the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when?			
110	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Xenophon	Breakdown and numbers of compensation and related claims	In the Budget Estimates earlier this year I raised the issue of the superannuation claims of former and current Commonwealth Public Service employees. This relates to former ABC news journalists who were wrongly classified as temporary, not permanent, and were excluded from Commonwealth superannuation along with possibly thousands of other Commonwealth staff. Can the Department provide an updated breakdown of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The overall number of Cornwall type claims.</li> <li>2. The number of outstanding liability claims.</li> <li>3. The number of settled liability claims.</li> <li>4. The number of declined liability claims.</li> <li>5. The number of outstanding Act of Grace claims.</li> <li>6. The number of approved Act of Grace claims.</li> <li>7. The number of declined Act of Grace claims.</li> <li>8. The number of finalised Act of Grace claims.</li> </ol>	Written		
111	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Xenophon	Difference between finalised and declined claims	With regards to Act of Grace payments, what is the difference between claims being ‘finalised’ and being ‘declined’?	Written		
112	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Xenophon	Time taken to resolve Act of Grace Claims	In the previous estimates I asked about the average time taken to resolve an act of grace claim. I was advised that as at 25 June 2014, the average time to resolve to date was 282 days. Over the past 12 months at 25 June, the time taken was 141 days. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department provide the average time for processing in the past 12 months from October?</li> <li>2. Can the Department provide a breakdown of the processing times in the past 12 months from October, including claims processed:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) In under 50 days;</li> <li>b) Between 51-100 days;</li> <li>c) Between 101-150 days;</li> <li>d) Between 151-200 days;</li> <li>e) Between 201-250 days;</li> <li>f) Between 251-300 days; and</li> <li>g) Over 300 days.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. What are the Department’s KPIs for processing times?</li> </ol>	Written		

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					4. What are the barriers to faster processing of these claims?			
113	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Xenophon	Cost of legal fees relating to compensation claims	Can the Department provide updated information on the amount of money spent on legal fees in proceedings in the ACT court and all other courts and jurisdictions?	Written		
114	Department of Finance	2/2.3	Xenophon	Total cost of legal fees relating to compensation claims	How much money in total has been spent on legal advice unrelated to court proceedings with regards to these claims?	Written		
115	Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Forecast of interim target	<b>Mr Whiley:</b> Again, the figure is in excess of 100 per cent. I have not got them to hand at right this point in time, but it is in excess of 100 per cent. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Perhaps one of your people could get them. <b>Mr Whiley:</b> Yes.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 4-5, 20 November 2014		
116	Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd	General	Wong, Ludwig	Resignation of former ASC Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Did he have a discussion with you or your office or the Defence minister's office prior to that resignation? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Not with me. I would not expect any conversation with the Defence minister, given that I am the shareholder minister for the ASC, the sole shareholder minister for the ASC. <b>Senator WONG:</b> That is true, but Mr Costello, who is the Defence minister's Chief of Staff, used to work at the ASC. So I just wondered if there was some conversation there. <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I will take that on notice, I suspect not. The communication with me was with the chair of the ASC board who advised me of the considerations of the board and of the fact that Mr Ludlam tendered his resignation. ... <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> When he tendered that resignation, were there any reasons provided? <b>Ms Hall:</b> I would have to go back to the correspondence and take that on notice for you. <b>Ms Halton:</b> No, not that I can recall, but we will check that.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 5, 20 November 2014		

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117	Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Cost of construction of submarines	<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> In relation to any questions about calculations, I will take those on notice so that we can properly assess whether there is any public interest immunity that may be in play, given that we have to protect the national interest in the context of these sorts of considerations.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> All right. Perhaps I will tell you what I want on notice. I would like the cost range for construction of six by 3.03-thousand-tonne submarines at Collins cost and today's technology cost; for 12 of the same size at both Collins cost and today's technology cost; and then for six by 4,000 tonnes and 12 by 4,000 tonnes at Collins cost and today's technology price. Then, for the same quantity and size, I would like the average unit sail-away price in billions—and all of those figures in Australian dollars 2014, which I know ASC has calculated. That is my request.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Take it on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 7-9, 20 November 2014		
118	Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Australian companies involved in the construction and sustainment of the Collins	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can we just go back to broader industry issues and Australian content in relation to the Collins. You might have to take this on notice. Could you give me an estimate about how many Australian companies have been involved in the construction and sustainment of the Collins?</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> We have currently got in excess of 2,000 Australian companies involved in the sustainment space.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I assume you have got a list of those companies.</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> Yes, we do.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Are you able to provide that either today or on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> I could take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I do not need all the details if there is commercial-in-confidence about everything they do or what it costs. I am more interested in who they are and, if you are able to, at a high level, what they provide.</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> Not for all 2,000.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No. You may say, 'IT: here are these 60,' or whatever—something like that, just the categories...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 14, 20 November 2014		
119	Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Japanese delegation to ASC - attendees	<p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> It was a delegation of a number of Japanese dignitaries who were looking to understand Australian submarine capabilities.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did you get a list of who attended?</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> Yes, we did.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you provide that?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 15, 20 November 2014		
120	Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Japanese delegation to ASC – ministerial staff attendees	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did any member of any ministers' staff attend with the delegation?</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> I am not sure.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We might take that on notice. Certainly none of my staff, I can say that.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did Mr Shearer from the Prime Minister's office attend?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 15-16, 20 November 2014		



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121	Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Japanese delegation to ASC – correspondence	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sorry, Commodore Chandler. Was there a written letter, an email communication outlining what the visit was for?</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> Yes, we got a letter saying what it was about, which, basically as I told you, was a list of attendees. It was as simple as that.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> From whom was that letter?</p> <p><b>Mr Whiley:</b> The email was from John Chandler.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> If you could provide, on notice, copy of that, please.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We are taking that question on notice. We will provide what we can provide.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 16, 20 November 2014		
122	Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Japanese delegation to ASC – questions asked	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> They are not private conversations; this is a publicly owned company with a delegation from Japan, visiting Australian shipbuilding yard and you do not want them to tell us what questions the Japanese were asking?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> There are visitations of ASC and other such businesses all the time. I will take any questions in relation to this on notice in order to ensure that the answers that are provided are appropriate.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 17, 20 November 2014		
123	Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Japanese delegation to ASC – Minister's knowledge	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I may or may not have asked this. Minister, when did you become aware of the delegation?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I have got to take that on notice. In all seriousness, I cannot specifically recollect.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure, but presumably before it happened.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Rather than to mislead you, I better check.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 19, 20 November 2014		
124	Australian Submarine Corporation Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Japanese delegation to ASC – departmental attendance	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Do you know if any member of the Prime Minister's office attended with the delegation?</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> Not to my knowledge, but we would have to take that on notice, as the minister said.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did you attend, Ms Hall?</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Any finance ministry official?</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> No-one from the department.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Do you know which departmental officials did attend?</p> <p><b>Ms Hall:</b> Certainly Commodore Chandler and a range of his staff from the DMO. But we would have to check that.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 20, 20 November 2014		
125		1/1.3	Lundy	Draw down description of Future Fund in Budget Papers	<p><b>Senator LUNDY:</b> That is right, and what I am exploring in the scenario that Mr Helgeby has just described is: how would that be presented in the budget paper were a government to draw down, presumably, on the maturing of the Future Fund?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> There is an explanation for this which is a technical explanation which goes back to—</p> <p><b>Senator LUNDY:</b> I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> table 3, which we just referred to.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> To the extent that we can add to this on notice, we will provide additional information.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 34, 20 November 2014		

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126	Future Fund Management Agency	1/1.3	Waters	Methodology used by investment managers to inform decisions	<p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Could you take on notice to provide an answer to that question because I am concerned that you, as the managing director, are not across how your investment managers factor in a really significant economic, not to mention environmental, issue? I really would like to understand how it is that carbon risk exposure is being factored into the investment decisions of the fund. I think that is a very important point. So I would really look forward to some more detailed—</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Neal:</b> That is what I said. I said that there are 90 different methodologies because there are 90 different investment managers.</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> Of the 90, in regard to the ones who do, in fact, consider carbon exposure, how does that inform their decisions and what methodology do they use to determine that, particularly if you are not participating in that carbon disclosure project? Could you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Neal:</b> We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WATERS:</b> If you could take on notice for me, when you are making those investigations about the methodology that they employ, whether any of those managers have read that 2009 <i>Nature</i> paper about the amount of fossil fuels that need to stay in the ground in order to have a safe climate and, therefore, a functioning economy...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 38-39, 20 November 2014		
127	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Faulkner	Open Government Partnership - resourcing	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Can you outline to the committee what sort of resources, including staffing resources, are involved from a Department of Finance perspective?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> I would describe this as being very congruent with, lined up with, the work of one of the areas of the department...</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Can you take that on notice for us?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> Sure.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 47, 20 November 2014		
128	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Faulkner	Open Government Partnership – participation in OGP forums	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Nevertheless, as you indicated in earlier statements, a decision has been made for Australia to participate in various OGP forums, including voting?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> Correct. That was a conscious decision to decide to participate, including by voting.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Can you say when that decision was taken? If not, could you take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I cannot specifically recollect, but I will check that out.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 47, 20 November 2014		
129	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Faulkner	Open Government Partnership – other Government representations	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Other government to Australian government representations that you are aware of and you are able to inform the committee about?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> None that I am aware of. I am happy to check.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Would you mind taking that on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> And that might mean in relation to Finance, so you might need to check that with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> I cannot guarantee that we can check every, single source, but we are very happy to make</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 48-49, 20 November 2014		

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					<p>inquiries.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> I appreciate that. But, given the respective responsibilities of other agencies, if your officials could also undertake to check with DFAT and respond on notice, I would appreciate that.</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> We would be very happy to do that.</p>			
130	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Secretary's title	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> The same goes for when I looked at some of your earlier media responses?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> I have not got media responses. What are you referring to?</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> The one that caught my eye was a media statement on 2 May 2012: 'Prominent scientist and regulator appointed new head of TGA'. That was issued by yourself ... It mentioned the Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing, Professor Jane Halton. You would have signed off on that, surely?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Again, I am taking that question on notice in particular, given that it relates to a period that is not relevant to the Department of Finance, which is the area of estimates that we are currently dealing with.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 50-51, 20 November 2014		
131	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Amendments to the <i>Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2014</i>	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Did that decision about the agreement with the Palmer United Party go to cabinet? I am not asking about what went to cabinet; I am just asking: did it go to cabinet and what date did it go to cabinet?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The decision went through all of the appropriate and established internal processes of government. To the extent that I can add any further detail to that I will take it on notice and see whether we can assist you with any further detail. I can confirm that I was obviously very much involved in conducting the actual negotiations together with the Treasurer. We took a recommendation through the appropriate internal processes of government to get endorsement of the position that we have been able to achieve.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Just so that we are clear, what you are going to take on notice is: when and at what time Finance received the costings for these amendments for Finance's agreement—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 54, 20 November 2014		
132	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Funding profiles for various schemes	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> ... This question is probably more for Mr Thomann. With respect to the individual funding profiles or amendments made to the income support bonus, the schoolkids bonus, the low income superannuation contribution and the changes to the superannuation guarantee increase, I think the supplementary explanatory memorandum has a table that shows the total changes worth about \$6.6 billion over the forward estimates. I was looking for a breakdown of those figures.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> ... But, to the extent that you are interested in the specific and forensic detail underpinning all of that, we are very happy to assist. It is not a matter of not providing the information; we just need to make sure that we provide you with the accurate information, and we will do so on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 54-55, 20 November 2014		

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133	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Average duration of a higher education loan	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Budget Paper No. 1, statement 8, says that the average duration of a higher education loan was about 8.4 years. That is statement 8. I was looking to see whether or not you have projected whether that number will change or remain the same given the government's planned higher education measures when they are implemented.</p> <p><b>Mr Weiss:</b> Budget Paper No. 1, which you were referring to, has a number as at June 2013.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Weiss:</b> In the education portfolio budget statement I believe there was a projection that took those numbers forward to the end of the forward estimates period.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I may have missed that.</p> <p><b>Mr Weiss:</b> I may have the paper somewhere handy.</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> We may have to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Weiss:</b> I think that information was at least projected forward for the forward estimates period and appeared in the education portfolio budget statement.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 56, 20 November 2014		
134	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Spending on Defence programs	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> To take the Department of Defence—if we can just unpack one and see where we go—its spending was \$438 million lower 'due to foreign exchange effects and lower than anticipated spending on Defence operations'. That has all been put into one figure. Is there a breakdown of that, or do you just gross it up? Is there a breakdown of that figure into the foreign exchange effect and the lower than anticipated spending on Defence programs? I am trying to understand if they missed out by \$437 million on foreign exchange and \$1 million on anticipated spending, for instance.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Can you take it on notice to tell me the difference—</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> The precise detail?</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> yes—between the two.</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I can. But I can tell you that generally—</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I understand, yes. That is very helpful.</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> 90 per cent or more of it is the lower expenditure on military operations.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Was there an estimate of Defence operations spending for 2013-14, and what was the actual amount? Do you estimate the total expenditure?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I can go through the tables and find that if I want to?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We can take on notice the specific detail, if you wish.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 64, 20 November 2014		
135	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Spending on illegal maritime arrivals	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> The other one I was looking at was the illegal maritime arrivals and the closure of a number of immigration detention network facilities are around \$370 million of the decrease. Is there a breakdown between the IMA numbers and the detention network facilities?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> In respect of that, with the IMAs we forecast arrivals of 20 per month between the period when the budget came down and when the FBO was released and there were no arrivals in that time. So the costs associated with each of the people who did not arrive meant that there was a reduction in expenditure in that regard. I do not have the breakdown here between the two elements but I am sure we could take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 65, 20 November 2014		

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136	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Spending on pharmaceuticals	<b>Ms Huxtable:</b> So in the case of that health figure, as the secretary pointed out, the majority of the change related to the pharmaceutical and pharmaceutical services function. We can provide more detail on the actual breakdowns. <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Perhaps you could take it on notice and provide the variations...	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 65, 20 November 2014		
137	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Spending on school education payment	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> ... It is the same for the national partnership agreement for which there was lower than anticipated payments and the amounts of the lower payments but I am interested particularly in the school education payment. It was \$186 million lower than anticipated. Maybe there is a reason for that. It just seems a fair lump of money. <b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I think, Senator, you will find in regard to national partnership payments that generally where there is a change it relates to milestones not being met. So you will recall that the national partnership triggers payments on the achievement of milestones. ... <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Perhaps you could take it on notice, then just map out which ones, what the delay was and whether they have met their milestone by now.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 65, 20 November 2014		
138	Department of Finance	1/1.2	Ludlam	Closing of the defined benefits scheme – Defence stakeholder correspondence	<b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Has there been any correspondence about the closure from Defence stakeholders? I am happy for you to take it on notice. <b>Dr Helgeby:</b> I will have to take it on notice. My recollection is not much, if any. <b>Ms Halton:</b> No, I have not seen any either.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 67, 20 November 2014		
139	Medibank	General	Ludwig	Preregistrations of interest in Medibank shares	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Did you have an expectation for each of the categories? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> If you want me to go down into that detail— ... <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I am happy for you to take that on notice. <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes. It will be interesting for historical records, because I suspect it will not have much acute interest anymore.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 68, 20 November 2014		
140	Medibank	General	Ludwig	Calculation and forecast of share prices	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> How was the forecast fully franked dividend figure calculated? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I do not know— <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> You might have to take it on notice. <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I will take it on notice. <b>Ms Halton:</b> It was based on professional advice— <b>Senator Cormann:</b> It was done in the usual way, using appropriate professional advice. <b>Ms Halton:</b> That is right.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 71, 20 November 2014		

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141	Medibank	General	Ludwig	Breakdown of retained earnings	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I will not say too much to you in future then! You can take the others on notice, and then I will rest at this point. How was the breakdown between the \$138 million for retained earnings as at 30 June 2014 and the \$58.8 million from earnings from the five months to 30 November 2014 determined? And will the special dividend be paid to Finance or back into consolidated revenue? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> The answer to the last question is into consolidated revenue ...	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 73, 20 November 2014		
142	Medibank	General	Ludwig	Accounting for special dividend in the Budget	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> So was that amount already accounted for in the budget in May? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Sorry? <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Was that amount—the \$96.8 million—already accounted for in the budget? <b>Ms Halton:</b> That I do not know. <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I am happy for you to take on notice. <b>Senator Cormann:</b> We will take it on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 73, 20 November 2014		
143	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Variances between financial estimates of various schemes	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> One of them was assistance to the unemployed and the sick, which was \$180 million lower than estimated. There were a range of them. For financial and fiscal affairs, the outcome was \$658 million lower than estimated at the 2014-15 budget; assistance for the aged was \$397 million lower than estimated at the 2014-15 budget; assistance to people with disabilities, \$196 million lower than estimated at the 2014-15 budget; and assistance to families with children, \$221 million higher than estimated at the budget. I was trying to ascertain if Finance can enlighten me about whether (a) it can be unpacked into particular programs or, if you cannot do that, (b) you can give me a reason for why it might be higher in some cases and lower in others. Some of them are not demand driven programs, either. <b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I have reasons in respect of some of the ones that we have already discussed, because I have the variances in order, but I do not have reasons for everything in that table. So it might be easier if we take that on notice; then we can go to those very specific issues.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 74, 20 November 2014		
144	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Reconciliation of Defence operations	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I wonder if you could provide that. Is it you who does that or is it Defence? <b>Mr Clively:</b> It is between Finance and Defence. An amount is agreed. <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Perhaps on notice you could just do the current one by operation, so that I could have a look at how the operations have fared—no win, no lose on each basis. Like the operations in Iraq—out of which operation they are funded. Sometimes the names may not help. They may not necessarily point to what the operation is. So if you could possibly describe the operation. <b>Mr Clively:</b> We will take it on notice and include an attribution as to which particular operation it relates to—the detail.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 77, 20 November 2014		
145	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Trade Union Royal Commission - reasons for underspend	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> That would be helpful. I will do that. Thank you. The trade union royal commission and the budget extension: is that a matter that comes to here? Or is it a matter for them internally? There was an announcement by the Attorney-General on 7 October that the government would be recommending that the royal commission into trade unions be expanded and extended by one year. That extension would cost \$23.6 million, but there would be an underspend of \$15.2 million from the existing provision. That means effectively \$8.4 million in addition— ...	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 78, 20 November 2014	Withdrawn	

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					<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> What we said to the relevant ministers is that the additional expenditure would have to be offset, and that is consistent with the budget process operational rules that have been in place for the whole period we have been in government.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Yes, I do know that pain. The other part of that is: did you identify with the Attorney-General's Department why there was a \$15.2 million underspend from the existing provision of the 53 over the two years?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> But the question is: was your estimate that wrong to begin with?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We might have to take that on notice for the actual reasons—unless you have that?</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> There are always reasons. Obviously they did not spend the money; therefore it was left over. Did they not spend it because they did not employ enough X; wages were cheaper?</p> <p><b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We will take it on notice. I am not sure off the top of my head. It is probably better directed to the Attorney.</p>			
146	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	ANAO audit of Safer Streets Program - grants	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Right, yes. So the National Audit Office is conducting an audit into the award of the funding under the Safer Streets Program. Have they been in contact with you about that program?</p> <p><b>Ms Markoulli:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> So you do not have information about that at the table?</p> <p><b>Ms Markoulli:</b> The Audit Office regularly contacts us about grants programs. It can be as simple as a phone call or meeting or it can be requesting formal feedback on a particular grants program, so I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 80, 20 November 2014		
147	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Summary and list of approved and unapproved grants	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Is there a list kept of those currencies, where the minister has had to write to the finance minister advising of the details; and is that available?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Can I have a list of those?</p> <p><b>Ms Markoulli:</b> We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> What I was after, if they were available, were the summary and the individual circumstances.</p> <p><b>Ms Markoulli:</b> Usually, they are quite short lists, but we can certainly take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Just to be clear, could you take on notice both the annual report, the summary, individual occurrences and the 4.12 ones which are done six monthly? They presumably have a short summary and an individual circumstance, as I would imagine it. Can you provide that please?</p> <p><b>Ms Markoulli:</b> Yes.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 81, 20 November 2014		
148	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Costing of VET sector reform proposals	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> But if we answer the primary question: did you cost any of the proposals relating to the VET sector reform?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> All proposals that are part of it were costed.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> So what was the VET sector reform costed at?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We might have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> That would have been the 457 and investor visa program. Then, if I wanted to ask</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 83, 20 November 2014		

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					about what was absorbed I can go to the department. At least I can ask them the same question, as to what the amount was that they absorbed. <b>Ms Huxtable:</b> We will take it on notice.			
149	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	CBMS Redevelopment Taskforce - inception	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Yes. I will do the central budget management system and the Williams case now, because they could have implications for you to answer ... We will break it down. When did the task force start, when did the task force finish; when did the budget group called the central budget management system redevelopment system task force come about? <b>Ms Halton:</b> Some of this we may have to take on notice because this is for officers who are not at the table ... <b>Ms Huxtable:</b> I think the answer is early 2012. That is my understanding of when the project commenced. While that was before my time also, I expect that is when the task force was stood up. It would have been around the same time. <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> What I was trying to get a sense of was when it appeared in your organisational chart, when it got created and put in. ... <b>Ms Halton:</b> so we will take that on notice.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 84-85, 20 November 2014		
150	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	CBMS Redevelopment Taskforce - budget	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Can we get an update on what the budget allocation was and how much it is and whether it is running over spend or under spend at this point? <b>Ms Halton:</b> As I have indicated, we will give you, on notice, the allocation, but ... I cannot say what it will actually cost to finish this system because of the issues with the project when I arrived, and we are in the process of trying to nail that down.	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 86, 20 November 2014		
151	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Calculating the Defence budget	<b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> So, for the Defence budget, they estimated and entered into the central budget management system 2014-15 figures for salaries and wages that showed an average increase of 3.89 per cent over the forward estimates. That is what they estimated, I assume—and then it ends up in your system. So I take it you take those numbers from them and plug them in. Is that how it works? <b>Mr Clively:</b> They would have been the numbers at budget time. <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Are you able to confirm that I am right about those figures? Because the growth in Defence salaries and wages budgeted for a 3.89 per cent increase over the forward estimates. <b>Mr Clively:</b> I would have to look the number up. <b>Ms Halton:</b> We are happy to take that on notice ...	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 90- 91, 20 November 2014		



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152	Department of Finance	2/2.2	Ludwig	Cost of ATO office in Gosford	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> What I was particularly interested in is that when you look at the resource management guidance for the two-stage capital works approval process for Australian government construction projects, paragraph 5, on pages three and four, confirms that: <i>5. New Policy Proposals (NPPs) for capital works, excluding fit-outs, which are estimated to have a capital cost of \$30 million or more and are undertaken in Australia, its external territories and overseas, are subject to the Two Stage process.</i> That is where you would come into play as the Department of Finance, as I understand it. So what I was trying to ascertain is whether it has come to you because it is over that amount, or it has not.</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> I have not seen it yet, but I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 93, 20 November 2014		
153	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Ludwig	Phases of the audit of spending capex and outcomes generated by ICT investment	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Perhaps you could take that on notice, Minister. When it comes to the ICT and AGIMO, I think it was in the answer to F276 where you indicated—this was about the cloud. I was looking at the outline of the time lines for the three phases of the audit of spending capex and outcomes generated by ICT investment across all agencies ...</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Ms Pensko:</b> You are referring to the ICT audit that is underway and is due to be finalised in December 2014?</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Yes, that is right. Are there time lines for that? It is completed when?</p> <p><b>Ms Pensko:</b> December.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Is that a report to the minister?</p> <p><b>Ms Pensko:</b> Yes, it is.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Will that be made public?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> That is a matter for the minister.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I know, but he has gone on me.</p> <p><b>Mr Renwick:</b> It is not this minister; it is actually—</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> He can take it on notice for the relevant minister.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 94, 20 November 2014		
154	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Ludwig	Actions in the Cloud policy	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> In terms of your agency, Finance, have you started to look at cloud computing?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> Yes, we have.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Have you started a review? Have you started the preliminary work?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> No. We are thinking about what it is we are intending to procure in the next little while ...</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> There are 10 action items listed in the policy. It says: one, which has been completed. What does that mean? What action has been done to complete that first policy outcome?</p> <p><b>Ms Pensko:</b> Are you referring to the cloud policy?</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Vickers:</b> The first action was around issuing a resource management guide to agencies to highlight their responsibilities under the new policy.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> So that has been done?</p> <p><b>Mr Vickers:</b> That has been done.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Is that public?</p> <p><b>Mr Vickers:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Is it on your web?</p> <p><b>Mr Vickers:</b> I would have to check.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 95, 20 November 2014		

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					<p><b>Ms Pensko:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> All right. If it is not on your web, can the committee have a copy of it? And it is a matter for you as to whether you put it on your web. The other items—3, 4 and 5—are close to scheduled completion. Would you give me an update on those?</p> <p><b>Ms Pensko:</b> I would have to take that on notice. So that was in relation to 3, 4 and 5?</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Perhaps we could just deal with the remaining nine items and you could just let us know where that is.</p> <p><b>Ms Pensko:</b> Yes.</p>			
155	Department of Finance	1/1.1	Ludwig	Government advertising – media platforms on Austender	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> That would be fine. Does what is on AusTender include the media platforms that have been chosen?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> It will just be the contracting arrangements.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> It will not demonstrate which ones you have actually chosen and whether there has been any additional cost above that?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> That is correct. We will give that to you on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I think we heard the figure of \$90.9 million earlier today. Is that still the correct figure?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> That is the total appropriation for the sale process and it encompasses a whole series of things. We are not finished yet, so I cannot yet answer the question.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Can you give me an update of that figure?</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> No additional funding has been allocated. I can tell you that. That is the capped amount I have allocated for this function. What we actually spend, I am happy to take on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Spend to date as well would be useful—to give me an idea of how much is left.</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator Ronaldson:</b> That is part of your questions on notice anyway.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Pages 96-97, 20 November 2014		
156	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Rhiannon	AFP investigation into enrolment in seat of Indi	<p><b>Senator McKENZIE:</b> I think what is unfortunate is an electoral result in the seat of Indi that has quite clearly been tarnished—so I look forward to the AFP's report. If you could forward that, once you are able to, I would appreciate it.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 100, 20 November 2014		
157	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Rhiannon	Penalties and enforcement of disclosure	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Okay, thank you very much. We will come back to that. I want to go to an issue that we have discussed previously at different times—the issue of penalties and the enforcement of disclosure. I think it is correct that there have been no convictions in the past five years. Is that a fair summary; is that about where we are up to?</p> <p><b>Mr Pirani:</b> We have had one in relation to an independent candidate in 2010.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you give us any further information, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Pirani:</b> I would need to get details of that.</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> We can take that on notice and provide you those details.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 102, 20 November 2014		

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158	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Rhiannon	Rate of prosecutions	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I will ask it again. Thank you for correcting it, Chair. Is the low rate of prosecutions that we are aware of due in part to the relatively weak penalties for offences under the Electoral Act?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> Senator Rhiannon, one of the things the officers might be able to do for you, obviously on notice, is give you the data on the number of prosecutions. If you wish to form an opinion based on the data, that is absolutely entirely up to you. I am sure the officers would be very happy to oblige in giving you the facts upon which you may indeed form an opinion.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 103, 20 November 2014		
159	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Position of AEC Commissioner – date of report	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> But you can answer whether it has gone to the minister or not, whether the report has been finalised and provided to the minister and is sitting on his desk? You can tell me that, and what date.</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> I do not actually have that with me, but I am very happy to give you that on notice. But I can tell you that, following a discussion with the Public Service Commissioner, we have formed a view. And I am happy to give you the dates, which are recent, on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> All right, so you will give me the dates that the report was finalised and presented.</p> <p><b>Ms Halton:</b> Yes...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 104, 20 November 2014		
160	Department of Finance	General	Ludwig	Position of non-judicial appointee of the AEC	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> As I said, I was just making sure I was accurate. You can think what you want as to whether it is a political point. I just wanted to know the facts. As well as the Electoral Commissioner position being vacant there is the non-judicial member. Is that still vacant?</p> <p><b>Senator Ronaldson:</b> As you know, by convention that is the statistician. I do not appoint the statistician. In relation to when that appointment might be, I am happy to take that on notice for you. There has been an acting statistician. It is not as if the position has been vacant.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 106, 20 November 2014		
161	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Ludwig	AEC positions - Acting Statistician; Western Australian, Queensland and Northern Territory Electoral Officers; and Chief Financial Officer	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Is the acting statistician fulfilling the role as the non-judicial member?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> No. I am not sure who is the acting statistician. I would say to be helpful that the commission has a full quorum and is acting as a full commission.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> But the position is vacant. There is no-one sitting in that job. That is right, isn't it?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> For how long has no-one been sitting in that job?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> Since the departure of the statistician. I would have to check those dates for you.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Then the Western Australian electoral officer resigned? Is that right?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> What date did he resign?</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> I do not have that in front of me, but I will take that on notice. I do not want to give you the wrong information.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> I accept that. I will not press you for it. The Queensland and Northern Territory electoral offices are vacant as well. For how long?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Rogers:</b> That is correct. I might, just to be helpful, let you know that we have an acting person in the Western Australian role and we deliberately put them in there for that period.</p> <p>...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 107-109, 20 November 2014		

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					<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> When did that position become vacant?  <b>Mr Rogers:</b> Again, if you allow me to provide you those dates, I will take that on notice.                      ...  <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Then, the chief financial officer, do we have one of those?  <b>Mr Rogers:</b> The chief financial officer left—  <b>Mr Kitson:</b> The chief financial officer, I believe, left in August this year and was replaced on a temporary basis by an acting chief financial officer.  <b>Mr Rogers:</b> I will check the dates for you, Senator, as I do not want to give you the wrong dates.</p>			
162	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Rhiannon	ICAC investigations	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I just have one question that relates to this. Thank you for clarifying about the ICAC. Are you just going to be relying on the findings of ICAC? You will not be looking at the evidence and the implications for federal disclosure and things like that? We have the two issues. I took from your previous answer that you would be relying on the findings, the final report, of ICAC to determine—  <b>Mr Rogers:</b> No. That is not what I said. I want to be very clear with this. In fact, I made the comment that I am not bound by the outcomes of the ICAC report so I will not be relying on that report. But we will examine that report to see if any obligations are triggered under the Commonwealth Electoral Act.                      ...  <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes. I am not disputing that at all. I am just trying to understand if you will be looking at the body of evidence or just the report and the findings and the recommendations to make your determination of the next step.  <b>Mr Rogers:</b> I would have to check my evidence. I do not want to mislead you. But I think I said that I would look at the outcomes of the ICAC process—and I was trying to be as broad as I possibly could—to see if there are any obligations. I gave a commitment to members of this committee that I would do so. I am not resiling from that. I think I have been very clear that that is the process I intend to follow, but I do not intend to do that until the outcomes of that process, the ICAC process, are complete.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 112-113, 20 November 2014		
163	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Ludwig	Numbers of investigations and referral to law enforcement agencies	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> For obvious reasons! You have hung them already! Yes. So, if I want to ask the question, I should ask it here, and then you can take on notice: what is the number of investigations that are currently on foot, or how many have been referred to the AFP or other law enforcement agencies?  <b>Mr Rogers:</b> I am happy to take the question, and we will consider what information we can give you back that does not—  <b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Yes, I was not asking for it now. I thought you might want to do exactly that and consider how much you can answer ...</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 113-114, 20 November 2014		
164	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Moore	Ministerial office staffing – Offices of Ministers in the Social Services portfolio	Please provide details of current ministerial office staffing arrangements including number of staff employed, title of the position of employment, classification of employment and salary.	Written		

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165	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Jacinta Collins	MOP(S) Act staffing including: home and work bases; advice on entitlements, EA negotiations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you please provide the Government staffing profile? (total numbers, how many assigned to each office, personal classifications, non-standard home/work bases).</li> <li>2. Have there been any changes to the Government staffing profile? If so, when did it change? If not, is this under consideration?</li> <li>3. Does any change to the Government staffing profile automatically prompt a review of the Opposition staffing profile? If yes, what is the timeframe? If not, why not?</li> <li>4. Is it the intention of the Department to provide MPs and Senators with written, documented advice in answer to requests regarding entitlement?</li> <li>5. How many non-standard home bases currently exist?</li> <li>6. In which offices do these non-standard home bases exist?</li> <li>7. When are the MOPS Act Enterprise Agreement negotiations likely to commence? Is the Minister currently considering this matter?</li> </ol>	Written		
166	Department of Finance	3/3.1	Jacinta Collins	Coalition Advisory Service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many positions are allocated?</li> <li>2. Of those, how many are currently occupied?</li> <li>3. How many new contracts have been submitted for those positions since 7 September 2013?</li> <li>4. Where are these staff based?</li> <li>5. Do any of them have non-standard employment arrangements i.e. personal classifications or non-standard work bases?</li> <li>6. What resources are provided to this unit?</li> <li>7. What software is provided to this unit? Is anything provided outside of standard PCN allocation? If so, is any of this paid for by MaPS?</li> <li>8. Are members of this unit required to travel interstate?</li> <li>9. Can you please provide a list of all travel undertaken by members of this unit? Names aren't necessary if there are privacy issues, just dates, locations and number of nights.</li> </ol>	Written		
167	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Jacinta Collins	Electoral Integrity Unit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you provide an overview of the role of the Electoral Integrity Unit?</li> <li>2. Was it a decision of the Government or the AEC for this Unit to be established?</li> <li>3. Does it focus only on electoral roll integrity or does it also look at issues such as the conduct of elections and funding disclosure?</li> <li>4. How does the Unit decide which matters to investigate? Would the Unit choose to investigate certain issues based on advice from the Government or from current or former members of Parliament?</li> <li>5. What staffing and resources are attached to this Unit?</li> <li>6. To whom does this unit report?</li> <li>7. Apart from the investigation into supporters of the Member for Indi what other matters has the Unit been looking into?</li> <li>8. At the 2013 election, how many people were estimated to be unenrolled? How many allegations of electoral fraud were made following the 2013 election?</li> </ol>	Written		

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168	Australian Electoral Commission	General	Ludwig	Timing of former Electoral Commissioner's departure	<p><b>Senator LUDWIG:</b> Just so that I do not misquote you: you decided, once you received his resignation and he went on personal leave until 4 July, that you would wait till 4 July, or the 5th, as the case may be, before you would commence a process to look for a replacement? He was not in the AEC because he was on personal leave, and Mr Rogers was then appointed as the acting from February. Have I got that right? Is that right, Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Ronaldson:</b> That is my recollection of the timing of Mr Killesteyn's departure and the appointment of Mr Rogers. I do not want to give you information that is incorrect. I will get those definite dates for you.</p>	Hansard, F&PA Committee, Page 106, 20 November 2014		
169	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Faulkner	Date to join the Open Government Partnership	Will Australia join the Open Government Partnership by the anticipated date of 1 May 2015 [see Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee, <i>Hansard</i> , Budget Estimates 2014-2015, 28 May 2014 (Finance), p. 70]? If not, why not?	Written		
170	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Faulkner	Australia's representation at Open Government Partnership events	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Was Australia represented at the OGP <a href="#">High-Level Event at the UNGA</a> on 24 September 2014 at the United Nations Building in New York? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If yes, who represented Australia?</li> <li>If there was no Australian representation at this event, why not?</li> </ol> </li> <li>Are there any other OGP Meetings or Events since July 1, 2014 at which Australia has been represented, or that have occurred and Australia did not send a representative?</li> </ol>	Written		
171	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Faulkner	Indonesian Government's response to Open Government Partnership meeting – May 2014	What has been the response of the Indonesian Government to the Prime Minister not attending the OGP Regional Meeting on 6-7 May 2014?	Written		
172	Department of Finance	2/2.1	Faulkner	Open Government Partnership National Action Plan	<p>In relation the evidence of Secretary of the Department of Finance, Ms Halton (Thursday, 20 November p. 46), that "there are 162 particular recommendations on 19 different topics in relation to a possible OGP National Action Plan":</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Could information regarding the topics and recommendations be provided?</li> <li>Could any prioritisation by the Department of Finance of the topics and recommendations be provided?</li> <li>Could any documentation from the OGP outlining the content of the topics and recommendations be tabled?</li> </ol>	Written		