

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Questions on Notice

Additional Estimates, Tuesday 9 February 2016

Agriculture and Water Resources Portfolio

Senate No	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written question	Date received
1	ABARES	Sterle	Increasing sustainable productivity in Agriculture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide information as what ABARES research identifies as the main issues for increasing sustainable productivity in Agriculture? 2. What are the major threats to Australia's long-term agricultural productivity growth? 3. In ABARES report Australian agricultural productivity growth 2014 – domestic policy settings were identified as important determinants of agricultural productivity – because they shape farmers' incentives and capacity to innovate and improve productivity. Can you update the committee on further work relating to the work undertaken in the Australian Agricultural Productivity Growth Report 2014? 4. Can you provide current statistics on Australia's Total Factor Productivity for the Agricultural, fisheries and forestry sectors 5. Are figures in the latest releases about 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>apparent changes in employment omitted because it showed bad news or because the Government and ABARES has come to the realisation that using Labour Force Survey data as an indicator of fluctuations of employment in the industry is not an accurate gauge of what is going on the ground?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. As identified by the ABARES report – Australian agricultural productivity growth is an important component in maintaining competitiveness. What is the department’s priority for developing a formal Agricultural productivity work plan?7. In answers provided to previous questioning – some activities of the previous agricultural productivity plan were continued by task groups reporting to senior officials committee – which tasks were continued? Does the Senior Officials committee still exist? Provide detail as to who made up the Senior Officials committee?8. Provide detail as to which work plans incorporated activities carried forward?9. What is the makeup of the new task group?10. What is the objective of the new task group?11. How was it determined which activities were determined as appropriate?12. Can you provide current statistics on Australia’s Total Factor Productivity in the Agriculture, fisheries and Forestry sectors?13. What are the major threats to Australia’s long-term agricultural productivity		
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				<p>growth?</p> <p>14. In the ABARES report on productivity pg 3 Determinants of productivity growth it states that “At the farm level, an improvement in productivity reflects farmers producing more outputs (such as livestock and crops) from market inputs (land, labour, capital, materials and services). Measured at the industry level, productivity growth also reflects changes in industry structure, including the exit of less efficient farmers and more efficient resource use across farms” Was this information factored into the Government’s White Paper?</p> <p>15. Current beef prices which the Minister cites at every opportunity are not the result of higher productivity but of increase supply demand due to factors such as drought. Has the department provided advice to the Minister about the importance of increasing productivity to ensure the long term sustainability of the Agricultural sector?</p>		
2	ABARES	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail changes to structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government’s red tape reduction targets? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. What is the estimated total salary cost of the officers assigned to the unit. _ 7. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 8. Lease 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._ 9. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department? 		
3	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	RIRDC relocation costs	<p>Senator CAMERON: Have you got documentation on the business case to stay as is?</p> <p>Mr Burns: We provided the numbers on what it would cost to relocate.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Could you provide that detail to the Senate?</p> <p>Mr Burns: We were asked to provide them to the department, so I would suggest it is perhaps the department's call on that. I am not trying to avoid it.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What is your view on that, Mr Quinlivan? Is it the department or Mr Burns? The Senate would like to see these documents.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: I would have to take that on notice and consult the minister.</p>	18	22/04/2016

4	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Correspondence with Minister regarding relocation of RIRDC	<p>Senator CAMERON: No. From the minister. The minister has said it is ideology. So, Mr Quinlivan, can you provide details of any correspondence you have had with the minister on this issue?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: I think I would need to take that on notice and consult with the minister.</p>	20	22/04/2016
5	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Mr Hogan's Option Paper	<p>Mr Morris: It is contained in correspondence between Mr Hogan and the minister, so it will be up to the minister to make a decision on that, Senator.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Could I ask you formally then to table the option paper?</p> <p>Mr Morris: We will put that to the minister.</p>	25	22/04/2016
6	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	RIRDC program	<p>Senator CAMERON: You do not understand the question? Have you had any briefing as to why RIRDC would not carry the program forward and why it would be given to an individual MP?</p> <p>Senator Ruston: No, but I am certainly happy to ask the minister to provide that information, which I will provide back to you.</p>	26	22/04/2016
7	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Details of support provided to Mr Hogan	<p>Senator CAMERON: Let me rephrase the question. Did you provide support to Mr Hogan?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: We provided information and advice to Mr Hogan. I do not know that I would say we supported it. I think he undertook his consultations in his own right. If you are asking whether we provided a</p>	26	22/04/2016

				<p>secretariat service for him, we provided some organisational help. But we did not write a report for him or anything like that if that is what you were getting at.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide details of the support that you provided Mr Hogan, how many officers were involved and the costs of that support program?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Yes, we can do that.</p>		
8	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	<p>Deviation from recommendations of White Paper & Cost benefits to the industry by removing the responsibility for this from RIRDC</p>	<p>Senator CAMERON: It is a pretty big one and that is that the white paper says, 'We will establish'—this is government—a \$13.8 million, two-year training program commencing in 2016. This will be delivered through the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation'. That is the difference. It has gone to one of your backbenchers and I am interested to know why you are not now following the recommendation of the white paper on that issue.</p> <p>Senator Ruston: Sure. Senator Cameron, I think possibly because my level of detailed understanding of what has actually transpired in this space is quite limited, it would be better if you allowed me to consult with the minister and come back to you with some detail. Obviously, I am not satisfactorily able to answer the questions you are asking.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So you will take that one on notice?</p> <p>Senator Ruston: Yes, if you would be—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: If you are taking it on notice, could you also then—I will ask the question of the department first. Is the</p>	26	22/04/2016

				department aware of any cost benefits to the industry by removing the responsibility for this from RIRDC to an individual backbencher?		
9	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Deviation from recommendations of White Paper	<p>Senator CAMERON: Were you working on the basis that there would be a \$13.8 million, two-year training program that you would have an involvement with?</p> <p>Mr Burns: We were working on the basis that we had been asked to provide the draft of the pilot program. We did not know how that would play out. I think the original language in the white paper that you referred to talked about us working with other R&D corporations and so on. So we had not built up any expectations about what the actual program would look like in the end. We had provided, if you like, ideas and we were waiting to see what the feedback would be.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Minister, can you just explain again to me why there was this deviation from the white paper to where we are now? Can you explain it to me again?</p> <p>Senator Ruston: I did not explain it to you the first time. I took it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Well, can you explain it to me?</p> <p>Senator Ruston: I took it on notice the first time. I am probably going to take it on notice again.</p>	27	22/04/2016
10	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Mr Hogan has consulted with as part of the support mechanism	<p>Senator CAMERON: Are you aware of who Mr Hogan has consulted with as part of that support mechanism?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: As I said, I am not</p>	28-29	22/04/2016

				<p>personally aware of who he consulted with. Senator CAMERON: Not whether you are personally aware; is the department aware? Mr Quinlivan: I would have to take that on notice. I cannot answer that question.</p>		
11	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Mr Hogan's consultation	<p>Senator CAMERON: Just before we break, Chair, can I just ask the minister to see whether she could contact the minister's office and find out whether we can be provided with some details about the expenditure of funds—government funds—by Mr Hogan on this consultation that he has undertaken and whether the minister is prepared to release the outcome of those consultations so that we can assess them at these estimates today? Senator Ruston: Certainly.</p>	29	22/04/2016
12	Agricultural Policy Division	Canavan	Copy of Food Price Determination in the Australian food industry Report	<p>Senator CANAVAN: Just on a different topic, there is some work you are doing, I think, on food price determination in the Australian food industry. Mr Burns: That is completed. Senator CANAVAN: Can I ask on notice for a copy of that report? Mr Burns: Again, that is one of those reports where the department was the major funder for that. It was \$120,000 report and the department actually asked us to undertake that work and provided \$70,000 of that \$120,000. Under the funding deed, whilst the IP around the report remains with RIRDC, if you like, the ownership and when it gets released is the prerogative of the department—actually, the funding deed says</p>	31	22/04/2016

				<p>the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Senator CANAVAN: I will ask the department if they could take that on notice. If you have a public interest reason for not releasing it to the committee, I would be interested to hear that. But otherwise can we request a copy of that report on notice?</p> <p>Mr Morris: Yes. We received the copy of the report from RIRDC on 3 February, so we have only just received it. We are just reviewing the report at the moment and we will get back to you on the provision of it.</p>		
13	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Mr Hogan	<p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. Can you provide details of who the relevant people in the department were? Can you provide details of the timing of these couple of occasions that discussions took place—where they took place and when they took place? Can you provide copies of those seven responses?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: We can certainly answer those first questions. The responses that we have were actually submissions to Mr Hogan, so we will talk to him about the release of the material that was provided. It is not our material.</p>	32	22/04/2016
14	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Mr Hogan	<p>Senator CAMERON: Minister, can you provide all correspondence, all file notes—anything that has transpired between the minister and Mr Hogan in relation to this consultation process? Senator Ruston: As I said, I will certainly seek further advice from the minister and I am sure that all documents that are appropriate to be released and are not</p>	35	22/04/2016

				subject to any—there is no reason why they should not be released to you will be released to you...		
15	Agricultural Policy Division	Cameron	Details on Annual Reports cited expenditure and legal fees	<p>Ms Freeman: The total number of the membership fees for all relevant commodity organisations—so not just the FRDC—is \$1.62 million in 2014-15.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: For all of them?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: For all of them.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What about FRDC?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: Just give me a moment and I will see if I can find it.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Do you know, Dr Hone? Do you know how much you would have to contribute?</p> <p>Dr Hone: Ours was 1.14, but that was the—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You would be 1.14.</p> <p>Dr Hone: That was the number for 2014-15. I am not sure what the 2015-16 one would be.</p> <p>Ms Freeman: There is a number for various international organisations that are attributed back to FRDC. I am happy to provide them to you on notice, if you like</p>	52-53	22/04/2016
16	Agricultural Policy Division	Bullock	Packers and Stockyard Act in the US.	<p>Senator BULLOCK: It was really when I noticed the processes it reminded me of other work that the committee is doing and the concerns in the industry about price transparency and some growers have concerns about the processes. I may be a little bit off the track here, Mr Quinlivan, but I think this might be my last meat opportunity; so I did not want to miss it. In those discussions there had been some</p>	95	22/04/2016

submissions about how issues of price transparency were addressed in other jurisdictions and some favourable comment with regard to the Packers and Stockyard Act in the US. I wondered whether the minister had been briefed on the Packers and Stockyard Act.

Mr Quinlivan: I cannot answer that last question with certainty. We can give you a better answer than that on notice. But on the general question about price transparency I know that the minister shares the concern. One of the tasks that the new ACCC commissioner will have when that appointment is made, which we are expecting to happen very soon now, as well as dealing with potential enforcement activity under the competition and consumer act, is to look at some of these underlying transparency issues. There have been a lot of claims and allegations over time, which you are very aware of. Very few of them have found their way to the courts.

Senator BULLOCK: Finding something and proving something appear to be two different things.

Mr Quinlivan: Indeed. I think there is a general view that if there could be more transparency in some of these markets, and I think it is true in horticulture as well, some of the suspicions about anticompetitive behaviour might be unfounded. But the transparency is not there to the degree that we would like and so the new ACCC commissioner will be looking at that as a policy priority rather than a legal priority.

Senator BULLOCK: I am sure that there are a whole range of things that can be

				<p>investigated in this connection. Just to narrow my question down again so that it is crystal clear, I am interested in whether anyone from the department has briefed the minister with respect to the Packers and Stockyard Act.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: No. I answered that question.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I know you are going to take it on notice. I look forward to the answer. It is a narrow question. And of course probably dates and things like that are ancillary to the question as well.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Okay.</p>		
17	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Impact of reduced RDC funding	<p>Senator STERLE: Let me throw just a couple of quick ones at you. You were not in the room—I would like to just get straight through it if we can, Ms Freeman. Has the department provided any advice to the ministry on the impact of reduced RDC funding on the bodies affected by the proposed legislation?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I take on notice the specifics, but at the time it was done the costings for 2014-15 were actually, as I understand it, provided, which was \$1.62 million in 2014-15. I would take on notice the specifics of when advice was provided to the minister.</p>	105	22/04/2016
18	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Impact of reduced RDC funding	<p>Ms Freeman: When this was done I was not actually in this position. So just to confirm, nothing has happened since I have been in this position, but I will confirm it over the time the bill was introduced.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Has the department</p>	105	22/04/2016

				<p>undertaken any analysis of how this budget measure reduces R&D dollars in real investment terms over the longer period?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: Again I will take it on notice, but I think it is probably safe to say as a percentage of the total R&D spend it would be a relatively small amount.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: You can take it on notice. We will be able to come back to it.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: The substance of the question was really dealt with with the R&D corporations earlier today. I think we have really covered this ground.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Sure. I just wanted to tick off on that final one. If that can be taken on notice, that is fine. I want to talk about the white paper initiatives. Can you provide an update on the implementation of the white paper?</p>		
19	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Sweet Potato Levy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I understand that the Minister for Agriculture, Barnaby Joyce MP, has recently approved a new marketing levy for Sweetpotatoes that has commenced on January 1 this year, with a new Peak Industry Body called The Australian Sweetpotato Growers Association (ASPG) as the eligible industry body under the <i>Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999</i>. Are you aware of the new levy and could you please outline the process that was undertaken to create the levy? 2. I understand that a vote was undertaken in relation to this levy in 2012 and that in 2014 Minister Joyce said he was unwilling to agree to a new levy at the time, according to the recent ASPG 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>submission to the Senate levies inquiry. Was the Department consulted in relation to the levy following the decision in 2014 and can you shed any light on the reasoning behind the change of mind?</p> <p>3. Are you aware if the postal vote and proposal in relation to the Sweetpotato marketing levy was advertised publicly? Can you provide detail on the specific means by which this was done and what materials were published?</p> <p>4. What materials were supplied by The Australian Sweetpotato Growers Association as part of their proposal to Minister Joyce to support the case for the new marketing levy? Was a marketing plan or business plan provided to you to support the case for the new levy? [Ask for a copy if possible]</p> <p>5. I understand that the legislation underpinning the levy removes sweet potatoes from the vegetable category and designates them as an entirely new leviable commodity, with marketing and R&D components to the sweet potato levy. ASPG has been named as the eligible industry body for the marketing component. This increases the amount of legislated industry bodies in horticulture, which runs counter to findings of an independent review by ACIL Allen which suggested that smaller industries could amalgamate their interests to provide a more coordinated process. Do you have any information regarding why the Department has decided to establish a new industry body in contradiction of these findings?</p>		
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				<p>6. Can you confirm that the changes made to the levies act (i.e. removing Sweetpotatoes from the broader vegetables category) has meant that sweet potatoes are now effectively separated out from vegetables which has created a separate R&D levy for Sweetpotatoes as well the new marketing levy for Sweetpotatoes?</p> <p>7. Do you know if any consultation on this matter been conducted with vegetable levy payers, whose overall R&D levy pool will presumably now be diminished if Sweetpotato R&D is invested separately from the broader R&D levy investment on vegetables?</p>		
20	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Government response to Senate inquiry into levy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is the Australian Government response to the Levy Senate Inquiry up to? • Has the Department consulted with industry on their response? Or will they deliver a response that industry will be unaware of and likely not support? • Where are the White Paper initiatives up to? • Provide breakdown of spending costs to date on White Paper initiatives? • What about the ACCC Ag Commissioner? Is the secretariat working already? • What about the agricultural co-operatives program? Where are these funds going and what are is the process? (note: I think something funny happened here, with the funds that were supposed to go to 	Written	22/04/2016

				RIRDC, but now not)		
21	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	GRDC Funding	<p>Is the department satisfied that Grains Research and Development Corporation advertising with Alan Jones are consistent with the <i>Primary Industries Research and Development Act</i>?</p> <p>How has the department satisfied itself that the actions by the GRDC with regards to commissioning Alan Jones to promote the GRDC are consistent with the <i>Primary Industries Research and Development Act</i>?</p>	Written	22/04/2016
22	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Relocation of RDCs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update on the current state of play on the relocations of the RDCs 2. Has the department provided any advice to the Minister on the impact of reduced RDC funding on the bodies affected by the proposed legislation? 3. As this is a 2014 budget measure and the committee report was tabled on 3 December 2014 – has the Minister sought any advice as to the ongoing financial uncertainty impacting the work undertaken by the RDCs affected by the proposed legislation? 4. Has the department undertaken any analysis as to how this budget measure actually reduces R&D dollars in real investment terms over the longer term? 	Written	22/04/2016
23	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Report from RIRDC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The department received a report from RIRDC on 23 October 2015 – has the department considered the report? 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Has the department made a decision on the framework to deliver the \$13.8 million? 3. What information has been provided to the department by Kevin Hogan on an options paper recommending how to utilise the remaining funds to develop cooperatives arrangements in Australia. 4. Did the Minister seek advice from the department before tasking Kevin Hogan with this task? 5. It clearly states in the White paper on pg 31 that RIRDC will be provided with \$13.8 million to work with other RDCs to deliver this White Paper Initiative? Is this still the case? 6. Were there any costs associated with Kevin Hogan being tasked with developing an options paper? 		
24	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Rural R&D Profit Programme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were there any costs associated with the Minister launching round two of the Rural R&D Profit Programme? 2. Where did the launch take place and who attended the launch? 	Written	22/04/2016
25	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Provision of more funds for RDCs to invest	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide detailed timeline and practical examples of what “over time, improving efficiency and governance is expected to result in reduced administrative costs, effectively providing the RDCs with more funds to invest, and better target their investments in Research, Development and Extensions (RD&E)? 2. How does this fit in with lengthy wait times for research funding, legislation 	written	22/04/2016

				which effectively takes R&D dollars away from RDCs and duplication of work agendas for white paper initiatives?		
26	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Senate Levy Inquiry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Where is the Australian Government response to the Levy Senate Inquiry up to? 2. Has the Department consulted with industry on their response? Or will they deliver a response that industry will be unaware of and likely not support? 	Written	22/04/2016
27	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Two-year pilot programme – innovative business models	Provide an update on the White Paper initiative \$13.8 million for a two-year pilot programme to provide farmers with knowledge and materials on cooperatives, collective bargaining an innovative business models.	Written	22/04/2016
28	Agricultural Policy Division	Sterle	Relocation of APVMA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update on the current state of play on the relocations and the APVMA 2. Following the APVMA's staff survey – has the department undertaken an analysis of the capability impact that would occur if the move was to go ahead? If not, why not? 3. Has the department provided verbal or written advice to the Minister or his staff about the capability impact that would occur if the move was to go ahead for the 	Written	22/04/2016

				APVMA?		
29	Agricultural Policy Division	Ludwig	Boards (for Departments or agencies with boards)	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. how often has each board met, break down by board name; 2. what travel expenses have been incurred; 3. what has been the average attendance at board meetings; 4. List each member's attendance at meetings; 5. how does the board deal with conflict of interest; 6. what conflicts of interest have been registered; 7. what remuneration has been provided to board members; 8. how does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 9. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members? 10. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings 11. what have been the catering costs for the board meetings held during this period? Please break down the cost list. 	Written	22/04/2016
30	Animal Health Australia	Sterle	Co-location with PHA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide the committee with an update as to why the co-location with Plant Health Australia did not proceed? 2. What would have been the financial benefit to Animal Health Australia if 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>the co-location had been successful?</p> <p>3. Can you provide details about the new lease arrangements for the office at 95 Northbourne Avenue Turner?</p> <p>4. What are the advantages of the new offices?</p>		
31	Animal Health Australia	Sterle	NLIS	Can you provide an update on the proposed establishment of the new company to replace NLIS – National Livestock Identification Scheme?	Written	22/04/2016
32	Animal Health Australia	Sterle	White paper initiatives	Has AHA been approached by the Government to facilitate any of the White Paper Initiatives? Particularly in biosecurity and traceability?	Written	22/04/2016
33	Australian Chief Veterinary Office	Xenophon	Department's Imported Food Inspection data	<p>I refer to the joint report by the Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture entitled "Responding to the threat of antimicrobial resistance – Australia's First National Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy 2015-2019".</p> <p>Part 3.7 of the report states "A significant knowledge gap exists in understanding the extent to which resistant bacteria are present in the food chain and the risks the presence of resistant bacteria, whether pathogens or indicator organisms pose in food".</p> <p>Despite this, the report – Australia's First National Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy - makes no reference or recommendations in relation to the threat facing us from antibiotic resistance in imported food.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please advise why this is so? • This is our first national strategy – 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>will it be revised before 2019 (when it is scheduled to end) in order to include reference to imported food?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not, why not? • In light of the absence of discussion on antibiotic resistance in imported food in our national strategy, how does the Department intend to manage this threat? <p>Will imported foods be discussed in the next national strategy?</p>		
34	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Whish-Wilson	Other jurisdictions that ban nets on cable	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Do you know, Dr Rayns, if there are any other jurisdictions that also ban nets on cable?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: Not off the top of my head. I know they are used elsewhere in the world. We know they are used elsewhere. But I am not aware of other bans.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: What is the key reason that they are banned in New Zealand?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: I did not ask that question of them, to be honest. We could take that on notice and find out.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: All right.</p>	56	22/04/2016
35	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	AFMA's Hobart Stakeholder conference attendees / invitation list	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: I have a few more questions in terms of the stakeholder meeting in Hobart on 28 January. Can you tell me who attended or do you have the invitation list?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: We can provide you with that list and who attended as well. It was quite a long list of invitees and I certainly cannot remember them all.</p>	64	22/04/2016

				<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Please provide that on notice and who attended.</p> <p>Dr Rayns: Yes.</p>		
36	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	Cost of AFMA's Hobart Stakeholder conference	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How much did it cost to put the conference together?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: I would have to take that on notice. I can tell you that the attendees from the two sectors that did attend—the conservation and recreational fishing sectors—were there under their own means; we did not assist them. Unfortunately, nobody from the industry was able to attend on the day.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Did you go, Senator Ruston?</p> <p>Senator Ruston: No. This was separate to the informal forum that I put together in relation to the voluntary actions of the boat in relation to recreational fishing interests.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: So what did AFMA have to pick up: just the hiring of the venue and the hospitality—</p> <p>Dr Rayns: I was there and was involved with the organisation. It would have been the hiring of the venue and the costs of having some of our staff and the scientific panel members down there overnight. We met the evening before the meeting, so we were there overnight. They would have been the main costs. Of course, there were the flights back and forth for the various panel members and AFMA staff.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: You do not have that information with you?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: I am sorry; not offhand, no.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Can you supply</p>	64	22/04/2016

				<p>me with the details of the costs broken down by accommodation, hospitality, venue hire and those sorts of things?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: Certainly.</p>		
37	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	When did name change to SPF occur	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How long has it taken AFMA to commence seeking scientific and economic advice with respect to the Small Pelagic Fishery?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: We previously sought that advice under the former Small Pelagic Fishery Resource Assessment Group and also from the South East Management Advisory Committee, which is still present. That resource assessment group was in existence for probably around 15 years or so, but Dr Findlay may have had some early association with that that I did not.</p> <p>Dr Findlay: Yes, it has been a group that I have been involved with in various incarnations for quite a long time. When AFMA was formed in 1992, this was a fishery that AFMA was already managing at that stage; it was an informally managed fishery. It later became the Jack Mackerel Fishery and subsequently became the Small Pelagic Fishery. So it is something that we have been working on for a very long time.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: When did it become the SPF?</p> <p>Dr Findlay: I would have to take that on notice in terms of when the name change occurred, but it was probably the early 2000s or something like that.</p>	64-65	22/04/2016

38	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	MAC meeting date	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: What do we expect to happen after that?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: I cannot second-guess the meeting next week. The MAC comprises recreational, conservation, industry and AFMA scientists. They will draw their own conclusions and provide their advice to AFMA post their meeting, I suspect.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Exactly when is the meeting?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: It is next week. I think it is 15 or 16 February, but I would have to confirm that.</p>	65	22/04/2016
39	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	Seal Mortalities	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: What about seals?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: The seals—I have got a range here—occurred in zones 4, 6. I am just trying to see if there were any others—3 and 6. So 3, 4 and 6.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Can you table a copy of those mortalities?</p> <p>Dr Rayns: Yes, we probably can. We should be able to.</p>	65	22/04/2016
40	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	Small Pelagic Fisheries	<p>Please provide a timeline of changes to the Geelong Star's Vessel Management Plan, including an indication of the dates and events that precipitated the revision of the VMP and ban/closure periods.</p>	Written	22/04/2016
41	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	Small Pelagic Fisheries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the operators of the Geelong star abided by all mid water closures and bans? 2. What has the vessel done during these 	Written	22/04/2016

				periods?		
42	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	Small Pelagic Fisheries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does AFMA make any bans or closures public immediately? 2. How are bans and closures communicated with the public and stakeholders? 	Written	22/04/2016
43	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	Small Pelagic Fisheries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a summary of outcomes from the Stakeholder forum held in Hobart? 2. Can you provide the Committee with a copy of the transcript from the Stakeholder forum? 	Written	22/04/2016
44	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	Small Pelagic Fisheries	<p>Please outline the structure of consultation and engagement on Australia's small pelagic fisheries going forward?</p> <p>Does the Minister intend to hold further meetings with stakeholders? If so when?</p>	Written	22/04/2016
45	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	Small Pelagic Fisheries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is AFMA satisfied that localised depletion will not occur on the east coast of Tasmanian around catch grids 87 and 89 and the south and central coast of New South Wales around catch grids 101, 103, 105 and 107? 2. On what basis does AFMA make this assessment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does this evidence include scientific assessment of the relationship between intensity of fishing and localised depletion? 		22/04/2016

46	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Carol Brown	Small Pelagic Fisheries	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On whose suggestion did the operator of the Geelong Star voluntarily stop fishing in Zone 7? 2. Did the Minister ever express an opinion to the stakeholders on fishing in this Zone? 3. Prior to the voluntary ban, how many days had the Geelong Star spend fishing in this zone? 4. Does AFMA have any concerns about the use of large Factory Freezer vessels in Zone 7? 5. Did AFMA brief the Minister on any concerns about fishing in this Zone before the voluntary ban was announced? 6. Has AFMA or the Minister received any representations from members of parliament about factory freezer vessels fishing in Zone 7? 7. Has AFMA or the Minister received any representations from members of parliament about factory freezer vessels operating in any other zone? 8. Was the voluntary ban on fishing in zone 7 discussed at the stakeholder meeting convened by the Minister? 9. Are there specific concerns about localised depletion of any species in this Zone? if so which species? 10. How many fatal interactions with marine mammals has there been with the Geelong Star in Zone 7? 	68	22/04/2016
47	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Sterle	Stakeholder meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide detail of the stakeholders meeting on 28 January in Hobart? 2. Who attended? 	72	22/04/2016

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What was the cost? 4. Did the Assistant Minister attend? 5. Was there any hospitality costs? 6. Did AFMA attend the meeting organised by Assist Minister Anne Ruston on 1 December 2015? If not, why not? 7. Why has it taken AFMA such a long time to commence seeking scientific and economic advice with respect to SPF? 8. Update the committee on the progress of the SPF Scientific Panel. 		
48	Australian Grape and Wine Authority	Bullock	Breakdown of costs	<p>Mr Clark: I have the annual report here. Those are notes to our financial statement, and it is a breakdown of all the suppliers that we have used—external suppliers—who have delivered marketing activities for us. I do not have all of those details to hand, but certainly, if you are interested in that detail, I can give that to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: That would help. With that other figure that I quoted—the travel and accommodation costs of \$953,000—could you look at that, too?</p> <p>Mr Clark: Certainly</p>	67	22/04/2016
49	Australian Grape and Wine Authority	Whish-Wilson	Who pushed for Amendment 40DA(2)	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: When that amendment was made, was there any specific conflict or case study that you used or that was brought to your attention when that amendment was made? I will try to think of some other examples of words that are common that might relate to a wine region. I cannot find any, but I might be missing something. Was there another example that actually led to this amendment?</p>	68	22/04/2016

				<p>Mr Clark: Off the top of my head, I cannot recall. You are right in saying that many are common English words and they are quite distinct place names. But I can happily take that on notice because I used to know this information in great detail a number of years ago. The memory is a bit hazy since then, so I can consult—</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Who pushed for that amendment? These things do not just appear. You do not just wake up in the morning and find that they have happened, so clearly someone wanted it amended. Can you recall what that process was?</p> <p>Mr Clark: I will take that on notice; I think that is probably the best way. Largely, it was that we had a revised wine agreement with the European Union and there were a number of amendments required to be made to our act through that process and it was one of the amendments that flowed from that agreement. We also thought it was a sensible outcome, but I am happy to put a lot more detail on notice.</p>		
50	Australian Grape and Wine Authority	Sterle	Details of wine exported to China,	<p>Senator STERLE: Take this on notice if you can; there is no stress. I am very interested in this. No-one has to bite and get their undies in a knot, but I have just got back from China and I think the Chinese free trade agreement will open up some definite advantages in certain parts of our economy. Can you tell us how much wine is exported to China, what varieties, and from what states? Has there been a marked improvement since the announcement? There probably has not been, but this is just</p>	72	22/04/2016

				<p>so that I get an idea. It is amazing how much of our wine I have seen in China. So just give us an indication. You can take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Clark: Thank you; that is fine.</p>		
51	Australian Grape and Wine Authority	Sterle	expenditure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AWAG spent \$2,792,893 in marketing costs, can you detail costs? 2. AWAG spent \$953,244 in travel and accommodation costs, can you detail costs? 3. What are the major challenges faced by the wine industry in relation to climate change? 	Written	22/04/2016
52	Australian Livestock Export Corporation Limited (LiveCorp)	Sterle	LGAP project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you update the committee on the LGAP project 2. What have been the major challenges identified in the LGAP project? 	Written	22/04/2016
53	Australian Meat Processor Corporation	Acting Chair	How AMPC addresses issues that are subcontracted out	<p>ACTING CHAIR: With the greatest respect, Mr Noble, we know where you are coming from but as meat processors you still have to address these issues which you subcontract out.</p> <p>Mr Noble: Yes, we do.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: You might want to take it on notice. We would be very keen, from the AMPC's point of view, to hear how you address these issues.</p>	95-96	22/04/2016

54	Australian Meat Processor Corporation	Bullock	How AMPC addresses issues that are subcontracted out	<p>Senator BULLOCK: These reflect the concerns of your stakeholders. They want to know what your plans are to address these issues, not necessarily hands-on yourself but through the organisation. This is the sort of question that is not uncommon.</p> <p>Mr Noble: No. I understand that. We also have a very detailed report to members which details the responses we have to those. Let me take that question on notice so that I can deal with it specifically.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: That will do just fine.</p> <p>Mr Noble: Thank you.</p>	96	22/04/2016
55	Australian Meat Processor Corporation	Sterle	AMPCs Strategic Plan –	Can you update the committee on AMPCs Strategic Plan – particularly in reference to your stakeholders request for greater scientific inputs towards enhancing and addressing major issues such as food safety, new product development, market access and industry sustainability and climate change?	Written	22/04/2016
56	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Bullock	Approval of pesticide applications	<p>Senator BULLOCK: Does 'finalised' mean approved or finally dealt with either by approval or rejection? What does 'finalised' mean?</p> <p>Mr Norden: I am sorry; the figures I have at the moment do not include refused applications, just finalised applications. So we would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: What does 'finalised' mean?</p> <p>Mr Norden: It would include both approvals and refusals and withdrawals, as well.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I would like to know</p>	73	22/04/2016

				<p>how many were approved.</p> <p>Mr Norden: We would have to take that on notice.</p>		
57	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Bullock	Number of Approval of pesticide applications that required detailed assessment	<p>Senator BULLOCK: You have been doing it pretty well on notice, yes. I am pessimistic as to the next question because, if you do not know that one, you are probably not going to know this one. How many of those that were approved required actual assessment as opposed to being label changes, changes of registrant or other simple changes that did not require any scientific assessment? A lot of applications are the same product by the same people in a different size or whatever; they do not require a thorough assessment of their contents.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: We will have to take that on notice. We do not have the 2014-15 figures with us. But we can certainly get them for you.</p>	73	22/04/2016
58	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Bullock	Which applications have been refused.	<p>Senator BULLOCK: The rules as you implemented them limit the ability to approve applications based on CCI. I am not asking you to compromise yourself with regard to any case which is currently on foot, nor am I asking you to identify any products. But you should be able to tell me which of the applications you have refused because you refused to use rather than a use which would have disclosed the CCI. That is not a matter which I can see would bear on any current or pending possible legal dispute.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: Without getting into the technicalities of the difference between 'use'</p>	73	22/04/2016

				<p>and 'disclosure' in terms of what we can pull out of our records, we can certainly take on notice to see what we can pull out to provide you that might be useful.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Do your best.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: Yes, we will.</p>		
59	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Bullock	Costs associated with court case	<p>Senator BULLOCK: With regard to all of these matters, what has been the total cost to you of implementing the new interpretation of the CCI issue within APVMA, including legal advice, court costs, computer programming for the online portal to enable you to apply this new approach to CCI? Can you look at your books and determine what it has cost you?</p> <p>Ms Arthy: I can certainly have a look and see what we can provide you. It is probably limited to cost of legal advice, because I am not aware of any—</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I know that a legal bill is likely to go up by the day, Ms Arthy. You can only do your best.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: We will look at it and we will be excluding of course the cost of the court case but looking at specifically that decision we can certainly provide you with what we have spent in terms of legal. I do not think there would be any other costs associated with it, but we will have a look at it.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: You took legal advice.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: Yes. That is what I am saying. Apart from legal advice I am not sure that there would be any other significant cost involved.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: You had to defend your position in court. That is a cost.</p>	73-74	22/04/2016

				<p>Ms Arthy: As I said, at this point I will be not be including any cost related to the current court case.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: I am asking you to. Why wouldn't you include costs associated with the court case?</p> <p>Ms Arthy: It is a matter that is on foot. Whatever we provide you—</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: It does not go to whether or not you did the right thing; it is just a question of what it cost. That is all I am asking.</p> <p>Ms Arthy: I will take that one on notice, talk to my counsel about what we can realistically provide you.</p>		
60	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Siewert	Budget impact	<p>Senator SIEWERT: This may be a question for the department, but what is the budget impact of the abolition?</p> <p>Ms Arthy: That one is ours. From memory, the board cost us just over \$100,000 a year. I will just confirm that. I will come back to you with the exact number, but it is between \$100,000 and \$150,000.</p>	79	22/04/2016
61	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Siewert	Nano material	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you; that answered my question. Have you had contact from any companies that want to look at agricultural products and/or veterinary products that contain nano material?</p> <p>Mr Norden: Yes, we have. I would have to take that on notice in terms of how many, but we have had discussions, yes.</p>	80	22/04/2016

62	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Siewert	Nano material	<p>Senator SIEWERT: If you could take on notice how many companies have contacted you about that, or that you have had discussions with, and whether you able to provide us with information on what advice you provided to the companies. Are you aware of whether those companies are proceeding to lodge an application? Have any been told that they do not need to lodge an application? Does all that make sense?</p> <p>Mr Norden: Yes, it does. Again, I would have to take that on notice as well.</p>	80-81	22/04/2016
63	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Siewert	Nanomaterials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the APVMA surveyed agricultural chemical companies – manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors - in the period 2014 to the present to determine if any agricultural and veterinary chemicals containing nanomaterials are being sold commercially? 2. Has the APVMA undertaken any testing of agricultural chemicals to ascertain whether agricultural and veterinary chemicals containing nanomaterials are being sold here? 3. Given that the French Government’s Register of nanomaterials indicates that the most common use of nanomaterials is in agriculture and that many of the manufacturers of agricultural and veterinary chemicals are transnational corporations, would the APVMA expect that the use of nanomaterials in agricultural and veterinary chemicals in France indicates that they are likely to be present in Australia? 4. Has the APVMA sought advice from the 	Written	22/04/2016

				French Authorities regarding what nanomaterials are being used in agricultural and veterinary chemicals in France in order to determine the likelihood of their use here?		
64	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Sterle	Relocation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current state of play with the Minister seeking to move the APVMA out of Canberra? 2. Has the Minister responded to the staff survey relating to the relocation? 3. On average what are the staff turnover numbers for the APVMA? 4. How will relocating out of Canberra impact on the capability of the APVMA? 5. Is the APVMA aware of the global shortage of of Duvaxyn Equine Herpes Virus Vaccine? 6. When did the APVMA become aware of the global shortage? 7. Has the Department or Minister's office requested a briefing on the global shortage? 8. When did the Department or the Minister's office ask for the briefing? 9. Detail process for emergency use permit 10. Table emergency use permit guidelines 	Written	22/04/2016
65	Australian Wool Innovation	Williams	Shearing Matters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many shearers are currently in the industry in Australia 2. What is the average age of these shearers 3. Can the agency advise whether numbers are declining or increasing 	Written	22/04/2016

66	Australian Wool Innovation	Williams	Q Fever	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been incidences of shearers contracting Q fever 2. Has there ever been consideration of an awareness programme for shearers to be vaccinated against Q fever. 	Written	22/04/2016
67	Biosecurity Animal Division	Sterle	Foot and Mouth Disease	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What work is being undertaken to address biosecurity risks posed by changes to Indonesia's importation of material that has a high risk of FMD? 2. Is this of serious concern to the Department of Agriculture? 3. Has the Minister or the Minister's staff requested a briefing on this issue? 4. Has the Department sought to brief the Minister or his staff on this issue, either verbally or in writing? 	Written	22/04/2016
68	Biosecurity Animal Division	Sterle	Applications for Imports	What information will need to be included in an application for a permit to bring or import conditionally non-prohibited goods?	Written	22/04/2016
69	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Siewert	Environmental biosecurity engagement strategy	<p>Mr Koval: We have. We are working on the environmental biosecurity engagement strategy and how we might have better visibility of what we do in environmental biosecurity. It is a work in progress. This year we hope to be even better positioned to release some of it.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: When was that?</p> <p>Mr Koval: During the course of this year.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Do you have a time frame?</p> <p>Mr Koval: I do not have a hard time frame at the moment, but I am happy to take that</p>	129	22/04/2016

				on notice and come back to you with some hard time lines, if that is of help.		
70	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Siewert	Finalisation of the National Environment and Community Biosecurity Research, Development and Extension Strategy	<p>Senator SIEWERT: It sounds like it is a question I need to ask at estimates in May. Have you finalised the National Environment and Community Biosecurity Research, Development and Extension Strategy? In fact, it was originally prepared as a draft in April 2014.</p> <p>Mr Koval: Not that I am aware of. I will take that one on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That would be appreciated. At the same time could you also take on notice the question of what resources have been committed to its implementation, if they have been?</p> <p>Mr Koval: Okay. Certainly.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Has the government prepared a national priority list of pests and diseases not yet established in Australia that are of environmental biosecurity concern?</p> <p>Mr Koval: That is a bit of work that has to be done more broadly within the government, not by us. I am not aware that we have actually finalised a list of pests that are of environmental concern. But, again, I will take that on notice and come back to you.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: Senator, we do have lists of pests and diseases that are of concern, but the ones of environmental concern are not segregated from those of other concern.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: You have the general list.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: That is right. But we have not segmented it—and some of them will be</p>	129-130	22/04/2016

				<p>on more than one list in terms of being an environmental concern and also a production concern, for example.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay. Could you take on notice how regularly that is updated and reviewed?</p> <p>Mr Koval: Yes, certainly.</p>		
71	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Siewert	Stakeholders invited to biosecurity legislation information forum	<p>Ms O'Connell: Also, in terms of the new biosecurity legislation, we are about to hold the first stakeholders sort of information forum on 23 February, and we will have some of those stakeholders present represented there.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you provide me with a list of the stakeholders that have been invited?</p> <p>Mr Koval: Certainly.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: We will do so, yes.</p>	130	22/04/2016
72	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Waters	Crazy yellow ant	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Last Estimates, the Greens asked about the application from WTMA for \$15m over 3 years to eradicate the YCA near the WTWHA, and the Minister had received the submission from WTMA but no decision had been made. What is the update? 2. Have you assessed that application from WTMA? 3. Are there funds available for projects like that? I.e. there is a \$50m “eradication fund” under the Agricultural White Paper 4. Is there a timeframe for a decision to be made? We understand that the WTMA runs out of money to fight the YCA this year. 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. How long has it been since they applied for funding? 6. Is it the Department's view that the YCA be eradicated? It's been reported that Biosecurity Queensland has abandoned its baiting program and instead moved to a containment strategy – is the Federal approach the same – have you abandoned the push to eradicate? 7. Do you view the YCA as eradicable at the WTWHA? 8. I know there is a lot of local community support for the eradication efforts – have you spoken with the Qld Government and the Commonwealth Department of Environment? 9. Can you provide a list of the Australian entry points (ports etc.) where yellow crazy ants been detected and intercepted over the last three years (providing a breakdown of the date and location for each detection or interception)? 10. What action is being undertaken to identify likely entry pathways of yellow crazy ants? 11. What specific actions are being undertaken to reduce the probability of entry of yellow crazy ants via these pathways? 12. Have these actions been effective? How is that being assessed? 		
73	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Sterle	New Biosecurity Regulations	A range of workshops and forums are underway across the country to discuss details of delegated legislation and allow stakeholders and clients to consider how the legislation will affect their industry.	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>“There will be changes under the Act, and the regulations include important details of how it will work in practice, including the process for applying for import permits, how goods and conveyances are assessed and managed for biosecurity risk when they enter the country, and the information that must be included in an application for a permit to bring or import conditionally non-prohibited goods.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide information on how the department will undertake workshops and forums across the country to discuss the delegated legislations? 2. Can you provide a list of stakeholders and clients the department intends to consult with? 3. What will be the main points the department intends to discuss with stakeholders and clients? 		
74	Compliance Division	Siewert	Advice to Government	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Do I understand it correctly? You have provided advice to government on this?</p> <p>Ms Vivian: We have been providing advice to government for a while, and we are working through the mechanisms at the moment.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Okay. Do you know if there are any time frames for making the types of changes that we have just been talking about?</p> <p>Senator Ruston: No. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: If you could take it on notice—</p> <p>Senator Ruston: Yes, sure.</p>	131	22/04/2016

				Senator SIEWERT: that would be great. Thank you very much for the update.		
75	Compliance Division	Chair	Border protection against MCR-1	CHAIR: This is my last question because we all have to go home. The superbug MCR-1, which is to do with a thing called colistin, do we have border protection against the entry of that? Take that on notice.	134	22/04/2016
76	Compliance Division	Xenophon	Department's Imported Food Inspection data	<p>Referring to the Department's Imported Food Inspection Data (Report for January to June 2015):</p> <p>I refer to the voluntary recall of Nanna's mixed berries following the discovery of hepatitis A in berries imported from China. On page 2 of the Imported Food Inspection Data (Report for January to June 2015) it states:</p> <p>"The department's <u>expectation</u> is that importers will now undertake due diligence checks to ensure the ready to eat berries they import have been produced under good agricultural practice and subject to good hygienic practices to manage the risk of food borne virus hazards such as hepatitis A virus or norovirus" (emphasis added)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How enforceable is the Department's "expectation" on importers? • How will it be enforced? • What are the consequences for an importer if they do not meet the Department's "expectations"? • How is "due diligence" defined by the Department for the purposes of an importer meeting the Department's expectations in relation to imported 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>ready to eat berries? For example, what kinds of activities by an importer would satisfy the “due diligence” requirement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do these expectations on importers of ready to eat berries differ from importers of other food? 		
77	Compliance Division	Xenophon	The number of imported food inspections	<p>The Department’s Imported Food Inspection Data report for July to December 2014 states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were 10,026 entries of imported food that were referred for inspection under the Imported Food Inspection Scheme. • There were 16,168 lines of imported food inspected. <p>However, in the January to June 2015 report only 8,819 entries of imported food were referred for inspection under the Imported Food Inspection Scheme and only 13,882 lines of imported food were inspected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That’s nearly a 20 percent drop in the amount of imported food inspected – why is this? (Eg: was the decrease due to fewer imports of food or resourcing issues (lack of staff?) within the Department?) 		22/04/2016
78	Compliance Division	Sterle	Serana Pty Ltd	<p>1. In relation into the investigation into Serana Pty Ltd, we were previously advised that a brief of evidence was submitted to the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions (CDPP) on 9 April 2015. Has any response of recommendation been forthcoming form the CDPP?</p>	Written	22/04/2016

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. If not, are you concerned about the lengthy delays in moving this matter forward? 3. Is <i>Operation Fides</i> still a live investigation? 4. Have any prosecutions been recommended in respect to any company or person in respect of <i>Operation Fides</i>? 5. What costs have been incurred by <i>Operation Fides</i> since 4 December 2015? 6. Is there any intention of bringing this inquiry, which has not resulted in a single prosecution in more than two years, to a conclusion? 		
79	Compliance Division	Sterile	Biosecurity risks	Provide detail about how goods and conveyances are assessed and will be managed for biosecurity risk when they enter the country?	Written	22/04/2016
80	Compliance Division	Sterile	Contract with Blueprint Operations	<p>Question on Notice regarding contract CN3320502, notified on Austender on 11 February 2016, titled “Signage replacement from machinery of Government changes”, and awarded to Blueprint Operations Pty Ltd.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What services are being provided under this contract and why? b. Which departmental offices or premises are having signage changed or replaced – please specify the addresses of each site and the scope of works being undertaken at each site under this contract? c. Please provide photos, sketches or graphics of the old and new signs to be 	Written	22/04/2016

				removed/installed under this contract		
81	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Bullock	Advisory committee documents	<p>Senator BULLOCK: They are not public documents?</p> <p>Mr Morris: I do not believe they are public documents. I will have to check that with the team.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: This question of transparency and accountability is really a question of: how do we know what they are up to? That is at the heart of transparency and accountability. My question really is: how do we know what they are up to? What issues are they addressing? What advice are they providing? How do we know that?</p> <p>Mr Morris: We will take on notice what we can provide to you and see whether we can provide you with information like agendas and so forth. We will take that on notice and see what we can provide.</p>	101	22/04/2016
82	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Sterle	Drought initiatives / programs	<p>Mr Morris: There were a number of measures announced as part of last year's budget which went to drought. There were things like the transitional loan program, which has been rolled out in most states. There are still one or two to be ticked off, but drought concessional loans are available in quite a number of states now, particularly in those that are affected by drought. And then the long-term drought program for loans kicks off from 1 July this year. We are still negotiating with the states about the arrangements for that one, but certainly the loans are being rolled out this year.</p>	105	22/04/2016

				<p>Other elements of that program include the pests and weeds initiatives. There have been a number of payments made under that program. About \$9.5 million in projects under the Drought Communities Program have been approved, and they are being rolled out in a number of shires. In terms of drought initiatives there is quite a bit that is underway.</p> <p>In terms of other initiatives, on the trade front we have got the five new agricultural counsellor positions that have been established in Vietnam, Malaysia and the Middle East with additional high level counsellors in Bangkok and China. They are on the ground and at work in those countries. Of course, the accelerated depreciation arrangements for fencing, for water facilities and for fodder on farms have been made available to farmers, as of the middle of last year, so farmers can claim under those and invest in those initiatives.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Is there a checklist? Not a ministerial statement that also mentions the duty senator and every other little junior minister—is there something categorical like 'Here is the table and this is what we have achieved.</p> <p>Mr Morris: We would be happy to provide that to you on notice.</p>		
83	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Bullock	Committees	<p>Senator BULLOCK: Now, there are still discussions taking place but not at that committee. Is that your answer?</p> <p>Mr Morris: I will have to confirm whether that committee still exists or not. I am just not sure. Maybe one of my colleagues</p>	113	22/04/2016

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84	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Bilyk	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by any Ministers or Assistant Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries in the portfolio since 20 October 2015, can the following please be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs; • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and • Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	22/04/2016
85	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Bilyk	Secretary's speeches to staff	Can a copy of any speeches delivered by the Secretary of the Department at any staff meetings since 20 October 2015 please be provided?	Written	22/04/2016
86	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Bilyk	Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written	22/04/2016
87	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Sterle	Termination of Mr Metcalf	<p>In respect to the termination of Mr Metcalf from his position as Secretary of the Department of Agriculture in 2013;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the unexpired portion of 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>Mr Metcalf's employment contract for that position?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the aggregate cost of entitlement paid out to Mr Metcalf under part 5 of the relevant Determination made under the remuneration Tribunal? • What was the final payout figure? 		
88	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Sterle	Veterinary employment conditions	<p>Proposed changes to pay and conditions of veterinarian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was a cost benefit analysis undertaken on the impact of have a two tiered pay scale of government veterinarians? • How were the proposed changes to pay and conditions of veterinarians communicated to existing vets working within the department? • Why has the department determined to exclude vets working in export abattoirs? • Has the department considered the Australian Veterinary Association's workforce modelling report that was released last year that showed that Australia is already heading towards a significant undersupply of government vets? • Did the Department consult with stakeholders regarding the changes to pay and conditions of vets? • Provide a list of which stakeholder and dates consultations were undertaken? 	Written	22/04/2016

89	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Sterle	New Ministerial Office	<p>How many Ministerial meetings have taken place in the new Armidale office? Provide breakdown of staff travel expenses to the Ministerial office? How many Ministerial staff members are permanently based in the Armidale office? Provide a breakdown of staff travel expenses of staff travelling to Canberra from the Ministerial office? What are the key roles of Ministerial staff based in Armidale? How many electorate staff members are based in the Armidale Ministerial office? Is the Armidale Ministerial office open 5 days per week? What is the monthly rent cost for the Armidale office? How many days has the Minister spent in the Armidale office.</p>	Written	22/04/2016
90	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Sterle	AIAC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide explanation as to how the department is able to claim that NRAC was merged with Minister's new advisory council AIAC. 2. How does AIAC determine what issues they should be providing advice to the Minister? 3. What reporting mechanisms exist to allow for transparency and accountability to the advice the AIAC is providing to the Minister? 4. What reporting mechanisms exist for transparent costs associated with AIAC? 5. Does the Department seek advice from AIAC or provide briefing advice to AIAC? 6. AIAC dinner costs amount to \$9,634 for 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>three dinners. The department is claiming that there was a number of networking events and dinners – however cannot breakdown clearly where the costs should be allocated to. Can the department provide a clear breakdown of the cost to the networking functions as opposed to the dinner costs?</p>		
91	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: Please provide the following information in relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e. The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a. The location used</p> <p>b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p> <p>6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed?</p> <p>7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title.</p>		
92	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Staffing profile	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the department/agency?</p> <p>2. Provide a list of changes to staffing</p>	Written	22/04/2016

				numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state)		
93	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from? What classification were these staff? 8. What are the voluntary redundancy packages offered? Please detail for each staff level and position 9. How do the packages differ from the default public service package? 10. How is the department/agency funding the packages? 	Written	22/04/2016

94	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff have been recruited? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created? What classification are these staff? 3. How many staff have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	22/04/2016
95	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Printing	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these printed documents were also published online? 2. Has the Department/Agency used external printing services for any print jobs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, what companies were used? b. How were they selected? c. What was the total cost of this printing by item? 	Written	22/04/2016
96	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Communications staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 2. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. 3. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>undertake and their location</p> <p>4. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>5. How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>6. How many are media managers?</p> <p>7. How many organise events?</p> <p>Have these arrangements changed since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015? If yes, please detail.</p>		
97	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the date they were ordered b. the date they commenced c. the minister responsible d. the department responsible e. the nature of the review f. their terms of reference g. the scope of the review h. Who is conducting the review i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j. the expected report date k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs l. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public <p>2. For any review commenced or ordered, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or</p>	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>conduct the review?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading namesb. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalentc. If yes, for each is the cost associated with their involvement, including a break down for each cost itemd. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvemente. 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 themg. If yes, for each, who selected themh. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. If yes, please detail what involvement it wasii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short listiii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occuriv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the departmentv. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur <p>3. Which reviews are on-going?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Please list them.b. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews? <p>4. Have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p>		
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				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Which reviews have concluded? Please list them. 6. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, when? If not, why not? 		
98	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, department or agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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? 	Written	22/04/2016

				When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?		
99	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any board appointments made to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 3. Has the department instigated of changed its gender ratio target and/or any other policy intended to increase the participation rate of women on boards? If yes, please specify what the target and policy is for each board. 4. Please specify when these gender ratio or participation policies were changed. 	Written	22/04/2016
100	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Stationery Requirements	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio to date? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Detail the items provided to the minister's office. b. Please specify how many reams of paper have been supplied to the Minister's office. 2. How much has been spent on departmental stationery requirements to date. 3. Has any customised stationery been requested or provided to the Minister or Ministerial Staff? If yes, please include a 	Written	22/04/2016

				photo/scan, detail the type of stationery, date it was requested, date it was provided and the cost.		
101	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Media training	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information: <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 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 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"> 4. The location used 5. The number of employees who took part on each occasion 6. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 7. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 		
102	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Departmental Rebranding	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? b. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. c. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Signage. ii. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). iii. Logos iv. Consultancy v. Any relevant IT changes. vi. Office reconfiguration. <p>d. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		
103	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office during the specified period? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? c. Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency during the specified period?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which agency or agencies provided these services? What has been spent providing these services during the specified period? Itemise these expenses 		
104	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals (Ministerial)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does the minister's office have a procedure manual for communication between the minister's office and the department? If yes, please provide a copy and: When was the manual last updated? Who is responsible for updating the manual? Who is the manual distributed to? Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the department? 	Written	22/04/2016
105	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Enterprise Bargaining Agreements (EBAs)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please list all related EBAs with coverage of the department. Please list their starting and expiration dates. What is the current status of negotiations for the next agreement/s? Please detail. 	Written	22/04/2016
106	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Existing Resources Program	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many projects, work, programs or other tasks has the department started as a consequence of government policies or 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>priorities that are required to be funded 'within existing resources'?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. List each 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? 		
107	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Procedure Manuals (Departmental)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the department have a procedure manual for communication between the department and the minister? If yes, please provide a copy and: 2. When was the manual last updated? 3. Who is responsible for updating the manual? 4. Has the minister's office had any input into the content of the manual? If so, please detail. 5. Who is the manual distributed to? 6. Is anyone responsible for clearing communications before they are sent to the minister or the minister's office? 	Written	22/04/2016
108	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division		Self Initiated work	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the department have a program for staff to engage in self-initiated work (projects, plans etc that are devised by staff without being directed by the minister's office or department management)? 2. Please list all ongoing projects. For each, please detail: 3. When did the project commence? 4. When is it expected to conclude? 5. What will the total cost of the project be? 6. Where did the money for the project 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>come from?</p> <p>7. Where is the project based?</p>		
109	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Staff Awards	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department / Agency given out awards to staff for any reason? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the reason for the awards? b. What was the criteria for the awards? c. What form did the award take? (e.g. Certificate, gift vouchers etc) d. How much was spent on the award? 2. How were the awards presented? 3. Who presented the awards? 4. Was there a ceremony or party for the awards? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where was it held? b. Was there a fee for the venue? If yes, how much? c. How much was spent on catering? d. How many people attended? e. Did the minister attend? f. Did the minister's staff attend? If yes, how many? 	Written	22/04/2016
110	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Change Management	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department/Agency engaged in a policy of Change Management? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please detail the policy. b. When was the policy introduced? c. What are the goals of the policy? d. How much was spent on consulting for the policy and who was contracted for this consultation? 	Written	22/04/2016

				e. How much was spent implementing this policy?		
111	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Departmental Staff Misconduct	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a copy of the departmental staff code of conduct. 2. Have there been any identified breaches of this code of conduct by departmental staff? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level. b. If yes, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c. If yes, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? d. If yes, were there any legal ramifications for the department or staff member? Please detail. 	Written	22/04/2016
112	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Documents provided to minister	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Excluding policy or correspondence briefs, how many documents are provided to the Minister's office on a regular and scheduled basis? Including documents that are not briefs to the minister and do not require ministerial signature. 2. List those documents, their schedule and their purpose (broken down by ministerial signature and office for noting documents) 3. How are they transmitted to the office? 4. What mode of delivery is used 	Written	22/04/2016

				(hardcopy, email) for those documents? 5. What level officer are they provided to in the minister's office?		
113	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Merchandise or promotional material	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department purchased any merchandise or promotional material? 2. List by item, and purpose for each item, including if the material is for a specific policy or program or for a generic purpose (note that purpose) 3. List the cost for each item 4. List the quantity of each item 5. Who suggested these material be created? 6. Who approved its creation? 7. Provide copies of authorisation 8. When was the Minister informed of the material being created? 9. Who created the material? 10. How was that person selected? 11. How many individuals or groups were considered in selecting who to create the material? 	Written	22/04/2016
114	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Ministerial Website	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? 3. Have any departmental staff been required to work outside regular hours to 	Written	22/04/2016

				maintain the Minister's website? Please detail.		
115	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Ministerial Staff vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 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"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. i. 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. j. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period? If so, please detail. 	Written	22/04/2016

116	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Lobbyist Register Meetings	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with any representative listed on the lobbyist register 2. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 3. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with any representative listed on the lobbyist register during the specified period. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 	Written	22/04/2016
117	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Workplace assessments	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 3. If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes 	Written	22/04/2016
118	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Market Research	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any market research conducted by the department/agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total cost of this research 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program c. Who conducted the research? d. How were they identified? e. Where was the research conducted? f. In what way was the research conducted? g. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? h. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? i. How was the firm or individual that conducted the review selected? j. What input did the Minister have? k. How was it approved? l. Were other firms or individuals considered? If yes, please detail. 		
119	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Government advertising/marketing	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent by the department / agency on marketing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. List the approving officer for each item. d. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. e. Which firm provided the marketing? 2. How much has been spent by the department / agency on government advertising (including job ads)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total cost b. List each item of expenditure and 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cost c. Where the advertising appeared d. List the approving officer for each item. e. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. f. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising. <p>3. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total expected cost. b. List each item of expenditure and cost. c. Where the advertising will appear d. List the approving officer for each item. e. Detail the ministerial or ministerial staff involvement in the commissioning process. f. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising. <p>4. Provide copies of approvals for advertising, including but not limited to, approvals made by the Prime Minister or his delegate, the Minister or their delegate, or the Department or their delegate.</p>		
120	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Report Printing	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? 2. If so please give details; name of report, 	Written	22/04/2016

				number of copies, cost of printing, who order the disposal, reason for disposal		
121	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Ludwig	Functions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office. Breakdown by item, quantity and cost. 	Written	22/04/2016
122	Cotton Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Implications of the job losses in CSIRO	<p>Senator CAMERON: Scientific fact. So what have been the implications of the job losses in CSIRO for your collaboration, especially in the recent announcement of over 300 in the climate change area?</p> <p>Mr Finney: At this stage we are awaiting communication. We have had some initial communication from CSIRO about the announcement, obviously. But we are still to have a conversation about implications for our specific cotton research. We have had no impact from previous changes in CSIRO strategy and we have been very positive to the focus on innovation and commercialisation of research outcomes for the benefit of industry. We think that offers a</p>	36	22/04/2016

				<p>lot of complementary benefits to what we already do in rural R&D.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So have you approached CSIRO as to what the implications are?</p> <p>Mr Finney: I have already received a communique from them saying that they will be in touch with us soon to discuss the changes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you table that communique?</p> <p>Mr Finney: It was an email. I can, if you wish.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. That would be good. You can do that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Finney: Sure.</p>		
123	Cotton Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Statistics on total factor of productivity for the cotton industry?	<p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide the current statistics on your total factor productivity for the cotton industry?</p> <p>Mr Finney: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Do you have them now or will you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Finney: I will take that on notice.</p>	37	22/04/2016
124	Cotton Research and Development Corporation	Sterle	Priorities and statistics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The cotton industry has faced difficult seasonal conditions; can you outline the research priorities for CRDC? 2. Can you provide current statistics on Australia's Total Factor Productivity for the cotton industry 	Written	22/04/2016
125	Exports Division	Rhiannon	key Asian markets	<p>Senator RHIANNON: You mentioned events in three countries: China, Japan and Korea—how much have you allocated for</p>	115	22/04/2016

				<p>that overall?</p> <p>Mrs McDonald: We have not worked out the details of exactly what those events will be at this stage. We have some approximate budget figures, but until we have actually looked at contracts and looked at arrangements there then it is difficult to say exactly how much they will cost. There are trade fairs, for example, that we are looking at targeting, but until they get a little bit closer and we work out how much it is going to cost to participate then it is hard to say exactly what that will cost. The budget figure that we have come up with is about \$811,000 at this stage.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you for providing those details. Could you please take it on notice to provide details of any other activities and also how much each one will cost, even if it is approximate at this stage?</p> <p>Mrs McDonald: Yes.</p>		
126	Export Division	Rhiannon	How much of the funding is being allocated for the department and how much is for KIAA.	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Going back to the start of the question, I was trying to understand how much of this allocation of a bit over \$800,000 is for the department and how much is for KIAA.</p> <p>Mrs McDonald: I will take that on notice as well.</p>	116	22/04/2016
127	Export Division	Rhiannon	Names of five meat exporters involved in kangaroo export trade	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Is it still the case that there are only four meat exporters involved in the kangaroo export trade?</p> <p>Mrs McDonald: Right now there are five operating export registered game meat</p>	117	22/04/2016

				<p>establishments that produce meat for human consumption for export.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you provide the five names? I only have four.</p> <p>Mrs McDonald: I will take that on notice and provide it to you if I am able to.</p>		
128	Export Division	Rhiannon	Acetic and Lactic Acid on kangaroo meat	<p><i>Acetic Acid on kangaroo meat in the UK</i></p> <p>1. Following up previous advice that the United Kingdom permits acetic acid to be used on certain meat preparations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please advise the details on what “certain meat preparations” means with regard to kangaroo meat for either pet or human consumption. b. What are the levels permitted by the UK? <p><i>Lactic Acid treating contamination in kangaroo meat</i></p> <p>1. Following up previous advice in answer to questions about the use of lactic acid to treat contamination of kangaroo meat, the department advised that lactic acid is used to treat contamination by micro-organisms.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Specifically which micro-organisms are targeted by the use of lactic acid to treat contamination? 	Written	22/04/2016
129	Export Division	Rhiannon	Exporters of kangaroo products	<p>1. I was advised during recent estimates hearings that there are five current export licenses for kangaroo meat. Can you confirm these current export licenses are also active?</p> <p>2. How many export licenses currently exist for each of the exported kangaroo</p>	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>products, including skins and meat and meat products for non-human consumption?</p> <p>a. Of these current licenses, how many are active or “live”?</p>		
130	Exports Division	Sterle	Greyhounds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department undertaken an investigation into the 7.30 report program on cruelty to greyhounds exported to Macau? 2. Has the department provided verbal or written advice to the Minister or his staff about the greyhound passport system? 3. Form GED-200314 – which includes a field to provide information about the Greyhound Passport – is this form currently on the Departmental website? 4. Who created this form? 5. The Greyhound Australasian Industry claims that it did not create this form? 6. Can the department verify who created the Greyhound Export Declaration form? 7. Has the department met with any welfare groups regarding the 7.30 report on 9 December 2015? 8. Why won't the department engage with the Greyhound industry to provide better welfare outcomes for dogs exported for racing purposes? 	Written	22/04/2016
131	Exports Division	Rhiannon	Funding to grow kangaroo meat exports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Last year, in 2015, government provided over \$1.162 million dollars from the “Assisting Small Exporters” program to grow kangaroo meat export markets. Of this, \$776,000 has been provided to the Central Victorian Exporters and the NSW Farmers Association to grow meat 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>export markets: Are either of these relating to the export of meat from shot kangaroos?</p> <p>a. If yes: re Central Victorian Exporters Network (\$275,000).</p> <p>i. Please provide more details.:</p> <p>ii. The KIAA managed convinced the Victorian Government to allow the commercial industry to operate in a part of that state - does this mean the kangaroos shot in Victoria are now going to be exported as part of the meat market?</p> <p>b. If yes: re NSW Farmers Association (\$501,000):</p> <p>i. What is meant by “alternative supply chain” that this project aims to develop and assess? Details?</p>		
132	Farm Support Division	Bullock	NRAC	<p>Mr Morris: I would not say they were 'mates'; rather a group of people he believed had the expertise in the portfolio industries. They cover agriculture, fisheries and forestry. Some biosecurity expertise as well was added to the committee. Those people were people he felt he trusted to provide him advice in terms of helping to develop policy. They are purely advisory bodies. He can accept or not accept their advice.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: As was NRAC, wasn't it?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I would have to take it on notice, but I think the abolition of NRAC was part of the broader effort to cut the number of bodies.</p>	99	22/04/2016

				<p>Senator BULLOCK: What a strange effort, when you create a new body and say, 'Oh, no, we're going to cut'—</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I am just going through it. There were a range of functions that they actually had, some of which were in legislation. I would have to take that on notice as to the nature of that arrangement. We can advise you on that.</p>		
133	Farm Support Division	Acting Chair	NRAC	<p>Ms Freeman: I was saying that a primary function over the lifetime of NRAC that they carried out was doing the exceptional circumstance function. After the exceptional circumstances arrangement ceased, they did do, at the request of the minister of the day, a number of different inquiries. For example, on multi-peril crop insurance, farm management deposits, they provided a range of advice to government over that period. I should say I was the Commonwealth representative on that council for a number of years. So we provided a range of advice.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: It was not just drought; it was just that drought happened to be the main issue at the time?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: It was the major function that they performed, yes.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Because of the circumstances at the time, not because that is the only skills that they had?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I would have to take it on notice and go back and look at the skill set of the individuals.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: For how long were you the Commonwealth representative?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I would have to check, but it</p>	100	22/04/2016

				was probably for a period of 18 months.		
134	Farm Support Division	Bullock	Abolition of NRAC	<p>Senator BULLOCK: All right. Did the department provide advice to the minister regarding the abolition of NRAC?</p> <p>Mr Morris: I will have to check that; I was not in the area at the time. We will check that for you.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Probably in a similar vein, I will ask: did the minister or his staff seek information regarding the abolition of NRAC?</p> <p>Mr Morris: We will take that on notice as well.</p>	103	22/04/2016
135	Farm Support Division	Acting Chair	Rural Financial Counselling service funding	<p>ACTING CHAIR: So total money—is there more each year? Has there been more? I know you are splitting it up for me and you are trying to do me a favour. I just want to know if there is more dough.</p> <p>Mr Murnane: What might be easiest is if I give you the table that shows the different sources of funding over different years. It sets out the amount of money that—</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Sorry; this would be real money delivered and not promises? Real money delivered?</p> <p>Mr Murnane: Yes, it is real money.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Okay. You do that for me. That would be great. I will put some questions on notice. Mr Quinlivan, I will put this to you. I want to talk about that brilliant piece of work by the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee—</p>	123-124	22/04/2016

136	Farm Support Division	Sterle	Drought	<p>Senator STERLE: Yes, in continuation—I just want to finish off on the drought. I have one more question— sorry to go back to it—</p> <p>Senator Ruston: I think they have all gone.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: It does not matter—Mr Quinlivan is there. That is fine.</p> <p>Senator Ruston: It does not matter; we will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: No worries. I have an article here dated 1 October 2015 which says: Speaking from Longreach last week, Mr Truss announced that both shires remained ineligible for the new funding package despite being drought declared by state authorities since 2013. Those shires were Quilpie and Boulia. Another article, entitled ' Quilpie, Boulia and Carpentaria shires eligible for \$1.5 million Federal drought funding', dated 23 December 2015, says: Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss said there was special consideration given to the Quilpie Shire Council. "That latest update means Boulia and Carpentaria shires now qualify for the assistance under the guidelines." He goes on: "Barnaby Joyce and I have decided to use the discretion that is available to us under the program to also declare Quilpie. Quilpie's rainfall figures do not support the application on the basis of the one-in-20-year rainfall deficiency, but everyone who visits Quilpie comes back with the same report — that it is as bad as the neighbouring shires." Can you put any light on that for me, Mr Quinlivan?</p>	125	22/04/2016

137	Farm Support Division	Edwards	Financial counsellors	<p>Mr Padovan: There are 120 actual counsellors, but around 108 full-time equivalents given that some are parttime.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Going back over the years, how does that compare?</p> <p>Mr Padovan: I do not have that at hand; I would have to come back to you on it.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Would you mind? I just want to see whether it has been pretty stagnant or whether we have had a 100 per cent increase and what the commitment is now compared to what it used to be.</p>	126	22/04/2016
138	Farm Support Division	Sterle	Drought Concessional Loans	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide an update on the current uptake of the Drought Concessional Loans and Drought Recovery Concessional loans? 2. The White Paper has provided \$2.5 billion for drought concessional over 10 years – yet for 2014-15 less than \$200 million was taken up for drought concessional loans. The \$2.5 billion dollars contributes to the Government’s claim that the White Paper is a \$4 billion dollar investment? Based on the evidence available for the take up rate for concessional loans is the \$4 billion dollar investment claim credible? 3. What will happen to funds not allocated to drought concessional loans? 4. Will funds be reallocated into other drought measures? 	Written	22/04/2016
139	Farm Support Division	Sterle	Drought Communities Program	There has been confusion surrounding the eligibility criteria for drought affected communities to be drought declared which	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>would allow councils to apply for the \$35 million drought communities program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there an eligibility criteria for the Drought Communities Program? If so, what is the criteria? 2. Will the Accessibility/Remoteness Index of Australia continue to be used as the source for determining the remoteness of a Local Government Area? If so, when will the data in the Index be updated? If not, what will replace the Index? 3. Due to this Index, remote Local Government Area's such as West Wimmera fall through the cracks to receive appropriate funding support from the Commonwealth. Why isn't there a process for councils that are unfairly disadvantaged in this way to have their situation reassessed? 4. Why is it that the Drought Communities Program is only available in Queensland and New South Wales? 5. Was this the Minister's decision? 6. What advice did the Department provide to the Minister regarding eligibility for the Drought Communities Program? 7. Is the Department aware of drought declarations in other states? 8. Why is it that some council's assessed as eligible for the Commonwealth's Drought Assistance Package are deemed ineligible for the Drought Communities Program? 		
140	Farm Support Division	Sterle	Rural Financial Counselling arrangements	1. New Rural Financial Counselling arrangements have been announced Media release by Barnaby Joyce 22	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>December 2015 which has resulted in a cut to services in regional areas. Central West NSW has been hit hard. Has the Department undertaken analysis of the impact reduced funding will have on farming families who will find it harder to access rural financial counsellors?</p> <p>2. Compared to Labor the Government has provided less funding for the new funding agreements – from 2016 to 2019 – did the Minister or his office seek a briefing on the potential impact of reduced rural financial counselling services?</p>		
141	Farm Support Division	Sterle	Abolishment of NRAC	<p>1. The Government is claiming that by abolishing NRAC it reduces work duplication? However, work agendas are set by the Minister in consultation with NRAC and we assume with his handpicked advisory Council so how would the government justify its position?</p> <p>2. Did the department provide advice to the Minister regarding the abolishment of NRAC?</p> <p>3. Did the Minister or his staff seek information regarding the abolishment of NRAC?</p>	Written	22/04/2016
142	Finance and Business Support Division	McKenzie	Programmes and Grants	<p>1. Could the Department please provide detailed figures regarding the number and amount of grants it has approved in the past 12 months to co-operatives and mutuals as compared to incorporated businesses?</p>	Written	22/04/2016

				2. If none, will the Department consider changing the eligibility criteria to allow co-operatives to apply for funding under government programmes?		
143	Finance and Business Support Division	Bilyk	Executive Office Upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 20 October 2015? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided?	Written	22/04/2016
144	Finance and Business Support Division	Sterle	Changes to portfolio with the addition of water	What changes have occurred with Water being moved into the portfolio – costs and changes to staffing arrangements?	Written	22/04/2016
145	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Taxi costs	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis during the specified period? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for taxi costs? 3. How much did the department spend on taxis during the specified period for their minister or minister's office?	Written	22/04/2016
146	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015: 1. What has been the Department/Agency's hospitality spend including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>hospitality spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. What has been the Department/Agency's entertainment spend? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.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.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.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.8. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.9. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?		
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147	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Kitchen Appliances	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased, leased or rented any kitchen appliances over the value of \$1000? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of appliance, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of consumables and when the appliance was purchased? b. Why were the appliances purchased? c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since the appliances were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d. Where did the funding for the appliances come from? e. Who has access? f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the appliances? How much was spent on maintenance, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g. What are the other ongoing costs of the appliances? 	Written	22/04/2016
148	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Corporate cars	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many cars are owned by each department/agency? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where are the cars located? 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. What are the cars used for? c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d. How far did each car travel during the specified period? <p>2. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where are the cars located? b. What are the cars used for? c. What is the cost of each car during the specified period? d. How far did each car travel during the specified period? 		
149	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? f) How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 6. For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency since Estimates, 2014?</p> <p>7. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>		
150	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars during the specified period? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency. 2. What are the reasons for hire car costs? 3. How much did the department spend on hire cars during the specified period for their minister or minister's office? 	Written	22/04/2016
151	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Credit cards	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a breakdown of any changes to employment classifications that have access to a corporate credit card. 2. Have there been any changes to action taken in the event that the corporate credit card is misused? 3. Have there been any changes to how corporate credit card use is monitored? 4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered during the specified period? If so: 5. Please list staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. 6. Have there been any changes to what action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse? 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>7. How any credit cards available to the Minister or their office? If so, please list by classification. Have there been any misuse of credit cards by the Minister or their office? Has any action been taken against the Minister or their office for credit card misuse? If so, list each occurrence, including the cost of the misuse.</p>		
152	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Land costs	<p>1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease?</p> <p>2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? (In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</p> <p>3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above.</p> <p>a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)?</p> <p>c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)?</p>	Written	22/04/2016

				<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>		
153	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Subscriptions	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a list of channels and the reason for each channel. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? What is provided to the Minister or their office? What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period? 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.b. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified period?c. What is provided to the Minister or their office?d. What has been the cost of this package/s during the specified		
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				period?		
154	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has the Department/Agency spent on meeting costs? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 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. 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. 	Written	22/04/2016
155	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 2. How many consultancies are planned 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p> <p>3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender?</p> <p>a. List each, including name, cost and purpose</p> <p>b. If so, why?</p>		
156	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Travel costs - department	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. Is the minister or their office or their delegate required to approve all departmental and agency international travel?</p> <p>2. If so, under what policy?</p> <p>3. Provide a copy of that policy.</p> <p>4. When was this policy implemented?</p> <p>5. When is the minister notified, when is approved provided?</p> <p>6. Detail all travel (domestic and international) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>7. Detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type</p>	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>8. What date was the minister or their office notified of the travel?</p> <p>9. What date did the minister or their office approve the travel?</p> <p>10. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p>		
157	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Grants	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. What guidelines are in place to administer grants?</p> <p>2. How are grants applied for?</p> <p>3. Are there any restrictions on who can apply for a grant? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>a. Can these restrictions be waved? If yes, please detail the process for waving them and list any grants where the restrictions were waved.</p> <p>4. What is the procedure for selecting who will be awarded a grant?</p> <p>5. Who is involved in this selection process?</p> <p>6. Does the minister or the minister's office play any role in awarding grants? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>a. Has the minister or the minister's office exercised or attempted to exercise any influence over the awarding of any grants? If yes, please detail.</p> <p>7. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc, one-off discretionary grants awarded</p>	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations.</p> <p>8. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to the specified period, but did not have financial contracts in place at that time. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants.</p>		
158	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Conditions of Government Contracts and Agreements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 restrictions on advocacy or criticisms of Government policy? If so, please name each agreement. When was it formed or created? 4. What are the specific clauses and/or sections which state this, or in effect, create a limitation or restriction? 5. For each of the contracts and agreements, are there any particular reason, such as genuine commercial in confidence information, for this restriction? 6. Have any changes to financial or resource support to services which 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>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>		
159	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Vending machines	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. 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	22/04/2016

160	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Fee for services	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any existing services provided by the department / agency moved from being free to a user-pay service? Have any additional fees been placed on existing services? If yes please provide a list and include: 2. Name of the fee and a short description of what it covers. 3. How much is the fee (and is it a flat fee or a percentage of the service). 4. The date the fee came into place. 5. Were any reviews requested, commenced or complemented into the benefits and drawbacks of attaching the fee to the service? If yes, please detail and provide a copy of the review. 6. What consultation was carried out before the fee was put into place? 7. How was the fee put into place (e.g. through legislation, regulation changes etc)? 8. What justification is there for the fee? 	Written	22/04/2016
161	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Multiple tenders	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? b. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? c. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal? 	Written	22/04/2016

162	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Departmental Upgrades	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these changes c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, who conducted the works? e. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works f. If so, when are the works expected to be completed? 	Written	22/04/2016
163	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Wine Coolers / Fridges	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items? 	Written	22/04/2016

164	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Office Plants	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased or leased any office plants? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? 	Written	22/04/2016
165	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Office recreation facilities	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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)? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list these b. If so, list the total cost for these items c. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure d. If so, where were these purchased e. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased f. If so, what is the current location for these items? g. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written	22/04/2016

166	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Building Lease Costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department? 2. 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? 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. 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was not renewed during the specified period. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 4. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. b. Date the lease agreement is expected 	Written	22/04/2016
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				<p>to end.</p> <p>c. Expected location of the building (City and state).</p> <p>d. Expected cost of the lease.</p> <p>i. Has this cost been allocated into the budget?</p> <p>e. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department.</p> <p>5. For each building owned or leased by the department:</p> <p>a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building?</p> <p>b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for.</p>		
167	Finance and Business Support Division	Ludwig	Contracts for Temporary Staff	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <p>1. How much did the department/agency spend on temporary or contract staff?</p> <p>2. How many temporary or contract staff have been employed?</p> <p>3. What is the total number of temporary or contract staff currently employed?</p> <p>4. How much was paid for agencies/companies to find temporary/contract staff?</p> <p>5. Have there been any changes to the policies/criteria that govern the appointment of contract staff?</p>	Written	22/04/2016
168	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Correspondence directed to the Committee	<p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide copies of that correspondence to the committee?</p> <p>Dr Hone: I can provide you a copy of some of the correspondence that we have got,</p>	51	22/04/2016

				<p>yes—the correspondence we have received, yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Why only some of the correspondence you have?</p> <p>Dr Hone: I can provide you all our correspondence. I do not have all the correspondence to the government. That is what I am saying.</p>		
169	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Details of expenditure	<p>Senator CAMERON: In your annual report, on the goods and services supplied, on page 151, legal fees for 2015 were \$31,824 and for 2014 legal fees were \$79,387. What was this amount of expenditure on? What legal fees were involved?</p> <p>Dr Hone: I am going to have to take that on notice.</p>	54	22/04/2016
170	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Sterle	Relocation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current situation with the proposed relocation to Hobart? 2. Provide detail on the status and feedback that FRDC has received following its rigorous consultation with stakeholders about the proposed move of the FRDC to Hobart. 3. Has the uncertainty surrounding funding and relocation had a negative impact on the work undertaken by the FRDC? 4. Has the Minister or his department provided advice on when the 2014 budget measure will be brought back to the Senate for debate? 5. Is the membership free an annual fee? 6. What will be the impact on future research projects with the loss of R&D 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>investment dollars if the 2014 budget measure is passed?</p> <p>7. In FRDC's annual report under goods and services supplied on pg 151 – Legal fees for 2015 were \$31,824 and for 2014 legal fees were \$79,387. Provide detail as to what these expenditures were for?</p>		
171	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	<p>What is the numbers in rural and regional communities in Australia and what is the reach of <i>The Australian</i>.</p>	<p>Senator CAMERON: Forgive me, but I am not inspired. I really do not know what it is about. It just says here—and it is pretty difficult to read—the Grains Research and Development Corporation was founded in 1990, so there is a bit of history there. I think Malcolm Turnbull might have written this. It talks about innovative innovation. It talks about advancing the grains industry at every level and 'to find out more, go to our website'. What is the reach of <i>The Australian</i> into the rural and regional communities? What are their numbers in rural and regional Australia? Did you look at that before you made this ad?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: For the detail, I will ask my executive manager of communications to respond to that question.</p> <p>Ms Lord: So in answer to the question, when we look at any sponsorship of conferences, this is part of a broad portfolio of activities we have in reaching a range of stakeholders. We look at what we think the opportunity will provide. So for <i>The Australian</i> I think Roy Morgan would state that the <i>Weekend Australian</i> is around 660,000 in circulation. It is quite significant penetration into regional Australia. But I would have take it on notice if you wanted</p>	38	22/04/2016

				that research.		
172	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Circulation of <i>The Australian</i> in rural and regional Australia	<p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. Off the top of your head, what is the circulation of <i>The Australian</i> in rural and regional Australia?</p> <p>Ms Lord: I would have to take it on notice, but I understand that the circulation for <i>The Australian</i> is, Monday to Friday, around 340,000. I think that is 2014 data. I think the <i>Weekend Australian</i>, as I said, is 660,000. Of that, I would have take it on notice to give you more detail and break it down.</p>	39	22/04/2016
173	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Brand refresh	<p>Senator CAMERON: How much did it cost to develop the ad?</p> <p>Ms Lord: So the ad was part of a brand refresh that the organisation is undertaking. So far, the project to refresh the GRDC brand, which began with board approval into 2014, has cost the organisation \$55,000. The development of the ad at this stage, I think, if the figure is correct—and I will have to check it on notice—is \$1,400.</p>	39	22/04/2016
174	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	GRDC sponsorship deal	<p>Senator CAMERON: Mr Harvey, you are speaking at the conference, are you?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: The chairman of GRDC, Richard Clarke, will be participating.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide details of the sponsorship deal that you have done?</p> <p>Ms Lord: Yes, we would be happy to provide it on notice.</p>	40	22/04/2016

175	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Was advice sought regarding whether sponsoring a conference consistent with your obligations under the act	<p>Senator CAMERON: So you can underline it and send it in? That would be handy. You are saying that sponsoring a conference—the food forum—is consistent with your obligations under the act?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I believe so.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Did you get advice on that before you did it?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I would need to take that on notice and check.</p>	41	22/04/2016
176	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Food Forum list of sponsors	<p>CHAIR: Thank you—but, before you started, I started. I want to get this straight. In terms of the sponsorship of the food forum, which they advertise for months ahead in <i>The Australian</i> press, who are the sponsors? Do you have a list of sponsors?</p> <p>Ms Lord: Yes, there is another sponsor—Visy, which is a research firm as well.</p> <p>CHAIR: The Pratt family does not put in anymore?</p> <p>Ms Lord: I am not clear on that—I would have to take that on notice.</p>	41	22/04/2016
177	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Location of dinner prior to the Food Forum	<p>Senator CAMERON: Does that include functions after the forum? Is there a dinner at the forum? Are you going to do any R&R at the forum? What happens?</p> <p>Ms Lord: The conference itself is a full day, so it is quite an intensive program for attendees. There will be a dinner the evening prior, which <i>The Australian</i> is organising, but purely for panellists and spokespeople so they can acquaint themselves before they speak.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Where is the dinner?</p>	42	22/04/2016

				Ms Lord: I am not clear at this stage where the dinner is, but I can take it on notice.		
178	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	List of GRDC's syndicated radio programs	<p>Senator CAMERON: What about metropolitan radio advertising?</p> <p>Ms Lord: From time to time we will do different syndicated radio programs. For a comprehensive list, I would have to take it notice, because obviously—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you take it on notice, because I am not sure that—I have been told that you have been advertising in the Sydney metropolitan area.</p> <p>Ms Lord: Not to my knowledge, but I will take it on notice. The only thing I could think of at this stage to inform you is potentially our regional updates—in some areas where we might expect 600 growers to turn up to a regional update, we may have broadened that out to meet metropolitan radio. But I am not sure at this stage. I will take it on notice.</p>	43	22/04/2016
179	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Breakdown of full-time equivalents	<p>Senator CAMERON: How many full-time staff do you have?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: We have 79 positions.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: in your annual report on page 93—did you say 79—</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Positions.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is that full-time equivalent?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: No, I do not think they are. That is positions.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you break that down then into full-time equivalents?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I would need to take that on</p>	43-44	22/04/2016

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180	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Details regarding changes that have occurred in GRDC	<p>Mr Harvey: With some of the changes that have occurred in GRDC, we have put a strong emphasis on bringing in the people that have the skills to be able to do the job. Obviously you need a technical base, but our staff employ, on a day-in and day-out basis, communication skills, facilitation skills, negotiation skills and leadership skills. So we have done quite a bit over the last 12 months in building—particularly at our general manager level—the skills that are required for our business.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you give me a flavour of what is being done?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I can probably give it to you on notice, if you want the detail. One of the things that we are pushing very hard is that we have a truly value based organisation. So we have done quite a lot of work at looking at the organisational values and how that actually translates into the sorts of behaviours we want within the organisation to entrench and ensure that our customers get a good experience that is consistent with those values.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So what kinds of programs are you undertaking to deal with these values and behaviours?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: We have used some professionals to help us with those programs.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Who are they?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I need to take on notice the actual name of the company.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What are the names</p>	44	22/04/2016

				of the programs that are being delivered? Mr Harvey: Again, I will need to take that on notice—		
181	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Cost, and number of programs that have been undertaken	<p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. So give me a flavour—you said values and behaviours. What are these?—oneday, two-day programs? What are they?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Typically one-day programs, but not just one-off. So over a period of six months there might be a couple.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Have you undertaken any of them personally?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Correct.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Yes or no?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: How many have you undertaken?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: We had one last week.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: How many have you undertaken?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I would prefer to take that on notice. It is probably—maybe—two or three at the most during the year, during the last 12 months. But I need to check that.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So you don't know how many of these programs you have done in the last 12 months?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I don't have it at the top of my head. I can look it up, and I can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: They must have been really memorable if you can't remember how many you've done.</p> <p>Senator WILLIAMS: He has answered the question.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So how many of</p>	45	22/04/2016

				<p>your staff have undertaken them?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What has been the cost of these programs?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is there anyone here who can give me any advice on that? Have you got a chief? Somebody must be able to. You just can't take everything on notice because you don't want to answer.</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Just to be clear, my executive manager, corporate services, who is in charge of this area, is currently on compassionate leave and was not available to come along today. That is the sort of material that she would normally have at her fingertips.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Well, didn't you think somebody else could bring that information today?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Danny is acting in that role, but I am not sure that she has that here.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Do you have it, Danny?—Ms Jakubowski, I am sorry.</p> <p>Ms Jakubowski: No, Senator.</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Senator, we can take it on notice.</p>		
182	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Amount of different types of programs that have been undertaken	<p>Senator CAMERON: Can you give me any idea of how many different types of programs have been undertaken?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I will need to take that on notice.</p>	46	22/04/2016

183	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Bullock	Cost to the GRDC	<p>Senator BULLOCK: I am going to hazard a guess here that it may have been those exercises and activities and social clubs and interaction that Senator Cameron may have been driving at. So I am going to ask—you may not have these figures at your fingertips—that, when you combine those sorts of exercises together, what does that cost the GRDC?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Again, I will need to take that on notice.</p>	46	22/04/2016
184	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Meetings occurring outside of Canberra	<p>Senator CAMERON: Come back to what I have asked you about these excursions. What do you do? What are the team building things that you do on these excursions?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: In the last 12 months, most of which is post the last annual report, we have been very much focused on making sure that we have the right investment process and the right balance of investments in the portfolio.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You could do that without taking an excursion, couldn't you? Why do you need an excursion to do that basic work?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Those meetings have largely been in Canberra.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: 'Largely'. What meetings have not been in Canberra?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I would need to take that on notice.</p>	47	22/04/2016
185	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Itemised accounts for excursions	<p>Senator CAMERON: So you remember it now, do you? What else? Can you provide the same for the Snowy Mountains? I want details. Where did you stay in the Snowy</p>	48	22/04/2016

				<p>Mountains? Mr Harvey: We stayed in a hotel in the Snowy Mountains. Senator CAMERON: Do you know the name of the hotel? Mr Harvey: I can find it out for you, if you want to know. Senator CAMERON: Okay. So we need to know the hotel, and all expenditure. We want receipts for the expenditure. We want to know what was expended on meals, and we want itemised accounts for meals. So I want the overall costs of both these excursions. Mr Harvey: I will need to take that on notice. Senator CAMERON: Okay—and those itemised issues that I have asked you for. Mr Harvey: Yes.</p>		
186	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Cost of Lisa Stephens facilitating personal development day, and name of her company.	<p>Senator CAMERON: Did you have any speakers come along? Mr Harvey: In Bowral, the first day was a professional development day. We had a professional come in and facilitate that day. Senator CAMERON: Who was that? Mr Harvey: It was Lisa Stephens. Senator CAMERON: What is her company? Mr Harvey: I would need to take that on notice. Senator CAMERON: What is her expertise? Mr Harvey: Her expertise is in leadership development and HR. Senator CAMERON: How much did you spend on that?</p>	48	22/04/2016

				Mr Harvey: I would need to take that on notice.		
187	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Canberra based excursions	Senator CAMERON: Can you also provide me with details of the Canberra based excursions that you have undertaken? Mr Harvey: Yes.	49	22/04/2016
188	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Australia's total food productivity for the greens industry	Senator CAMERON: Can you also provide current statistics on Australia's total food productivity for the greens industry? Mr Harvey: Yes.	49	22/04/2016
189	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Details of executive excursions	Senator CAMERON: Can you provide, Mr Harvey, details of all your executive excursions and details of all the costs I have outlined on that? Apart from the executives, what about your staff; have they been doing any of these excursions? Mr Harvey: Not to my knowledge.	49	22/04/2016
190	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Sterle	GRDC Funding	Provide a breakdown of costs associated with commissioning Alan Jones to promote the GRDC? Provide a breakdown of all speakers involved with the events hosted by Alan Jones? What work has the GRDC undertaken with Alan Jones to brief him on the work undertaken by the GRDC? Is the GRDC satisfied that Alan Jones is sufficiently aware of the major issues facing grain growers? Has the GRDC received any criticism about	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>the hiring of Alan Jones to lead the event he is associated with?</p> <p>Provide a breakdown of costs associated with commissioning Liam Bartlett to promote the GRDC?</p> <p>Provide a breakdown of all speakers involved with the events hosted by Liam Bartlett?</p> <p>What work has the GRDC undertaken with Liam Bartlett to brief him on the work undertaken by the GRDC?</p> <p>Is the GRDC satisfied that Liam Bartlett is sufficiently aware of the major issues facing grain growers?</p> <p>Has the GRDC received any criticism about the hiring of Liam Bartlett to lead the event he is associated with?</p>		
191	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Sterle	Self-promotion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the objective by GRDC for placing a self-promotion ad in the Australian in January 2016? 2. How does advertising in the Australian newspaper fit in with legislative requirements of the Primary Industries Research and Development Act 1989 (PIRD Act)? 3. Overall cash receipts for grain, oilseed and pulses was in decline, what were the contributing factors for this result? 4. How is GRDC ensuring that extension of research and development is being taken up by farmers? 5. How many full-time staff does the GRDC have? 6. On pg 93 of GRDC Annual Report it states that “GRDC has recently focused on engaging and recruiting highly 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>experience staff nationally”? Has the recruitment drive been successful?</p> <p>7. Can you provide a list of activities GRDC has undertaken to help keep staff informed, involved, valued and cohesive in their commitment to and ownership of grains RD&E and GRDC initiatives?</p> <p>8. Why was it necessary to have staff undertake these exercise</p> <p>9. What was the cost of these exercises and events?</p> <p>10. Can you provide current statistics on Australia’s Total Factor Productivity for the grains industry</p>		
192	Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited	Bullock	Industry strategic plan	<p>Senator BULLOCK: Fair enough. Has the industry provided you with a strategic plan?</p> <p>Mr Scherf: They have included as part of their submission—in terms of the levy submission to government— a plan, but we are yet to work through that plan in terms of, again, its practicality and whether it has taken on board all of the contemporary issues that need to be addressed.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: It may need work. Can you give us what you have to date?</p> <p>Mr Scherf: Yes; certainly we can provide that.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: So you can take that on notice and get that for me. Again a step into the dark. Can you provide us with an update on funding issues related to Cherry Growers Australia and Fruit Growers Tasmania?</p>	87-88	22/04/2016

193	Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited	Bullock	Update on progress of review	<p>Senator BULLOCK: The time limit for answers to questions on notice is 1 April. You have thrown a lot of light on this for me already because, as is so often the case, I did not know what I was talking about. Before 1 April, could you give us an update? Take that as a question: update us by 1 April on how that review has progressed?</p> <p>Mr Scherf: We can certainly provide you with an update on what the status would be at that point in time in terms of moving that particular exercise through the system.</p>	89	22/04/2016
194	Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited	Sterle	sweet potato levy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I understand that the Minister for Agriculture, Barnaby Joyce MP, has recently approved a new marketing levy for Sweet potatoes that has commenced on January 1 this year, with a new Peak Industry Body called The Australian Sweetpotato Growers Association (ASPG) as the eligible industry body under the <i>Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Act 1999</i>. Are you aware of the new levy? 2. Have you been provided with a copy of any marketing plan or business case to support the establishment of the Sweetpotato marketing levy? Are you able to provide a copy? 3. I understand that the legislation underpinning the levy removes sweet potatoes from the vegetable category and designates them as an entirely new leviable commodity, with marketing and R&D components to the sweet potato levy. Can you confirm that the changes to the levies act which mean sweet potatoes 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>are separated out from vegetables will create a separate R&D levy for sweet potatoes, isolated from vegetables?</p> <p>4. In relation to HIA's management of marketing levy investment for Sweetpotatoes, does this mean that they will require a separate advisory panel including associated overhead costs?</p> <p>5. Similarly, will a separate advisory committee and overhead costs also be required for advice on the investment of the separate R&D levy for sweet potatoes?</p> <p>6. Can you provide an indication of the overhead costs associated with setting up these separate levies and committees in relation to the amount of expenditure which will remain to be invested in each case?</p> <p>7. Do you know if any consultation on this matter been conducted with vegetable levy payers, whose overall levy pool will be diminished if Sweetpotato R&D is invested separately?</p> <p>8. Have you been provided with any information on the process the Australian Sweetpotato Growers Association went through in relation to the establishment of the new marketing levy? Are you able to provide this information?</p>		
195	Horticulture Innovation Australia Limited	Sterle	Sweet Potato levy	<p>1. How will the new Sweet Potato levy work within HIAs funding structure?</p> <p>2. Are you are aware of concerns about the new levy that the marketing component will not be sufficient to make any significant impact?</p>	Written	22/04/2016

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Has the Sweet Potato Industry provided a strategic plan to HIA – if so can you please table the plan 4. Provide an update on the funding issues relating to Cherry Growers Australia and Fruit Growers Tasmania. 5. Has HIA been working with Assistant Minister Ruston to resolve the funding issues? 6. Provide an update on the misappropriation of funds from June 2014 to July 2015 to finance the production of Avenue Q by an executive director Mr Westley. 7. Has HIA taken part in the Department’s investigation into the lessons that might be learnt from this incident for the governance of fraud throughout the portfolio? 		
196	Information Service Division	Ludwig	Electronic equipment	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than phones, ipads or computers – please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister’s office. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the items b. List the items location or normal location c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of minister, if with an individual list their employment classification level d. List the total cost of the items e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items f. List the date they were provided to 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>the office</p> <p>g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the department</p>		
197	Information Service Division	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - ministerial	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone has been provided and the costs? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification 2. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency? If yes provide a list of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What is provided? 4. The purchase cost. 5. The ongoing cost. 6. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). 7. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item. 	Written	22/04/2016
198	Information Service Division	Ludwig	Provision of equipment - departmental	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has electronic equipment (such as ipad, 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive, video cameras) been provided by the department/agency to departmental staff? If yes provide a list of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. What has been provided? 3. The purchase cost. 4. The ongoing cost. 5. A list of any accessories provided for the equipment and the cost of those accessories. (e.g. iPad keyboards, laptop carry bags, additional chargers etc). 6. A breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item. 		
199	Information Service Division	Ludwig	Computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by 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 	Written	22/04/2016

200	Information Service Division	Ludwig	Domain Usage	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a breakdown of the domain usage for the 50 most utilised (by data sent and received), unique (internet) domains accessed by the minister's office. Please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Domain name of the website being accessed (or IP address if the Domain is unavailable in the tracking system). b. Amount of data downloaded and uploaded to the site. c. Number of times the site was accessed. 	Written	22/04/2016
201	Landcare Australia Limited	Siewert	Landcare and Green Army	<p>What Green Army projects does Landcare currently have underway? Has funding for Landcare been extended beyond 2017?</p>	Written	22/04/2016
202	Meat and Livestock Australia	Cameron	Meat and Livestock Australia projects and initiatives	<p>Mr Norton: In terms of recovery and getting those cattle numbers back up as fast as we possibly can in the north, there are a number of projects that I am happy to take on notice and forward to you what MLA is doing around addressing productivity and the recovery of the Australian cattle herd.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Why do you need to take it on notice?</p> <p>Mr Norton: Because they are long and lengthy. They range from genetics to things we are investigating, given that we want to get an animal on the ground alive and off the property into the processing plant a lot quicker than we did in the past. Genetics is one pathway to doing that, and we have</p>	7-8	22/04/2016

				made significant ground—		
203	Meat and Livestock Australia	Cameron	Meat and Livestock Australia projects and initiatives	<p>Senator CAMERON: So why did we do that project in the southern area when we should have been looking at Queensland?</p> <p>Mr Norton: Well, the project started in 2012 when, I suspect, the whole of Australia was in a significantly dry period. I am sure the learnings from it can be adapted to the northern beef industry with some further research. But industry and MLA is working—and I can give you detail on notice—on projects around climate variability and how to adapt to climate variability.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: If you could take that on notice, that is fine.</p> <p>Mr Norton: We will provide that.</p>	9	22/04/2016
204	Meat and Livestock Australia	Cameron	Carcass slaughter	<p>Senator CAMERON: What is the difference? I am talking about increased carcass weight, whether for export or domestic.</p> <p>Mr Norton: Our carcass slaughter weights have been increasing over the last decade and have risen something like—and I will clarify the number—15 kilograms carcass weight over, if you suggest the rolling five-year average is about 7.5 million cattle slaughtered in Australia. So that is a lot of productivity gained over that period of time. But industry has a lot of research projects. The industry is addressing the beef language with a view of assisting exporters in the process of using that language to help market</p>	9	22/04/2016

				our product. But that also goes back to how we are going to get more data—		
205	Meat and Livestock Australia	Cameron	Research and development priorities for new research	<p>Senator CAMERON: What sort of research and development priority are you giving to new research on sustainability in the industry?</p> <p>Mr Norton: MLA is assisting a newly formed sustainability model, which industry is going to control and develop. MLA is providing secretarial support. So it is an industry-led sustainability forum, under AMIC, for the whole of the beef industry.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: What is the expenditure from you on this?</p> <p>Mr Norton: I can take on notice and give you a full budget on exactly what we are doing in sustainability. But industry is working to a sustainability framework to communicate the Australian beef industry's commitment to sustainability in the community.</p>	9-10	22/04/2016
206	Meat and Livestock Australia	Cameron	Consumers on committee	<p>Senator CAMERON: I have two questions and then I am finished. Are there any consumers on this committee?</p> <p>Mr Norton: I can give you the exact breakup of everyone that is on the committee. At this point in time, I cannot tell you exactly whether there is or is not. I thought I had a list of all the committee members. I must have it in other briefing notes. But I can give that to you on notice.</p>	10	22/04/2016

207	Meat and Livestock Australia	Cameron	Domestic beef prices	<p>Senator CAMERON: In terms of the declining herd and the increased demand, the herd is declining and you are trying to increase and maintain demand for a number of reasons. Will domestic beef prices continue to rise?</p> <p>Mr Norton: Our analysis for 2016 is that, given the way global economies have opened up, we think it will be stable for beef in 2016, to the consumer at current price levels.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide that analysis?</p> <p>Mr Norton: Yes. I would take that on notice.</p>	10	22/04/2016
208	Meat and Livestock Australia	Cameron	Details of analysis about prices on lamb	<p>Senator CAMERON: Well, I am talking to the expert. What is the price per kilo for a leg of lamb?</p> <p>Mr Norton: Over the Australia Day period it was being discounted down to about \$8 per kilo. But you will find prices anywhere between \$8 and \$20 per kilo, in my best estimate. I can give you the exact price at a point in time on any given day, if required.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you give us details of your analysis about prices on lamb as well?</p> <p>Mr Norton: Yes, absolutely.</p>	11	22/04/2016
209	Meat and Livestock Australia	Wish-Wilson	Update on establishment of a cost-effective automated cattle transaction levy system	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: You might be surprised to know that this committee worked very well together on a very significant inquiry only recently. My question relates to recommendation 2. The inquiry was on industry structures and</p>	11	22/04/2016

				<p>systems governing levies on grass-fed cattle. We obviously have a couple on levies. Recommendation 2 was for the establishment of a cost-effective automated cattle transaction levy system. I know we have discussed updates in estimates following that. Could you give us an update on how you are going with that—or how you are not going with that?</p> <p>Mr Norton: As instructed by industry, we went out with a paper around the alternatives. Three alternatives were given back to industry. I can give you that on notice or I can read out now what those alternatives were, if so desired. But it is with the industry.</p>		
210	Meat and Livestock Australia	Whish-Wilson	Producers potential for MLA membership	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: That was one of my questions. You have 49,000 people registered as members of the MLA. How many producers have you identified as being potentially eligible for membership?</p> <p>Mr Norton: We rely on ABARES data around who is a primary producer and then who is a red meat primary producer. I would have to take on notice the exact number, because we have been given extreme variances in what that number is—whether it is an enterprise level or an individual, et cetera. Identifying exactly who is a levy payer versus the company, versus an individual et cetera. Anywhere between 70,000 and 100,000 is our guess. But I will take it on notice and come back to you.</p>	11-12	22/04/2016

211	Meat and Livestock Australia	Whish-Wilson	Voting entitlements	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: How many members submitted a notice for increased voting entitlements based on levies paid at the last MLA AGM?</p> <p>Mr Norton: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Okay. How many voting entitlements were there in the last AGM? How many votes could potentially be cast?</p> <p>Mr Norton: It is 3.74 per cent—and I will clarify that on notice—of available members of MLA.</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: So only 3.74 per cent?</p> <p>Mr Norton: To equate that to actual numbers, in 2015 it was 7,628 of a potential 49,756. That is 3.74 per cent of members. That is higher than 2014, which was 2.86 per cent.</p>	12	22/04/2016
212	Meat and Livestock Australia	Whish-Wilson	Number of voting entitlements exercised	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Thank you for that, Minister. How many of these voting entitlements were exercised? How many votes were actually cast?</p> <p>Mr Norton: 1,865 voted. I can give you, on notice, all of that detail. The numbers have been rising slightly. We benchmark it against other ASX listed companies and other RDCs. They are mostly consistent with annual general meetings, which are becoming very procedural-based AGMs</p>	12	22/04/2016
213	Meat and Livestock Australia	Whish-Wilson	Voting entitlements	<p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: What is the average entitlement holding of those who voted at the last AGM?</p>	12-13	22/04/2016

				Mr Norton: I will have to take that on notice. But MLA has a sliding scale of voting entitlements, which I can provide to you verbally now or in written format.		
214	Meat and Livestock Australia	Chair	Top 10 levy payers	CHAIR: Who is the top levy payer? Mr Norton: A vertically integrated Australian– CHAIR: Swifts? Mr Norton: I think it is still AAA Egg Company. I will take it on notice and give you the top 10, Senator	13	22/04/2016
215	Meat and Livestock Australia	Chair	Average allocation of voting entitlement of MLA members	Senator WHISH-WILSON: Is it possible to work out the average allocation of voting entitlements of MLA members? You can take that on notice, if you want. Mr Norton: I will take that on notice. We should, because it is all done by a third party. We audit variances on the previous year, so if someone has enormous variances the third party will audit that levy payer.	13	22/04/2016
216	Meat and Livestock Australia	Whish-Wilson	Service agreement with Cattle Council	Senator WHISH-WILSON: What form does that take? When you say ‘service agreement’, is that a fee-for-service? Mr Norton: That is under a service agreement to provide services for MLA. We have deemed the peak industry council to be in a better position to carry out those services. They have milestones and guidelines under that service agreement around what is required under that service agreement. It is not just a cheque for \$750,000. In this particular service agreement, they are to build industry	13	22/04/2016

				<p>leadership and capacity within the grass-fed beef sector and report back to MLA on that. They will obviously incur costs to do that, which is why we formalised it in that service agreement. I am more than happy to provide that service agreement.</p>		
217	Meat and Livestock Australia	Cameron	<p>Contribution of government policy to gate price of beef and lamb.</p>	<p>Senator CAMERON: Yes, we have been through all of this. I'm asking a simple question: how much does government policy contribute to the gate price of beef and lamb in this country?</p> <p>Mr Norton: I would have to take it on notice if to give you exact numbers.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Can you be a bit more specific about which policies you—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: I am asking about any policy. It is a simple question, Secretary. I thought Mr Norton understood quite clearly.</p> <p>Mr Norton: If it is government policy to match levy funds for research and development, which obviously it is, with a five dollar levy imposed on a grass-fed animal, 92 cents of that must be spent on R&D for the grass-fed sector. Where it is spent it is matched by government funding.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: You have taken it on notice. You are going to come back and you are going to tell me and the committee how much you can say government policy contributes to the gate price?</p> <p>Mr Norton: Yes.</p>	15	22/04/2016

218	Meat and Livestock Australia	Whish-Wilson	Governance of MLA	<p>Confirming commitments given by the MLA during their appearance to answer questions on notice during Additional Estimates. In particular, the MLA suggested that, 628 out of a potential 49,756 members voted, but that this equated to 3.74 per cent:</p> <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Okay. How many voting entitlements were there in the last AGM? How many votes could potentially be cast? Mr Norton: It is 3.74 per cent—and I will clarify that on notice—of available members of MLA. Senator WHISH-WILSON: So only 3.74 per cent? Mr Norton: To equate that to actual numbers, in 2015 it was 7,628 of a potential 49,756. That is 3.74 per cent of members. That is higher than 2014, which was 2.86 per cent.</p>	Written	22/04/2016
219	Meat and Livestock Australia	Whish-Wilson	Independence of CCA	<p>The MoU between the CCA and MLA states that peak councils must assess the performance of industry service companies in service delivery in goal achievement. If the CCA is dependent on the MLA for 50% of its funding, do you have confidence that the CCA can provide independent oversight of the MLA?</p>	Written	22/04/2016
220	Meat and Livestock Australia	Sterle	Cattle Industry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MLA has indicated that the cattle industry will be influenced by a number of extreme forces in 2016 – provide detail as to what these forces are? 2. The next two years will see the lowest levels of cattle supply in more than 20 years. What impact will this decline have on our cattle supply both domestically and in the export market? 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. In July 2015 Minister Joyce signed off on health protocols for the export of live cattle into China. The Minister stated “The first exports would take place next year and initially, about 40,000 to 50,000 head will be able to be exported”. Will this be a reality in 2016? 4. MLA has stated that there is an expectation that the average carcass weight will increase significantly, how confident is MLA that this expectation will come to fruition? 5. Is long term sustainable cattle production an R&D priority for the MLA? 6. What will be the greatest risk to rebuilding Australia’s cattle herd? 7. With the declining herd and increased demand could we see domestic beef prices rising significantly? 8. Could we see a leg of lamb selling for \$100 dollars? 		
221	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Simms	Murray Darling Basin Plan	The Intergovernmental Agreement on a National Water Initiative was agreed to in 2004. Part of this agreement outlines that climate change should be considered when developing a water plan. Why does the Murray Darling Basin Plan, the biggest water plan in Australia, fail to consider or even acknowledge climate change?	Written	22/04/2016
222	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Simms	Murray Darling Basin Plan	Is all modelling used for the MDB plan based on current water flows and therefore does not account for potential reductions in water flow due to climate change?	Written	22/04/2016

223	Office of the General Council	Bullock	FOI Requests	<p>Senator Ruston: I suppose the confidence comes from, obviously, the issue that transpired before this review was undertaken. I was not privy to what happened that sparked this particular review, Senator Bullock. The only comment I can probably make is that, having now had the opportunity to have the briefings and the induction— not just to myself but to my staff—we now understand very clearly what needs to be done, how it needs to be done and who needs to be spoken to. I have got a level of confidence that my office will know what to do. If you wish me to get some information in relation to how Minister Joyce feels now, I am happy to do so.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: It might add a little because you were obviously impressed with the induction process. We are really pinning our hopes there that the training that you have been through, taken in the spirit in which you have taken it and applied it as it should be applied, should provide the confidence that people need. I think that is what you are saying in answer to the question.</p> <p>Senator Ruston: Yes, absolutely.</p> <p>Senator BULLOCK: Let us see if the minister shares that confidence with you and your enthusiasm for the induction.</p> <p>Senator Ruston: It gave me confidence. I know it certainly gave my staff confidence. It is an area that sometimes you get a bit scared about, particularly when you have got staff that perhaps have not come from within the public sector. It gives them some confidence to understand that this is actually a process that is there to protect them and not</p>	99	
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				a process that they should be scared of. I am absolutely happy to take that on notice and ask the minister to provide his comments as well.		
224	Office of the General Council	Ludwig	Sunset Provisions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a sunset provision/s. For each, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What work has been done towards preparing for the activation of sunset provisions? If no work has commenced, why not? b. Has any consideration been given to delaying or alerting the sunset provisions? c. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the sunset provisions becoming active d. When did/will this work begin? 2. Will there be any reviews of or relating to the legislation before or after the sunset provision is enacted? If yes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When is/was the review due to commence. b. What is the expected report date. c. Who is the minister responsible for the review d. What department is responsible for the review e. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. f. List the terms of reference. g. What is the scope of the review. h. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? j. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? k. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? l. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review m. Will the the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when? 		
225	Office of the General Council	Ludwig	Legal Costs	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency 2. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external 3. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spent briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) 4. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice 	Written	22/04/2016

226	Office of the General Council	Ludwig	FoI Requests	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many requests for documents under the FOI Act have been received? 2. Of these, how many documents have been determined to be deliberative documents? 3. Of those assessed as deliberative documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. For how many has access to the document been refused on the basis that it would be contrary to the public interest? b. For how many has a redacted document been provided? 	Written	22/04/2016
227	Office of the General Council	Ludwig	Freedom of Information - Stats	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many FOI requests were received to date. 2. How many of those requests were finalised within the regular timeframes provided under the FOI Act? 3. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AA of the FOI Act? 4. How many of those requests were granted an extension of time under s 15AB of the FOI Act? 5. How many of those requests were finalised out of time? 	Written	22/04/2016
228	Office of the General Council	Sterle	FOI Review	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on the implementation of the recommendations of the FOI review? 2. Has the department reviewed its FOI policies and procedures? 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Have procedures been developed to identify and manage complex and sensitive cases? 4. What would be constituted as complex and sensitive case? Provide practical exam. 5. What are the practical measures the department is currently doing to have better communication with the Minister's office when dealing with FOI procedures? 6. Answer provided by the department about how FOI requests should be handled "The department has discussed the handling of FOI requests with the Minister's office and will offer further assistance as requests are received" 7. How can the public have confidence that the Minister's office is capable in handling FOI requests when it appears that procedures in Minister's office were excluded from the review of FOI policies and procedures? 		
229	Office of the General Council	Ludwig	Statutory Review Provisions	<p>Please list all current legislation, covered by the department's portfolio, which contain a statutory review provision/s. For each, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What work has been done towards preparing for the review? If none, why not? 2. Please provide a schedule or a workplan for the review 3. When did/will this work begin? 4. When is/was the review due to commence. 5. What is the expected report date. 	Written	22/04/2016

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Who is the minister responsible for the review 7. What department is responsible for the review 8. List the specific clauses or legislation under review caused by the statutory provision. 9. List the terms of reference. 10. What is the scope of the review. 11. Who is conducting the review. How were they selected? What are the legislated obligation for the selection of the person to conduct the review? 12. What is the budgeted, projected or expected costs of the review? 13. When was the Minister briefed on this matter? 14. What decision points are upcoming for the minister on this matter? 15. List the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review 16. Will the the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. If so, when? 		
230	Plant Health Australia	Sterle	White Paper initiatives	<p>Senator STERLE: Good. Has Plant Health Australia been approached by the government to facilitate any of the white paper initiatives, particularly around biosecurity and traceability?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: Not to the best of my knowledge, but there could be other conversations going on within the business.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Take it on notice; if there is any change, you will be able to tell us. That, Chair, is me wrapped up.</p>	91-92	22/04/2016

231	Plant Health Australia	Sterle	Plant biosecurity and management of fruit flies	Can you provide the committee with an update on how you will undertake to improve coordination among your multiple stakeholders to tackle the issues of plant biosecurity and management of fruit flies?	Written	22/04/2016
232	Plant Health Australia	Sterle	PHA relocation	What were the main reasons why PHA decided not to proceed with re-location with AHA? Has PHA signed a new lease? Where are your new premises or have you decided to stayed in your original premises?	Written	22/04/2016
233	Plant Health Australia	Sterle	White paper initiatives	Has PHA been approached by the Government to facilitate any of the White Paper Initiatives? Particularly in biosecurity and traceability?	Written	22/04/2016
234	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Canavan	Did the board agree to relocate?	Senator CANAVAN: Just to be clear, I am only interested in any aspect of the letter which goes to this question of whether the board had agreed to relocate. So if there are other elements of the letter that you need to— Mr Quinlivan: Yes, they are two quite separate questions. Senator CANAVAN: take on notice, that is perfectly fine by me. Just to get the dates here right, you mentioned that that letter was written in August last year, Mr Burns.	30	22/04/2016
235	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Cameron	Letters written in relation to this RIRDC move to either Wagga or	Senator CAMERON: No, not yet. Mr Burns, how many letters have you written in relation to this move to either Wagga or Albury? There were two that were—was it	34-35	22/04/2016

			Albury	<p>two or one? Just before you go there: you quoted from one. Given that you have quoted from that letter when The Nationals asked a question on it, can you now table that letter, because you have already put parts of it in the public arena?</p> <p>Mr Burns: My chair signed that. I will ask my chair. I imagine she would.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. Could you then ask your chair before close of business today so that we can have that letter today if possible?</p> <p>Mr Burns: I will do that.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Were there other letters that went to—that was the August letter, was it, to the minister?</p> <p>Mr Burns: That one I quoted I think was the July letter to the—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So there is a July letter and an August letter, isn't there?</p> <p>Mr Burns: Correct.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Could you seek from your chair whether you can table both of those letters?</p> <p>Mr Burns: I will do that.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Thank you—and both of them today, if possible. I think that, in relation to this sorry and sad episode, I have come to a conclusion until I get these other details.</p>		
236	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Rhiannon	RIRDC project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With regards to the RIRDC project 'Kangaroo meat export market access analysis', the RIRDC informs that a draft of this report was provided to the Department in July 2015: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is the report finalised? If not, please 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>provide the due date for the report to be finalised.</p> <p>b. On which government website will the report be published, and by which date?</p>		
237	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Sterle	Relocation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current situation with the proposed move? 2. Has RIRDC been informed that they will be moving to Wagga? 3. What will be the impact on staff? 4. Will this move impact on current R&D projects? 5. Was RIRDC consulted by the Minister before he tasked the Member for Page Kevin Hogan to develop an options paper recommending how to utilise the remaining funds to develop cooperatives arrangements in Australia? 6. Is RIRDC working collaborative with Kevin Hogan? 7. Has RIRDC seen Kevin Hogan's option paper? 8. Could this been seen as a double up of the same task the Minister originally asked RIRDC to undertake? 9. When will farmers benefit from the pilot programme? 	Written	22/04/2016
238	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Rice	Government support of RDCs	<p>Senator RICE: What is the relevant RDC?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: Forest and Wood Products Australia.</p> <p>Senator RICE: How much of that is supported by government?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: It is like the other RDCs: There is a levy that is paid by industry. I do</p>	109	22/04/2016

				not have the numbers with me at the moment, but the government does support it. I think the RDC had a total budget of around \$9 million to \$10 million, so around \$4 million to \$5 million. We will come back on notice on the exact financial details.		
239	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Sterle	Forestry Industry Advisory Council – discussion paper	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update on the work being undertaken by the Forestry Industry Advisory Council’s development of the discussion paper on the National Wood and Fibre Plan? 2. How is the department assisting with this work? 3. What have been the associated costs with the Council’s work – travel, accommodation, hospitality 4. Is there a reporting date for the discussion paper? 5. Has the Minister sought a briefing on the work and timeline of the discussion paper? 	Written	22/04/2016
240	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Sterle	Forestry industry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Once again we see Government Ministers using figures that suit their narrative which is misleading to the forestry industry. Is the Department aware that the employment figures in the forestry industry fell by 6000 jobs? If not, why not? 2. Did the department seek to provide the Assist Minister with the correct figure? 3. Are media releases by the Assistant Minister fact checked by the department? 	Written	22/04/2016

241	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Urquhart	RFA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Commonwealth Government examined the prospective impacts of RFA sanctioned native forest logging on forest carbon stores, and on water supply and quality? • Has the Commonwealth initiated any studies into the impact of RFA sanctioned native forest logging on other industries, particularly tourism and fisheries? • Does the Commonwealth Government intend to enforce the completion of the 5 yearly Reviews of the RFA's which have not been completed, or partly or ineffectively completed? 	Written	22/04/2016
242	Trade and Market Access Division	Sterle	Sending sides of lamb to Singapore	<p>Senator STERLE: We have not done ABARES yet. We are still going.</p> <p>CHAIR: Did Senator Edwards ask the question about whether we can send sides of lamb to Singapore and other places?</p> <p>Mr Morris: He passed that question to me; we are going to handle the sides of lamb and beef. We will answer that question and give you a written response on it.</p>	104	22/04/2016
243	Trade and Market Access Division	Rhiannon	Kangaroo market access to California	<p>Ms Bie: The Australian government is talking with a range of Californian government lawmakers on the matter of kangaroo market access to California.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you provide details of the government lawmakers you are working with.</p> <p>Ms Bie: There are many meetings with many of them on a whole range of market</p>	113-114	22/04/2016

				<p>access issues. I could not provide details of specific people.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Even the leading people that you would be meeting with? There would be some key people. Can you provide those details please.</p> <p>Ms Bie: The representative in Market that has been leading on the meetings, including representations that have happened with Ambassador Beazley and ministers Turnbull and Hunt, met with Governor Brown and senators Lara and de Leon, but they are just a couple amongst a range of senators.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take it on notice and provided the list please.</p> <p>Ms Bie: We could take the question on notice.</p>		
244	Trade and Market Access Division	Rhiannon	Complaint filed to Californian Fair Political Practices Commission	<p>Ms Bie: The appropriate resolution of the matter before the Fair Political Practices Commission, is that what you refer to? There have been a number of meetings in relation to that and interactions where they have asked for the process that we have been following. They asked about the grant. We have provided factual information and then the Fair Political Practices Commission determines the appropriate outcome. Perhaps I am misinterpreting your question.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: That is useful. I am trying to understand the process and who you have been meeting with. Can you provide details of who you have met with?</p> <p>Ms Bie: I would have to take that on notice. I have not had the meetings myself.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: And also who the Australian personnel at those meetings were?</p>	114	22/04/2016

				Ms Bie: Yes, I can take that on notice.		
245	Trade and Market Access Division	Rhiannon	Funding for research project	<p>Senator RHIANNON: The CEO of the KIAA, Mr John Kelly, was funded \$236,664 from 2008 to 2011 for an RIRDC project called <i>Research to assist market development for kangaroo products in California and New York</i>. The department has advised that the majority of this funding, just over \$200,000, was used by the project provider, Mr Kelly, to 'engage a firm of US consultants to develop and implement a process to inform Californian and New York legislators in 2009 and 2010 as to the regulation and sustainability of the kangaroo industry.' Who were the firm of US consultants referred to there?</p> <p>Ms Bie: In 2009?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes, and 2010.</p> <p>Ms Bie: I am not familiar with that particular report. I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: There is nobody here who has this information? It is an issue we have been dealing with at estimates. It is a lot of money that has been allocated to one aspect of an industry that is not huge.</p> <p>Ms Bie: I have experience of the grant that is \$143,000, but not that particular report that you are referring to.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You do not know who the consultants are. You will take it on notice?</p> <p>Ms Bie: I will.</p>	114	22/04/2016

246	Trade and Market Access Division	Rhiannon	Placement of these new counsellor positions	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Was the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia, or any other kangaroo industry representative, consulted as to its preference for the placement of these new counsellor positions?</p> <p>Mr Smalley: I am sorry—I cannot recall specifically whether the kangaroo industry was among the group of many industries that were consulted, nor what views they might have expressed.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Could you take it on notice, please?</p> <p>Mr Smalley: I certainly can.</p>	116	22/04/2016
247	Trade and Market Access Division	Edwards	How many kangaroos are there in Australia?	<p>Senator EDWARDS: How many kangaroos are there in Australia?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Do you want that broken down by species?</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Two hundred-and-how-many million?</p> <p>CHAIR: Can you put them on notice?</p> <p>Ms Bie: I think there were 44 million in 2014, but I might have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: But it has been a better season since then.</p> <p>Ms Bie: In 2014 there were 49.3 million.</p>	116	22/04/2016
248	Trade and Market Access Division	Rhiannon	Californian ban on import of kangaroo parts	<p>1. The Australian government and KIAA were unable to find a Californian lawmaker, including last year's sponsor Assemblyman Mike Gipson, willing to sponsor their new bill to lift California's ban on kangaroo imports to that state by the Friday 19 February deadline.</p>	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>Will the Australian Government and its representatives be again supporting a repeat of the 2015 attempt to insert the Australian bill into an existing California bill via the “gut and amend” process?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Does the Australian Government agree with Californian commentary in 2015 that the “gut and amend” process used in its 2015 attempt to permanently lift California’s ban on imported kangaroo parts was a deliberate attempt to subvert Californian due lawmaking process? 3. Which Australian representatives, or their agents, have made representations to Californian lawmakers to lift the current ban this year? 4. What representations by the industry this year have been facilitated, funded or introduced by Australian government representatives? 		
249	Trade and Market Access Division	Sterle	Agricultural counsellors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update on the work undertaken by the new trade counsellors 2. The departmental website provides little information about the new agriculture counsellors – why is this? 3. What is the cost of the new agricultural counsellors? 4. What was the selection process for the new counsellors? 	Written	22/04/2016
250	Water Division	Sterle	On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program	<p>The Department has contracted a Review of the On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program from 5 Feb to 30 Jun 2016 at a cost of \$300,000.00</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide information about the 	Written	22/04/2016

				<p>process by which this contract was undertaken?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Is this an efficient spend of money in an election year? 3. What is the department aiming to achieve with the review? 4. How was a lack of capability within the department determined before outsourcing this review? 		
	Transferred to Department of Finance	Ludwig	Travel costs - ministerial	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail all travel conducted by the Minister/parliamentary secretary 2. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; 3. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and; 4. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/parliamentary secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/parliamentary secretary. 5. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written	

	Transferred to Department of Finance	Ludwig	Ministerial staff code	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level b. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? b. How long have they worked for the Minister? 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, on what date did they comply? 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, on what date were those disclosure made? 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee 	Written	
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	Transferred to Department of Finance	Ludwig	Ministerial Motor vehicle	<p>Since the change of Prime Minister on 14 September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the minister been provided with or had access to a motor vehicle? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the make and model? b. How much did it cost? c. When was it provided? d. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? e. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. f. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? g. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. h. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail. i. Please provide a copy of the 	Written	

				<p>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.</p> <p>j. Have these guidelines changed during the specified period of time? If so, please detail.</p>		
	Transferred to Department of Finance	Ludwig	Ministerial staff turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	