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1	Australian Crime Commission	Xenophon	(NSCJG) Research data on Illicit Drugs use by Prisoners	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Mr Dawson, I will confine my questions to one issue: the comments you made last month that Australia is in the grip of an ice pandemic akin to the problems caused by crack cocaine in the US—of course, in respect of crystal methamphetamines. Given that the use of amphetamines can lead to extreme and violent behaviour in users, has the ACC investigated the correlation between increased drug use, crime rates and violent behaviour? In other words, when there is an arrest made, do law enforcement agencies routinely drug test in relation to violent offending?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: In the Illicit drug data report, which the commission published and from which I drew those comment about an impending pandemic, we drew down from a number of different sources. One of the key sources was one known colloquially as DUMA. That is a survey of all prisoners going through police lockups and watch-houses across the nation. In that survey instrument, prisoners who are in custody for offences are directly surveyed and asked questions as to what substances they may have been taking. There is very rich research data which shows that there is an increasing number of prisoners who, right at the point where they are taken into custody, have just consumed illicit drugs, and there is a major increase in the use of methylamphetamine. The correlation with violence is the subject of further academic research studies.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Because of time constraints, could you provide on notice some more information on that.</p> <p>Mr Dawson: Yes, I will.</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 8
2	Australian Crime Commission	Xenophon	(NSCJG) Rehabilitation of people with ICE addiction	<p>Senator XENOPHON: The next issue is that in Scandinavia, particularly Sweden, they have mandatory drug rehabilitation and their heroin and methamphetamine use is a fraction of ours. Is that something the ACC has looked at—a different approach to rehabilitation so that you actually reduce the demand for these drugs?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: I do not have any specifics in regard to the Scandinavian research, but we are working collaboratively with many academic and international law enforcement bodies. I am prepared to take it on notice to see if we have anything specifically in relation to the matter you refer to.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: The issue I want to raise with you is this: if you tackle rehabilitation, not just law enforcement, that can have a very powerful effect in reducing the number of people who are affected by an ice addiction. It seems that in Sweden the figures—at least the ones that I have seen—are about one-sixth or one-tenth of what they are here. Can we can learn from what the Scandinavians are doing with their policies on rehabilitation?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: I would agree with that statement. The illicit drug strategies that form part of the government policy framework directly talk to harm reduction. In that sense, the Illicit drug data report that is a basis document is shared with harm reduction providers, including</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 8

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				<p>health departments et cetera.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Finally, there has been a criticism in my home state of South Australia that the way the drug courts have worked has not been very effective. They are open to being circumvented with abuse of urine testing and the like. They are not being followed up. On notice, can you tell us whether the ACC has looked at issues of the efficacy of current drug courts and their ability, in the longitudinal sense, to be effective?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: I am presently unaware of whether the ACC have done a study of the use of the drug courts in the jurisdictions. But, again, I can take that on notice. Senator XENOPHON: Thank you.</p>	
3	Australian Crime Commission	Macdonald	(NSCJG) Sale of seized assets	<p>CHAIR: That is indeed interesting. Mr Dawson mentioned that in the last year they had recovered \$31 million of illegal cash—and drugs. I do not suppose we can convert the drugs to cash unless we are in the market ourselves, which I am sure we are not! But would that \$31 million normally go to the Crime Commission?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: The \$31 million is cash only. That excludes any seizure of property that might be forfeited under the Proceeds of Crime Act. I should add, though, that the totality of that \$31 million cash since December 2012 is subject to a joint task force approach with other law enforcement agencies, so it may be a shared arrangement with other enforcement agencies on a pro rata basis as to—</p> <p>CHAIR: But it goes back to fighting crime?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: It goes back to the confiscated assets account if it is lawfully seized and subject to those arrangements.</p> <p>CHAIR: You said the \$31 million was cash. Do you have a figure for the assets seized in the same period and which now presumably are assets of the good guys, whether that is the government, your commission or someone else?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: Given that it is a national situation, each law enforcement agency under the jurisdictional arrangements will make applications. They are generally subject to conviction based asset seizures. So we will have to wait until the court determinations, because they generally relate to predicate offences. It is an ongoing—</p> <p>CHAIR: You said 'since December 2012'. For the period since December 2012 do you have a figure—perhaps you could take this on notice—that results from the sale of seized assets that came to the Crime Commission, acknowledging that some would go to the Queensland Police Service and some to the Federal Police?</p> <p>Mr Dawson: Yes. In addition to the cash, I am advised that the restraint of more than \$30 million of assets is subject to the national arrangements. A proportion of that will be subject to convictions. I am not talking about unexplained wealth; I am talking about assets seized during criminal investigations from persons subject to charges. So, in addition to the \$31</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 9

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				<p>million in cash, \$30 million worth of assets are under seizure at the moment from that same period.</p> <p>CHAIR: Perhaps on notice you could tell me what you actually got into your bank account in that same period from the sale of those assets.</p> <p>Mr Dawson: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you would, thanks.</p>	
4	Australian Federal Police	Singh	(NSCJG) Police College	<p>Senator SINGH: Has there been any correspondence between the Prime Minister's office and the AFP training college? If there has been, would you provide on notice any correspondence to the committee.</p> <p>Mr Negus: None that I am aware of, but we will take it on notice and come back to you on that if there is any.</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 18
5	Strategy & Delivery Division	Whish- Wilson	(NSCJG) Hobart Airport	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Senator Brandis, could you please take on notice what, if the airport is to be transitioned to an international airport by extending the runway in the next few years, the process would be to bring back the Federal Police. I think that is the expectation in Tasmania, especially within the tourism industry—that we are going to get international flights once that runway has been extended.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: The first part of your question is really a matter for the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development. I am not sure who represents him in the Senate, but it is a question you might care to ask in the Senate Committee for Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport later in the fortnight. In relation to the second part of the question, I will take that on notice.</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 21
6	Australian Federal Police	Whish- Wilson	(NSCJG) Illegal fishing in Malaysia	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Thank you. I have a couple of quick questions on the activities of the Australian Federal Police in the area of illegal fishing for Patagonian toothfish and on whether you have been involved with any activities recently in Malaysia in the area of organised crime and access to that fishery.</p> <p>Mr Negus: It is not something I have been briefed on. I have just checked with the deputy commissioner in charge of operations. We have not had any involvement in that. Clearly we work closely with the Pacific nations. We have liaison officers stationed out there and illegal fishing is a key concern in that part of the world. We do provide support and training and those sorts of things. But, for that specific measure in Malaysia, no, we have not been involved.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Do you know who the appropriate—</p> <p>Mr Negus: If I were to hazard a guess, it would probably be Customs. I think Customs certainly do patrolling in—</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Yes, it used to be Customs. I had been told by stakeholders that the Federal Police had been involved with monitoring of illegal fishing and crime gangs and</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 21

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				<p>the registering of their vessels in— Mr Negus: Where it reaches the level of organised criminality, we certainly have in the past prosecuted people in that regard. But on that specific one—perhaps I could take it on notice. Senator WHISH-WILSON: If you could, please, that would be good. Mr Negus: Again, I think we have about 1,600 jobs active at any one time. It might be one of those that I am not aware of.</p>	
7	Strategy & Delivery Division	Xenophon	(CJLSG) Confidentiality clause in the deed of settlement	<p>Senator Brandis: Senator Xenophon, your question is a perfectly proper question in relation to costs incurred by any Commonwealth agency or department as a result of the settlement of legal proceedings, but I think what the commissioner is concerned about is that there was a confidentiality clause in the deed of settlement. That being so, if your questions are directed to matters covered by the confidentiality clause, it is really in the nature of a commercial-in-confidence matter. But for that I would not have any hesitation in having the commissioner answer your question. If your question is directed to something specified by the deed of settlement to be a confidential term of the settlement, then you can understand the difficulty the commissioner is under.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I think the difficulty is obviated by virtue of the deed of settlement, saying that they are subject to an exemption if the committee so requests this information.</p> <p>Mr Negus: That is why I raise it. If the chair is comfortable, I can go ahead with it.</p> <p>CHAIR: My first inclination was to refer to more eminent legal brains, and we have one of them sitting opposite me in the role of the Attorney-General, who has given us his view. I do note what you say, Senator Xenophon, that the way for governments to avoid this is to make sure that all settlements are subject to secrecy clauses. Obviously I have no idea why it was done with this. I would be reluctant to ask the commissioner to disclose that if it is the subject of a secrecy agreement. Perhaps it is something that needs to be determined by the Senate or to be discussed with the Attorney.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have just read the relevant clause in the brief. I do not think it is good practice, as a lawyer, to make judgements about what a clause means in the absence of the instrument in which it appears, so I am not confident without looking at the entire deed of settlement to tell you that the exemption would necessarily apply to your question. If you do not mind, I think we will take the question on notice and I will have a proper look at the deed of settlement itself. If I consider that an answer can be given consistent with its terms, that is what we will do.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: My view is that it ought to be public, but are we at least able to see the deed of settlement without any figures reflected in it?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, because it is a confidential settlement.</p> <p>CHAIR: Perhaps Senator Xenophon would be happy if you could say to him 'it did not reach</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 24

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				<p>\$500,000' or 'it did not reach \$1 million dollars' or 'it did not reach \$5 million'?</p> <p>Mr Negus: With respect, I think I got into trouble last time by saying less than five, which became up to five, which then became something else. I would much rather pursue the Attorney's course.</p> <p>CHAIR: The Attorney has taken it on board.</p>	
8	Australian Federal Police	Xenophon	(NSCJG) Apology to Seven West Media	<p>Senator XENOPHON: So we are up to about \$230,000. Finally, in light of the Senate committee report, has the AFP apologised to Seven West Media, and if not does it intend to do so?</p> <p>Mr Negus: I personally wrote letter to Ms Munsie, who you will recall was named in that section 225 order, apologising for any concern that she had from the actions that were taken and certainly apologising for the way the matter was handled. We have been on the public record about this before and we have been very careful not to attribute any guilt to Seven West Media in this process. I have said that the actions of our officers in conducting the warrants and the errors that were made in the preparation of the warrants and the orders were not to the high standard that I demand of my organisation. For that, I apologise. I should say, too, that we have gone to exceptional lengths since that point to make sure that this does not happen again. I have commissioned an end-to-end review. There are peer review processes in place now for the execution of warrants—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am gratified to hear that, but could you put on notice what actions the AFP will take as a result of this whole sorry saga.</p> <p>Mr Negus: Yes, absolutely. We are considering the outcomes of your Senate committee as well to make sure—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: That is Senator Macdonald's committee, not mine. I am just a mere participating member!</p> <p>Mr Negus: I think you are the one who pushed for it, so I give you some credit for it.</p> <p>CHAIR: I think Senator Kroger was quite keen too.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am very grateful for Senator Kroger's work on that.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Can I just add to the answer the commissioner gave in relation to the Seven West Media affair. These are operational decisions, as you know, made by the AFP. There is no involvement in them by the political arm of government at all. I can tell you that after it had happened I asked to be briefed by the commissioner and he did brief me. I think one could fairly say that the Australian Federal Police have been appropriately self-critical and frank in their remarks, which Commissioner Negus has repeated again this morning in estimates. Whatever lessons there are to be learned from that episode I am sure have been learned.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Thank you. I will get those answers on notice.</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 24

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9	Australian Federal Police	Ludwig	(NSCJG) Ministerial briefing - Seven West Media	<p>Senator LUDWIG: I just wanted to follow up on Senator Xenophon's issue. Senator Brandis, the last time I looked at this issue, you said more broadly about to the raids on Seven West Media—and you may recall this or I might be refreshing your memory—to the committee on 24 February 2014:</p> <p>I have no criticism to offer of the AFP, having heard the account that has been given tonight to this estimates committee and having heard from Commissioner Negus on Tuesday afternoon of last week and received a written briefing the following day. Also, I should also add for completeness, having had discussed the matter with my junior minister, Mr Keenan, who I know has had several conversations with Commissioner Negus in the last several days, I do not offer any criticism at all.</p> <p>I am not asking you to offer any criticism, but, reflecting upon that comment that you gave then and the circumstances that we now know occurred, have you or Mr Keenan asked the AFP to provide a brief or an overview of the remedial action that they have taken to address the issue?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: As you know, at the time this was explored in the last estimates the events were very recent. As you also know, subsequently the AFP examined the processes in a thorough and exhaustive way. That examination had not been completed or, indeed, commenced at the time we had the last estimates hearing. I did not offer any criticism then; I do not offer any criticism now. But I note, as I just said to Senator Xenophon, that the AFP have themselves been appropriately frank and self-critical, having reviewed the way in which these events unfolded and examined their internal processes in particular, which is something I think we would all welcome.</p> <p>Turning specifically to your question, I have not been specifically briefed on the matter, but I imagine my junior minister, Mr Keenan, who has responsibility here, would have been. Perhaps Commissioner Negus can tell us whether that is so.</p> <p>Mr Negus: I can certainly confirmed that have had a range of discussions with Minister Keenan. I am just confirming whether we have put a written brief through. In saying that, the review that are undertaking is not yet completed. It is almost completed. We have learnt some lessons along the way which we have addressed as we have gone along. But there certainly will be a formal response back to the minister as to the actions we are going to be taken.</p> <p>I would like to add just for the record, too—and we said this last time as well but I would like to put this on today's record—that these were errors of judgement. They were human errors brought about by, I think, the pressure of trying to do things quickly. We have learned some lessons from that. I might just add that there was no corrupt behaviour. There was no malice in the way this was done. There were errors of judgement. It is as simple as that. In</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 25-26

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				<p>dealing with the around 1,600 active investigations that we have running on any one particular day, these things unfortunately occur. But we are doing our best in managing the process since then to make sure that they do not occur again.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Senator, Ludwig, that is the way it is meant to work. If there is a level of concern about the way in which any agency, including the AFP, is carrying out a particular functional task and it comes to public light then it is entirely appropriate for it to be raised in Senate estimates, as it was by you, and for the agency, having regard to the criticisms directed at it of its conduct, to have a very thorough look at the way in which perhaps something could have been done better. Your criticisms, Senator Ludwig, and Senator Xenophon's criticisms were taken appropriately seriously and treated with great respect, and the AFP have conducted themselves as Commissioner Negus has explained. This is the way, as I say, it is meant to work. You and Senator Xenophon have been constructive contributors to that process, and I think the AFP have responded very appropriately.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: The question that I go to, though—and I think Mr Negus has partly answered it—is whether there was a brief provided to Mr Keenan post the circumstances being revealed or whether Mr Keenan or you, Senator Brandis, which I think you answered no to, provided any feedback to the AFP or requested any briefing from the AFP on this matter.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: You are not defining the point in time.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: At any time post 24 February and the committee report.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I do not recall receiving a written brief from the AFP after the Senate estimates hearing, if that is what you are getting at. I will check that, but I cannot recall having received a written briefing, nor would I have expected to because these briefs go to Mr Keenan, who has ministerial responsibility for this agency. We have heard Commission Negus say that he has had discussions with Mr Keenan, as you would expect. He was not sure whether a written brief had been provided, but I think he is going to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Yes, take it on notice, Commissioner. I just wanted to clarify what I was particularly asking for.</p> <p>Mr Negus: Clearly there would be written briefs put up at the end of the court process to inform the minister and those sorts of things, but the review and decisions on actions we are taking subsequent to the review have not been completed just yet.</p> <p>Senator LUDWIG: Did you make any recommendations to the minister, Mr Keenan, as to whether or not he should apologise on behalf of the AFP, or have the AFP indicated that they intend to apologise to Seven West Media?</p> <p>Mr Negus: I take full responsibility for it. This is not something that I would expect the minister to apologise for.</p>	

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				<p>Senator LUDWIG: In the cabinet of government he is the responsible minister. Mr Negus: This is an operational matter and I take full responsibility for it. Senator LUDWIG: All right. Thanks very much -</p>	
10	Australian Federal Police	Ludwig	(NSCJG) Outcomes of the internal reviews into the handling of Seven West Media	<p>Senator LUDWIG: All right. Thanks very much. Of those reviews, are there two still on foot? Mr Negus: There is one and we are still considering our response to the Senate committee as well. The matters about the conduct of the officers which were originally reported after allegations were made at the raids are being investigated by professional standards as well. Senator LUDWIG: So how many reviews or investigations as a consequence of the incident are now on foot or have been finalised? Mr Negus: One internal end-to-end review that I have commissioned is nearing completion. We obviously are examining the outcome of the Senate committee and will look at that. We might have to take on notice how many specific matters there are, but I referred those on the night Seven West made those allegations. They were referred through to the Commissioner for Law Enforcement Integrity a their professional standards, and they have undergone a process. So it is a range of things about the conduct of the officers on the day. Those matters are still underway, but they would relate to multiple officers. I could not tell you whether that was one inquiry or a number of different ones. There is really only one incident we are talking about. Senator LUDWIG: So multiple matters on the go. Mr Negus: Yes. Senator LUDWIG: In terms of the results of those and what is available to the committee—because these will also cut across operational issues and I do not want to ask specifically about your internal operational matters—could you take it on notice and let the committee know the results of the reviews and what actions you will take to avoid those circumstances happening again. Leave out the Senate committee report for that purpose; this only relates to your procedures to the extent that you can tell us. I put that caveat on it. In terms of the Senate committee report, I take it, Senator Brandis, that is a matter for Mr Keenan to report on in due course. Senator Brandis: The government will report on it in due course. Mr Negus: I am happy to take that on notice. I could give you a short overview of what has been put in place so far if you like, but it might be easier to wrap that all up into the on notice question. Senator LUDWIG: I am happy for you to take it on notice. Thank you. -</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 26
11	Australian Federal Police	Rhiannon	(NSCJG) Policy and practice for	<p>Senator RHIANNON: On Tuesday, 11 March The Guardian reported that the AFP liaison officers in Columbo refused to see a Sri Lankan man who complained of torture, when he</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 28-30

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			<p>managing complaints of torture and mistreatment in Sri Lanka</p>	<p>was in Sri Lankan police custody, after he was returned from Australia. Is this report accurate and, if so, why did the AFP officer in this case refuse to speak with the detainee to assess if he had been hurt?</p> <p>Mr Negus: From the report I have with regard to that, the AFP understands that this alleged incident occurred on 14 August 2010. We have no jurisdiction in Sri Lanka and did not investigate the matter. On 19 August 2010, an AFP officer attended a briefing with the maritime human smuggling unit regarding an investigation of alleged people-smuggling activity. During the visit the AFP officer discreetly observed Mr Mendez while he was being interviewed by the Sri Lankan officers. At no time did the AFP officer speak to or engage with Mr Mendez, although Mr Mendez was observed from a separate room. The AFP officer did not observe any mistreatment of Mr Mendez and this observation was over a period of about 25 minutes. Really, this is a matter for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The AFP do not have any jurisdiction in Sri Lanka. We cannot walk in and claim to do things on behalf of the Australian government in that space. Again, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is probably the appropriate agency to deal with the rest of your question.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: As the AFP had somebody there, clearly there is relevance. The cable, as reported in The Guardian, sent to Canberra from the high commission in Colombo in August 2010 states that the man was arrested as a result of a disruption—that is the word that is used: 'disruption'. It was in operation, I understand, to combat suspected people smuggling. You have just confirmed that one of your officers did attend what you call a briefing. Was the AFP involved in the so-called disruption?</p> <p>Mr Negus: I think we have gone through this a couple of times before at previous estimates. We provide intelligence and information, and exchange material with the Sri Lankan authorities, but we do not have operational powers and we do not provide an operational resource in-country. As I said, our officer being there was incidental to the fact that this person was being interviewed. He did observe him. He did not observe any mistreatment over that 25-minute period, and the observation was from an adjoining room, rather than being part of a process of interrogation or discussion.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Again, you have not actually answer the question, which was this: was the AFP involved in the so-called disruption? And I understand that the disruption occurs before the incident where the man is hurt. Was the AFP involved in the so-called disruption?</p> <p>Mr Negus: It depends how wide you cast your net. If you are saying that the provision of intelligence and the exchange of intelligence means that we are involved in disruption, the answer is yes. If you are asking if we had operational officers on the ground out there</p>	

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				<p>working with the Sri Lankan authorities, the answer is no.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I understand that the man who complained of torture said that he received a call from the Australian high commission days before the incident. Was the AFP made aware that the high commission had called him?</p> <p>Mr Negus: I am not aware of that. Perhaps we could take that on notice. Senator RHIANNON: Will you take it on notice. What is the policy and practice for the AFP following up any complaints of torture and mistreatment in Sri Lanka?</p> <p>Mr Negus: If we had any particular advice or knowledge in-country we would report that through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade through the high commissioner or the ambassador.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: The question was about the policy and practice. So you do have a protocol that it goes first to the high commissioner? Can you expand on what the process is?</p> <p>Mr Negus: Mr Wood just reminded me that we have tabled that before. People working in-country work under the same provisions as DFAT, and they would be advised if any of that material came to our notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: What directive has the AFP had from either DFAT, PM&C or any Australian government official about how to respond to cases of torture in Sri Lanka of asylum seekers returned by Australia?</p> <p>Mr Negus: I am just trying to clarify this to answer the question appropriately. There is no separate protocol in regard to people smuggling or those types of matters. This would be a general protocol with Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade that if any of that material came to our notice we would report that to them. So there is nothing specific in regard to that.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Since people from Sri Lanka who have come to Australia have been returned to Sri Lanka, you have received no additional briefings about how that should be handled, and no updates to the protocol?</p> <p>Mr Negus: We have almost 100 people working offshore as liaison officers and doing a whole range of things in many parts of the world—many troubled parts of the world I might add, as well. We do not need to be told that if we see something unacceptable to Australian standards and against Australian law we should report it. I think the officers we put across there are well skilled in making those judgments, and they would report things out of just their duty as federal police officers, rather than needing a protocol to tell them what to do.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: That was not my question. I was not doubting the commitment to common decency. My question is: has there been any new directive, or changed directives, or advice, or protocols or any briefings since the change in government policy, with people who have sought asylum in Australia being sent back?</p>	

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				<p>Mr Negus: Not that I am aware of. Perhaps if I do take it on notice just to be absolutely clear, because it is not something that has been brought to the attention of me or my officers here.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you.</p>	
12	Australian Federal Police	Rhiannon	(NSCJG) Former Sri Lanka Police working for the AFP	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Are there any former members of the Sri Lankan army or the Sri Lankan police working for the AFP in Australia or Sri Lanka, both in the past and at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Negus: No.</p> <p>CHAIR: That you know of. Would you know?</p> <p>Mr Negus: I think if we were employing former Sri Lankan military officers in the AFP I would know about it. One, you have to be an Australian citizen to be a member of the AFP, so that would disqualify the vast majority of—</p> <p>CHAIR: I am being pedantic, though. What about someone who was in the Colombo police, when it was Colombo back 20 years ago?</p> <p>Mr Negus: You are right, Chair, I probably should take that on notice, but I would be very surprised if that is the case. Given the circumstances around Sri Lanka and the security checks we undertake, I would be very surprised that anyone would make it through any of our screening processes, unless we could categorically state that they were clear of any particular issues, going back some time. We know that in Sri Lanka there have been difficult times, and it is very hard to establish people's work history and other things as well. I will take it on notice, on the advice of the Chair.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. To give you a timeline, could you do it from the end of the civil war, in 2009?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: The answer to the question will be either no or yes. Commissioner Negus has told the committee the answer is no, and when invited by the chair to reflect upon that answer he said words to the effect that if the answer were other than no he would know about it. So in deference—</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I understand he took it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: In deference to the chair Commissioner Negus will take the question on notice. But you asked about a timeline. If there are none, there are none. It is not an issue of timelines, and you should not imply that the answer to the question is other than no.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I did not make that implication.</p> <p>CHAIR: I think the Senator has now narrowed the timeline given my example of someone 20 years ago perhaps being in the Ceylonese police. But I suspect now that since whenever it was—</p> <p>Mr Negus: I have been commissioner since 2009, so it gives me even more comfort the answer will be no. But I will double-check.</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 30

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13	Australian Federal Police	Rhiannon	(NSCJG) Breaches of the funding and disclosure requirements under the Electoral Act	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Sorry, Chair, I have one other question. I understand that, with regard to the Electoral Act, if disclosures are not made properly and if there are inconsistencies the Australian Electoral Commission has to refer investigations of all possible potential offences, other than a failure to vote, to the AFP for investigation. My question is: in the last three years, how many breaches of the funding and disclosure requirements under the Electoral Act has the AEC referred to the AFP?</p> <p>Mr Negus: I will go to the deputy commissioner on the figures that we have around the Electoral Commission. But I am not sure whether it actually covers the question that you are asking.</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I think you asked in relation to matters around funding and disclosure.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes, please.</p> <p>Mr Phelan: The information that I have is: none. However, I am happy to take that on notice. From a couple of the investigations that I have, it is unclear to me in the advice as to whether they are specifically related to funding and disclosure. I suspect the answer is none, but I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: I want to ask you a couple more questions to clarify what I was after. How many investigations into breaches of the Commonwealth Electoral Act has the AFP undertaken in the last three years where the Australian Electoral Commission is the complainant? Of these, how many have the AFP referred to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions for consideration? How many prosecutions have been initiated as a result? I did not want it to be narrowed down to just disclosures. Could you provide details of whatever has been referred to you by the AEC, please.</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I am happy to do that now if you want, Senator. I can go through a bit of the table of the information that I do have. That might help a little bit and narrow it down. Since the financial year 2010-11, the AFP has received 24 referrals from the Australian Electoral Commission. We have investigated 18 of those. We have rejected six of those, where either there were no offences disclosed or there was insufficient evidence. So far, from the advice that I have, no matters have been referred for prosecution.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So no matters to the—</p> <p>Mr Phelan: No offenders have been charged.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: No-one has been charged. Can we detail that out: 24 referrals and 18 investigated. What happened to the six that were not investigated?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: They would have been rejected first off.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So they were the rejected ones?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: They were the six rejected, yes. So it is just 24—18 accepted with a balance of six.</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 31-32

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				<p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you tell us where the 18 are up to, please? And can you categorise what they cover in any way? Mr Phelan: I can take that on notice, if you like, in relation to some of those matters.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: If you could take on notice the 18, what they cover and where they are up to.</p> <p>Mr Phelan: Yes, certainly, I can. Senator RHIANNON: Thank you for that information. You have identified the areas of enrolment fraud and fake how-to-vote cards. Are they some of the 18 cases that you have been looking at?</p> <p>Mr Negus: They would be, yes, and multiple voting as well. These are active investigations that are ongoing, so I cannot talk about them, but we do have these matters on foot and they have not reached conclusions. Although no one has been charged yet—these matters may lead to that or they may not—we are still investigating them.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: What about political funding, political donations and inconsistency in disclosure? Do you look at any of that?</p> <p>Mr Negus: I think I will go back to what the deputy said in that we will have to take that on notice, because I do not have details of those types of things. We do not think that they have been referred, but we will check on notice.</p>	
14	Australian Federal Police	Singh	(NSCJG) Arrests from Polaris and Trident	<p>Senator SINGH: And how many arrests have been made from Polaris and Trident?</p> <p>Mr Negus: Particularly with Polaris, there have been substantial arrests and seizures of cargo and those sorts of things. We will just see if we have those. We might have to take that on notice, I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: And Trident's as well?</p> <p>Mr Negus: We can provide—</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I think we did take that on notice, though, at last estimates and I still have not had an answer.</p> <p>Mr Negus: I think it is on its way back to you. Again, we answered the question earlier about where that process is up to.</p>	26 May 2014 L&CA 35
15	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) Anzac Centenary Arts and Culture Fund Advisory Panel	<p>Senator SINGH: Do they get any entitlements? Is their international travel or domestic travel included?</p> <p>Mr Lovelock: The chair is paid a fee. I would need to take on notice each classification of the Remuneration Tribunal that fees are paid under. Included in the package is international travel associated with managing relationships in order to deliver the fund.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 10
16	Ministry for the Arts	Wright	(CJLSG) Prime Minister's Literary Awards Panels	<p>Senator WRIGHT: When and how were former judges notified that they were no longer on the panel?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I believe they were notified by the department.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Then I might ask the department about that. Ms Basser: I would need to</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 11-12

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				<p>take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: I am interested in the date, the manner of communication of that, the timing—you would not be surprised that there has been some controversy about it. Certainly what I am aware of from the media is that—</p> <p>Ms Basser: No commitments had been made to any people.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: I am just interested in knowing at what point people who may have been under a reasonable apprehension that they may be on the panel were advised that they were not on the panel.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: They would not be, though, because, if you look at the list of members of the panels from 2008 to 2009, in most cases people have only served for one term. For example, in 2008 the non-fiction panel was Hilary Charlesworth, Sally Morgan and John Doyle. In 2009 that panel was Phillip Adams, Peter Rose and Professor Joan Beaumont. In 2010 that panel was Brian Johns, Colin Steele and Dr Faye Sutherland. So, usually these appointments in the past have been for only one year at a time. If the point of your question is that members of the 2013 panel might have had an expectation they would be reappointed, then that is not the way it has worked before now.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: I can go back and look at the transcript of what you have just said in terms of those. And I hear what you are saying, that, generally, it has been a one-term appointment.</p>	
17	Ministry for the Arts	Wright	(CJLSG) Regional Arts Funding	<p>Senator WRIGHT: I do not underestimate the challenge that you have in terms of determining fairly quickly how you are going to manage this. I might come back to the question that I asked earlier of the department about the effects of funding on rural and regional arts communities in Australia. I heard that there is going to be quarantining of regional arts funding, but I want to know that that would not mean that individual artists organisations, who may be seeking Australia Council grants in regional areas, will miss out given that you have talked about a \$9 million reduction. The question is: what will be the effect on regional arts communities? The other part of my question is: how soon will the granularity be determined so that we actually know how these cuts will be affecting the arts communities in Australia?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: In terms of the regional question and regional funding, some \$11.8 million is preserved and this is unchanged. It is also very important to note that other parts of our budget, for example the major performing arts companies, tour extensively to regional centres in Australia and that will not be impacted. Certainly, as part of our discussions with those companies, they see the broadest access for Australians in all parts of urban and rural centres as significant. Similarly our key organisations, the small to medium sector, again, part of the budget which is untouched, undertake extensive regional touring, so that will be</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 17

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				<p>impacted. Senator WRIGHT: And I will put the question on the time line on notice.</p>	
18	Ministry for the Arts	Macdonald	(CJLSG) Arts stakeholder engagement functions	<p>CHAIR: Thank you for your frugality. I am glad you did not invite me to the party. How is the \$54,312 comprised? I appreciate arts was not in this portfolio, but I assume having kindly found out that information for me you would have some further details of that. This was in March, April and May of 2013 which was in the phoney election campaign period. Senator Brandis: There might be a fin de siecle air at the time. CHAIR: You will have to explain to me later what that means. Can anyone tell me how the \$54,312 was made up? Ms Basser: My recollection is that there were stakeholder engagement functions. There was one held in Melbourne in Victoria, there was one held in Canberra, there was one held in Sydney, there was one held in Queensland and there was one held in Adelaide. CHAIR: I again appreciate you are at a bit of a disadvantage because it was not in this department, but do you have any record of what the stakeholder engagement was in, as I say, in the phoney election period? The election had been announced in January if I recall. Do we know what element of consultation or engagement with the stakeholders was? Ms Basser: My understand is that it was an opportunity for the former minister to meet with stakeholders. CHAIR: Does the \$54,000 include airfares, or was it all on consumables at these stakeholder engagements? Ms Basser: It was largely the events themselves. I do not believe that there were airfares involved. CHAIR: There were five events. On average that is about \$11,000 per event. What would that have been spent on—room hire? Ms Basser: A range of things. Senator Brandis: We will take that on notice. We will break it down between venue hire, alcohol, food, wait staff and other outlays. But I am bound to say that \$54,000 on parties in three months does strike me as being remarkably high. I do not know how, with a straight face, Labor politicians can attack a very modest reduction in the arts budget when their own late minister used the arts budget in that extravagant way for parties. CHAIR: I am just wondering what we could we have done in the genuine arts field with some \$55,000. Would that promote another regional tour, or— Senator Brandis: It could have done. It could have provided a grant towards international touring by a major arts company. It could have provided a significant contribution to a regional tour. I do not know if Mr Grybowski is in a position to tell us the average grant to individual artists under the Australia Council's various programs for individual artists.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 18-19

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				<p>CHAIR: Are you able to do that, Mr Grybowski?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: Not overall. Our grants for individual artists range from \$500 up to tens of thousands of dollars.</p> <p>CHAIR: If it was an average of \$10,000 we could say at least five additional artists might have been able to be supported with that. I would be very concerned to see how you could spend \$11,000—I have run some parties in my life—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have been to some of them!</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes! I wonder if the records would show the quality of the champagne and whether there was caviar and that sort of thing.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: We will get you a very detailed and granular breakdown of the outlays comprising this \$54,000-odd that the former minister spent on parties out of the arts budget in that three months' time.</p> <p>CHAIR: It is not just the three months.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: We will take it on notice to get the details for the last 18 months if you like.</p> <p>CHAIR: It would be useful to me if we could get some rough indication of who apart from the minister attended those parties. Would we be able to get a list of the members of parliament who attended? I assume you, as the shadow minister, were not invited, Senator Brandis.</p> <p>CHAIR: No. When I was the shadow arts minister, I am sorry to say, the minister did not include me in any of his parties. But I probably would have been busy doing other things.</p>	
19	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) Value of the Electronic Games Industry	<p>Senator SINGH: Do you know the value of the electronic games industry globally?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: I think it is around \$200 billion.</p> <p>Mr Mason: We could take it on notice to confirm that for you.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Okay. And what was the value of the electronic games industry to the Australian economy last year?</p> <p>Mr Grybowski: We would need to take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I think it is around \$1.5 billion.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: It is a very prosperous industry indeed.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 21
20	Ministry for the Arts	Edwards	(CJLSG) Funding of Australian Screen Production	<p>Senator EDWARDS: You may have to take this question on notice. Have you ever quantified the value of those production and location offsets that the Australian taxpayer affords this industry?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: They are quantified. The cost to revenue of all tax concessions and support through the tax system is quantified, I believe, in an annual statement published by Treasury called the Tax expenditures statement. Because I had not anticipated that the line of questions to Screen Australia would be quite so foolish as to disregard the importance of the offset, I actually do not have that here, but I will take that question on notice.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 24

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				<p>CHAIR: Thanks, Minister -</p> <p>Senator Brandis: -That is the aggregate since I introduced this program in 2007, so it is the aggregate over 6½ years. I do not have the annualised figures, but you will see that, in the years since I introduced that program, support for the industry through the tax system has been something of the order of a billion dollars. I am taking a stab at this. I will get you the actual figures on an annualised basis -</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Can I apologise, Mr Chairman, for interrupting you, but I have been handed the information Senator Edwards was seeking. May I read it into the record?</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: This is as at 31 December 2013, so we are talking about calendar 13. For the producer offset, certificates representing \$896.5 million were issued. Under the location offset, certificates representing \$96.6 million were issued. And, under the post-digital and visual effects offset, certificates totalling \$18.6 million were issued. That is a cost to the revenue. That is the aggregate since I introduced this program in 2007, so it is the aggregate over 6½ years. I do not have the annualised figures, but you will see that, in the years since I introduced that program, support for the industry through the tax system has been something of the order of a billion dollars. I am taking a stab at this. I will get you the actual figures on an annualised basis. But it is about \$150 million a year and that has been completely disregarded in the questioning from the opposition and the Greens.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: The wine industry would be very envious.</p>	
21	Ministry for the Arts	Wright	(CJLSG) National Film and Sound Archive of Australia Collection	<p>Senator WRIGHT: I have some questions that relate to the non-theatrical lending collection. First of all, I am interested in looking at the status of the collection and its future. How many borrowers use the collection?</p> <p>Mr Loebenstein: It is difficult for me to establish right here how many borrowers use the collection, but I am happy to take that on notice. What I can confirm is that for the non-theatrical lending collection, which is a film collection that is kept at the National Film and Sound Archive, and licensed for the purpose of non-theatrical screening—so it is for community groups, film societies et cetera—there are about 1,600 transactions a year. This is a rough figure based on averages over the last couple of years. But I am happy to take it on notice and confirm the exact figures in writing of making our films available at a very low cost to registered film societies. Senator WRIGHT: Thank you. If you could take on notice, then the break-up of the figures—the disaggregation into groups like educational institutions, cinema techs, film societies and other individuals, if it is possible for individuals to borrow from the collection. What is the cost of making the collection available to the public?</p> <p>Mr Loebenstein: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: If you come up with a figure, could you then explain how that figure has</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 28

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				<p>been arrived at. Mr Loebenstein: Yes. Senator WRIGHT: I would be interested to know how much of that cost is recovered from users of the collection. You indicated that there is some kind of fee, so if you could give me some information about that. Do you have that now? Mr Loebenstein: I can take it on notice and provide the exact revenue figures. I do not have them here with me. In terms of a general statement, the program falls way beyond thresholds of cost recovery. So it is de facto funding or our regional screenings. We do charge fees, very modest fees, that enable film societies, community groups et cetera to screen those films, and particularly cover the licence cost of it so that they do not have to go off and licence those films individually from distributors and producers. However, this does not even come near cost recovery.</p>	
22	Civil Law Division	Faulkner	(CJLSG) Open Government Partnership (asked and answered)	<p>Senator FAULKNER: I will place a question on notice. What information and material, if any, was involved in that transfer of responsibility? You mentioned interagency meetings. Is AGD still involved in any interagency meetings? Could you confirm that for me? Mr Fredericks: Our expectation is that we will be. Senator FAULKNER: Was that an expectation as opposed to a certainty? I noticed your use of language, Mr Fredericks. I always take account of the language you use. Mr Fredericks: It is an expectation I expect to be realised. Senator FAULKNER: I will not even ask you what that means. The interagency meetings involve AGD, Finance and which other portfolio? Answer (L&C32) - Senator Brandis: By the way, I can respond to your earlier question that I said I would take on notice. The answer to your question is no. This is a matter in which Australia is defending a suit brought by a foreign state. Australia is defending this suit, as you would expect, to protect Australia's national interests. No doubt the government of Timor-Leste is bringing this suit in the prosecution of what it believes to be its national interests. I do not think that it is appropriate for me to comment on the merits of a dispute in which Australia is involved, nor do I think, if I may say so, it is wise for you to do so. Mr Fredericks: PM&C and Communications. Senator FAULKNER: Not DFAT? Mr Fredericks: Yes, sorry. DFAT and DRET as well. Senator FAULKNER: Thank you for that-</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 31
23	Civil Law Division	Faulkner	(CJLSG) Open Government Partnership	<p>Senator FAULKNER: Thank you for that. Finally, Minister, was there any proposal for you to attend the Bali meeting planned for 6 and 7 May? I think you are aware the Prime Minister decided not to attend. Given the role of your department, I wondered if there had been any invitation for you or an Attorney-General's department official to attend.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 31

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				<p>Senator Brandis: In relation to myself, I do not recall receiving an invitation but I will check to make sure that that is so. I will take that on notice but, to the best of my recollection, no. In relation to officers of the department, Mr Wilkins might be able to help you.</p> <p>Mr Wilkins: Apparently, we did not attend. I am not aware as to whether we received an invitation; but we did not attend.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER: If there is any further information that you can provide the committee after checking, I would appreciate it. I thank the witnesses for that information. Appreciating that this agency is no longer the lead agency for this particular element of government, please follow those other matters through.</p>	
24	International Law & Human Rights Division	Carr	(CJLSG) International Court of Justice (asked and answered)	<p>Senator KIM CARR: You made a couple of points that I want to take up, Minister. First, in regard to the jurisdictional issue about whether it is this committee or another committee, I will ask you: since the International Court of Justice was established in 1945, how many times has Australia appeared as a respondent in a substantive hearing before the court in The Hague—that is, to answer an allegation of breaches of international law? That is surely a matter for this department.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I do not have your legal training, but I am a student of history—and I do not recall us having to appear in the manner in which we had to appear this year.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: As I said, I will take that question on notice. I want to make sure that the answer to the question you have asked is carefully considered.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I put it to you that this is the first time that Australia has been named as a respondent.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have taken the question on notice.</p> <p>(Answer L&C32) Senator Brandis: By the way, I can respond to your earlier question that I said I would take on notice. The answer to your question is no. This is a matter in which Australia is defending a suit brought by a foreign state. Australia is defending this suit, as you would expect, to protect Australia's national interests. No doubt the government of Timor-Leste is bringing this suit in the prosecution of what it believes to be its national interests. I do not think that it is appropriate for me to comment on the merits of a dispute in which Australia is involved, nor do I think, if I may say so, it is wise for you to do so.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 32
25	Strategy & Delivery Division	Singh	(SPCG) Fit-out of Ministerial Offices	<p>Senator SINGH: How long were the bookshelves again? How many shelves?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I do not know. I could not tell you that. I can take that on notice for you. I wonder if you would allow me to make a point, however, that has been rather missed in the public discussion of this great cause celebre. When I asked that those bookshelves be installed, I did so because there have always been bookshelves in the Attorney-General's office in this parliament. But, since this building has served as Parliament House, there has</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 36

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				<p>been no Attorney-General on the Senate side of the building. The first senator to be the Attorney-General since the building was opened is me. So all I was asking be done was the installation of an amenity that has been availed of, uncontroversially, by every Attorney-General, Labor and Liberal, since the building has been in operation. I also say—and this has also not been adverted to in the public discussion—that when I asked for the shelves to be installed, I asked that they be installed at the lowest possible cost consistent with the standards required by the people who run the building.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Can you take on notice how long they are and how many shelves there are?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Sure.</p>	
26	Civil Law Division	Macdonald	(SPCG) Legal assistance for former Ministers (asked and answered)	<p>CHAIR: Thank you, Senator Carr. That is the end of your 15 minutes. Curiously, it segues nicely into the questions I have, but on a different royal commission. I am just wondering whether you could indicate to me how many witnesses have sought legal representation costs in the insulation royal commission.</p> <p>Mr Wilkins: I am not trying to prevaricate, but it would be the sum of a number of different features.</p> <p>Mr Minogue: I do not think there is a consolidated figure, unless the legal assistance side—</p> <p>CHAIR: How many people? That was the question.</p> <p>Mr Minogue: There were 58 witnesses. Some were former Commonwealth employees, who would have approached their own departments under the legal services directions that apply to Commonwealth employees engaged in legal actions or inquiries. There would have been some private witnesses who would have gone through the conventional legal assistance process that Mr Manning and Ms Quinn were outlining. And then there were the former ministers, who would have availed themselves of the parliamentary entitlements regulations regime, which is legal assistance for former ministers, in relation to acts arising under their ministerial duties.</p> <p>Mr Wilkins: So, to give you the number you are after, Mr Chair, we would need to get those three things and add them together.</p> <p>CHAIR: Well, I was more interested in the payments made to former ministers. Do we have a list of which former ministers sought legal assistance, how much they were, and who they were represented by? Were they represented by solicitors, or junior counsel, or—</p> <p>Mr Minogue: We do. I think there were three former ministers who have availed themselves—</p> <p>Mr Wilkins: This is public information.</p> <p>Mr Minogue: It is public information. Under the parliamentary entitlements regime the Attorney will ultimately table a statement of approvals and expenditure, but there were three former ministers and the former Prime Minister. So, that is four. In terms of who their</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 41-42

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				<p>representatives were, they were represented by a combination of solicitors and counsel—counsel appearing at the bar table. In terms of the amounts, we would not generally disclose that prior to the Attorney's tabling that statement, because of commercial-in-confidence and other considerations. But I am happy to take that question on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Were all former ministers represented by QCs, or SCs? In Queensland they may well have been QCs.</p> <p>Mr Minogue: They were all represented by counsel. I do not have, in the notes I have, whether they were represented by silk. I suspect that two of them were silk, but I do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Certainly Mr Rudd was; we know that.</p> <p>Mr Minogue: Yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: And you are telling me that at some stage in the parliamentary process the Attorney will table in the parliament a list of the payments. Mr Minogue: Yes. Under the normal parliamentary entitlements regime, parliamentary entitlements for ministers and former ministers include support for legal actions they are involved in. That is ultimately a process whereby the Attorney tables information before parliament in accordance with those regulations.</p> <p>CHAIR: This has not been retrospectively changed like other such things, Senator Brandis?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No. I think that direction has been in being for quite a long time.</p> <p>CHAIR: It is just that there is a tendency under this government to retrospectively sort of change arrangements.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Payment to legal practitioners has been tabled in the parliament for many years.</p> <p>Answer (L&C 42) - CHAIR: I will call back to order the Senate estimates hearing of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee. We are dealing with the affairs of the Attorney-General, and when we broke at 1 o'clock I was asking some questions of legal payments for ministers involved in the home insulation inquiry. Did you indicate to me how many ministers had applied for assistance?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: I will expand on my answer a little. Four former ministers have appeared before the royal commission, but eight former ministers who had applied for legal assistance under the parliamentary entitlements scheme. There was also discussion about whether they were represented by a counsel or solicitors. I can inform the committee that former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was represented by Bret Walker SC and Martin Burns QC; former Treasurer Swan was advised by counsel Mark Plunkett, although he did not appear. The former Prime Minister Julie Gillard and Lindsay Tanner were both represented by the same counsel—the three were Nicholas Owens, Bruce McClintock SC and Noel Hutley SC—in</p>	

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				<p>relation to legal advice. There were no appearances by either of those ministers. We do not know of any application or representation for Senator Wong. Former Minister Garrett was represented by Antony Whitlam QC. Former Minister Arbib was represented by Adam Pomeranke QC. We do not have any information in relation to former Minister Combet.</p> <p>CHAIR: Four of those who had legal assistance were not called before the commission?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: That is right. If they were called, they appeared.</p> <p>CHAIR: So they are entitled to legal advice although they are not part of the commission. Had they been advised by the commission that they might be required?</p> <p>Mr Minogue: They might have been interviewed by the commission.</p>	
27	Civil Law Division	Macdonald	(CJLSG) Approval of Ministers seeking legal aid by former Attorney- General	<p>CHAIR: In a rare event, at lunchtime I just happened to be watching Sky News and noticed Mr Dreyfus saying that in the time he was Attorney-General he signed off on either dozens or many—I am not sure which word he used—former Howard government ministers who were seeking legal aid. I was wondering if you might be able to indicate to me, perhaps on notice, how many applications Mr Dreyfus approved in the time he was Attorney-General between February 2013 and, I assume, September 2013.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: We can do that. Of course it may be that Mr Dreyfus had in mind as well the period during which he was Special Minister of State.</p> <p>CHAIR: I think the transcript would show that he said, 'As Attorney I approved these.'</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I see.</p> <p>CHAIR: I just want to know is how many he signed off on. I do not need names, obviously, and you probably would not give them to me if I did ask. As I heard his interview, it sounded like there was a big number. But I cannot recall.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Mr Dreyfus sometimes does not choose his words very carefully, I am sorry to say.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: And you do?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Yes, I do.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Oh, really?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: But we will check so that we will not be lost in the fog of rhetoric.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 43
28	International Law & Human Rights Division	Macdonald	(CJLSG) 18C submissions	<p>CHAIR: Getting back to my original question, is it easy to assess how many of the submissions you have received have been of the type that we call form letters?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Most of them, certainly.</p> <p>CHAIR: Is anyone going to count them at some stage. If someone is looking through them—and I do not want you to do this as a special exercise for me—is it possible to get, to the nearest couple of dozen, a count of how many of the total number of submissions received, because someone obviously counts them, were of the form-letter type, whether there are for one view or another.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 59

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				<p>Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice. CHAIR: I do not want you to spend too much time on it. Senator WRIGHT: Can I ask you to take on notice the number that were in favour and those that were against, and the number— Senator Brandis: No, I am not going to do that exercise. Senator WRIGHT: So what is the efficacy of that particular question as opposed to the one I legitimately put earlier? I do not understand why the distinction. Senator Brandis: What we are searching for are people's ideas. Senator WRIGHT: But you have agreed to take on notice a question about how many were form letters and how many were not. Senator Brandis: I will have a look at it.</p>	
29	Access to Justice Division	Macdonald	(CJLSG) Family Relationships Australia	<p>CHAIR: There used to be a group operating in Australia. I remember opening one of their offices. I think they were called Family Relationships Australia. Are they still funded by the government? They were a quasi-private organisation. Mr Wilkins: I do not know. CHAIR: Are they still funded? I guess that is the question I should ask about this. Ms Harvey: I would have to perhaps have a look or take that on notice. I am not familiar with an organisation called family relationships Australia. -</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 69
30	Access to Justice Division	Macdonald	(CJLSG) Indigenous Legal Services	<p>Ms Quinn: All of the Indigenous legal services are funded by the Commonwealth—100 per cent Commonwealth funding—through direct funding agreements with our department. We have ultimate oversight of risk management profiles of how an organisation is running, acquittal of the money that is being spent and also performance reporting standards. CHAIR: But your contract is with the state group or, in the Northern Territory's case, to— Ms Quinn: Each provider, yes. CHAIR: But then that provider could have several units— Mr Manning: Several sites at which they provide services; that is right. Ms Quinn: The services are of different sizes and different make-up depending on the location and the needs. Also, some services may well receive other funding through other government arms. I am just talking about the Indigenous legal assistance program funding. CHAIR: Is it easy to get me on notice an indication of how many units there are? In Queensland, for example, which is my home state, is there only one unit that gets the funding or is there a unit in Brisbane, one in Townsville, one in Mount Isa and so on? Ms Quinn: There is one organisation that is funded to provide services across all of Queensland. They have different sites in different locations. They also do remote and rural outreach. The make-up in different states is quite different, as you would imagine. In the Northern Territory the arrangements for service provision are quite different to, say, in</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 80-81

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				Victoria. That is about the individual service assessing the needs in their region. Mr Fredericks: On notice, we would be able to provide you with a list of the locations in which legal services are provided. My understanding is that they are provided in 82 permanent locations across Australia at the moment. On notice, we could give you a list of all of those 82 locations.	
31	Access to Justice Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Legal Aid Commission budget breakdown	<p>Senator SINGH: Does the department have some kind of breakdown as to what each legal aid commission used that money for? Obviously some have used it for pilot programs; others, as you say, like Tasmania, have used it to top up their existing services.</p> <p>Mr Fredericks: Senator, in fairness to you, that answer deserves a proper detailed response, the nature of which we can provide to you on notice.</p> <p>Ms Quinn: I will add to that. Because we were only halfway through the funding cycle when we made the announcement about cutting the second year of funding, we are working very closely with each legal aid commission to recast what they think they will be able to achieve with that money over the remaining financial year. The position they may have presented six months ago may be different to what we are working with them on now. If we could take that on notice, we could give you a much more current picture of what each legal aid commission will be delivering.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Okay—let's take that on notice. I would like to move to cuts to Indigenous justice programs.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 85
32	International Law & Human Rights Division	Wright	(CJLSG) Human Rights Action Plan	<p>Senator WRIGHT: I am interested in the status of the action plan, notwithstanding what you have already said about the vociferous debate that is going on at the moment. Will it continue to form part of the current government's policy?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: The document, in the form we inherited from the previous government, may not necessarily. But can I add another element to this, please. I have discussed this with Professor Triggs, and you may well wish to ask about this tomorrow. The government proposes to reform the Human Rights Commission, and that will require amendments to its act. Professor Triggs is very eager that that be done, and she has some views about ways in which the constitution of the commission, and the way in which it operates, can be improved. She and I have spoken about this a couple of times, including briefly this afternoon in fact. The point I am trying to make to you is that I do not want to let the cart get before the horse here. In the second half of this year we will be announcing significant reforms to the Human Rights Commission, and I think it is in the context of those reforms that we will be revisiting the human rights agenda.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Having listened to what you have said there, would I be correct in thinking that the department probably is not at the moment continuing to deliver initiatives under the plan?</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 90-91

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				<p>Senator Brandis: That is a matter for them.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Or are their ongoing initiatives that are being delivered currently?</p> <p>Mr Bowhuis: As the Attorney-General has articulated, the new government has a new agenda for human rights. So we would not be continuing with the action plan as formerly set out by the previous government. The new government would make its own decisions about what it wishes to commit to in the lead-up to the universal periodic review in 2015.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: I am using the term 'initiatives contained in the plan'—they are not continuing to be delivered? Are there ongoing initiatives that will not have any further work done on them until that further planning is done?</p> <p>Mr Bowhuis: Each initiative would be a question for the government to decide separately, but that framework of a national action plan was one of the previous government's initiatives that would not continue. But as issues come up, the new government will consider them and make a decision on them as it sees fit.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That is right. The new government has a much broader and richer human rights agenda than the old government, and I think the official reflects that in his answer.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Has there been any change in the funding allocated to the initiatives contained in the plan? Mr Bowhuis: The initiatives span across the whole of government—everything from multicultural affairs to immigration to other matters—so that is a very difficult question for me to answer.</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: The initiatives administered by your department is my clarifying point there—you can take that on notice.</p>	
33	Strategy & Delivery Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service	<p>Senator SINGH: In April last year you were not the Attorney-General. I am asking whether you as minister—and that has been the last eight months—have visited an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: You have misunderstood me.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I am asking the questions! You need to answer the question, not put it in a phrase that suits you, because we all know that you have not visited one.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will answer the question in my own words, but what I was telling you before was to add to my answer to your earlier question to give you the date on which I last visited the Caxton Legal Centre, which was 28 April 2013. You asked me for a date, and I could not give you a date. My assistant has very helpfully found the date, so I am just putting it on the record. Turning to the question you have lately asked, I will check my diary—I know my staff have—as to whether I have or have not. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: You have no recollection of your physical presence in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service? There are only nine of them in the country. You are telling me you cannot recall whether in the last eight months you have been inside an</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 92

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				<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I assumed from your question that meant to include meeting representatives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services, and that is why I said I will take your question on notice. In the last eight months, you will not be surprised to learn, I have had more than a dozen meetings a day on most days.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I can imagine. I have been a minister, so I do know what it is like.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: And, therefore, I am taking it on notice. I know because I am told by my very reliable staff that Mr Lambie, Mr Brennan and others of my staff have met with people from Aboriginal legal services since the election. As to whether I have met with them, I will have to check.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Let us separate that out to whether you have actually been to—not met with in your office or elsewhere—one of the nine Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Okay. Chair, I will now hand over to Senator Paris.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, I can give you some more information about your last question.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: You are lucky you have got a good staffer there.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have got excellent staff, I am proud to say.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Saving you—or trying!</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, they are just providing information, which is what they are there for. Mr Lambie and Mr Brennan met with Mr Cubillo, the Executive Officer of ATSILS, on 20 January this year. I myself remember meeting with Mr Cubillo; when that was, I could not tell you. But I will check.</p>	
34	Access to Justice Division	Peris	(CJLSG) North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	<p>Senator PERIS: The North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, NAAJA, has a care program that helps armistice prisoners when they are released. Judges and the Parole Board in the Northern Territory all agree that it helps reduce repeat offenders. Do you guarantee that funding cuts will not affect this service?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice. I am not familiar with that particular program.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 93
35	Access to Justice Division	Peris	(CJLSG) Productivity Commission draft report	<p>Senator PERIS: The Productivity Commission's draft report on access to justice, released in April, outlined that advocacy can reduce demand for legal service assistance and the justice system more generally and save taxpayer dollars. The commission recommended that advocacy should be a core activity of legal aid commissions and community legal centres, particularly peak bodies. Given this finding do you accept that your cuts to advocacy could end up costing the taxpayers more, and why are you acting against the Productivity Commission's findings?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: We did have this debate before but, very quickly, I do not accept that</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 93

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				<p>proposition. We will wait for the final report of the Productivity Commission but, as I said a moment ago, while I regard policy and advocacy as worthwhile things, in a resource-constrained environment, where there is a finite amount of money, I would much rather spend the money on front-line services.</p> <p>Senator PERIS: Given the fact that NAAJA has reported that, over the past seven years, criminal matters have increased by 72 per cent and family and civil matters have increased by 73 per cent, how will these cuts not affect front-line services?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I am advised by Mr Brennan that he in fact had a meeting by telephone with NAAJA as recently as 4 April this year.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Who is Mr Brennan?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Mr Brennan is my ever-efficient adviser.</p> <p>Senator PERIS: But that was not my question. Given the fact that NAAJA has reported that, over the past seven years, criminal matters have increased by 72 per cent and family and civil matters have increased by 73 per cent, how will these cuts not affect front-line services?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: The whole purpose of the government's approach to this is to prioritise the provision of front-line services. Individual decisions are made in relation to particular programs. I will take on notice the detail of the question you asked, and I will check that. But I adhere to my general observation that in a resource constrained environment ,with a finite amount of money, we should be spending the money on front-line services.</p>	
36	Civil Law Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Marrakesh Treaty	<p>Senator SINGH: I tried to ask this question earlier when the minister was not here, and I do not think the officers could answer it, and I do not think you were there either, Mr Wilkins. It is in relation to the Marrakesh treaty. Are you familiar with the Marrakesh treaty, minister?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: It is currently open for signatures until 26 June this year. It has now been signed, I understand, by 65 countries, including the UK and the US. When will the Commonwealth government sign this treaty?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That is really a matter for my colleague Ms Bishop, but I will take your question on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I actually thought it was part of the A-G's Department. Am I incorrect?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: It may be, but I—</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Mr Wilkins?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I would not be providing an answer like that in relation to Australia becoming a party to a treaty without at least first consulting my colleague the Minister for Foreign Affairs, so I will take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: You are aware of this treaty?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I am advised that the treaty is open for signature on 26 June.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 99

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				<p>Senator SINGH: That is what I just said to you.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That is not what I heard you say; perhaps I misheard you. In any event, I will take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Do you have a view on signing the treaty, as a member of the cabinet?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I said I would take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I think it is an important part of your portfolio. So I want to know whether or not you are supportive of this treaty.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I am sorry, but these matters are government decisions, and I want to talk to my colleague the Minister for Foreign Affairs, so I will take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: What is the Marrakesh treaty, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have told you that all questions in relation to this treaty I will take on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I am asking you what the Marrakesh treaty is.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have taken the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Do you not know what the Marrakesh treaty is?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have already answered that question.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: No, you have not. I am asking you what the Marrakesh treaty is.</p> <p>CHAIR: I heard the minister say three times that he would take it on notice, which he is entitled to do. Do you have any other questions?</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Senator Brandis, do you have anything else to add to your answer?</p> <p>Obviously not.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Perhaps you are having trouble hearing tonight. I said I would take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: That is all right. Clearly you do not understand the Marrakesh treaty.</p>	
37	Emergency Management Australia	McLucas	(NSCJG) Disaster Recovery Allowance	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Do you know how many people in Hope Vale have received the Disaster Recovery Allowance?</p> <p>Mr Croweller: I think I will have to take that on notice. I do not think we have that specific information here tonight.</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 100
38	Emergency Management Australia	McLucas	(NSCJG) Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Let us move to another issue with the NDRRA. Following Cyclone Yasi and the Brisbane floods, there were considerable conversations about the way that natural disaster relief and recovery arrangements were applied to local governments applying to reinstate infrastructure. You may recall the model that was put into trial called the Local Government Value for Money Pricing Model. Is that pricing model being applied to those local authorities affected by Cyclone Ita?</p> <p>Ms C Jones: The arrangement you are referring to was a trial arrangement under the National Partnership Agreement established with Queensland for the reconstruction following the</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 102&107

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				<p>extraordinary flooding events in 2010-11 and followed by Tropical Cyclone Yasi. It has not been extended for the current season. It was established in recognition, I guess, of the scale of the impacts from those previous events and the consequent impacts on the labour market as a result of that. We have not seen the same scale of impacts from this disaster season to warrant an extension of the trial at this point.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Have representations been made to extend the trial?</p> <p>Ms C Jones: Yes, they have.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: And the decision has been made by this government to not extend the trial?</p> <p>Ms C Jones: That is right. Ministers Keenan and Truss have jointly written to the Queensland government.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: When was that?</p> <p>Ms C Jones: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have the date of the letter.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: I want to go back to the questions around NDRRA, if that is possible. Earlier I did ask a question about when Minister Keenan and Minister Truss wrote to Queensland—have you got the date of that letter yet?</p> <p>Mr Croweller: My understanding is that the letter from the minister has been prepared and it is due to be issued back to Queensland very shortly.</p> <p>Ms C Jones: I am sorry, Senator, I do not have the date of the letter. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Okay, could you provide that to me on notice.</p>	
39	International Crime Cooperation Division	Macdonald	(NSCJG) International Legal Assistance in the Pacific	<p>CHAIR: Again, as I say, I do not want to embarrass the government or ask questions that I should not be asking, but, perhaps on notice, is it possible for you to indicate which Pacific countries we are currently helping? If you have it now, I will take it now.</p> <p>Mr Wilkins: I think Catherine Hawkins can probably tell you now, just quickly.</p> <p>Ms Hawkins: In terms of the countries that we are working in, we have been cooperating with Pakistan—</p> <p>Mr Wilkins: No, in the Pacific.</p> <p>Ms Hawkins: In the Pacific, we have been working with Papua New Guinea, we have been doing work with the Cook Islands, with Kiribati, with Tuvalu—so a range of countries in the Pacific. We work with the Pacific Islands Law Officers' Network, or PILON.</p> <p>CHAIR: Where is that based?</p> <p>Mr Wilkins: At the moment it is serviced by a secretariat in Samoa but meets annually in different countries around the Pacific. It is, basically, the senior legal officers from each of those countries. They look at a range of issues, including some of the issues that you just mentioned around corruption and crime, et cetera. It is an opportunity to, I suppose,</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 106-107

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				<p>encourage people at that level to buy into fixing up some of these problems and addressing some of these issues. We sometimes get the attorneys-general or the solicitors-general along, so it is a relatively senior meeting.</p> <p>CHAIR: Ms Hawkins, you mentioned some countries, and you said countries like that. Can you give me them all? Perhaps on notice if it is not—</p> <p>Ms Hawkins: I will give you the full list on notice.</p>	
40	Emergency Management Australia	McLucas	(NSCJG) National Partnership Agreement with Queensland	<p>Mr Croweller: Perhaps to clarify, the government has provided day labour for the 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 disaster events in Queensland—for those three years right across the board. Under the NPA with Queensland, there was also a requirement to do an assessment of the day labour trial. That assessment is currently underway between the QRA, the inspectorate and the task force of the Commonwealth government. We are awaiting the outcomes of that review. As the secretary has said, that will also assist in informing the review that is being currently undertaken by the Productivity Commission.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: So under the NPA there is an assessment of the day labour trial. When did that begin?</p> <p>Mr Croweller: I am sorry, I did not—</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: You said that under the NPA there was an assessment of the day labour trial. Was that jointly done with QRA?</p> <p>Mr Croweller: There is a requirement for an assessment, and that is currently underway between QRA, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, and the Commonwealth government.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: When is that expected to be completed?</p> <p>Mr Croweller: We are awaiting the outcome of that, so we have again reminded the parties concerned that that review needs to be completed. That has been communicated back to Queensland quite recently.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: I think I missed something. QRA and who are doing the assessment?</p> <p>Mr Croweller: The Queensland Reconstruction Authority and the department of infrastructure of the Commonwealth government.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: And that is a report to whom?</p> <p>Mr Croweller: That will come back to us, to EMA. It is a joint report between Queensland and the Commonwealth. It is to come back for review and then it just forms part of the arrangements under the national partnership agreement.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: When were you expecting that report to be provided?</p> <p>Mr Croweller: It was expected some time ago, actually, so we have reminded the parties that that work needs to be completed.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: When you say some time ago, was it six months?</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 108-109

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				<p>Mr Croweller: I would have to take it on notice and get a specific time.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Thank you. That would be good if you could tell me when it was expected and also when you do expect it—if you understand the difference in the question.</p> <p>Mr Croweller: Yes, I do.</p>	
41	Criminal Justice Division	Singh	(NSCJG) National Crime Prevention Fund	<p>Senator SINGH: Can Mr Anderson provide me with details of the change between the previous government's program and this program?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: As the Attorney indicated, it has broadly the same name and is broadly for the same purpose but it is in fact a new tranche of funding and so we are anticipating that there will be new guidelines set up to set out the process by which we will be administering the funding.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: So the funding has changed but the program has remained the same. Is that correct?</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: No, that is not what he said.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I am asking clarification for that.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: The guidelines have not been settled, Senator.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I am asking for clarification from Mr Anderson from the answer he just gave.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: I would refer you to the coalition's policy document, which is in fact referenced at page 63 of paper No. 2; it sets out the details of the policy.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Can you please explain to me the difference between the previous government's program, which has the same name, and this current program, other than the funding change?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: There can be a number of possible differences in the program. One difference I can point to is that this program can involve expenditure on matters that were not covered by the previous program, such as security guards; that is just one of the differences.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Security guards. But still, there is the nature of the program. 'A program that is focused on schools at risk of attack, harassment or violence caused by racial or religious intolerance' is still the remit of this program, is it not?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: That is correct. Senator SINGH: There would have been guidelines put in place from the last government, wouldn't there?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: There would have been guidelines previously, yes. But with this new tranche of funding, and given that there are new matters that can be funded under this funding, new guidelines will be developed.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: I can add to that answer if I may please, Mr Anderson. One of the important differences between the coalition's program and the pre-existing program is: whereas the previous government's program only funded capital works, for example, fences,</p>	28 May 2014 L&CA 114-115

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				<p>gates and those sorts of things, the new program funds both those capital items but also recurrent items and, in particular, security guards. When I was travelling around during the election campaign and I visited a number of Jewish schools, one thing that they were at pains to say to me was, 'We really need a program that is flexible enough to allow us to spend the money on security guards in some of our at-risk schools.' So when we designed this program it was with that in particular in mind, so it is not just for capital work but also for recurrent expenditure on, in particular, security guards.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: So human resources as well as capital works.</p> <p>Senator BRANDIS: If you want to put it that way. I would say it is recurrent costs as well as capital costs.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I am still unclear as to why the guidelines would change for assessment for a particular school to apply for this program. Can someone explain to me why the guidelines are being changed?</p> <p>Mr Anderson: I will take that on notice; my belief is that the Commonwealth Grants Guidelines actually require fresh guidelines for this fresh package of funding.</p>	
42	Australian Human Rights Commission	Siewert	(CJLSG) Assessment for Disability Support Pensions (asked and answered)	<p>Senator SIEWERT: You made a comment about punishing people. Can you expand on what you mean by 'punishing people'?</p> <p>Mr Innes: Punishing people by requiring them to be reassessed when they have already been assessed by qualified medical personnel for the disability support pension. I think that is a punishment in two ways. Firstly, it is taking away a benefit that has already been provided. Secondly, it is taking up the time that such people have to be out looking for jobs. I have been approached by many people on the disability support pension who are very worried about the impact of these decisions. I know that those people are out looking for jobs. I do not know anyone on the disability support pension who enjoys being on the disability support pension, and I have met many of them in the time that I have been in this role.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Were you involved in any discussions—I am avoiding the word 'consultation'—that were made by government on the position of disability commissioner?</p> <p>Mr Innes: The first that I knew about this issue was when I read it in the budget papers. That was a bit surprising to me because it has been the normal practice in my experience at the commission for there to be discussions when these things are going to occur. I had been contacting the minister's office and the department for the past three or four months, for several reasons. Firstly, obviously I was interested to know what plans I should be making or whether there was any consideration of the possibility of reappointment. Secondly, and more significantly, the previous appointment process, in my view, put the commission at significant risk of losing its A status under the Paris principles, because there was not an open appointment process and I was keen to encourage the department and the minister to</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 17

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				<p>appoint a disability discrimination commissioner through an applications process—which has been the practice—and through an open process because I was concerned, from the commission's point of view, about the risk to our A status. So I was not provided with the opportunity to have those discussions and, as I say, the first I knew that the position was to be downgraded was when I read it on the night of the budget in the budget papers.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Professor Triggs, were you consulted, or was any member of the commission consulted, or was there any discussion around the downgrading of the position of disability commissioner?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I am sorry; can I take that question? We are not downgrading any commissioners. These are statutory officers and I do not think, Senator Siewert, you were here when I had to make this point to Senator Singh.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes, I was here and I have heard it; I do not need to hear it again.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Then you know that we are not downgrading any commissioners. For all but the last three years since 1997, the person who has been the disability discrimination commissioner has also been responsible for another portfolio. So for anyone to characterise reverting to the usual position in relation to this statutory office as a downgrading is just wrong.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: You are cutting the position of the disability discrimination commissioner.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Singh, it is not—</p> <p>Senator SINGH: The entire budget—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, we are not.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: It is being cut by you.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Singh, you are out of order! Senator Siewert, please continue.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Senator Siewert, in view of that interjection, perhaps I need to clarify this. You need to read Budget Paper No. 2, the budget measures paper. I can refer you to it, if you like. It makes it perfectly clear that this is a reduction by one in the number of commissioners. It has nothing to do with any particular commissioner.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you guarantee that there will be a commissioner whose sole responsibility is disability? Senator Brandis: No. That is not—</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Because, if you cannot, you are downgrading that—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, we are not.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: You are. You have just heard how important it is and how many issues there are facing people with disability. That is a downgrade if it is not a full-time position.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Senator Siewert—</p> <p>CHAIR: This is not a debate. If you have a question please ask a question.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: If it is not a debate, Senator Brandis perhaps should not be debating the</p>	

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				<p>issue. CHAIR: Please ask a question. Senator SIEWERT: I have asked a question. Senator Brandis: Senator Siewert, I can guarantee there will continue to be a Disability Discrimination Commissioner. CHAIR: Can you repeat the question? Senator SIEWERT: My question was to Professor Triggs as to whether she or anybody in the commission had been consulted about the changing—I say changing so I do not set off Senator Brandis again—of the disability commissioner position. Senator Brandis: I am just going to object if you put questions on the basis of false assertion. Senator SIEWERT: Professor Triggs? Prof. Triggs: It is true to say that I have been in discussions with the Attorney for many months about appointments to the commission, including the future of the position for the disability commissioner. We have been discussing that position in the wider context of a commission that now comprises seven commissioners—at the moment; six after the budget. We are still exploring how we will manage a commission that has a smaller budget. We have to take that hit to our budget. We have to manage it and we have to manage the vital project work, as well as administering our legislative responsibilities and meeting those responsibilities. I have been discussing these with the Attorney for some time.</p>	
43	Australian Human Rights Commission	Waters	(CJLSG) National Foundation for Australian Women	<p>Senator WATERS: Thanks, Professor. Did you or any of your commissioners have the opportunity, prior to the budget being finalised, to advise the government on sex discrimination issues as they pertained to the budget? Prof. Triggs: I do not believe that we were specifically consulted on that matter, but I would need to take that on notice and consult with my colleague. Senator WATERS: Thank you.</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 17-18
44	Australian Human Rights Commission	Waters	(CJLSG) Impacts of the budget on women	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you, Attorney. Professor, has the commission had a chance to input on the impacts of the budget on women, and not just the budget as it pertains to your organisation but the budget in its entirety, after its release? Prof. Triggs: No, we have not done that. We operate on the basis of particular projects in particular areas. We have limited capacity. Taking on a very major task such as that would be a project that Commissioner Broderick may very well raise for the commission in the future but not for the moment. Senator WATERS: Were you consulted on the fact that a women's budget statement was not produced in this budget for the first time in more than 30 years? Prof. Triggs: No, we were not. Senator WATERS: Did Commissioner Broderick have a view on that that she has expressed</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 18

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				post-budget delivery? Prof. Triggs: I am not aware of view that Commissioner Broderick has expressed in relation to that, but I am happy to ask further questions.	
45	International Law & Human Rights Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Human Rights Education Program	Senator SINGH: Thank you for your answer. Professor Triggs, the government is ceasing the Commonwealth human rights education program from 1 July, I understand from the budget papers. Can you describe the initiatives currently funded by this program? Does it include the Racism, it stops with me campaign? Prof. Triggs: I think I would have to take that one on notice because we, of course, run our own education program within the commission. Racism, it stops with me is one of our priority areas for education and simply running that national strategy. Insofar as the Commonwealth education program generally is concerned, I am actually not informed; so I would have to come back to you.	29 May 2014 L&CA 23-24
46	Civil Law Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Personal Property Security Regime	Senator SINGH: Can I turn to the terms of reference. Have any stakeholders asked to be completely exempt from this PPS regime? Mr Walter: In the context of the review? Senator SINGH: Yes. Mr Walter: Unfortunately, that would be a question I would really have to check with the reviewer on. We do have an independent reviewer. He is doing that. I know his consultation with stakeholders has only just begun. I think it is probably too early to say. It may be one that you want to come back to next time, Senator. Senator SINGH: Okay. Mr Walter: He has only just started those consultations. There is a call for submissions and there has only been a small number, I understand. Senator SINGH: The AFSA does not have anything to do with the review? Mr Walter: Of course, they have been consulted. The reviewer has already met with them. The department provides the secretariat support and all of those sorts of things. Senator SINGH: Will there be public submissions made available, like on the Attorney-General's Department website? Mr Walter: I will just have to check. The reviewer has called for submissions. I will just have to check the terms in which he has called for them, whether he has agreed that they will be public or not public. I think he has probably given people the option of making confidential submissions to him. I will check that for you and give you an answer on notice, if that is okay.	29 May 2014 L&CA 24
47	Civil Law Division	Ingram	(CJLSG) Debtor's Petition Fee	Ms Ingram: You did ask whether there was an increase in debt agreements and that was correlated with fewer bankruptcies. We have been seeing an increase in debt agreements since the GFC. They are still at their highest peak on record. Again, it is really hard to say	29 May 2014 L&CA 26

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				<p>what the cause of that is. Senator WRIGHT: Where would these data be available for the public, for someone doing some research into this? Ms Ingram: We publish statistics now quarterly. It is on our website. Senator WRIGHT: Thank you for that. Given the push for cost recovery by the agency, are there other changes planned? Ms Ingram: That is a matter for the government. Senator WRIGHT: Or any recommendations that have been made by the agency in terms of cost recovery? Ms Ingram: That is completely a matter for the government and the budget process. I cannot comment on that. Senator WRIGHT: So I might ask the department then? Mr Minogue: My response would be the same as Ms Ingram's. That would be a matter for government, to be considered in a future budget process. Senator WRIGHT: I might ask the Attorney-General, then, whether there are any changes planned. Given the push for cost recovery— Senator Brandis: Changes to what? Senator WRIGHT: By AFSA, any changes to fees for bankruptcy, debt agreements, the work of the agency towards a more cost-recovery model? Are there any changes planned? Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice and give you a detailed response. Senator WRIGHT: Thank you for those answers.</p>	
48	Family Court of Australia	Singh	(CJLSG) Length of Cases	<p>Senator SINGH: Mr Foster, can I ask you: what is the average length of cases that present as unrepresented litigants? Mr R Foster: I cannot give you the figure for unrepresented litigants, but the average trial length in days, where a judgment was required, in 2003-04 was 2.3 days; and the latest figure I have is for 2009-10, where the average of a trial going to judgment is now 4.5 days. Senator SINGH: So you do not have a breakdown— Mr R Foster: I do not have a breakdown about those who are unrepresented compared to those who are represented. I could probably take that on notice and see whether I can get that figure for the committee. Senator SINGH: Thank you, but only if it is not too erroneous. I know that you have a lot of work.—</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 37
49	Family Court of Australia	Madigan	(CJLSG) Research Projects	<p>Senator MADIGAN: Is the Family Court able to demonstrate to the Senate that their research projects are in place and incorporated into judicial education programs to a degree where they are delivering positive effects and positive outcomes for a) improving balanced family court reports from family court reporters guiding the judiciary; b) the long-term outcomes of</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 42

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				<p>the family law judicial decisions; and c) effective shared parenting decisions. I refer to recommendation 19 of that Every picture tells a story report. I can put those on notice for you, and I will put my other questions on notice if that is easiest.</p> <p>Mr R Foster: I would not like to attempt to answer that. I think that is quite a complex and detailed question and will require a complete response.</p> <p>Senator MADIGAN: I would appreciate that, and I will put the other questions on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Both the Law Council of Australia and the Chief Justice of the Family</p>	
50	National Archives of Australia	Singh	(CJLSG) Back Office Functions	<p>Senator SINGH: Do you see any impact on those back office functions of the National Archives having some effect in regard to this merger of all of these back office functions? Will that have an impact on the National Archives?</p> <p>Ms Watson: The Attorney-General's Department is currently setting up meetings with the agencies to start to talk about what it means for each agency, and the planning processes going forward.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: How many positions within the National Archives would be defined as back office?</p> <p>Ms Watson: I do not have that with me, but we can take that on notice.</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 53
51	Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Xenophon	(NSCJG) Timing of response by the Integrity Commissioner	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Was Seven West informed of your decision not to investigate this matter?</p> <p>Mr Moss: No, I think the notification came direct from the AFP. I am not aware of any direct communication from Network Seven.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I do not think there would have been. I understand that the communication would have been direct from the AFP.</p> <p>Mr Moss: My response would have been in due course to notify the AFP Commissioner that I had decided not to investigate.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: So, the AFP has clearly been notified by now?</p> <p>Mr Moss: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: To the best of your recollection, would that have been several weeks ago? If you cannot remember, that is fine.</p> <p>Mr Moss: I would need to check that timing for you.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: If you could let me know when you would have notified the AFP in respect of that.</p> <p>Mr Moss: Certainly.</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 56-57
52	National Archives of Australia	Xenophon	(CJLSG) Date of Appeal (Fernandes)	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Sorry I was not here earlier. I think it finished earlier, because we have a ruthlessly efficient chair. I just want to go to the case of Fernandes and National Archives in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. I think you are familiar with that.</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 58

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				<p>Professor Fernandes is someone I know quite well and I talk to about issues regularly. I understand that National Archives has decided to appeal to the Federal Court against the decision involving Professor Fernandes to the Federal Court. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Fricker: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: When was the decision of the AAT that you are appealing against made?</p> <p>Mr Fricker: I am not sure I have the dates before me.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: You may want to take it on notice, but it was obviously recently, in the last couple of months, was it?</p> <p>Mr Fricker: It was, yes. We may be able to find that for you.</p> <p>Mr Marsden: We will take it on notice, but it was early April, if that helps.</p>	
53	National Archives of Australia	Xenophon	(CJLSG) Legal Costs (Fernandes)	<p>Senator XENOPHON: So, you have obviously lodged the appeal papers to the Federal Court. Can you tell me what has the cost been so far of the proceedings in this particular matter, in terms of your costs?</p> <p>Mr Marsden: We have incurred costs to date; we will take that question on notice.</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 58
54	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Xenophon	(NSCJG) Security Assessments	<p>Senator XENOPHON: What guidance does ASIO provide to officers conducting security assessment interviews as to the circumstances in which a written or verbal confidentiality undertaking should be requested from an interviewee or their lawyer? Are there circumstances in which you do request confidentiality?</p> <p>Mr Irvine: Yes, there are. There are certainly circumstances where we would request confidentiality on the part of the person being interviewed or their lawyer. Senator XENOPHON: Are there guidelines in respect of that or guidance in respect of those sorts of cases?</p> <p>Mr Irvine: I would need to go back. We do have policies. I would need to go back and check what the guidelines are.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But there are guidelines?</p> <p>Mr Irvine: Yes.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I would be grateful if you could outline that.</p> <p>Mr Irvine: I believe that is the case.</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 60-61
55	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Seselja	(NSCJG) Dimension of new building	<p>Senator SESELJA: I know there are all sorts of specifications with an ASIO building that you do not necessarily reveal, but there is a square metre total. How big is this building in total?</p> <p>Mr Irvine: I do not have that figure off the top of my head, but I will certainly get it for you.</p>	29 May 2014 L&CA 64
56	Australian Federal Police	Rhiannon	(NSCJG) AFP in Papua New Guinea	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many Australian police officers under the responsibility of the AFP are in PNG? 2. What is the budget for this program? 3. Is this budget classified as ODA? 	Written

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				<p>4. Is the budget from this from DFAT or the AFP budget?</p> <p>5. What activities do the AFP officers undertake in PNG?</p> <p>6. Where are these AFP officers stationed?</p>	
57	Australian Federal Police	Xenophon	(NSCJG) US Drone Strike in Yemen	<p>1. The Australian Federal Police reportedly were involved in identifying by DNA techniques the bodies of two Australians killed in a US drone strike on November 19 2013 in Yemen. The two Australians, Christopher Havard from Queensland and New Zealand dual national “Muslim bin John”, birth name Darryl Jones, were killed in Yemen’s eastern province of Hadramout by a US Predator drone, according to this report in The Australian on 20 May:</p> <p>http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/policy/pine-gap-supports-us-drone-hits/story-e6frg8yo-1226923350422</p> <p>According to the report the Australian Government were informed by the Americans that Australians may have been among the dead. In what circumstances did the AFP first become involved in identifying these men as possibly Australians following the strike?</p> <p>2. Who did the testing?</p> <p>3. What kind of testing was carried out?</p> <p>4. Did the families provide consent for this testing?</p> <p>5. How was DNA used to confirm identity – did this require DNA samples being taken from family members and if so was this done voluntarily?</p> <p>6. Where was the testing done?</p> <p>7. What condition were the bodies in after the drone strike, or is it more accurate to refer to remains or body parts?</p> <p>8. When (how long after the strike) did the testing occur?</p> <p>9. Did the AFP or any other Australian Government agency take custody of the bodies for the purpose of repatriation back to the families?</p> <p>10. Where are the bodies or remains now?</p> <p>11. Has the AFP been required to conduct identification of other deceased – Australian or suspected of being Australian - from US drone or other ‘war on terror’ strikes in foreign countries?</p> <p>12. If so, please provide details.</p>	Written
58	Australian Federal Police	Ludwig	(NSCJG) AFP response to Questions	<p>Answers to Question were due on 23 April 2014</p> <p>By Friday the 23rd May you had answered 3 of my 68 questions.</p> <p>When did you submit your answers to the committee?</p> <p>What communication have you had with the Ministers Office?</p>	Written

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59	Australian Federal Police	Singh	(NSCJG) Corporate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many full time staff are there within AFP? 2. How many part time staff are there within the AFP? 3. Have there been any voluntary redundancies to cope with the efficiency dividend and cuts to training and recruitment? 4. What proportion of all staff are women? What's that as a raw figure/s? Also, subject to privacy rules, could we please get a break down of the number and percentage of women in the top ranks of the AFP? 5. What is the ethnic breakdown of all staff at the AFP? Are these figures collected? 6. Have there been any involuntary redundancies at the AFP since the Government came to power? If so, how many? If not, will there need to be involuntary redundancies as a result of Government cuts? 7. Are most staff based in Canberra? Please outline in a table how many are based in Canberra, and how many are based in other cities and/or towns, and which cities and towns these are? 8. How much is spent on IT at the AFP? Who does AFP hold the contract with? 9. What is the overall travel budget for the AFP? 10. What is the overall stationary and office supplies budget? 11. What are the current AFP leasing arrangements? How many leases does the AFP have? When do they expire? What locations are they for? Have any studies or thinking been done to reduce the cost of these facilities, in any way that doesn't impact detrimentally on the AFP's police work? 12. Have any consultancies or contracts been undertaken by the AFP since the Government changed? If so, what for, how much and what were the start and finish dates of these contracts? Were all tendered out? If not, why not? 13. What media monitoring services does the AFP keep? How much does this cost? Are these services shared with any other agencies? 	Written
60	Emergency Management Australia	Cameron	(NSCJG) Loans for consequentially affected small businesses	<p>I note that my QoNs 24,25,26,27,28 from Additional Estimates in February 2014 remain unanswered and therefore I refer again to the new provision for loans for consequentially affected small businesses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has new the provision been implemented by a State government? 2. If so, for which State(s) and for which disaster event(s)? 3. Has the New South Wales government implemented the new provision? 4. Has the New South Wales government implemented the new provision for the Blue Mountains fires of October 2013? 5. If not, what reasons has New South Wales advised the Attorney General or the Department for not implementing the new provision? Please provide the relevant 	Written

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61	Dep Sec Office Cjls	Xenophon	(CJLSG) Claimants committing suicide and repatriation payments	<p>My office has been approached by constituents who have said that they have heard there are a number of people participating in the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce (DART) process who have committed suicide.</p> <p>There are concerns that where these claimants haven't had their claim finalised before they've passed away that none of any potential repatriation payments will be made to the surviving families.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the DART advise whether an application will still be progressed in the event a claimant passes away before the claim has been finalised by the DART? 2. If the claim is finalised to whom are any repatriation payments made? 3. Is the DART aware of any claimants who have taken their own lives after submitting an application? 4. If so, how many claimants have taken their own lives since submitting their application? 5. What programs are in place to assist DART claimants, particularly those who may be experiencing mental health issues? 	Written
62	Australian Crime Commission	Xenophon	(CJLSG) Forced storage of Telco data	<p>In late April Crime Commission acting chief executive Paul Jevtovic told the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee that internet and phone companies should be forced to collect and keep customer metadata for two years.</p> <p>In a submission to the Committee, Broadband provider iiNet said that by 2020 global IP addresses are predicted to pass 50 billion in use. iiNet also estimated the cost of collecting and keeping the data at \$60 million.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the ACC consider collecting and storing such huge volumes of data would be practical? 2. Why do you think it's the private sector's responsibility to collect and retain huge amounts of their customer's data on behalf of law enforcement? 3. Would the Government or service provider cover the costs of collecting and storing the data? 4. Has the ACC conducted any independent cost analysis of the total price tag of storing the data? 5. Has the ACC considered privacy implications of a wide range of agencies and providers 	Written

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				<p>having access to data and the potential for abuse?</p> <p>6. Can you highlight specific instances where the refusal of telecommunications to provide data in the past has directly impacted the ACC's ability to fight crime?</p> <p>a. How many times did this occur in 2011, 2012 and 2013?</p>	
63	Family Court of Australia	Madigan	(CJLSG) Child Welfare and Legislation	<p>1. Can the Family Court of Australia demonstrate to the Senate that the parliamentary intent in legislation to implement 'shared parenting' is not 'continuing to be ignored' as per the culture reflected in past findings such as the Every Picture Report at paragraph 2.25?</p> <p>2. Can the Family Court of Australia demonstrate positive gains in the performance of Independent Children's Representatives, given that historically young adults have reported to parliament and stressed that in their view the 'child representative' in their own cases had not represented their view, nor from their perspective their best interests, as well as they had expected? (Paragraph 2.20)</p> <p>3. Is the Family Court still ordering child custody according to common perception of custody as an 80/20 'Rule' given that parliament has found justifiable grounds for the belief the Family Court applies such a culturally based rule? (Paragraph 2.14)</p> <p>4. Given that parliament has clearly indicated in legislation for shared parenting, and has previously found that it is no longer appropriate to define parenting roles by gender alone, what evidence in legal outcomes can the Family Court of Australia present that it is effective in determining the an appropriate to focus on the role each parent performs? (Paragraph 1.49)</p>	Written
64	Family Court of Australia	Waters	(CJLSG) Cut to legal aid funding and associated impacts	<p>1. Both the Australian Law Council and the Chief Justice of the Family Court, have expressed serious concerns about the impacts of the \$15 million cut to legal aid funding. Is the Court aware of any modelling showing the impact of these cuts on women and families subject to violence?</p> <p>2. Does the Court have a record of the number of victims or alleged victims of domestic or family violence who are self represented?</p> <p>3. Do these individuals comprise a greater percentage of self-represented litigants than the population in general?</p> <p>4. Does the Court know whether self-representation is discouraging women from seeking relief through the Family Court system?</p> <p>5. By not resolving matters thru the Family Court, what options do women have open to them?</p> <p>6. Does the Court have any information about the length of waiting periods women and children in violent situations are subject to in waiting to have their matters settled by the court?</p>	Written

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65	Strategy & Delivery Division	Ludwig	(SPCG) Meetings with Palmer	<p>I know you've had problems with expenses in the past - So I'd like to know</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. did you pay for your travel to your lunch with a department or DPS allocated cabcharge?" 2. did you pay for lunch? 3. who paid for lunch? 4. did you receive any wine as a gift? 5. did you get any books as a gift? 6. did you receive any hospitality from the Coolum resort? If so what? 7. did you stay at the Coolum resort? 8. did you pay for parking? 9. Was a ComCar sent or used to transport the Attorney-General? 10. What other meetings has the minister had with Palmer? 	Written
66	Australian Human Rights Commission	Waters	(CJLSG) Women and equal career opportunities	<p>Regarding recent reports which described perceptions that women have equal career opportunities, but are themselves to blame for failing to reach the top,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Sex Discrimination Commissioner agree that these perceptions are prevalent? 2. Why do you think this is the case? 3. Is there a policy response to these perceptions which anyone in government is adopting? 4. Do such perceptions reinforce the need for strong Workplace Gender Equality reporting requirements? <p>Regarding your recent work on Supporting Working Parents: Pregnancy and Return to Work National Review,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. When is the final report due? Is it on track for the end of June 2014? <p>Regarding the 2014/15 Federal Budget,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Are there any particular budget plans that you would caution the Government against following through on? 7. Did you have the opportunity prior to the budget being finalised to advise the Government on sex discrimination issues relevant to budget measures? 8. Have you had the opportunity to input post budget on its implications? 	Written
67	Civil Law Division	Waters	(CJLSG) Cut to legal aid funding and associated impacts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Both the Australian Law Council and the Chief Justice of the Family Court, have expressed serious concerns about the impacts of the \$15 million cut to legal aid funding. Is the Department aware of any modelling showing the impact of these cuts on women and families subject to violence? 2. Does the Department have a record of the number of victims or alleged victims of domestic or family violence who are self represented? 3. Do these individuals comprise a greater percentage of self-represented litigants than the population in general? 	Written

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				<p>4. Does the Department know whether self-representation is discouraging women from seeking relief through the Family Court system?</p> <p>5. By not resolving matters thru the Family Court, what options do women have open to them?</p> <p>6. Does the Department have any information about the length of waiting periods women and children in violent situations are subject to in waiting to have their matters settled by the court?</p>	
68	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) Arts programs – reduced funding (Budget Paper no 2 p 55)	<p>1. Which programs will be curtailed or discontinued because of these cuts?</p> <p>2. How many public servants will be retrenched because of these cuts?</p> <p>3. What will be the cost of these retrenchments?</p> <p>4. What services will have to be reduced or ceased to cope with these cuts?</p> <p>5. How many public servants will need to be retrenched?</p> <p>6. What will be the cost of these retrenchments?</p> <p>7. How many contract positions will be abolished?</p> <p>8. How much funding will be available for arts programs and projects over the next four years?</p> <p>9. How does the funding allocation in the budget compare to the amount available over the past four years?</p> <p>10. Please provide the guidelines for uncommitted funding.</p> <p>11. Please provide the guidelines for committed funding.</p> <p>12. How many cultural development applications, regional applicants, individual artists has the Ministry approved to receive funds in the coming financial year?</p> <p>13. Which institutions are the beneficiaries of committed funding?</p> <p>14. \$34 million will be cut from the Ministry of Arts in the budget papers, will these cuts affect Indigenous arts, visual arts or touring?</p>	Written
69	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) Screen Australia - Reduced funding (Budget Paper no 2 p 55)	<p>1. Which programs will be curtailed or discontinued because of these cuts?</p> <p>2. What consultation has taken place with the industry about possible cuts to programs? What consultation is planned?</p> <p>3. How many public servants will be retrenched because of these cuts?</p> <p>4. What will be the cost of these retrenchments?</p> <p>5. How many contract positions will be abolished?</p>	Written
70	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) Australia Council - Reduced funding (Budget	<p>1. Which programs will be curtailed or discontinued because of these cuts?</p> <p>2. What consultation has taken place with the arts sector about possible cuts to programs? What consultation is planned?</p> <p>3. How many public servants will be retrenched because of these cuts?</p> <p>4. What will be the cost of these retrenchments?</p>	Written

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			Paper no 2 p 55)	5. How many contract positions will be abolished?	
71	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) Adelaide Festival Centre - Support for Asian cultural activities – ceased – (Budget Paper no 2 p 55)	1. What consultation had taken place with the Festival Centre about the activities they would be undertaking? 2. What plans and commitments had they made about activities? 3. What planned activities will not now take place?	Written
72	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) Artbank - Report in The Australian, Monday 26 May 2014	1. Report Australian Monday 26 May 2014 2. Noting that Artbank's aims are "Supporting and promoting Australian contemporary art through the collecting, commissioning, curating and leasing of art", does the Ministry consider the Artbank collection to be an important part of Australia's national art collection? 3. Is the report correct that 8 or 9 valuable paintings have been sold by Artbank over the past month or so? 4. For the record, what were those paintings? 5. What was the reason for the sale? 6. How much money was paid to the Commonwealth (that is, minus buyer's premium or other commissions paid to agents)? 7. How much were the buyer's premiums and any other commissions? 8. Who were the agents chosen to handle the sales? How were the agents or auction houses chosen to handle the sales? 9. Why was the provenance of the paintings described as "Institution, Sydney?" Was the Ministry trying to conceal that Artbank was selling valuable pictures? 10. What was the price paid for each painting? 11. Were the paintings valued or assessed in any way by the National Gallery of Australia? Were they considered for acquisition by the National Gallery of Australia? If not, why not? 12. Were the paintings offered for sale or gift to the National Gallery of Australia? 13. Where have the proceeds of the sale been paid? To whose account? Artbank's? If not, why not? 14. A functioning website is crucial for a commercial operation like Artbank. Artbank's website has not been functioning for some months. What is the reason for that? What resources are being devoted to fixing the website? When will the website be functioning?	Written

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73	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) National cultural Institutions – cuts to funding/services	Reduced funding over four years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Portrait Gallery \$1.356m (PBS p 457) • National Gallery of Australia \$6.49m (PBS p 403) • National Library of Australia \$7.751 (PBS p 421) • Old Parliament House \$0.416m (PBS p 519) • National Film and Sound Archive \$2.658 (PBS p 385) • National Museum of Australia \$5.618m (PBS p 439) • National Archives of Australia \$9.966m (PBS p367) 	Written
74	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) National cultural institutions – consolidation of back office functions	National Portrait Gallery, National Gallery, National Library, Old Parliament House, National Film and Sound Archive, National Museum, National Archives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What consultation had taken place with the Ministry about this measure prior to the Budget announcement? 2. What consultation has taken place with the other institutions about this proposal before or after the announcement of the Budget? 3. What costs will be involved in implementing this proposal? 4. What savings do you envisage will be made for your institution from this proposal? 5. What job losses will be incurred as a result of this measure? 	Written
75	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) Business Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What business review has been undertaken by the Archive prior to the recent restructure? 2. Will this review be published? 3. What consultations have taken place with staff and stakeholders about the restructure? 4. What services and programs have been reduced or ceased as a result of the restructure? 5. What is the justification for the closure of the Arc Cinema? 6. How many staff have been declared excess as a result of the restructure? 7. What new services or programs have begun or are planned as a result of the restructure? 8. What are the Archive's plans for the digitisation of its collection? How will this be funded? 	Written
76	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) Australian Ballet School Residence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms Daniele Kemp, a member of the Ballet School board, is quoted as saying the ballet school applied for a grant. Under what program was that grant application made? How much funding was requested? When was the application submitted? 2. What specifications for a residence were included in the application? What was the suggested cost of a proposed residence? What money did the School have in hand or promised prior to the application? 3. Ms Kemp is quoted as saying Minister Brandis met with the board when this proposal was discussed. When did this meeting take place? Who initiated the meeting – the Minister, the Ministry, or the school? 4. What advice did the Ministry provide to the Minister about the proposal for a residence for 	Written

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				<p>the school, in the context of the 2014 budget? When was that advice provided?</p> <p>5. What was the Minister’s response to that advice, and when was it provided?</p> <p>6. When was the property in The Avenue, Parkville, identified as being suitable for purchase by the school?</p> <p>7. Who was the previous owner of the property?</p> <p>8. When is the settlement date of the sale/purchase of the property? What are the terms of the sale, in relation to payment of the purchase price? What stamp duty is payable to the State government on the purchase?</p> <p>9. What corporate entity will be the owner of the property?</p> <p>10. Does the school own the premises in which it operates in Southbank? If not, who owns the property? If it does not own the property, how much rent is paid?</p> <p>11. What renovations and modifications to the Parkville house will be required to suit the needs of the school? What is the budgeted cost of those modifications? What funds does the school have in hand to meet those costs?</p> <p>12. What discussions with the School have taken place or representations from the school have been received by the Minister or the Ministry about the need for a residence, prior to the Budget announcement?</p> <p>13. What representations has the ministry or the minister received, apart from the school itself, about the need for a residence?</p> <p>14. What is the budgeted cost for ongoing maintenance and running of the residence? What residential fees are intended to be charged to students? Where will any shortfall in funding of running costs be sourced?</p> <p>15. What is the annual cost of rates payable to Melbourne City Council for the Parkville property?</p>	
77	Ministry for the Arts	Singh	(CJLSG) Follow up from QoNs from last Estimates	<p>1. Ministry – ref QON 99 – The question was “What is the progress of Creative Australia’s initiatives relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures?” The answer given, that “Creative Australia, the National Cultural Policy, was the policy of the previous Government” did not answer the question. I ask it again.</p> <p>2. QON 101, regarding cultural exchange and diplomacy, also did not answer the question. I ask again: Creative Australia proposed a range of initiatives relating to cultural exchange and diplomacy. What has been the progress of those initiatives?</p>	Written
78	National Archives of Australia	Singh	(CJLSG) National Archives of Australia - Follow up from	<p>1. National Archives – ref QON 117 regarding measures to reduce the backlog of dealing with requests. What progress has now been made in reducing the backlog? What is now the average time in dealing with a request?</p>	Written

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79	Corporate Division	Singh	(SPCG) Staffing	<p>1. How many people does your department employ?</p> <p>2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <p>3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <p>4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013?</p> <p>5. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the transfer and where it was transferred to?</p> <p>6. How many of these people are employed in Canberra?</p> <p>7. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>8. How many employees have been transferred out of Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>9. How many of your employees have been transferred to Canberra since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>10. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their age.</p> <p>11. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.</p> <p>13. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>14. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>15. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?</p> <p>16. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer? Please provide all relevant dates.</p>	Written

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				<p>17. "How may positions have been made redundant in your department since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>18. How many of these positions were ongoing?</p> <p>19. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</p> <p>20. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>21. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>22. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>23. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>24. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>25. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>26. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>27. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>28. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>29. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>30. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>31. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>32. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>33. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>34. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>35. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>36. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:</p> <p>37. 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.</p> <p>38. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</p> <p>39. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</p> <p>40. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</p> <p>41. Please provide all relevant dates.</p>	

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				<p>For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <p>42. 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.</p> <p>43. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.</p> <p>44. Please provide the reason for that redeployment.</p> <p>45. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>46. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?</p> <p>47. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>48. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>49. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>50. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?</p> <p>51. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p>52. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p>53. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please provide:</p> <p>54. 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.</p> <p>55. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</p> <p>56. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</p> <p>57. Please provide the reason for that redundancy.</p> <p>58. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>59. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts?</p> <p>60. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts?</p> <p>61. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>62. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</p> <p>63. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>64. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age,</p>	

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				<p>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>65. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>66. 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>67. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval?</p> <p>68. 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>69. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>70. 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>71. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>72. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?</p> <p>73. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>74. 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>	

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				<p>75. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>76. For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>77. How many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>78. 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>79. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>80. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>81. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>82. For every approved new engagement of an 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>83. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>84. 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>85. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p>	

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				86. 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.	
80	International Law & Human Rights Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Racial Discrimination Act	<p>1. The proposed changes the Attorney-General is seeking to make to the Racial Discrimination Act would, by his own admission, involve a major change to the law. Why didn't the Government release a discussion paper explaining the changes and the purported justification for them?</p> <p>2. Public submissions to law reform inquiries, parliamentary committees, Productivity Commission inquiries and other bodies consulting with the public on issues of public importance are routinely made public. Why is the Government conducting its submission process into the proposed changes to section 18C in secret?</p> <p>3. The Attorney-General indicated to the Senate on 13 May this year that thousands of submissions have been received from the public on the proposed changes to s 18C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How many submissions have been received? o How many submissions from community groups have supported the Attorney-General's Exposure Draft? o How many submissions have opposed the Attorney-General's proposed Exposure Draft? <p>4. What process is the Government taking to analyse and take into consideration the submissions received?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How many staff in the Department have been tasked with analysing, collating, interpreting, or otherwise dealing with submissions? o Have all submissions been read? o Has a table, summary, report or analysis of the submissions been prepared by the Department? On what date? By whom? What form does any such document take? Has this document been provided to the Attorney-General's office? On what date? <p>5. Has the Attorney-General or any staff in his office read any of the submissions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What process has the Attorney-General's Office taken to considering the submissions? o How many staff in the Attorney-General's Office have been involved in considering the submissions? o Has the Attorney-General's Office prepared any table, summary, report or analysis of the submissions? On what date? What form does any such document take? <p>6. Will the Government prepare a formal response to the consultation process?</p> <p>7. Was any advice on the draft sought from any person other than in the Attorney-General's</p>	Written

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				Office, or the Attorney-General's Department? o Was the Institute of Public Affairs consulted or involved in the drafting of the Exposure Draft? o Was Andrew Bolt consulted or involved in the drafting of the Exposure Draft? 8. On what date did the OPC receive the exposure draft for the Freedom of Speech (repeal of s18c) Bill 2014? 9. Did OPC have any interaction with PMC on the draft?	
81	Civil Law Division	Singh	(SPCG) Freedom of Information	1. Do your FOI guidelines note that public interest test for conditionally exempt documents is weighted towards disclosure? 2. Is the principle of the FOI Act that government agencies should act impartially, promptly and with a view to facilitating public access, within a pro-disclosure culture? 3. "I now refer you to comments made by the Secretary of the Attorney-General, Roger Wilkins AO, at the November Estimates, when questioned by my colleague Senator Singh about the refusal to release the Incoming Government Briefs under FOI: a. The last two times we played softball and now we are playing hardball. Seriously. 4. If an agency were to take a hardball approach to freedom of information, is this consistent with a pro-disclosure culture? 5. In answer to questions on notice (Question 72 arising out of the last Estimates) the OAIC advised that there had been no change of policy on FOI by the Government. How can this be reconciled with Mr Wilkins' comment? 6. In answer to questions on notice (Question 72 arising out of the last Estimates) the OAIC advised that there had been no change of policy on FOI by the Government. How can this be reconciled with Mr Wilkins' comment?	Written
82	Civil Law Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Contract Law	1. Has the Attorney-General's Department provided any written advice to the Attorney-General regarding contract law? If so, when? If not, why not? 2. Has the Attorney-General requested any briefings or information from the Attorney-General's Department on contract law reform? If so, when? 3. Has the Attorney-General met with any stakeholders in relation to contract law? If so, when? Which stakeholders? 4. Have any stakeholders written to either the Attorney-General and/or the Attorney-General's Department about contract law? If so, when? Please provide copies of their letters.	Written
83	Civil Law Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Marrakesh Treaty	1. Which Department is responsible for The Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works by Visually Impaired Persons and Persons with Print Disabilities? 2. Please clarify precisely what role is played by the AGD and DFAT in relation to this	Written

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				<p>treaty.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Who is responsible for the preparation of Australian domestic law for ratification? 4. Who is responsible for advising the government on the substantive effect of the treaty on copyright law? 5. What role does the Attorney-General play in the decision to sign, or not to sign, this Treaty? 6. What part did Australia play in the negotiation of the Treaty? 7. Was Australia a strong player in the conclusion of the treaty? 8. The conclusion of the treaty was an unexpected success, wasn't it? How have key stakeholders reacted to the conclusion of the treaty? 9. How many countries have now signed the Treaty? 10. Have the USA and the UK now signed the Treaty? 11. The Treaty is open for signature until June 26. Will the government sign the Treaty? 12. Given the role we played in negotiating the Treaty, would it embarrass Australia if we did not sign the Treaty before June 26? How would a failure to sign be received internationally? 13. What steps need to be taken in order to sign the Treaty? 14. If Australia does not sign the Treaty before June 26, will accession be possible? What steps will need to be taken to accede to the Treaty? 	
84	Civil Law Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Commonwealth Ombudsman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please confirm that the Ombudsman will be given new responsibilities announced in the Budget but will not receive any additional funding? 2. Was the office of the Ombudsman consulted about the new functions being conferred on it in the Budget? 3. What additional resources will the Ombudsman need to fulfil the responsibilities that up until now have been handled by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner? 4. What will the consequences be for the Commonwealth Ombudsman of fulfilling these functions without additional resources? 5. Will other services provided by the Ombudsman be impacted? 	Written
85	Access to Justice Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Judicial Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Government has recently appointed His Honour Justice Beach to the Federal Court. What process was undertaken in making this appointment? 2. Has the Government followed the process outlined by former Attorney-General Robert McClelland? 3. Was the position on the Federal Court advertised? 4. Were nominations for the position sought from the profession? 5. If so, were nominations provided by the Court considered by an expert and independent Advisory Panel of the kind established by Labor? 	Written

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				<p>6. Who was on the Advisory Panel?</p> <p>7. How many recommendations were made by the Advisory Panel?</p> <p>8. If the process established by the former Government has been abandoned, please outline the reason for this change of policy. How will your new process further the goals of transparency, accountability and diversity in judicial appointments?</p> <p>9. What process will the Government take to future appointments?</p>	
86	Access to Justice Division	Singh	(CJLSG) National Legal Assistance Advisory Body	<p>1. What is the role and scope of the National Legal Assistance Advisory Body?</p> <p>2. Who is currently on the National Legal Assistance Advisory Body?</p> <p>3. Does the National Legal Assistance Advisory Body currently exist under the new Government? Or has it been abolished?</p> <p>4. When did the National Legal Advisory Body last meet?</p> <p>5. Has a of the National Legal Advisory Body meeting been held in 2014? If so, why is there no communique publicly available on the Attorney-General's website? If so, what items were discussed? What decisions or recommendations were made?</p> <p>6. Who convened the meeting of the National Legal Advisory Body? Was it the Attorney-General's Department or the Attorney-General?</p> <p>7. When do appointments to the National Legal advisory body expire? Please outline for each existing member in a table.</p> <p>8. Has the Attorney-General added any members to the National Legal Advisory Body? If so, please provide their full names and the dates on which they were added. Why has this not been made publicly available on the Attorney-General Department's website?</p> <p>9. Have the terms of reference of the National Legal Advisory Body changed at all since the change in Government?</p> <p>10. Has the Attorney-General met with the National Legal advisory body? If so, when? Please provide the agenda, minutes and meeting brief. If not, why has he not met with them yet?</p> <p>11. Has the Attorney-General met with any members of the National Legal advisory body? If so, which members? When? What was discussed? Please provide the agenda, minutes and meeting brief.</p> <p>12. Has the Attorney-General or Department provided any information about developments of the Legal Assistance National Partnership or similar funding agreement to the National Legal Advisory Body? If so, when? What information? If not, why not? When will the Attorney-General consult this advisory body?</p> <p>13. Has the Attorney-General or Department received any correspondence from the National Legal Advisory Body? If so, please provide it and the date it was received. Was there a response? Please provide this and the date it was signed and sent.</p>	Written

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				<p>14. Will the National Legal Advisory Body continue under a new funding arrangement in 2015? If not, what will replace it? If so, will new members be added or will existing members be replaced?</p> <p>15. Have any discussions been held with any stakeholders about abolishing the National Legal Advisory Body? If so, which groups and individuals? When were these discussions or correspondence held?</p> <p>16. Have any discussions – either by the Department or the Attorney-General – been held with any state and/or territory governments about abolishing the National Legal Advisory Body? If so, which Governments? When? What form did those discussions take? Please provide any correspondence from and to any state and territory governments in relation to this Advisory Body.</p>	
87	Access to Justice Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Community Legal Centres	<p>1. The Commonwealth has recently proposed a renegotiated service level agreement for CLCs. I note that an amendment to the CLC service level agreement removes an “avoidance of doubt” clause, Clause 5, on a CLCs capacity to engage in advocacy which is separate to which services are funded. Why was Clause 5 removed?</p> <p>2. Was Clause 5 of the CLC service level agreement removed at the the direction of the Attorney General?</p> <p>3. Does the removal of Clause 5 of the CLC agreement indicate an intention to create doubt about CLC's capacity to advocate?</p> <p>4. Did the Department consider the interaction between new service agreement and the Not-for-profit Sector Freedom to Advocate Act 2013? Are the changes consistent with that Act?</p> <p>5. Has the Department received any direction from the Attorney-General on how to deal with obligations arising from the Freedom to Advocate Act in relation to this or any other matter?</p> <p>6. Is the Commonwealth in discussions with the States or Territories, as an alternate revenue source for CLCs, on the provision of funding for law reform and legal policy activities?</p> <p>7. Have any discussions, either by the Department or the Attorney-General been held with any state and/or territory governments about a new funding agreement in 2015 for legal assistance? If so, which Governments? When? What form did those discussions take? Please provide agendas, minutes and any action minutes and documentation in relation to these meetings and/or phone hook ups.</p> <p>8. What will be the process for creating a new legal assistance funding agreement in 2015? Has the Attorney-General approved this process? If so, on what date did he sign a brief relating to this process?</p> <p>9. What is the overall budget for the National Legal Advisory Body? Please confirm whether this funding has been cut by the Attorney-General.</p> <p>10. Do any contracts managed by the Department contain any limitations or restrictions on</p>	Written

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				<p>advocacy or criticising Government policy? If so, please name each contact. When was it formed or created?</p> <p>11. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</p> <p>12. Do any agreement managed by the Department contain any limitations on restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?</p> <p>13. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</p> <p>14. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?</p> <p>15. Have any cuts to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? How much funding has been cut?</p> <p>16. Has any consultation occurred between the Department and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?</p> <p>17. If no consultation has occurred, why not? Who made this decision? When was it made?</p> <p>18. Did the Attorney-General meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he meet with?</p> <p>19. What are the current guidelines on Community Legal Centres? Please provide a web address. When were these developed? When were they published? Please confirm that these do not contain any restrictions or limitations on advocacy?</p> <p>20. Is the Department working on new Guidelines for any legal assistance services? If so, which services? When did this start? Was this work being done before Additional Estimates in February 2014?</p> <p>21. Will these guidelines start in mid-2015 with the start of a new Legal Assistance National Partnership?</p> <p>22. If any new guidelines are being developed, has any public consultation occurred? If so, what is the process? Has this been publicly available on the Attorney-General's website? If not, why not? If so, when?</p> <p>23. Will there be a new Legal Assistance National Partnership? If not, what will replace it? Has the legal assistance sector been consulted? If so, how? When?</p> <p>24. Has the Attorney-General been briefed on a new National Partnership? If so, when? If not, why not? What were the date/s of the written brief/s?</p> <p>25. Has the Department discussed a new National Partnership agreement with the Attorney-General? If so, when? If not, why not? Please provide agenda/s and minutes from this</p>	

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				<p>meeting.</p> <p>26. On May 23, the Attorney-General said the ‘core concept’ of free speech was ‘intellectual freedom’. Community lawyers provide informed, expert and useful contributions to public policy debates. Does the Government think that public bigotry is a more worthwhile exercise of ‘intellectual freedom’ than open debate about law reform by legal organisations with expertise in the field?</p> <p>27. The Productivity Commission in its Draft Report on Access to Justice Arrangements said that ‘advocacy should be a core activity of LACs and CLCs’ on the basis that CLCs are uniquely placed to provide expert advice and that this is an efficient use of resources. Does the Government disagree with this conclusion? Does the Government have contrary advice?</p> <p>28. Did the Government consult with any CLCs or peak bodies before deciding to withdraw funding for advocacy work? Did the Attorney-General’s Office or Department consult with agencies such as the ALRC which frequently seek comment from CLCs on law reform?</p> <p>29. How many submissions have CLCs made to the federal government since 7 September 2013? Have any government reviews, inquiries or consultations sought submissions from CLCs since 7 September 2013? If so, which and when?</p> <p>30. Has the Attorney-General’s Department sought submissions from CLCs since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>31. Has the Attorney-General’s Office since 7 September 2013 approached any CLCs for advice, comment, or any form of input into proposed policy development or law reform? Please provide details.</p> <p>32. Will the Government’s change in policy have the effect that no Commonwealth-funded CLC can engage in law reform work?</p> <p>33. Will CLCs be able to work on law reform work out of hours?</p> <p>34. What will the effect of the change in policy be where CLCs receive funding from both state and federal governments?</p> <p>35. Will CLCs be able to provide submissions to the government when they are expressly sought by the government or an agency such as the ALRC?</p>	
88	Access to Justice Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Family Relationships Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much funding is provided overall for all of these services? How much of it comes from the Attorney-General's Department and how much of it from DSS? 2. How many Family Relationship Centres are there? Where are they located? 3. What role do Family Relationship Centres play? 4. How much funding do the centres receive overall, in this financial year? 5. What will be the impact of indexation these services ceasing be? 6. How long will the indexation of these services cease for? 7. Who uses the services provided by Family Relationships service? 	Written

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				8. What statistics are kept on the use of these services? Can I please request a copy of these statistics? 9. How proportion of the people who use the centres are women?	
89	Access to Justice Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Indigenous legal assistance funding	1. Has the Attorney-General since taking office still not met with the head of any ATSil or with the national Chairman or Executive Officer of NATSILS? a. Has the Attorney-General's Office received any requests for such a meeting? 2. How did the Government reach the figure of \$13.34 million over 4 years in cuts, announced in MYEFO last year? Please provide a breakdown of when and in what programs these cuts will fall. 3. Does the Budget include any further cuts to Indigenous justice, beyond the \$13.34 million already ripped away in MYEFO? 4. According to government information, is there a trend of growth in the level of Indigenous incarceration? What impact does the Government anticipate cuts to ATSilS will have on this trend? How was this view formed? 5. How much of Commonwealth funding to ATSilS is spent on policy reform? How much on casework? 6. I refer to the Government's answer to questions on notice no. 129, 131 and 132 arising out of the last estimates session. The Government stated that the cuts to ATSilS funding 'implemented an election commitment'. What was that election commitment referred to? When was this commitment made, and in what forum?	Written
90	Strategy & Delivery Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Indigenous Law and Justice Programs	1. I refer to this year's Portfolio Budget Statement for the Attorney-General's Department at page 32. Please confirm where each of the Indigenous Law and Justice Programs have been moved to pursuant to the Administrative Arrangement Order of 18 September 2013? 2. Have there been any cuts to the total funding for each of these important programs? 3. How will the transfer of these programs and any cuts better support access to justice for Indigenous Australians? 1. Are the legal services provided by EDOs provided by any other organisation to Australians who are unable to afford specialised environmental lawyers? 2. Has the Attorney-General ever visited an EDO as Attorney-General? If so when? Which EDO? 3. Did the Attorney-General consult with any of the Environment Defenders Offices or their representatives before determining that existing Service Agreements to EDOs would not be extended and that the Grant Agreements to EDOs that had been committed by the previous Commonwealth government would be cancelled? 4. What was the representation made to the Attorney-General in the letter from the Minerals Council received on 11 October? Did that letter request a cut in funding to EDOs?	Written

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				<p>5. What was the ‘change of policy’ that led to the decision by the Abbott Government to defund environmental defenders’ offices in Australia?</p> <p>6. The Government was asked the following question on notice (no. 125) arising out of the last Estimates session: “1) Was an economic assessment of the financial benefits of the work being conducted by the EDOs carried out prior to determining that EDO Service Agreements would not be extended and existing Grant Agreements would be cancelled? If not, why not?” And: 2) Was an assessment of the social benefits of the work being conducted by the EDOs carried out prior to determining that EDO Service Agreements would not be extended and existing Grant Agreements would be cancelled? If not, why not?</p> <p>7. The Government answered that no such assessments were carried out, and that the decision of the Government to cut EDO funding implements an election commitment. This statement about the implementation of an election commitment was also made in response to questions on notice 123 and 124.</p> <p>8. What was that election commitment referred to? When was this commitment made, and in what forum?</p> <p>9. I refer to the Government’s answer to question on notice no. 126 arising out of the last Estimates session. The Government was asked to “[d]etail the ‘provision of enhanced frontline legal services to disadvantaged members of the community’ that has been achieved since 17 December 2013.” The Government replied that “The process to implement the Government’s decision is still underway”. Please detail the progress the Government has achieved in providing enhanced frontline legal services to disadvantaged members of the community since February.</p>	
91	Access to Justice Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Environmental Defender’s Offices	<p>1. Are the legal services provided by EDOs provided by any other organisation to Australians who are unable to afford specialised environmental lawyers?</p> <p>2. Has the Attorney-General ever visited an EDO as Attorney-General? If so when? Which EDO?</p> <p>3. Did the Attorney-General consult with any of the Environment Defenders Offices or their representatives before determining that existing Service Agreements to EDOs would not be extended and that the Grant Agreements to EDOs that had been committed by the previous Commonwealth government would be cancelled?</p> <p>4. What was the representation made to the Attorney-General in the letter from the Minerals Council received on 11 October? Did that letter request a cut in funding to EDOs?</p> <p>5. What was the ‘change of policy’ that led to the decision by the Abbott Government to defund environmental defenders’ offices in Australia?</p>	Written

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92	Civil Law Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Open Government Partnership	<p>1. Is it true that responsibility for the Open Government Partnership was ‘delegated’ to the Minister for Finance in 2013? a. When did this take place? b. What form did the delegation take? c. What was the effect of the delegation? d. Was the delegation the decision of the Attorney-General? e. Why was the delegation conducted? 2. Why was the Department of Finance not nominated as the Lead Agency following the delegation? 3. When did the Government first consider the appointment of Finance as the Lead Agency? 4. In answer to questions on notice arising out of the last Estimates session no. 41, 140, 141 and 142, the Government stated that joining the OGP and developing an Action Plan was ‘under consideration by the Government’. a. Who has been ‘considering’ these matters?</p>	Written

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				b. What process has been engaged in to further the 'consideration' of these matters? c. What consultations have been conducted while the Government has been 'considering' these matters?	
93	International Law & Human Rights Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Human Rights Education Programme	1. The Government is ceasing the Commonwealth Human Rights Education Programme from 1 July 2014. Can you describe the initiatives currently funded by this programme? 2. Has any of the funding earmarked for savings already been allocated? 3. Have applications already opened for grants through this programme for the next financial year? 4. What will the Government do to provide human rights education opportunities given that this programme is being abolished and the Australian Human Rights Commission is losing funding?	Written
94	Office of Constitutional Law	Singh	(CJLSG) School Chaplain Program	1. Which program funding is affected by the decision in Williams v Commonwealth of Australia [2014] HCA 23 (19 June 2014)? 2. Is the Attorney General looking at alternative measures to fund the School Chaplains program given the High Court decision in Williams v Commonwealth of Australia [2014] HCA 23 (19 June 2014)? 3. Is the Attorney General drafting legislation which would amend legislation to allow the direct funding of the School Chaplains Program by the Federal Government?	Written
95	Criminal Justice Division	Singh	(NSCJG) National Crime Prevention Fund	1. Did Brimbank City Council apply for a grant under the National Crime Prevention Fund? 2. Did Brimbank City Council meet the eligibility criteria for the National Crime Prevention Fund? 3. Did the Brimbank City Council application fall into a certain category according to these eligibility criteria? 4. If so, was this category more or less likely to receive funding? 5. Was Brimbank City Council awarded a grant under the Safer Streets program? If so, how much money did the grant allocate? 6. Did this grant go towards installing CCTV cameras in the Clarke St area? 7. Given that the Clarke St Sunshine area is well known as a high-crime area, and the application met the eligibility requirements for the National Crime Prevention Fund, why was the Brim bank City Council application the first to have funding axed? 8. Has the money been redirected into any alternative programs in the Sunshine area? 9. When will money be available through this alternative program for projects such as that proposed by the Brim bank City Council?	Written
96	Emergency Management Australia	Singh	(NSCJG) Australian Emergency	1. Has the government consulted with stakeholders such as St John's Ambulance, Red Cross, the volunteer fire services, about the impact of closing the Mt Macedon facility on emergency services?	Written

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			Management	<p>2. Has the Institute or the Department received any correspondence or comment from stakeholders about the government's decision to close down the Mt Macedon facility? If so, from whom was the correspondence? What was their reaction?</p> <p>3. How many staff work at the Australian Emergency Management Institute?</p> <p>4. How many of those staff will be transferred to Canberra when the Institute closes?</p> <p>5. What assistance will they receive to relocate?</p> <p>6. What redundancy will staff who can't relocate receive?</p> <p>7. Has the Government considered how the loss of these jobs will impact on the local economy?</p> <p>8. How will the Institute function as a virtual centre? What concrete planning has been done to support this new mode of operation?</p> <p>9. How will the students who participate in these courses after the physical Institute closes receive the same level of training?</p> <p>10. How will closure impact on the bushfire preparedness in Victoria?</p> <p>11. In a Media Release dated 23 Oct 2013 and titled, Bushfire Risk and Climate Change, Australia's Chief Scientist, Professor Chubb, stated that "there is a link between climate change and meteorological conditions conducive to fires starting and spreading rapidly. What through our history have been irregular but frequent events now have a new and additional variable: climate change...the intensity, duration, and frequency of heat extremes are contributors to increased risk."</p> <p>12. When there is ample evidence of increased frequency and intensity of bushfires and other natural disasters in Australia, and with the catastrophic loss of life we have seen from these disasters, why is the Government cutting, rather than increasing support for our nation's emergency management response capabilities?</p> <p>13. Did the Attorney-General consult with emergency management agencies and communities about the impacts of these cuts? If so, with whom and when?</p>	
97	National Security Law & Policy Division	Singh	(NSCJG) National Security Legislation Monitor	<p>1. Despite the introduction of legislation to repeal it, is the Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Act 2010 (Cth) still presently in force?</p> <p>2. As Mr Bret Walker's term as Monitor has now ended, why hasn't the Government appointed a new Monitor, as it is obliged to do by the Act?</p>	Written
98	Dep Sec Office Spc	Singh	(SPCG) Royal Commission into the Home Insulation Program -	<p>1. The Home Insulation Program Royal Commission was reported to have a projected cost of around \$25m. Is that still the projected cost?</p> <p>2. How much will the Royal Commission spend on lawyers?</p> <p>3. How much will King & Wood Mallesons be paid in total?</p> <p>4. What hourly charge-out rate has the Government negotiated for the various levels of</p>	Written

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			Budget and staffing	<p>lawyers working on the Royal Commission from King & Wood Mallesons?</p> <p>5. Has King & Wood Mallesons made any political donations to the Liberal National Party in the last five years?</p> <p>6. What hourly or daily rate will the Commonwealth be paying Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission?</p> <p>7. What is the estimated cost to the Commonwealth of this Royal Commission for:</p> <p>a. Disbursements?</p> <p>b. Offices?</p> <p>c. Administrative services and staff?</p> <p>8. How many staff from the Attorney-General's Department are working on the Royal Commission? What is the estimated cost to the Department?</p> <p>9. What are the departmental costs of this Royal Commission to the Departments of Finance, Treasury, PM&C and Environment?</p> <p>10. What daily rate is being paid to the Royal Commissioner, Mr Hanger QC?</p> <p>11. What is the total compensation to be paid to Mr Hanger QC for his work on this Royal Commission?</p>	
99	Strategy & Delivery Division	Singh	(SPCG) Appointment of new Secretary of AGD	<p>1. Did Mr Wilkins advise the Attorney-General of the expiry of his appointment as Secretary?</p> <p>2. When did that take place?</p> <p>3. When did the Attorney-General advise Mr Wilkins whether or not he would be reappointed?</p> <p>4. What process was undertaken to identify suitable candidates?</p> <p>5. Has Mr Wilkins been advised by the Attorney-General whether his appointment will end on 31 August?</p> <p>6. Has the Department begun a selection process to fill Mr Wilkins' position?</p> <p>7. Has the job vacancy been advertised on apsjobs.gov.au?</p> <p>8. Have advertisements been placed in newspapers?</p> <p>9. Have selection criteria been developed?</p> <p>10. What legal experience does the present Secretary Mr Wilkins have?</p>	Written
100	International Law & Human Rights Division	Singh	(CJLSG) Disability Discrimination Commissioner	<p>1. In Senate Estimates on February 24, the Attorney-General said: "being a government which is respectful of human rights in reality, not merely in our rhetoric, we do regard members of the Human Rights Commission as having a very important role." Does the Government believe the Disability Discrimination Commissioner is a 'very important role'?</p> <p>2. In Senate Estimates on February 24, The Attorney-General said "There is no human right more fundamental than the right to freedom, and by appointing a freedom commissioner to look at that side of human rights I sought to redress the balance." Is the Government of the</p>	Written

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				<p>view that disability discrimination is of less importance than the work of Mr Wilson?</p> <p>3. The Government appointed Mr Tim Wilson Human Rights Commissioner only several months ago, without providing any additional funding to support that position. Could the savings made to support Mr Wilson's position have been used to support a full-time Disability Discrimination Commissioner?</p> <p>4. When was the decision made not to reappoint a full-time DDC?</p> <p>5. Did the Government have any plan to reduce the number of AHRC Commissioners at the time Mr Wilson was appointed?</p> <p>6. Did the Government consult about the proposed cut with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The AHRC? Mr Innes? Representatives of the disability sector? If so with which organisations? <p>7. If so, when?</p> <p>8. Did the Government undertake any review of the effectiveness of the office of the DDC before deciding to cut the office?</p> <p>9. I refer to the Government's answer to Question on Notice 118 arising out of the last Estimates session. How was the Prime Minister's approval sought and secured as required by 2.6.6?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> When and in what form was the Prime Minister's approval sought? Did the Attorney-General discuss the appointment with the Prime Minister? When and in what form did the Prime Minister give his approval? Was Mr Wilson contacted by the Attorney-General before the Prime Minister's approval was given? <p>10. Has the Government made any other appointments under 2.6.6?</p> <p>11. The new Human Rights Commissioner Mr Wilson was appointed earlier this year without any allocation of extra funding to the AHRC. What cuts have been made to the operations of the AHRC in order to fund the new full-time position of Human Rights Commissioner?</p> <p>12. The Government has cut \$1.7 million from the AHRC over four years. Does this figure only represent Mr Innes' salary?</p> <p>13. What sort of support will be required for the Commissioner who takes on the part-time role of DDC? What will be the cost of this?</p>	
101	Australian Security Intelligence	Singh	(NSCJG) Conflict in Syria	<p>1. Approximately how many Australians have travelled to fight in the conflict in Syria in the last two years?</p> <p>2. What concerns does ASIO have about the involvement of Australians in the conflict in</p>	Written

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	Organisation			<p>Syria in terms of their own safety?</p> <p>3. Please identify the key concerns that ASIO has about the involvement of Australians in the conflict in Syria with respect to the return of these people to Australia.</p> <p>4. Does ASIO consider that it is adequately resourced to deal with threats to national security arising from the return of Australians from that conflict?</p> <p>5. Does ASIO consider that it has adequate powers to effectively prevent Australians from going to Syria to fight?</p>	
102	Australian Security Intelligence Organisation	Ludwig	(NSCJG) Vaccine Programs and Spying	In light of the US government and the CIA committing to not use vaccination programs for spying will ASIO make the same commitment not to use vaccination or public health programs or staff for spying?	Written
103	Criminal Justice Division	Singh	(NSCJG) People Smuggling Offences	<p>1. Given the Government's commitment to establishing and increasing mandatory minimum jail sentences for people smugglers what are the proposed offences being contemplated in this area? Why is this considered necessary in light of claims that there has been a significant reduction in the numbers of asylum seekers arriving by boat?</p> <p>2. Is the Department monitoring the number of people who are prosecuted under current people smuggling offence provisions? If so, what are the numbers?</p> <p>3. Has there been an increase or decrease in the number of people prosecuted under current people smuggling offence provisions since 4 March 2014 when the Attorney-General rescinded the direction on people smuggling not to prosecute certain categories of people smugglers?</p>	Written
104	Access to Justice Division	Singh	(CJLSG) MRT- RRT amalgamation - steering committee	<p>1. What is the full formal name of the steering committee dealing with the merger of the Migration Review Tribunal into a broader tribunal body?</p> <p>a) When was it formally created?</p> <p>b) Which Department is the lead agency?</p> <p>c) Which Minister or Parliamentary Secretary does the committee report to?</p> <p>2. Please provide the written terms of reference for the steering committee?</p> <p>3. Please provide the written terms of reference for the sub-committees?</p> <p>4. Which Departments were consulted by AGD on the formation of these committees?</p> <p>5. Please provide a full written list of first names and surnames, dates of birth of each member of both the steering committee and sub-committees? Please include which departments and/or agencies each participant was from?</p> <p>6. On what date was the one meeting held for the steering committee?</p> <p>a) Please table the minutes of this meeting.</p> <p>b) Please table the agenda of this meeting.</p> <p>c) Were any reports or documents provided at this meeting? If so, please name them and</p>	Written

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				<p>provide the Senate Committee with a copy?</p> <p>d) Was a brief provided to the Attorney-General prior to this meeting? If so, what topics did it cover?</p> <p>e) When is the next meeting of the steering committee? Please provide a copy of the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>7. What documents outline the overarching principles upon which amalgamation takes place? Please provide the Senate Committee with a copy?</p> <p>8. Please outline in full all consultation on this amalgamation.</p> <p>9. Has the Attorney-General met with each of the independent Tribunal heads? If not, why not? If so, when were these meetings held? Where were they held? Who attended, including ministerial staff? Please provide copies of all agendas, minutes and meeting brief/s.</p> <p>10. Have any ministerial staff met with each of the independent Tribunal heads? If not, why not? If so, when were these meeting/s held? Where were they held? Who attended? What was on the agenda? What minutes were produced?</p> <p>11. What future consultation will take place with these tribunals?</p> <p>12. What will be the overall financial saving in each of the forward estimates from the amalgamation?</p> <p>13. What legislative change is anticipated will be required to effect the amalgamation of the MRT/RRT into a single merits review tribunal?</p>	
105	Strategy & Delivery Division	Singh	(SPCG) Community Night Patrols	<p>1. How many organisations applied to deliver the Community Night Patrol Program services?</p> <p>2. How many organisations were successful in their applications?</p> <p>3. What is the distribution of the funds to the successful applicants?</p> <p>4. How does this compare to previous funding amounts?</p> <p>5. When will these new contracts begin?</p> <p>6. Will these renegotiated contracts contain an avoidance of doubt clause?</p>	Written
106		Lundy	(SPCG) Staffing	<p>Transfers</p> <p>1. How many people does your department/agency currently employ? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> State and Territory. Age. Gender. APS level classification. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing). <p>2. How many people did your department/agency employ as of 30 June 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following variables:</p>	Written

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				<p>a. State and Territory. b. Age. c. Gender. d. APS level classification. e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing). 3. How many people did your department/agency employ as of 18 September 2013? Please provide a breakdown of this figure based on the following: a. State and Territory. b. Age. c. Gender. d. APS level classification. e. Contract type (ongoing or non-ongoing). 4. Since 18 September 2013, what department/agency functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another? 5. For all functions transferred, can you please provide figures for the following: a. Number of staff employed before and after the transfer, b. Where the function was based before and after the transfer. 6. For each employee transferred please provide the followings: a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. Their APS classification. d. The wage of the employee before and after the transfer. e. The area of the department/agency they worked in before and after their transfer. f. A description of their position before and after the transfer. g. The dates of their transfer. h. An explanation for why the employee was transferred. i. Whether they were transferred to or from Canberra. j. Any costs incurred by the department/agency due to this transfer.</p> <p>Redundancies 7. Since 18 September 2013, how many positions have been made redundant in your department/agency? a. How many of these positions were ongoing? b. How many of these positions were non-ongoing? c. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 8. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed? a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p>	

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				<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>9. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies?</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>10. How many accepted voluntary redundancies?</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>11. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment?</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>12. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies please provide the following:</p> <p>a. Their age.</p> <p>b. Their gender.</p> <p>c. A description of their position.</p> <p>d. The APS classification level of their position.</p> <p>e. Their wage.</p> <p>f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).</p> <p>g. Where they were located.</p> <p>h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).</p> <p>i. The reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</p> <p>j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.</p> <p>k. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>13. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <p>a. Their age.</p> <p>b. Their gender.</p> <p>c. A description of their position before and after redeployment.</p> <p>d. The APS classification level of their position before and after redeployment.</p> <p>e. Their wage before and after redeployment.</p> <p>f. Contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) before and after redeployment.</p>	

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				<p>g. Where they were located before and after redeployment.</p> <p>h. Please provide the reason for the redeployment.</p> <p>i. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redeployment.</p> <p>j. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>14. Since the 18 September 2013, how many employees in your department/agency have been made forcibly redundant?</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 of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?</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>16. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 18 September 2013 please provide:</p> <p>a. Their age.</p> <p>b. Their gender.</p> <p>c. A description of their position.</p> <p>d. The APS classification level of their position.</p> <p>e. Their wage at retrenchment.</p> <p>f. Their contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing).</p> <p>g. Where they were located.</p> <p>h. A dollar figure of their pay out and what component of that figure was paid out as entitlements (annual leave etc.).</p> <p>i. The reason why the employee was made forcibly redundant.</p> <p>j. Details pertaining to any other costs incurred by the department/agency because of this redundancy.</p> <p>k. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>Extensions</p> <p>17. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts has your department/agency extended?</p> <p>18. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department/agency submit the Public Service Commission for approval?</p>	

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				<p>19. How many of these extensions were approved by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC)?</p> <p>20. For every approved extension please provide the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employees age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their APS classification level. e. Their wage. f. Where they are located. g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. h. The length of the approved extension. i. The reason why the extension was submitted. j. The reason why the extension was approved by the APSC. k. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>21. How many of these extensions were rejected by the APSC?</p> <p>22. For every rejected extension please provide the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employee's age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where they were located. f. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. g. The length of the extension sought by the department/agency. h. The reason why the extension was submitted. i. The reason why the extension was rejected by the APSC. j. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>23. Since 18 September 2013, how many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department/agency without the APSC's approval?</p> <p>24. For every unapproved extension please provide the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The employee's age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Their position's APS level classification. f. Where they were located. g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS. 	

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				<p>h. The length of the extension granted by the department/agency.</p> <p>i. The reason why the extension was granted.</p> <p>j. Whether the extension was submitted to the APSC for approval and if not why the extension was not submitted for APSC approval?</p> <p>k. The reasons why the extension was granted without the APSC's approval.</p> <p>l. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>25. Since the 18 September 2013 how many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension?</p> <p>26. For every non-ongoing contract that has expired without extension please provide the following details:</p> <p>a. The employee's age.</p> <p>b. Their gender.</p> <p>c. A description of their position.</p> <p>d. Their wage.</p> <p>e. Their position's APS level classification.</p> <p>f. Where they were located.</p> <p>g. Their length of continuous employment at the APS.</p> <p>h. The reason why the extension was not sought for their position.</p> <p>i. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>27. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on non-ongoing contracts?</p> <p>28. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the APSC for approval?</p> <p>29. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the APSC?</p> <p>30. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <p>a. Their age.</p> <p>b. Their gender.</p> <p>c. A description of their position.</p> <p>d. Their wage.</p> <p>e. Where their position is located.</p> <p>f. Their position's APS level classification.</p> <p>g. The length of their non-ongoing contract.</p> <p>h. Whether their position was advertised externally.</p> <p>i. The reason for engaging this new employee.</p> <p>j. The reason given by the APSC for approving this engagement.</p>	

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				<p>k. Please provide all relevant dates</p> <p>31. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>32. For every rejected new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Where their position is located. e. Their wage. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their non-ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason given by the APSC for rejecting this engagement. <p>k. Please provide all relevant dates</p> <p>33. Since 18 September 2013, how many new employees have been engaged on non-ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>34. For every unapproved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where their position is located. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their non-ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC's approval. <p>k. Please provide all relevant dates</p> <p>35. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new employees have been engaged by your department/agency on ongoing contracts?</p> <p>36. Since the 18 September 2013 how many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval?</p> <p>37. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service</p>	

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				<p>Commission?</p> <p>38. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Their wage. e. Where their position is located. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement. k. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>39. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>40. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. d. Where their position is located. e. Their wage. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason provided by APSC for approving this engagement. k. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>41. How many new employees have been engaged on ongoing contracts without the approval of the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>42. For every ongoing employee engaged without the Public Service Commission's approval please provide the following details:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age. b. Their gender. c. A description of their position. 	

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				d. Where their position is located. e. Their wage. f. Their position's APS level classification. g. The length of their ongoing contract. h. Whether their position was advertised externally. i. The reason for engaging this new employee. j. The reason for engaging this employee without the APSC permission. k. Please provide all relevant dates.	
107		Ludwig	(SPCG) Reviews	1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: a. the date they were ordered b. the date they commenced c. the minister responsible d. the department responsible e. the nature of the review f. their terms of reference g. the scope of the review h. Whom is conducting the review i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j. the expected report date k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public 2. For any review commenced or ordered since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review? a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost item d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g. If yes, for each, who selected them h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was	Written

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				ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur 3. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews are on-going? a. Please list them. b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? 4. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them. 5. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, what reviews have concluded? Please list them. 6. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided. 7. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed? 8. What reviews are planned? a. When will each planned review be commenced? b. When will each of these reviews be concluded? c. When will government respond to each review? d. Will the government release each review? e. If so, when? If not, why not?	
108		Ludwig	(SPCG) Commissioned reports	1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014, 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. 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? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?	Written
109		Ludwig	(SPCG) Briefings for other parties	1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Non-Government parties other than the Australian Labor Party? If yes, please include: a) How are briefings requests commissioned? b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the	Written

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				<p>requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents?</p> <p>f) How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>g) Which Non-Government Parties or Independents, excluding the Australian Labor Party have requested briefings and/or information?</p>	
110		Ludwig	(SPCG) Appointments	<p>1. Please detail any board appointments made from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>3. Does the department have a gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board.</p> <p>4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were put in place.</p> <p>5. Has there been any change to this ratio or policy since September 7, 2013? If yes, please detail.</p>	Written
111		Ludwig	(SPCG) Vending machines	<p>1. Since Additional Estimates in February, 2014 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <p>a. If so, list these</p> <p>b. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>d. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>f. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written
112		Ludwig	(SPCG) Stationery requirements	<p>1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from Additional Estimates in February, 2014 to date?</p> <p>a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office</p> <p>2. How much was spent on departmental stationary requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date.</p>	Written
113		Ludwig	(SPCG) Electronic equipment	<p>1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since Additional Estimates in February, 2014.</p> <p>a. List the items</p> <p>b. List the items location or normal location</p> <p>c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister,</p>	Written

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				<p>if with an individual list their employment classification level</p> <p>d. List the total cost of the items</p> <p>e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items</p> <p>f. List the date they were provided to the office</p> <p>g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</p>	
114		Ludwig	(SPCG) Media subscriptions	<p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written
115		Ludwig	(SPCG) Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) Itemise these expenses.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) Itemise these expenses</p>	Written

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116		Ludwig	(SPCG) Media training	<p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Total spending on these services b) an itemised cost breakdown of these services c) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification d) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification e) The names of all service providers engaged f) the location that this training was provided <p>2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 	Written
117		Ludwig	(SPCG) Communication staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d) How many are graphic designers? e) How many are media managers? f) How many organise events? 	Written

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118		Ludwig	(SPCG) Report printing	1. Have any reports, budget papers, statements, white papers or report-like documents printed for or by the department been pulped, put in storage, shredded or disposed of? a) If so please give details; name of report, number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal	Written
119		Ludwig	(SPCG) Ministerial staff turnover	1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 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 down by their staffing classification 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	Written
120		Ludwig	(SPCG) FOI Requests	Since September 7, 2013: 1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? 2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? 3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? b. For how many has a redacted document been provided?	Written
121		Ludwig	(SPCG) Ministerial Motor Vehicle	Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so: 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.	Written

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122		Ludwig	(SPCG) Ministerial staff vehicles (non- MoPS)	<p>Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written
123		Ludwig	(SPCG) Ministerial staff vehicles	<p>Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written
124		Ludwig	(SPCG) Building lease costs	<p>What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date the lease agreement is active from. b. Date the lease agreement ends. c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? 	Written

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				<p>d. Location of the building (City and state). e. Cost of the lease. f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed since September 7, 2013. Please detail by: a. Date from which the lease agreement was active. b. Date the lease agreement ended. c. Why was the lease not renewed? d. Location of the building (City and state). e. Cost of the lease. f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. c. Expected location of the building (City and state). d. Expected cost of the lease. e. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 4. For each building owned or leased by the department: a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</p>	
125		Ludwig	(SPCG) Government advertising	<p>1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since 7 September 2013? a. List each item of expenditure and cost b. List the approving officer for each item c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? a. List the total expected cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. List the approving officer for each item d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising</p>	Written
126		Ludwig	(SPCG) Lobbyist Register Meetings	<p>1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting</p>	Written

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				2. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting	
127		Ludwig	(SPCG) Ministerial website	1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 7 September 2013? a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? a. Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website?	Written
128		Ludwig	(SPCG) Legal costs	List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013 1. 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 2. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) 3. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice	Written
129		Ludwig	(SPCG) Multiple tenders	List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since 7 September 2013 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
130		Ludwig	(SPCG) Market research	List any market research conducted by the department/agency since 7 September 2013. 1. List the total cost of this research 2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program 3. Who conducted the research? 4. How were they identified? 5. Where was the research conducted? 6. In what way was the research conducted? 7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? 8. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected?	Written
131		Ludwig	(SPCG) Departmental upgrades	Since 7 September 2013 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	Written

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				<p>4. If so, who conducted the works?</p> <p>5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works</p> <p>6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed?</p>	
132		Ludwig	(SPCG) Wine coolers/fridges	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <p>1. If so, list these</p> <p>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items?</p>	Written
133		Ludwig	(SPCG) Office plants	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <p>1. If so, list these</p> <p>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p>	Written
134		Ludwig	(SPCG) Office recreation facilities	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <p>1. If so, list these</p> <p>2. If so, list the total cost for these items</p> <p>3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure</p> <p>4. If so, where were these purchased</p> <p>5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased</p> <p>6. If so, what is the current location for these items?</p> <p>7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items?</p>	Written
135		Ludwig	(SPCG) Computers	<p>1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Ministers office as provided by the department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used</p> <p>2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by</p>	Written

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				the department, listing the equipment cost and location 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs	
136		Ludwig	(SPCG) Workplace assessments	1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? a. 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? a. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes	Written
137		Ludwig	(SPCG) Boards (for Departments or Agencies with Boards)	Since September 7th 2013; 1. how often has each board met, break down by board name; 2. what travel expenses are provided; 3. what is the average attendance at board meetings; 4. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; 5. what conflicts of interest have been registered; 6. what remuneration is provided to board members; 7. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 8. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013? 9. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings 10. what have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served	Written
138		Ludwig	(SPCG) Advertising	1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on Advertising since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? Including through the use of agencies. 2. Please detail each advertising campaign including its cost, where the advertising appeared, production costs, who approved, ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in commissioning	Written
139		Ludwig	(SPCG) Question Time	1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time? 2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office? 4. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? a. If so, when does this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by	Written

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				officer APS classification. 5. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014.	
140		Ludwig	(SPCG) Provision of equipment (ministerial)	1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification 2. Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide a list of what is provided across the department of agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.	Written
141		Ludwig	(SPCG) Functions	1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: a. The guest list of each function b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office	Written
142		Ludwig	(SPCG) Red tape reduction	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? a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 7. 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. 8. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department?	Written
143		Ludwig	(SPCG) Official residences	1. Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. Include: a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function	Written

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				<p>d. A list of drinks consumed at the function</p> <p>2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences.</p>	
144		Ludwig	(SPCG) Credit cards	<p>1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>2. Please update details of the following:</p> <p>a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>b. How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>	Written
145		Ludwig	(SPCG) Ministerial staff code	<p>1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the 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 Minister 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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146		Ludwig	(SPCG) Senate Estimates briefing	<p>1. How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</p> <p>a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>c. When were the changes made?</p> <p>5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014.</p>	Written
147		Ludwig	(SPCG) Shared resources following MOG changes	<p>1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</p> <p>2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</p> <p>3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?</p>	Written
148		Ludwig	(SPCG) Departmental rebranding	<p>1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since Additional Estimates in February, 2014? If so:</p> <p>a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <p>i. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding.</p> <p>b. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <p>i. Signage.</p> <p>ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of).</p> <p>iii. Logos</p> <p>iv. Consultancy</p> <p>v. Any relevant IT changes.</p>	Written

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				vi. Office reconfiguration. c. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department? i. Who was involved in reaching this decision? ii. 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.	
149		Ludwig	(SPCG) Contracts under \$10,000	1. Please provide a detailed list of all contracts entered into worth between \$4,000 and \$10,000 since September 7th, 2013.	Written
150		Ludwig	(SPCG) Contracts for Temporary Staff	1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff since September 7th 2013? 2. How many temporary or contract staff were employed since September 7th 2013? 3. How many temporary or contract staff are currently employed? 4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff? 5. How much is budgeted in the 2014/15 year for contract staff? 6. What policies/criteria govern the appointment of Contract staff? 7. How is the use of contract staff consistent with a professional, independent public service?	Written
151		Ludwig	(SPCG) Prequalified, Multi-use list tenders	1. Does the Department/Agency have existing Prequalified or Multi-use list panels for tenders? 2. Please list all Prequalified or Multi-use list panels, and the firms on them, compiled or used by the department/agency? 3. Do any of your EL or higher staff have interest- financial or otherwise - in any of the firms on your panels? 4. Do any Ministerial staff have directorships in any of the firms on your panels? 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?	Written
152		Ludwig	(SPCG) Unallocated Equipment	1. Please detail how much electrical equipment, phones and computers the department/agency has in storage or unallocated to staff 2. Please detail the purchase, storage and ongoing costs associated with equipment, phones and computers in storage or unallocated.	Written
153		Ludwig	(SPCG) Land Costs	1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 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	Written

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				<p>leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</p> <p>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.</p> <p>a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non-Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</p> <p>6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used?</p>	
154		Ludwig	(SPCG) Hospitality and entertainment	<p>1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. h) For each</p>	Written

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				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. 8. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?	
155		Ludwig	(SPCG) Travel costs (department)	1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). 2. From 7 September 2013, 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. 3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written
156		Ludwig	(SPCG) Travel costs (ministerial)	1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary a. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; b. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; c. 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. 2. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.	Written
157		Ludwig	(SPCG) Provision of equipment - departmental	1. Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to department/agency staff since Additional Estimates in February, 2014. 2. List the items 3. List the purchase cost 4. List the ongoing cost 5. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment.	Written
158		Ludwig	(SPCG) Grants	1. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 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. 2. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not	Written

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				have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. 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.	
159		Ludwig	(SPCG) Government payments of accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? 6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 7. 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 7 September 2013? 8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written
160		Ludwig	(SPCG) Freedom of information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the department please outline the process it undergoes to assess Freedom of Information requests? 2. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 3. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur? 4. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 5. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it 	Written

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				<p>makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>6. What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?</p> <p>7. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>8. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>9. Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, please detail those resources by APS level</p> <p>10. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>11. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>12. Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?</p> <p>13. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>14. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?</p>	

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				<p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>15. Since 7 September 2013, how many Freedom of Information requests been shown or alerted to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>a. List those notified request</p> <p>b. How many instances were each of this requests brought to the office or the Minister's attention?</p> <p>c. How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister?</p> <p>d. How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister?</p> <p>e. How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>f. How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>16. Does the department provide FOI PDFs for download on their website?</p> <p>17. If not, what is the cost associated with staffing to require monitor email and collate and forward requested FOI documents?</p> <p>18. How does the department test it is complying with accessibility standards for its websites?</p> <p>19. Does the department comply with accessibility standards for all its websites?</p> <p>20. What would be the effect on the accessibility rating of the department's website if FOI PDFs were provided on the department websites?</p> <p>21. What accessibility testing of the website was done and what were the points of failure prior to this change in access for FOI documents?</p> <p>22. Have the website accessibility standards been solely or partly responsible for not putting FOI PDF documents on the department websites?</p> <p>23. How does the department facilitate anonymous access to the FOI disclosure files?</p> <p>24. How many times were the last 20 FOI requests PDFs which were made available on the website downloaded? How often have the FOI requests only available by email request been sent?</p> <p>25. How long does it take to requests for disclosed FOI files to be processed? What was the average turn around from request to sending of files in the last 3 months?</p>	

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				<p>26. What was the content of communications with other departments about the website accessibility standards and FOI PDFs?</p> <p>27. Where did advice concerning the website accessibility certification and provision of PDFs come from and what was the content of that advice?</p> <p>28. Does the department consider that not providing direct download of PDFs is more accessible for people with disabilities and the general public than providing the links?</p> <p>29. What efforts have been made to make FOI PDFs accessible to members of the public who have disabilities?</p> <p>30. Has advice from the information commissioner been sought regarding providing FOI requests available by email request only?</p> <p>31. Has any disability advice group or consultant been contacted regarding making the FOI requests accessible to people with disabilities?</p> <p>32. Is this compatible with the information commissioners guidelines- specifically that “published information should be accessible — in particular, it should comply with an agency’s obligation to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (Version 2)“</p> <p>33. How does email PDF provision meet the information commissioner’s requirement that “13.124 Information that forms part of the IPS must be published ‘to members of the public generally’”?</p> <p>34. Is not providing the FOI PDFs on the website a means of avoiding not conforming to the WCAG 2.0 or other guidelines?</p> <p>35. Does the department have a separate email address or inbox for receiving and responding to FOI requests?</p> <p>a. If so, list each email account</p> <p>b. List the officers who can assess and reply from those separate accounts, broken down by staffing classification level</p> <p>36. Do FOI officers ever receive or respond to applicants from their individual email account as opposed to from a central account?</p> <p>a. If so, how does the officer distinguish between communication related to their task as a decision maker and their primary work task?</p> <p>b. How do FOI decision makers that receive emails related to FOI decisions in their normal work capacity distinguish these emails from FOI decision emails?</p>	
161		Ludwig	(SPCG) Meeting costs	<p>1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location,</p>	Written

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				<p>purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	
162		Ludwig	(SPCG) Hire cars	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written
163		Ludwig	(SPCG) Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid 	Written

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				for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed? 7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.	
164		Ludwig	(SPCG) Staffing profile	1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)	Written
165		Ludwig	(SPCG) Staffing reductions	1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 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. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?	Written
166		Ludwig	(SPCG) Staffing recruitment	1. How many ongoing staff recruited from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 3. From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written
167		Ludwig	(SPCG) Staff Transfers	1. How many people does your department employ? 2. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2013, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 3. What is the number of staff currently employed in each state and territory, and what is their age, gender and classification level? 4. What functions have been transferred between transferred from one state or territory to another since the federal election in 2013? 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? 6. How many of these people are employed in Canberra?	Written

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				<p>7. How many people did your department employ in Canberra immediately prior to the 2013 federal election?</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 their age.</p> <p>10. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their wage. Please provide the figure for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>11. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide their gender.</p> <p>12. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide the area of the department they worked in. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>13. For all employees transferred to or from Canberra since the 2013 federal election, please provide a description of their position. Please provide this detail for before their transfer and after their transfer.</p> <p>14. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?</p> <p>15. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?</p> <p>16. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>Redundancies</p> <p>19. How may 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>20. 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>21. 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>	

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				<p>22. 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>23. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment 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>24. For all employees who accepted voluntary redundancies since the 2013 federal election please:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc).</p> <p>c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy.</p> <p>d. Please provide the reason a voluntary redundancy was offered for their position.</p> <p>e. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>25. For all employees who were redeployed please provide:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redeployment.</p> <p>c. Please provide the reason for that redeployment.</p> <p>d. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> <p>26. Since the 2013 federal election, how many employees in your department have been made forcibly redundant?</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>27. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies or redeployments prior to being made forcibly redundant?</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>28. For employees who were made forcibly redundant since the 2013 federal election please</p>	

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				<p>provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Their age, gender, the dollar figure of their pay out and a description of their position including APS level, contract type (non-ongoing versus ongoing) responsibilities and where they were located. b. Please specify what component of that figure was paid out entitlements (annual leave etc). c. Please specify any other costs incurred by the department because of this redundancy. d. Please provide the reason for that redundancy. e. Please provide all relevant dates. <p>Hiring</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 29. How many people are employed in your department on non-ongoing contracts? 30. How many people are employed in your department on ongoing contracts? 31. How many non-ongoing contracts has your department extended since the 2013 federal election? 32. How many non-ongoing contract extensions did your department submit the Public Service Commission for approval? 33. How many of these extensions were approved by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every approved extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of approved extension, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was approved by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. 34. How many of these extensions were rejected by the Public Service Commission? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For every rejected extension please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, their length of continuous employment by the APS, the length of extension sought by the department, the reasons why the extensions was submitted and the reasons why the extension was rejected by the Public Service Commission, as well as all relevant dates. b. How many non-ongoing contracts have been extended by your department without the Public Service Commission's approval? 35. 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. 36. How many non-ongoing contracts have expired without extension since the 2013 federal 	

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				<p>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>37. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on non-ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>38. How many new non-ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2014 federal election?</p> <p>39. How many of these new non-ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of a non-ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>40. How many of these new non-ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new non-ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their non-ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>41. 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>42. How many new employees have been engaged by your department on ongoing contracts since the 2013 federal election?</p> <p>43. How many new ongoing engagements were submitted to the Public Service Commission for approval since the 2013 federal election?</p>	

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				<p>44. How many of these new ongoing engagements were approved by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every approved new engagement of a ongoing employee please provide the following details: the employee's age, gender, wage, APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, whether this position was advertised externally, the reason for engaging this new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for approving this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>45. How many of these new ongoing employee applications were rejected by the Public Service Commission?</p> <p>a. For every new ongoing engagement rejected by the Public Service Commission please provide the following details: APS level, a description of their job, the length of their ongoing contract, the reason for engaging the new employee and the reason given by the Public Service Commission for rejecting this engagement, as well as all relevant dates relating to this application.</p> <p>46. 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>	
168		Ludwig	(SPCG) Coffee machines	<p>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b. Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased?</p> <p>d. Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>e. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>f. Who has access?</p> <p>g. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come</p>	Written

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				<p>from?</p> <p>h. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p> <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage?</p> <p>a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b. Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e. Who has access?</p> <p>f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	
169		Ludwig	(SPCG) Printing	<p>1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?</p> <p>2. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a. If so, what companies were sued?</p> <p>b. How were they selected?</p> <p>c. What was the total cost of this printing?</p>	Written
170		Ludwig	(SPCG) Corporate cars	<p>1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>2. Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>3. What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>4. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>5. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>6. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p> <p>7. Where are the cars located?</p> <p>8. What are the cars used for?</p> <p>9. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p>	Written

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				10. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?	
171		Ludwig	(SPCG) Taxi costs	1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written
172		Ludwig	(SPG) Consultancies	1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 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. 3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? a. If so, which ones and why?	Written
173		Ludwig	(SPCG) 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
174		Ludwig	(SPCG) Existing Resources Program	1. Since 7 September how many major 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'? 2. List each project or piece of work 3. List the staffing assigned to each task 4. What is the nominal total salary cost of the officers assigned to the project? 5. What resources or equipment has been assigned to the project?	Written
175		Ludwig	(SPCG) Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	Since 7 September 2013: 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? 2. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 3. Do any agreements managed by the Department/Agency contain any limitations on	Written

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				<p>restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created?</p> <p>4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction?</p> <p>5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reasons, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction?</p> <p>6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which advocate on behalf of groups or individuals in Australian society been made? If so, which groups? What was the change?</p> <p>7. Has any consultation occurred between the Department/Agency and any individuals and/or community groups about these changes? If so, what consultation process was used? Was it public? If not, why not? Are public submissions available on a website?</p> <p>8. If no consultation has occurred, why not?</p> <p>9. Did the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary meet with any stakeholders about changes to advocacy in their contracts and/or agreements? If so, when? Who did he/she meet with?</p>	
176	Access to Justice Division	Carr	(CJLSG) Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance	What legislative change is anticipated will be required to effect the amalgamation of the MRT/RRT into a single merits review tribunal?	Written