

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Questions on Notice

Supplementary Budget Estimates, 18 October 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	Senator Sterle	Profitability and Productivity	Provide an update on Australia's profitability, productivity and global market share?	Written	
2	ABARES	Senator Sterle	Profitability and Productivity	What risks have been identified with regards to Australia's declining global market share, flat lining profitability and productivity.	Written	
3	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Brown	Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill	Senator CAROL BROWN: Minister, has the government changed its position on this legislation? Senator Ruston: I would have to take on notice the prioritisation of this current government's bills. As you would be aware, there is a process that is undertaken to prioritise. I will have a look and see where this particular bill that has lapsed is on that list. It may have been not reintroduced on the belief that it had been not passed and that it was not seen as a high priority for reintroduction. I am not aware of the specifics, so I will take that on notice to give you some information.	82	
4	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator McCarthy	Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill	Senator McCARTHY: Will the Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill be reintroduced in the 45th Parliament? That is the question on notice. Senator Ruston: We will take that on notice.	82	
5	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Back	Difference between 417	Senator BACK: What is the difference between a 417 and a 462 visa?	86	

			and 462 visa	<p>Mr McDonald: Visa policy is the responsibility of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection but, broadly, the difference between the two is that the 417 is a range of agreements with countries where the participant numbers are uncapped. Under the 462 visa Australia has capped arrangements with participant numbers, except for the United States of America. I can find that detail should you wish.</p> <p>Senator BACK: You might just provide it on notice. You spoke of being able to work for the one employer so long as six months is in a different region. What defines a different region?</p>		
6	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Brown	Tax rate	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: And obviously you had a look at the 32.5 per cent tax rate too?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: The modelling and analysis that the review conducted was about what tax rate would deliver a comparable or better after-tax income rate for Australia relative to—</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Other countries?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: key other countries, those being Canada, New Zealand and the UK.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: You talked about New Zealand. Do you have the information about the other two countries?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Can you table that information?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I can take it on notice.</p>	89	
7	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Brown	Backpacker tax	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: They did the analysis. Is that available?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: As I just indicated before to Senator Sterle, I will take on notice whether that can be tabled.</p>	90	
8	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Brown	Length of consultation	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How long did the consultation take from the closing of submissions to announcement?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I should have this off the top of my head,</p>	95	

				but I will try and find it for and come back to you. If not, I will take that on notice. The Deputy Prime Minister opened the submissions on—it has come to me now—on 15 August with the launch of the review and the submission process closed on Friday, 2 September.		
9	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Brown	Face to face consultations	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How many people actually went to these face-to-face consultations? Not 1,700 across the nation.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: No. There were a total of 88. I will just check my details to make sure that is the correct figure.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Are they 88 organisations? Did politicians attend?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I was present. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	97	
10	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Concessional Loans	<p>Senator STERLE: Are there 348 dairy farmers concerned in this action—is that right? In this Murray Goulburn fiasco, can you tell us how many dairy farmers are affected?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: Thousands, I would have thought.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: How many?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I would have to take on notice the exact number of Murray Goulburn suppliers, but it would be in the thousands.</p>	104	
11	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Back	Agribusiness	<p>Senator BACK: I want to go through some questions on foreign investment with our agricultural policy division. This process started some years ago with the then Senator Heffernan and myself, and early attempts were a bit rudimentary. I remember asking not your colleagues but others from FIRB and other agencies, 'What about agricultural leased land?' and we were met with blank stares. I also remember the question being asked, in regard to foreign investment, 'What if a foreign investor purchased agricultural land but was not going to use it for agricultural purposes?' and how that fitted into the scheme. So we have progressed over time.</p> <p>What I want to know from you, if I may, is: what have</p>	111	

been the impacts from lowering the thresholds for agricultural land and agribusinesses through FIRB's scrutiny? Can you give us any advice on that?

Mr Quinlivan: Mr Blong can give you the numbers, as we understand them at the moment.

Mr Blong: I would probably need to refer that to Treasury, to work out the total number of applications that FIRB processes in this area and what potential impact changes in thresholds have had. I do not have exact numbers of applications that have gone through FIRB. I will take it on notice.

Ms Freeman: I might add that the number the department has seen has probably increased, easily five-fold, in terms of the applications that have come to us since the new arrangements came in place. We saw, last financial year, probably in the order of 250 to 260 applications that we were asked to provide comment on for the FIRB.

Senator BACK: And that was agricultural land and/or agribusinesses?

Ms Freeman: Yes, combined. I would have to take it on notice, the split—

Senator BACK: If you could.

Ms Freeman: but I think there has been a very significant increase. The majority, I think it is safe to say, would be on land over agribusiness.

Senator BACK: In taking that on notice, you might be able to also bear in mind my question with regard to the division between freehold title land and leased land.

Ms Freeman: Yes...

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Senator BACK: Again, in terms of those questions you are going to obtain answers for, I am interested in knowing the proportion of land and/or agribusinesses— but probably land—owned by sovereign wealth funds, if that can be isolated, both in terms of freehold and leasehold land. The figures we have seen to date are based on hectares of land but not on value. Do you know

				<p>whether or not the value of properties has been captured at the time of declaration by foreign interests?</p> <p>Mr Blong: I will have to check that, but I believe that the registration details required by the ATO include the market value of the land in Australian dollars. Other than that, in terms of how that data is used and collated by the ATO, that is a matter for them.</p>		
12	Agricultural Policy Division	Chair	Wilmar	<p>CHAIR: Let's call an agreement an instrument between a grower and, in this case, Wilmar, the miller. Are you aware that the great majority of Wilmar growers have not entered into cane supply agreements with Wilmar? Forget about the tonnages for a moment.</p> <p>Ms Freeman: I would have to take the specifics on notice, but I understand there are quite a number that are still outstanding.</p>	115	
13	Agricultural Policy Division	Chair	Dialogue with other sugar parties in Queensland	<p>CHAIR: I am drawn to your comment that you are in dialogue with some of the parties in sugar in Queensland. Would that include Wilmar?</p> <p>Ms Freeman: We most recently had a conversation—we are talking of Friday—with the Sugar Milling Council. We will be talking to them about specifics. I would have to take on notice the matter of when I last spoke to anyone from Wilmar. It is been quite some time.</p>	115	
14	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Is the Department aware of what assumptions were applied to the economic modelling on the 32.5% tax rate for working holiday makers?	Written	
15	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Is the Department aware of what assumptions were applied to the economic modelling on the 19%?	Written	
16	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Do you know if different assumptions applied to the 19% compared to 32%?	Written	
17	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Is the department aware that Treasury briefed the Labor Party/Opposition that backpacker numbers will continue to decline at the 19% rate?	Written	
18	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Has the department sought a formal briefing from Treasury on the revised tax rate?	Written	
19	Agricultural	Senator	Backpacker tax	Has the Minister sought economic modelling from his	Written	

	Policy Division	Sterle		own Bureau of Agricultural and Resources Economics and Sciences on the impact of the backpackers tax?		
20	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Has Treasury discussed the increase in Passenger Movement Charge (PMC) with the Department of Agriculture?	Written	
21	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Has Treasury provide a formal briefing to the Minister for Agriculture on the new tax package?	Written	
22	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Did the Minister seek a formal briefing on the PMC?	Written	
23	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Post the announcement of new tax package, has Treasury provided the Agriculture Department a briefing on the new tax measure? If so were competitiveness issues raised?	Written	
24	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Has Treasury discussed super changes with the Department of Agriculture?	Written	
25	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Has the Minister sought a formal briefing on the super changes?	Written	
26	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Why did the Treasurer and the Minister for Agriculture hold separate media conferences to announce the new package?	Written	
27	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Backpacker tax	Were there initial discussions to hold a joint press conference?	Written	
28	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Research and Development Corporations	Has the department commenced recovering the cost of memberships of international commodity organisations from the matching funding it contributes to relevant RDCs?	Written	
29	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Research and Development Corporations	Will the Rural Research and Development Legislation Amendment Bill be reintroduced in the 45th Parliament?	Written	
30	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Murray Goulburn	When will the ASIC report into the Murray Goulburn dairy crisis be released?	Written	
31	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Dairy Assistance	Provide an update of the full range of assistance measures dairy farmers	Written	
32	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Dairy Assistance	How will the effectiveness of these measures be assessed?	Written	
33	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Research and Development	What work has the department undertaken to ensure that the design of new programmes is informed by an	Written	

				appropriate assessment of costs, risks and benefits of alternative delivery models?		
34	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Research and Development	Why wasn't a more robust assessment undertaken when developing the R&D for profit programme?	Written	
35	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Research and Development	Has the department expanded the existing performance measures for the Rural R&D for Profit Programme, and/or develop additional measurement tools to better inform an assessment of the achievement of (or progress towards) programme objectives.	Written	
36	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Research and Development	Provide detail as to how the program outcomes will be measured?	Written	
37	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Research and Development	How much independence does the department have in developing changes to the R&D for profit program?	Written	
38	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Sterle	Research and Development	Is the Minister aware of the programmes failings?	Written	
39	Agricultural Policy Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroos	In 2009 the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia received Department funding of \$237,245.00 for Project No: GMS-0539: To develop strategies and concepts for promoting and marketing kangaroo meat in Australia and China. a) Please provide a breakdown and details of how that grant was expended, including details of travel, meetings, events, research etc. b) Please provide copies of any report, information or promotional material, outcomes, or any other material that was written using this funding	Written	
40	Animal Health Australia	Senator Sterle	APVMA Relocation	Is AHA aware that Minister Joyce is seeking to relocate the APVMA to Armidale in his own electorate?	Written	
41	Animal Health Australia	Senator Sterle	APVMA Relocation	Is AHA aware of the concerns raised in addition to AVA about the relocation by the NFF, CropLife, Animal Medicines Australia and the CEO of the APVMA?	Written	
42	Animal Health Australia	Senator Sterle	APVMA Relocation	Does AHA agree with the comments made by the AVA about the loss of capability that will occur if the APVMA is relocated to Armidale?	Written	
43	Australian Fisheries Management	Senator Brown	Geelong Star	In relation to the activities of the Geelong Star, can you provide details of all interactions with protective species from 1 January to 30 June of this year?	Written	

	Authority			<p>a) How many of these interactions were fatal?</p> <p>b) Is the September 2015 (Version 1.5) of the Geelong Star Vessel Management Plan still the current version?</p> <p>c) In regard to the revised draft Vessel Management Plan for the Geelong Star, what informed AMFA's review of the Vessel Management Plan?</p> <p>d) Can you please provide a summary of the changes in the revised draft Geelong Star Vessel Management Plan?</p> <p>e) Can you provide a timeline for the public consultations on the revised draft Vessel Management Plan and a list of submissions received?</p> <p>f) When do you expect the final revised VMP to be in place?</p> <p>g) What role does AMFA have in monitoring the voluntary offer regarding recreational fishing made by Seafish Tasmania?</p> <p>What are the implications of Seafish Tasmania not adhering to the terms of the voluntary agreement (which I understand is the case with the Geelong Star having fished within 20 nautical miles of Bermagui on the 13 May 2016, one day before the Canberra GFC Annual Yellowfin Tournament)?</p>		
44	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Small Pelagic Fishery	Provide an update on the scientific and economic advice with respect to the Small Pelagic Fishery?	Written	
45	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Geelong Star	Is AFMA seeking information about the social impact of the Geelong Star on regional areas when considering the Geelong Star's Management Plan?	Written	
46	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Geelong Star	Provide detail on how much fish (by species) has the Geelong Star taken (by grid) in the 15/16 and 16/17 seasons?	Written	

47	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Small Pelagic Fishery	Provide detail on how much fish has been taken in the Small Pelagic Fishery in these areas prior to 2015?	Written	
48	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Geelong Star	Where are the end users for the fish taken by the Geelong Star?	Written	
49	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Senator Sterle	Geelong Star	What measures are in place to ensure that the trawler is not situated in one location for extended periods of time?	Written	
50	Australian Grape and Wine Authority	Senator Sterle	APVMA Relocation	Is AGWA aware that Minister Joyce is seeking to relocate the APVMA to Armidale in his own electorate?	Written	
51	Australian Grape and Wine Authority	Senator Sterle	APVMA Relocation	Is AGWA aware of the concerns raised in addition to AVA about the relocation by the NFF, CropLife, Animal Medicines Australia and the CEO of the APVMA?	Written	
52	Australian Grape and Wine Authority	Senator Sterle	APVMA Relocation	Does AGWA agree with the comments made by the AVA about the loss of capability that will occur if the APVMA is relocated to Armidale?	Written	
53	Australian Livestock Corporation Limited (LiveCorp)	Senator Sterle	LGAP	Can you provide detail as to how the \$8.3 million will be spent to implement LGAP?	Written	
54	Australian Livestock Corporation Limited (LiveCorp)	Senator Sterle	LGAP	The Government is claiming that the money will be spent to complete the implementation, what consultation has been undertaken with industry stakeholders with regards to the implementation of LGAP?	Written	
55	Australian Livestock Corporation Limited (LiveCorp)	Senator Sterle	LGAP	What part will Livecorp play in implementing LGAP?	Written	
56	Australian	Senator	Relationship	Senator RICE: Being based in Canberra, what has your	64	

	Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Rice	with ANU	relationship been like with ANU? Have you done work with them? Ms Arthy: We probably have, but I would have to take that on notice in terms of what scientific work we have done. We do more work with CSIRO because they have more science that is relevant to us.		
57	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Rice	CSIRO	Senator RICE: Where is the CSIRO's expertise relevant to you? Where is that based? Ms Arthy: That I do not know. I shall just check. I have just got advice that some of the expertise is here in Canberra, but we deal with such a wide variety of issues that we tend to work with agencies across Australia.	64-65	
58	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Brown	Application timeframes	Senator CAROL BROWN: Ms Arthy, what is the statutory time frame in which the APVMA must process applications? Ms Arthy: There are actually 29 items and each one has a different time frame. To make things even more complicated, a couple of those items are known as modular, which means it depends on how much analysis we do. So there is not one answer for you, but it is in schedule 6 of our regulations, which we can provide you with.	68	
59	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Brown	Application timeframes	Senator CAROL BROWN: On that 83 per cent, are the applications on the less complex end? Can you give me some more information about that? Ms Arthy: We can provide that information. We are about to publish the September quarter figures.	68	
60	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Rice	Nanomaterials	In July 2014 (http://apvma.gov.au/node/97), the APVMA indicated that it was in the process of developing detailed guidelines to address issues of nanomaterials being used in agricultural products. a) Have detailed guidelines been developed? b) If no to a) are they being developed? c) If no to b) why not?	Written	

				<p>d) If no to a), and advice (questions 3-5) has been provided to companies, on what basis was the advice provided if no guidelines were in place?</p> <p>e) If yes to a), when are they expected to be finalised?</p>		
61	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Rice	Nanomaterials	<p>In September 2015, the APVMA noted that “relatively few applications have been commercialised in these sectors globally and only one product has been registered in Australia.”</p> <p>(http://apvma.gov.au/sites/default/files/publication/15626-nanotechnologies-pesticides-veterinary-medicines_regulatory-considerations_july2015.pdf., p. 20</p> <p>How many applications have been received by the APVMA since that time? (please provide details of the applications)</p>	Written	
62	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Rice	Glyphosate	<p>In response to Senate Estimate question 3000, the APVMA noted that “The IARC report did not include an assessment of the risk of the formulated products when used as directed.” Does the APVMA have any data on the level of compliance with glyphosate directions by:</p> <p>a) Primary producers</p> <p>b) Local councils</p> <p>c) Individuals</p>	Written	
63	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Rice	Glyphosate	When were the current use directions for glyphosate put in place?	Written	
64	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Rice	Glyphosate	Has the level of human and environmental exposure to glyphosate increased since that time as a result of increased usage and higher dosages?	Written	
65	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Rice	Glyphosate	Can the APVMA provide a list of water supplies that have been tested for and have found to have traces of glyphosate in them?	Written	
66	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary	Senator Rice	Glyphosate	Is there a federal body that collates pesticide pollution of water supplies gathered from federal testing and state testing?	Written	

	Medicines					
67	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Xenophon	Relocation	<p>Has APVMA surveyed staff as to how many will shift to Armadale?</p> <p>a) If so, by what category of management/staff type, what percentage of staff will move?</p> <p>b) If not, why not?</p>	Written	
68	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Xenophon	Florentine Gold	<p>With respect to the small South Australian company, Florentine Gold, who have been advised that their insect repellent cannot be advertised due to of ss. 75 and 78 of the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994 (Agvet Code) and s. 88 of the Agvet Code: Noting their product is said to be made up of 100% natural content and contains no chemicals, how does it fall within the bounds of Act?</p>	Written	
69	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines	Senator Rice	nanomaterials	<p>How many of those companies were advised that they should apply for approval?</p> <p>Please table the advice provided to each of these companies.</p>	Written	
70	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Back	Average length of service by staff	<p>Senator BACK: What number of FTE staff do you have now?</p> <p>Ms Arthy: At the moment we have 190 FTE.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Are they represented by 190 people, or are they—</p> <p>Ms Arthy: The head count is 195 people.</p> <p>Senator BACK: And length of service: what is the average length of service? Do you have that figure, or can you take it on notice?</p> <p>Ms Arthy: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	47	
71	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Rice	Face to face meetings	<p>Senator RICE: Do you have regular meetings with Canberra bureaucrats and ministers and ministers' staff?</p> <p>Ms Arthy: Certainly we meet with the department. We would meet weekly on several issues. We also work very closely with our regulatory partners—counterparts like the TGA, the industrial chemicals regulator and Food Standards. We do work fairly closely with them as well.</p> <p>Senator RICE: How many face-to-face meetings in Canberra would staff currently have?</p>	66	

				<p>Ms Arthy: I would have to take that on notice if you wanted an exact figure, but I would say we would have meetings nearly daily on a few of these things.</p> <p>Senator RICE: How many staff would have meetings daily in Canberra?</p> <p>Ms Arthy: I do not know. I would be plucking a number out of the air. I would have to take that on notice if you want something more accurate.</p>		
72	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Rice	Nanomaterials	<p>According to the APVMA website until March 2014, “Assessment of agricultural and veterinary chemicals and chemical products currently registered in Australia has not identified any to contain engineered nanomaterials.”</p> <p>That claim has now been removed.</p> <p>Has the APVMA identified any agricultural or veterinary chemicals in use in Australia that contain nanomaterials?</p> <p>a) If yes, please identify those chemicals.</p> <p>b) If no, please indicate what steps have been taken between March 2014 and the present to determine whether any agricultural or veterinary chemicals are in use in Australia.</p>	Written	
73	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Rice	Nanomaterials	<p>In reply to Senate Question 882 asked on 26th September 2014, the Minister for Agriculture indicated that - in relation to products that contain nanomaterials - “applicants are advised to contact the APVMA to discuss their specific requirements before making an application.”</p> <p>Does this mean that the APVMA no longer maintains that “existing substances reformulated at the nanoscale would be considered as new substances” as the APVMA indicated in its 2008 publication The APVMA and Nanotechnology?</p>	Written	
74	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Rice	Nanomaterials	<p>How many companies have contacted the APVMA regarding:</p> <p>a) agricultural products containing nanomaterials?</p> <p>b) veterinary products containing nanomaterials?</p>	Written	
75	Australian	Senator	Nanomaterials	How many companies were advised that no application	Written	

	Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Rice		was necessary? a) Please table advice provided to each of these companies.		
76	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority	Senator Rice	Nanomaterials	How many of these products are now commercially available in Australia? a) Please identify the products.	Written	
77	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Sterle	Psittacine Birds	Provide an update on the risk assessment for psittacine birds.	Written	
78	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Sterle	Psittacine Birds	What processes have changed within the department following the request to have Budgie the Cockatiel imported into Australia?	Written	
79	Biosecurity Animal Division	Senator Rhiannon	Vivisection Records	As part of the now defunct Australian Animal Welfare Strategy (AAWS), a report was written by Dr Simon Bain and Kelly Debono making recommendations pertaining to the collection and collation of animal research statistics. The report was titled " <i>Review of Current Practices and Needs to Inform Public Presentation of Animal Usage for Scientific Purposes in Australia</i> " Please provide details of what actions have been taken or are planned to be taken to ensure the recommendations provided in this report are actioned so Australia implements an accurate record of animals used in research to measure progress on the 3Rs.	Written	
80	Biosecurity Policy and Implementation Division	Senator Back	Wild dog management program	Senator BACK: Could you, on notice, give us a breakdown state-by-state as to where the federal funding in the wild dog management program is being expended and also provide us with some figures or some statistics that indicate what the success or otherwise of this reduction program is. Mr Koval: Certainly, we can provide that on notice.	125	
81	Biosecurity Policy and	Senator Bilyk	Contract Notice ID CN3383748	With reference to Contract Notice ID CN3383748 published on the Austender website ("Project	Written	

	Implementation Division			administration or planning”): a) Precisely what goods or services were procured under this contract? b) Can the Minister please explain precisely what is involved in assisting with “co-design workshops and producing ‘blueprints’ on future state of stage 2 biosecurity legislation projects”? c) Can copies of any training materials, presentations, or handouts etc used relating to the services procured under this contract please be provided? d) Who approved this expenditure? e) Was the Minister for Agriculture or his office briefed in relation to the goods or services procured under this contract? If so, on what date(s)?		
82	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator McCarthy	Election commitments	Senator McCARTHY: Can you provide an update on all other election commitment policies that will be administered by the department? And by all means take this as a question on notice. Mr Quinlivan: I think that would be the best idea, yes.	85	
83	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator 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	
84	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Bilyk	Media Monitoring	a) How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016? b) Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided?	Written	
85	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Bilyk	Advertising and Information Campaigns	How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 January 2016? a) Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided?	Written	
86	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Bilyk	Ministerial Functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 January 2016, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions;	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs; e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; g) Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and h) Details of any entertainment provided. 		
87	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Sterle	White Paper	Provide an update on the implementation of the White Paper.	Written	
88	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division	Senator Sterle	Correspondence	<p>Please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide all correspondence between the Minister and Gina Rinehart? b) Provide all correspondence between the Minister's staff and Gina Rinehart? c) Provide all correspondence between the Minister and Sophie Mirabella? d) Provide all correspondence between the Minister's staff and Sophie Mirabella? e) Provide all correspondence between the Department and Gina Rinehart? f) Provide all correspondence between the Department and Sophie Mirabella? 	Written	
89	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division and Grains Research and Development Corporation, Australian	Senator McAllister	Staffing	<p>The following questions ask for information regarding the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources and the following agencies: Grains Research and Development Corporation, Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Australian Grape and Wine Authority, and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and 	Written	

	<p>Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority Australian Grape and Wine Authority, and the Australian Fisheries Management Authority</p>			<p>territory, in a spreadsheet format by the following categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Full time equivalent (FTE); b) Head count; c) Gender; d) Ongoing; e) non-ongoing; and f) classification level. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; and d) Non-ongoing staff. 3. How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Classification; b) State or territory; c) Ongoing staff; d) Non-ongoing staff; and e) Reason for separation. 4. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year. 5. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The project or engagement; b) The value of the contract; c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and d) The purpose of the contract. 6. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant. 7. For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline: 		
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements; b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff; c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff; d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff. 		
90	Corporate Strategy and Governance Division and PGPA Act agencies	Senator Sterle	Program Analysis	<p>Please provide the following information for every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared by external advisers in the last five years; b) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared within the department in the last five years. 	Written	
91	Cotton Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rice	Travel from Narrabri to Canberra	<p>Senator RICE: How much travel do your staff do from Narrabri to Canberra?</p> <p>Mr Finney: On occasion. I have not actually calculated the number of times I have travelled to Canberra, other than for Senate estimates three times a year. I would have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: If you could take it on notice. Do you have trips to Canberra to meet with bureaucrats or to meet with the minister? How frequently do you do that and what is the cost to the organisation that Canberra travel entails?</p>	29	
92	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Lambie	Research and development	<p>Senator LAMBIE: The farmers subsidise the research and development? How much have the farmers put in over the last 13 years?</p> <p>Mr Akers: The total for farmers? We will take that on notice. I do not have the exact figure. It varies every year, the amount of the levy that is paid, so I do not have a total of that is over the 13 years.</p>	71	
93	Dairy Australia	Senator	Governance	Senator LAMBIE: Do you have people in Dairy	72	

	Limited	Lambie		<p>Australia who are on other boards like Murray Goulburn or Fonterra, or who have a partner on those boards? Do you not think that is a conflict of interest?</p> <p>Mr Akers: Yes. I do not know about a conflict, but—</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Do you not find that is a conflict of interest?</p> <p>Mr Akers: No. My wife is on the board of Murray Goulburn—that is a fact—but there are all sorts of conflicts that people come across in their roles and it is about how you deal with them. We have not seen a conflict in this instance here.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Would I be able to have a list of those names? If anyone at Dairy Australia has a partner who is on a board that is part of Dairy Australia, like Murray Goulburn, Fonterra or other milk companies out there, could I have their names, please?</p> <p>Mr Akers: We could get you those names, yes, at some stage.</p>		
94	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Lambie	Dairy production	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I wonder whether you can explain to me how come over the last 13 years you have obviously been given, as we have established, close to \$700 million in funding yet our production has dropped and New Zealand's has doubled? Can you explain why that is?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Mr McElhone, obviously this is going to be a really long reply, so if you like you can put that on notice, and then I can go away and cross-check that with what has gone on in New Zealand in the last 13 years.</p> <p>Mr McElhone: Sure.</p>	74-78	
95	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Rice	Breakdown of staff and consideration of decentralising	<p>Senator RICE: Could you take it on notice to give us the breakdown of where your staff are. Have you at any stage considered decentralising operations completely to a regional centre?</p>	80	
96	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Dairy crisis	<p>Has Dairy Australia been provided funding to assist dairy farmers affected by the Murray Goulburn claw back</p>	Written	

				measure/dairy crisis?		
97	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Dairy Crisis	What work has Dairy Australia undertaken to assist farmers?	Written	
98	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Dairy Crisis	How many farmers has Dairy Australia assisted?	Written	
99	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Dairy Crisis	What measures are in place to evaluate the effectiveness of Dairy Australia's assistance to farmers?	Written	
100	Dairy Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Dairy Farmer Discussion Resource Kit	How does Dairy Australia measure the effectiveness of its "Dairy Farmer Discussion Resource Kit"?	Written	
101	Exports Division	Senator Brown	Election Commitments	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: What does that mean—that it is in their hands?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Well, we do not have a concrete proposal. The government has committed \$8.3 million to assist the development and implementation of that scheme. The industry's current figuring has a cost that is higher than \$8.3 million, so they are having to work out what sort of contribution they are willing to make or what adjustments they will make to the scheme to fit within the \$8.3 million. And at the point that the industry has reached a conclusion on that then they will be submitting a proposal to the government.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: What costs have they put on it?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: I am not sure, but I know it is in excess of \$8.3 million.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Well, I do not think we can answer the question. I am just saying that I know the industry's current thinking about LGAP has a price tag that is north of \$8.3 million. How far I do not know. They are developing the proposal, so they are going to have to adjust to the budget or find some additional funds internally to fund it. So, it is not really a question that we can answer. It is not our proposal.</p>	84	
102	Exports Division	Senator McCarthy	Election Commitments	Senator McCARTHY: What is the time frame that you are—	84	

				<p>Mr Quinlivan: It varies between individual items.</p> <p>Senator Ruston: Would you like us to go through that list?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Perhaps we can give you something on notice there.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: No, that is fine.</p> <p>CHAIR: If there is a chance to exhaust it while we are here, Mr Secretary, let's do it. Are you able to answer Senator McCarthy's time frame questions on the balance of these?</p> <p>Mr Smalley: I would need to go through each one of those individually.</p> <p>CHAIR: Please feel free.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: No, that is fine. You can give us that on notice. Thank you. Could you provide an update on the implementation of the policy—\$8.3 million to complete implementation of the Livestock Global Assurance Program. How will this program work with ESCAS? And what elements of LGAP have already been implemented? And will there be ongoing costs for LGAP to be administered?</p>		
103	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	ESCAS	<p>Senator RHIANNON: The 2014 review of ESCAS found that nearly 13,000 animals had been transported outside approved channels between 2012 and 2014. Can you inform us how many animals have been known to move outside ESCAS since 2014?</p> <p>Dr Clegg: I do not have that information with me, but I can provide it to you after this.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You will take that on notice?</p> <p>Dr Clegg: Yes.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Can you also tell us which exporters were involved in each case?</p> <p>Dr Clegg: The information about which exporter is involved in each case is already available on our websites. With the information I am going to get you on the number of animals, I will provide you with a link to that so you can see each of the reports we have done.</p>	123	

				<p>Senator RHIANNON: Will that also provide information on the penalties for each of these breaches?</p> <p>Dr Clegg: Yes, it will.</p>		
104	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Livestock Shipping Services	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you for explaining that, but there are repeat offenders and that is what I am trying to understand. Can you run us through how you are handling one of the repeat offenders? Livestock Shipping Services: how many critical and how many major noncompliances does that exporter have on its record?</p> <p>Dr Clegg: It has several major noncompliances and it has several critical noncompliances. I will have to take a question on notice for that to give you the exact numbers, but the ratings for that company are on our website. That company has actually improved this year. It has actually taken some risk-reduction measures itself. It did not participate in the Kuwait sales this year. Its performance in Jordan was very good. It is actually starting to turn the corner with its performance, I think. That is through the penalties that have been imposed on it and the additional costs it has had to bear to continue to supply the market, and those things are starting to change that exporter's behaviour in high-risk situations like Eid in markets where it is not the only supplier of livestock. What we have seen this year is only one exporter actually going to Kuwait. This meant that it was responsible for everything and therefore standards lifted perhaps. We saw a similar incident in Jordan, where there were two exporters—Wellard and LSS—and Wellard decided not to participate in that market anymore. Now LSS is the only one that will be responsible and, again, I think that has changed the behaviour of LSS in that market.</p>	128	
105	Exports Division	Senator Back	Live Exports	<p>Senator BACK: It is very interesting to hear that you are having everything head in the right direction. It is very interesting. Following on from Senator Rhiannon, you mentioned that 13,000 sheep, I think it was—13,000 animals—between 2012 and 2014 were estimated to have leaked out of the system. Is that figure correct?</p>	129	

				<p>Dr Clegg: I am going to take Senator Rhiannon's word on that, but the report will have that in it—</p> <p>Senator BACK: Oh, I see. In validating that, or telling us what the figure is, would you also tell us the total number of animals that were exported during that time? And also, if you are able to do so, for beyond 2014? I would appreciate that.</p> <p>Dr Clegg: Yes.</p>		
106	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Australian Standards For Exporting Livestock	<p>Where is the 2012 ASEL (Australian Standards For Exporting Livestock) Review up to?</p> <p>a) When will it be concluded?</p> <p>b) Will the outcome result in significant animal welfare improvements as advised by the 2011 'Bill Farmer Review' into live exports which was prompted by ABC's 4 Corners "Bloody Business" investigation?</p>	Written	
107	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Greyhounds	<p>What is the breakdown of the number of greyhounds being exported from Australia, and to which countries?</p> <p>a) Which of those transports travel via New Zealand?</p>	Written	
108	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Greyhounds	<p>Do any greyhounds pass through Australia when they are being exported from one country to another? If yes:</p> <p>a) From and to which countries?</p> <p>b) Numbers per year for the past 5 years?</p>	Written	
109	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroos	<p>Please provide an update on the current number of export registered kangaroo meat (for human and non-human consumption) and kangaroo skin or other products establishments.</p> <p>a) How many of those in each category are currently operating and which are closed?</p>	Written	
110	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroos	<p>Please provide the most current export data for kangaroo products for the financial years for 2015-16 and up to current:</p> <p>1) Including for each referenced period above:</p> <p>a) By export commodity classification, including:</p> <p>i. product description including raw skins/hides (Code 41039020);</p> <p>ii. meat and meat offal products (Code</p>	Written	

				<p>2089011);</p> <p>iii. meat unfit for human consumption (Code 5119920);</p> <p>iv. raw hides and skins (Code 41039020);</p> <p>v. Leather products (Code 41139020);</p> <p>b) By country</p> <p>c) By quantity/volume/weight</p> <p>d) By Gross or unit value for each kangaroo product.</p>		
111	Exports Division	Senator Sterle	Election Commitments	<p>Provide an update on the implementation of the Government's policy and how the department will implement the following policies:</p> <p>a) \$8.3m to complete implementation of the Livestock Export Global Assurance programme, how will that programme work with ESCAS and what elements of LGAP have already been implemented? Will there be ongoing costs for LGAP to be administrated?</p> <p>b) \$1.2m to boost research and development for the thoroughbred breeders, how will this measure be implemented? Will funding continue once the \$1.2m is fully allocated?</p>	Written	
112	Exports Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroos	<p>Notwithstanding the previous question, please provide an updated list of all countries that have recently agreed to import kangaroo products, and those currently being lobbied to import products made from shot kangaroos.</p> <p>a) For recently agreed kangaroo markets, please advise of the agreed quantities or volumes of kangaroo products to be imported into that countries.</p> <p>b) Which countries are currently being lobbied to grow their imports in this regard? For which specific product categories?</p>	Written	
113	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Drought Concessional Loans Scheme and Drought Recovery Concessional	<p>Senator STERLE: Come on! I am joking—it all right! Take your time.</p> <p>Mr Hutchinson: I am the last of the fast movers! Just to clarify: it was the Drought Concessional Loans and Drought Recovery Concessional Loans schemes?</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Yes.</p>	103	

			Loans Scheme	<p>Mr Hutchinson: Since the Drought Concessional Loans Scheme began across the country, 461 businesses have been approved for loans for a total of \$267.455 million as at 31 August this year. In states where the Drought Recovery Concessional Loans Scheme is open a total of 81 farm businesses have been approved as at 31 August 2016.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: How many, sorry?</p> <p>Mr Hutchinson: There were 81 farm businesses approved for loans totalling \$35.927 million.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Thank you. How many are accessing both those loans?</p> <p>Mr Hutchinson: I would have to take that on notice. We do not have that information readily available. That would be something that we would need to test with our state delivery agencies. It would be a guess.</p>		
114	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	FHA	Provide an update on how many farmers are currently accessing FHA	Written	
115	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	FHA	Is the department aware of problems that farmers are experiencing in accessing the FHA?	Written	
116	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	FHA	Is the department aware of problems with the Centrelink IT system for the FHA?	Written	
117	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Concessional loans	Provide an update of how many farmers are accessing both the drought concessional loans and drought recovery loans	Written	
118	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Concessional loans	Why has the Government extended the application period of the 2015-16 drought-related concessional loans to 31 October 2016?	Written	
119	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Concessional loans	Provide an update on up take of concessional loans by dairy farmers	Written	
120	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Carbon Farming Initiative	When will the draft Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) methodology for plantation be released for public consultation prior to its finalisation?	Written	
121	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Carbon Farming Initiative	The Government undertook to release for public consultation, a draft CFI methodology for plantations prior to the 4th Emissions Reduction Fund auction – is has not, Why?	Written	

122	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Carbon Farming Initiative	Why does this Government not want the forest industry to participate in the EFR and store carbon – given the UNs Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change statement that sustainability managed forests are a significant part of the climate change solution?	Written	
123	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Carbon Farming Initiative	Why does the Government continue to delay the release for public consultation of a draft Carbon Farming Initiative methodology for plantations?	Written	
124	Farm Support Division	Senator Sterle	Election Commitments	Provide an update on the implementation of the Government's policy and how the department will establish a Regional Investment Corporation? How will this measure be implemented, over what timeframe and what safeguards will be implemented to ensure that the department will be able to administer the new financing and concessional loans scheme.	Written	
125	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Back	Departments budget in 2013-14	<p>Senator BACK: What was the department's budget in 2013-14, and I want to know what the department's budget is in 2016-17. I then will be very interested in learning some of the explanations for that.</p> <p>Ms Canning: The department's budget for 2016-17, including administered funding is \$2.75 billion. If you want just the departmental for 2016-17, it is \$381.5 million.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Do you have the 2013-14 figure there?</p> <p>Ms Canning: I will have to confirm that.</p>	81	
126	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Back	Budget resourcing	<p>Senator BACK: What I am keen to know, Mr Quinlivan, particularly, is the additional funding the department has been given. Where is it being allocated to deliver on our commitments in both agriculture and water resources? Can you summarise that for us?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: I think the chief finance officer has just done that. That is the main answer to the question.</p> <p>Senator BACK: Water?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: No, it is—</p> <p>Ms Canning: In the last 12 months the main changes in our resourcing has been the water programs coming on board, in September last year, and the additional funding</p>	82	

				<p>last year as a result of the Agricultural Competitiveness White Paper.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Were you seeking a break-down between those?</p> <p>Senator BACK: Even if I could get them on notice, it would be very useful.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: We can certainly do that.</p>		
127	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Back	Election Commitment Funding	<p>Senator BACK: Time does not permit now to go into it in detail, but I would like to see where, particularly in regard to election commitments, these fundings have been allocated.</p> <p>Ms Canning: I can take that on notice.</p>	82	
128	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Gallacher	Credit Cards	What types of credit and transaction cards (including Cabcharge Fastcard and eTickets) does your department issue?	Written	
129	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Gallacher	Credit Cards	What was the total expenditure for each type of card over the last three financial years?	Written	
130	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Gallacher	Credit Cards	Can you break down the credit card expenditure into categories?	Written	
131	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Gallacher	Credit Cards	What is the highest and lowest credit limit for each type of card?	Written	
132	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Gallacher	Credit Cards	How many times in the last five years has the credit limit been reviewed?	Written	
133	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Gallacher	Credit Cards	What are credit cards used for?	Written	
134	Finance and	Senator	Credit Cards	What are the governance/probity rules for employees to	Written	

	Business Support Division	Gallacher		follow?		
135	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Gallacher	Credit Cards	<p>Are cash advances allowed?</p> <p>a) Can you list the total amount of cash advances from credit and other transaction cards over the last three years?</p> <p>b) Can you provide details on the ten largest cash advances in your department and provide particulars such as how much was accessed?</p> <p>c) Who approves cash advances in your department in the event of paying suppliers?</p>	Written	
136	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Gallacher	Credit Cards	Who reviews transactions in regards to all cards?	Written	
137	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Gallacher	Credit Cards	Who provides assurance to the Minister in respect to probity governance and fraud control?	Written	
138	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Bilyk	Executive Office Upgrades	<p>1. Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 1 January 2016?</p> <p>2. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided?</p>	Written	
139	Finance and Business Support Division	Senator Bilyk	Facilities Upgrades	<p>Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises been upgraded since 1 January 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new furniture, fridges, coffee machines, audio visual facilities or any other equipment including kitchen equipment and utensils?</p> <p>a) If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs?</p> <p>b) Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?</p>	Written	
140	Finance and	Senator	Kangaroos	Please provide an updated list of all Department funding	Written	

	Business Support Division	Rhiannon		to promote, support or grow the kangaroo industry, with amount of funding, recipients and aims of the projects.		
141	Finance and Business Support Division and PGPA Act agencies	Senator Sterle	Departmental expenses	<p>Please provide an itemised table detailing the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it b) The total funding allocated for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15; c) The number of organisations funded under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded and the dollar value of that funding d) The number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15; e) The total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15; f) The number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15; The aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors. g) The number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location; h) The dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location. 	Written	
142	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Senator Brown	Relocation	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: So potentially you might move?</p> <p>Dr Hone: No. We believe there will be some restructuring happening there from non-R and D corporations and that there could be some opportunities</p>	24	

				<p>for extra space.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: When does the one-year lease expire?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: I need to confirm the date on that. Can I get back to you on that?</p>		
143	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rice	Cost Benefit Analysis	<p>Senator RICE: Did you do a cost benefit analysis before you decided to establish your office in Adelaide?</p> <p>Dr Hone: We did not need to do a cost benefit. What we did do, though, was an organisational redesign process where we went through how is the best way to deliver the services. We did consult extensively about these new regional advisory committees to work out what the best way to do that.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Is that a public document?</p> <p>Dr Hone: I think we have—it is called Fisheries Research Advisory Body review. I believe it is on our website.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Take it on notice.</p> <p>Dr Hone: I will take it on notice but I am pretty confident—our industries watch us very closely.</p>	26	
144	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Brown	Staff members	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How many contractors? How does that work?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: I would have to take that question on notice, but I would imagine it is in excess of 30.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: If it is different can you provide that on notice? How many staff members have been relocated from Canberra?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: There have been five staff relocated from Canberra, but we have recruited many other staff in our regional office.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: How many staff members are currently in Canberra?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: About 53, although, if that is not correct I may need to take that on notice.</p>	7-8	
145	Grains Research and	Senator Brown	Staffing levels	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: With that recruitment, is that an increase from what your staffing level was before</p>	8	

	Development Corporation			<p>the relocation?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Marginally, yes. I would have to take that on notice in terms of what the difference would be.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Okay, could you please take that on notice. What process was undertaken to identify which staff members would be relocated?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: I have only been in this position for three months. I am not aware of the process that was undertaken to decide on what staff.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: I certainly can.</p>		
146	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Brown	Voluntary redundancies	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Were staff members offered voluntary redundancies due to the relocation?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Again, I am not aware of the processes. That was before my time. I believe there were, but I would need to take that on notice to be absolutely accurate.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Could you please take on notice how many and the cost.</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Could I clarify what you mean by 'the cost'?</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: The cost of the redundancies. How many staff members are located at the new locations?</p>	8	
147	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Brown	Staffing locations and numbers	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: The cost of the redundancies. How many staff members are located at the new locations?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: We have six permanent staff in Adelaide, two in Dubbo, six in Toowoomba and eight in Perth.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: And you have 53 in Canberra.</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: I said that I would need to check that number, but I think that it is maybe 52.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: You can check that.</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: We would need to clarify that, yes. It is very close.</p>	8	
148	Grains Research and	Senator Brown	Staffing levels	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Do you have information available here today about the cost to relocate the GRDC,</p>	8	

	Development Corporation			<p>including new lease arrangements, employment ads and relocation costs?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: You do?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Could I clarify that? They were relocation expenditure and—</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Recruitment ads, relocation costs, even though you have said that it was only five that have been relocated from Canberra. Where did those five go?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: One to Adelaide, one to Dubbo, two to Toowoomba and one to Perth.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: What level are they?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: This was done before my time. I would need to take that on notice.</p>		
149	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Sterle	Levy payers' money	<p>Senator STERLE: That is all funded out of levy payers' money?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Levy payers and federal government money, that is correct.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Could you just tell us what the split was?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: I would have to take that on notice in terms of the split, but it is approximately one-third to two-thirds—with two-thirds levy payers</p>	8-9	
150	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Brown	Outgoing costs	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: What do those outgoing costs include?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: That would be lease and outgoings, I would assume. However, I would need to take that on notice to be perfectly accurate...</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: So, Mr Jefferies, you are going to check the ongoing costs?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Just the details of the breakdown and what is included in the ongoing costs.</p>	9	
151	Grains Research and Development	Senator Brown	Measures the success of the relocations	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Do you have any measures in place to measure the success of the relocations? How are you going to know if that is working as intended?</p>	10	

	Corporation			Dr Jefferies: The strategy behind the relocation was discussed and decided before my time, so I would need to take on notice what performance measures, if any, have been agreed		
152	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Back	Performance Measures	<p>Senator BACK: Dr Jefferies, thanks for that advice, particularly in terms of the eight people now based in WA. As you know, we produce between 14 million and 18 million tonnes of wheat a year. Hopefully this year it will be closer to 18. There has always been a complaint from Western Australian producers that they never see GRDC people. Further to Senator Brown's question, which I completely agree with, what has been your experience to date in terms of this move and the response by Western Australian growers? How, again, are we actually going to objectively measure that?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Thank you for the question. I have been here for three months and I have had very little experience in feedback from it, other than my recent tour with the Western Panel of the northern Wheatbelt of Western Australia, in which over a three-day period we toured and visited a number of the leading grower groups. We were very pleased with their very positive feedback on the much greater access of staff to them so they can raise issues, discuss constraints, monitor outcomes and capture outcomes from research in a locally engaged way, so it is very specific to their environment. What measures? Again, that is a similar question to Senator Brown's question. What performance measures we have, if any, I would have to take on notice.</p>	10	
153	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Leyonhjelm	Awareness of the <i>Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill</i>	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Are you aware of the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Amendment Bill?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Yes, to some extent I am aware of it.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Do you know its purpose and what it is intended to do?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Again, I am only three months into this job—my awareness is very superficial. So, no, I would</p>	11	

				need to take that on notice.		
154	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rice	Regional Model	<p>Senator RICE: Was the regional model something that the GRDC had been looking at for a while, or was it something that has been implemented because of the government policy being imposed upon you?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Again, I was not around. I have been here for three months, so I am not really aware of the details of our strategy and what the drivers behind the strategy were initially.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Could you take that on notice and get back to me on that—whether there had been any consideration of the regionalisation prior to the government's policy change?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Yes.</p>	12	
155	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rice	Hub-and-Spoke Model	<p>Senator RICE: Have you had staff leave because of the change to your hub-and-spoke model?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: I am certainly not aware of that, but I would need to take that on notice to be absolutely certain.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Have any staff been made redundant because their positions have shifted to a regional area and they have not gone?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Not to my knowledge, but I would need to take that on notice.</p>	12	
156	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rice	Cost-Benefit Analysis	<p>Senator RICE: Was there a cost-benefit analysis undertaken about the move prior to the move occurring?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Again, not to my knowledge, but I would need to take that on notice to be perfectly accurate.</p> <p>Senator RICE: If that cost-benefit analysis was undertaken, is that a public document now?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Again, I would need to take that on notice. I am not aware.</p>	12	
157	Grains Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rice	Overall Costs at the Canberra Office	<p>Senator RICE: One last question in terms of the overall costs: have your costs at your Canberra office decreased with the reduction in staff?</p> <p>Dr Jefferies: Could I clarify? Have the costs of—</p> <p>Senator RICE: You outlined the extra costs of establishing your new regional offices, so I was interested</p>	13	

				in the costs of your Canberra office. Has there been any reduction in costs in the running of your Canberra office? Dr Jefferies: I would need to take that on notice. I do not know the details of that.		
158	Information Services Division	Senator Bilyk	Wikipedia Edits	With reference to an article entitled ‘Investigation launched after public servants, staffers caught making offensive Wikipedia edits’ published by James Massola of Fairfax on 26 October 2016: a) Were the changes made to the Barnaby Joyce Wikipedia page performed by a person in the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources or a person in the Minister’s office? If a Minister’s office, which Minister, and what is the position title of the person responsible for making that change? (<i>“Department of Agriculture staff editing Barnaby Joyce’s page to point out the Nationals leader ‘has crossed the floor on 28 occasions during his time in Parliament”</i>). b) What process did the Department follow to investigate these changes? c) What was the outcome of that investigation?	Written	
159	Landcare Australia Limited	Senator Gallacher	Green Army participants	Senator GALLACHER: With the 100 projects, how many Green Army participants would have been involved? Ms Jakszewicz: Typically there are nine participants and one team leader. Senator GALLACHER: And you have done 100 of those successfully? Ms Jakszewicz: Correct. Senator GALLACHER: Geographically spread? Ms Jakszewicz: Correct, but we do not work in the Northern Territory. Senator GALLACHER: Is there any state that is doing it better or is it evenly spread around the country? Ms Jakszewicz: There are some in all states that we operate in. Senator GALLACHER: So we would take that on	77	

				<p>geography or population? How would you work it?</p> <p>Ms Jakszewicz: I cannot give you the exact numbers.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Have you got 12 in each state?</p> <p>Ms Jakszewicz: No. It would not be equal by state. Some states have got larger than others.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps on notice you could just give us the geographical spread of it. Is there one area that is more successful than others and is that in line with what you expected when this program started? An 'army' indicates more than nine people and a team leader 100 times. An army would be several thousand, I would have thought.</p>		
160	Landcare Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Green Army	Provide an update on the effectiveness of the Green Army Programme particularly in rural and regional Australia	Written	
161	Meat and Livestock Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	MLA Donor Company	<p>In chapter 6 of the report into the Industry structures and systems governing levies on grass-fed cattle there were concerns from the Productivity Commission in regard to the MLA reporting, with special attention on the MLA Donor Company Limited (MDC):</p> <p><i>“6.14 The PC also highlighted that the absence of robust data on funding and spending flows within the overall R&D framework made it difficult to establish exactly how much money was being spent on rural R&D, with whom it was being spent, and which parties were ultimately providing the funding. The report noted the particular challenge of unravelling the ‘money-go-round’ which results from the heavy emphasis on leveraging and collaborative research effort.</i></p> <p><i>6.15 Similar concerns were raised regarding funding and spending flows in relation to MDC. Efforts by the committee to establish details about MDC revealed a convoluted web of funding, relationships and vested interests. The fact that producers and their representatives had limited knowledge of how MDC</i></p>	Written	

operated, including its funding arrangements, clearly illustrated the current level of transparency and openness in relation to the company, and its relatively protected status within the red meat industry structure.”

MLA gets \$44ml. from Gov. for R/D matching grants (annual report 2016).

- a) Why is there no public reporting on the MLA Donor Company Limited?
- b) Could we have a list of all beneficiaries of the MLA donor company’s research and development projects?
- c) There is considerable money given to breed societies for genomics, could the cost of this be included in any answers (Who receives this money individuals and societies)?
- d) What steps are taken to ensure that any new technology developed through the RDC remains in Australian hands?
- e) Would the MLA support number 4 of the recommendations of the Senate for the National Audit Office to conduct a comprehensive audit of the revenue and expenditure of the respective components of the MLA?
- f) Number 7 recommended a departmental review of the costs and benefits to the cattle industry of introducing an Australian equivalent of the United States mandatory price reporting Act 1999 to ensure cattle producers receive accurate and timely market information with respect to prices paid for cattle and prices received by processor for the product from those cattle. The MLA contracted people to do a study 36 pages in length. Do you agree with this recommendation?
- g) Milestone 4 was published in April 2015. This report was supportive of enforced MPR, why was this document not made public and why did MLA

				<p>withhold the report from the Red Meat Senate Inquiry?</p> <p>h) Why did MLA rewrite a Milestone 5 that was opposed to MPR and written by an ex MLA employee?</p> <p>i) In both cases MLA made mention of the fact that the government had contributed R&D money towards both reports. Why did we have two conflicting reports on the same subject?</p>		
162	Meat and Livestock Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Cattle Pricing	Does MLA have concerns about the high cattle prices and risks associated with the continued high price for our local and international markets, for drought affected farmers and meat processors in rural and regional Australia?	Written	
163	Meat and Livestock Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Cattle Pricing	MLA has said that cattle numbers are likely to begin to slowly increase by 2018, can you provide detail as to what 'slowly' means in practical terms?	Written	
164	Meat and Livestock Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Cattle Pricing	What is the cost of MSA over its life cycle? Can you breakdown this figure with regards to levy payer funding and Government contributions?	Written	
165	Meat and Livestock Australia Limited	Senator Sterle	Grading	Does MLA undertake performance measures on the outcomes of Company graders vs Independent Industry graders?	Written	
166	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Funding for future years	<p>a) How much funding is allocated for the MDBA for future years?</p> <p>b) The budget notes that it is transitioning to be a "commonwealth corporate entity"? Does that mean the funding reduces by over one half (approx. \$84m to \$37m)?</p> <p>c) Where is the budget allocation for the MDBA listed in the budget that is above \$37m?</p>	Written	
167	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Uncertainty for the Authority	Does this create uncertainty for the Authority?	Written	

168	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Demand for work	Is demand for your work/ services increasing or decreasing?	Written	
169	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Budget affecting the organisation	How is budget uncertainty affecting your organisation? Are you employing more staff? On an ongoing basis?	Written	
170	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	The Basin Plan	<p>a) The Basin Plan includes projects to use water more efficiently or save water through management. You are responsible for water management in the Basin, is that correct?</p> <p>b) Has the authority assessed or undertaken preliminary assessment of the state water saving projects?</p> <p>c) If so, what is the estimated water recovery?</p> <p>d) Are there any projects you are concerned about?</p> <p>e) How many projects are there?</p> <p>f) What are the locations?</p>	Written	
171	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Risk of mistake	Does budget change or uncertainty increase the risk of a mistake? How is this being managed?	Written	
172	Murray-Darling Basin Authority	Senator Sterle	Complementary measures and the SDL	Can MDBA confirm that water recovered from the tributaries of the Barwon-Darling for social and environmental purposes in the Barwon-Darling, Menindee and the Southern Basin is available for extraction by irrigators between Walgett and Bourke?	Written	
173	Office of the General Counsel	Senator Brown	Cost of external legal advice	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: In terms of that external legal advice that you sought, could you indicate on notice the cost—you said you do not think you have it here—of that?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Yes.</p>	81	
174	Office of the General Counsel	Senator Brown	Legal expenses	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Mr Quinlivan, you talked about the costs thus far—about the Dr Grimes letter being less than \$35,000. Is there any chance you can be a bit more specific?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: I was giving you the information that is in my brief. I would interpret that to mean it is not much less, but somewhat less.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: You could just table that</p>	85-86	

				<p>brief, if you like.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: In any case, I will take it on notice to provide you with the legal expenses.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Yes, the legal expenses and, if you can, the exact figure.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: For the application to the AAT?</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: Sure.</p>		
175	Office of the General Counsel	Senator Sterle	Grimes letter	What are the associated costs relating to the defending of keeping the letter secret?	Written	
176	Office of the General Counsel	Senator Sterle	Grimes letter	Has the department sought external legal advice regarding this matter?	Written	
177	Office of the General Counsel with CSG input	Senator Brown	Cost of the letter	Senator CAROL BROWN: Will you be able to provide on notice the exact costs that you have had to pay in terms of keeping the letter secret?	80	
178	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Senator McCarthy	Redundancy	<p>Senator McCARTHY: So only one staff member refused to go and took the redundancy, or are you saying that only one staff member—</p> <p>Mr Harvey: At the moment, we have paid one redundancy, but we have expectations that there may be more redundancies. Our expectation is that there will be up to four more redundancies. Clearly, this move has been on the cards for quite a while, and a number of staff have voluntarily found other employment.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: How many of those staff?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Approximately five. If you want that exactly, I will need to take it on notice.</p>	15	
179	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rice	Annual Report stats	<p>Senator RICE: There was an article in <i>The Weekly Times</i> in August that said, according to the RIRDC's annual report last year, the organisation had 18 full-time equivalent staff.</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Numbers do fluctuate from time to time, depending on what we have on our agenda. The numbers I based my figures on are the 16.</p>	16	

				<p>Senator RICE: Could you take on notice the difference between the 18 that was in your annual report and the 16?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Sure, absolutely.</p>		
180	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rice	Measure of Success going forward	<p>Senator RICE: Can you take on notice whether it is the KPIs and the board or the criteria that you are using to judge the success and how you are going to measure that success as you go forward?</p> <p>Mrs Hull: Absolutely. The board will undertake these discussions in further detail in December and we already have undertaken discussions. We will finalise those discussions in December, so I am happy to take that on notice and provide you with the outcomes.</p>	17	
181	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rice	Cost-Benefit Analysis	<p>Senator RICE: Was there a cost-benefit analysis done of the relocation prior to it being undertaken?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: My understanding is that a costing was done.</p> <p>Senator RICE: But was there any articulation of the benefits?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I would need to take that on notice. That was before I joined the organisation.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Could you please answer that and, if that cost-benefit analysis was done, whether it is a public document?</p>	17	
182	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rice	Staff Relocation	<p>Senator RICE: So how many staff who were with the organisation before the move are not going to be with the organisation afterwards—11?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: It is around 11. I will need to check the numbers.</p>	18	
183	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Senator McCarthy	Rental charges	<p>Senator McCARTHY: You have given us the rental for Canberra and for Wagga. What about for Hay and Gunning?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: They are working from home.</p> <p>Senator McCARTHY: So no cost to you?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: I would need to take that on notice. There may be some minor costs—but very small.</p>	20	
184	Rural Industries	Senator Rice	Board considering a	<p>Senator RICE: You do not know over what period of time the board had been considering a move?</p>	20	

	Research and Development Corporation		move	<p>Mr Harvey: Again, I was not there, but I would have thought it would have been at least two years.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you take that on notice—check back through the board minutes and see when they first started thinking about moving?</p> <p>Mr Harvey: Sure.</p>		
185	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroos	<p>Please provide in an excel spreadsheet an updated list of RIRDC projects and reports regarding kangaroos, that are currently in progress or have been completed since the beginning of 2016.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) project title and id/publication numbers b) link to the publication c) recipients of the RIRDC funding for the project, and their locality/state d) objective summary e) cost of the project <p>Please provide copies of those reports where available, preferably digital copies.</p>	Written	
186	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroos	<p>DAFF and RIRDC signed a funding agreement for \$290,000 from the national Landcare program for the Sustainable Wildlife Project (effective 1 February 2007). The link to that project no longer works on the RIRDC website http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-project-details/custr10_DRC/PRJ-003171:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) To whom and how and for what was the grant dispersed? <p>Please provide copies of any reports or documents resulting from the project, and the internet link to the same if available.</p>	Written	
187	Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroos	<p>May I please have a copy of the following reports, preferably in digital form:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) RIRDC project ‘<i>Kangaroo meat export market access analysis</i>’ (by Oliver & Doam) which was due to finish on 10 July 2015. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. May I also have a copy of the presentation and workshop documents, notes and outcomes from that project please. If not, why not? 	Written	

				<p>b) Project PRJ-002302: Taking the Kangaroo Industry to the internet community: This project provided \$110,000 to KIAA’s John Kelly, with the aim to “research and produce and load a range of [‘positive’]material...to contributor generated sites such as youtube and wikipedia, industry sites and any other suitable forum” and to “ensure resources are available to counter anti industry campaigns.” Please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. any report or research papers from this project ii. a list of websites and links to materials ‘loaded’ onto any internet sites or forums iii. copies of the ‘resources...available to counter anti industry campaigns’ <p>c) Sustainable Wildlife Enterprises Trial In The Murray Darling Rangelands (PRJ-000877):</p> <p>d) Strategic Management Of Total Grazing Pressure In Semi-Arid Environments (PRJ-000676)</p> <p>e) Ongoing kangaroo industry up-imaging (2006)</p>		
188	Service Delivery Division	Senator Rhiannon	Greyhounds	What is the breakdown of greyhounds being imported into Australia, and from which countries?	Written	
189	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Announcement of Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority move	<p>Senator STERLE: Minister, could you tell us when the minister first announced his intention is to move APVMA out of Canberra to Armidale?</p> <p>Senator Ruston: I will have to get that information.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Sure. I will put it on notice and we can come back to it.</p>	43	
190	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Back	Decentralisation of government agencies	<p>Senator BACK: For 60 or 70 years, the University of New England has probably—I do not want to fall foul of Charles Sturt University or my own institution in WA—been the pre-eminent regionally based university in agriculture and agribusiness. Mr Thompson, do you have examples of agencies of government—state, federal, all sides—that have decentralised their personnel from major capitals to regional areas around Australia? If so, is the</p>	49-50	

				<p>list so long you are going to spend all our time giving them to us? If you have such a list—I can recall a few in WA—could you either give it to us, or could you take it on notice to get it for us?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We have a list. I cannot guarantee that it is absolutely comprehensive, because decentralisation of government agencies has been a policy, on and off, of Commonwealth and state governments for some time. But there are 20 or 30 that we are familiar with. There are Commonwealth ones like the CSIRO moving research centres to Boorowa and the tax office moving operations to Gosford. At the state level, the most prominent one was the NSW Department of Agriculture moving to Orange. In Western Australia the Department of Water moved from Perth out to Joondalup—which is right to the edges of Perth. In Victoria, WorkSafe moved to Geelong. Parks and Wildlife in WA moved from Perth out to Bunbury. The NSW Department of Finance, Services and Innovation moved to Gosford. In Victoria, the Transport Accident Commission has moved to Geelong. In New South Wales there is the State Debt Recovery Office in Lithgow. The NSW Department of Mineral Resources moved out of a central Sydney location up to Maitland in the Hunter Valley. Also in New South Wales, Local Government moved some years ago down to Nowra on the South Coast. The native vegetation management part of the Department of Natural Resources was moved out of Sydney to Wellington. Parts of NSW Police are in Maitland—that is where they do infringement notices.</p>		
191	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Brown	People that were consulted	<p>Mr Quinlivan: Including the consultations that Mr Thompson referred to earlier when he described the organisations we have talked to in the course of preparing the advice and, of course, advice from the APVMA itself.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Are we able to have a list of those people that were consulted tabled?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: I think Mr Thompson read out pretty much the entire list earlier.</p>	53	

				<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: No, he did not.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I did not read out the actual list of the bodies.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Tabling it would be good.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Who you consulted with? You have to take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: I know we do have a list, but I do not have the list of every person we have consulted with me to hand at the moment.</p>		
192	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Brown	Parties consulted regarding relocation	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: Can we have a copy of the list of the group that were consulted on the relocation, not in terms of the scope of the cost-benefit analysis but on the actual relocation?</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: These are the people that Ernst & Young consulted during the course of their work. That is what you are asking for?</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: I could not hear your answer.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: You are asking for the parties that Ernst & Young consulted during the course of their work. Is that what you are asking for now?</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: If the work they undertook was about the actual relocation, yes.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: We will have to check the terms of the agreement between Ernst & Young and those people, some whom are individuals and some of whom are organisations. But to the extent that we are able to we would be happy to do that.</p>	54-55	
193	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Brown	Relocation of APVMA	<p>Senator CAROL BROWN: What other money has been expended on work that has been completed around the relocation of the APVMA?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: A lot of the work would be internal departmental work to look at options and prepare advice to government. It is not separately costed in the way of external—</p> <p>Senator CAROL BROWN: So there were no other</p>	55	

				external costs? Mr D Williamson: We might just take that on notice and double-check for you. Nothing of the scale of the Ernst & Young work.		
194	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	Plan B	Senator STERLE: Minister—I am not expecting to get an answer, and that is not having a crack at you, because you cannot; there may be other reasons why you do not—and Mr Quinlivan, what was plan B coming from the government for how you would fill these 110 positions, bearing in mind 49 are scientists? I do not want to be a smarty, but scientists do not grow on trees—it would be a special tree. What was plan B when the minister got that information? Senator Ruston: I would have to take that on notice, because I have not had that conversation with the minister.	59-60	
195	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Rice	Level of consultation	Senator RICE: Can you get back to me about that level of the consultation—and, in particular, how Toowoomba and Armidale were selected as the two potential areas for the relocation? Senator Ruston: I am certainly happy to take that on notice.	63	
196	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Rice	Regional relocation	Senator RICE: Was there a process, at any stage, of other regional areas being able to put forward a proposal to make a case that they were suitable locations for APVMA? Senator Ruston: I cannot answer that directly in relation to APVMA, but I was involved more closely with the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation's new office in Adelaide. That came about as a direct result of consultation with the broader fishing industry about the location for the new office they thought would give the greatest benefit to them. Senator RICE: You do not know, though, whether there was a similar process for APVMA—or was there definitely not a similar process that covered possibilities all over the country for the relocation?	63	

				<p>Mr Thompson: We will have to take that on notice, but, as Senator Ruston has said, there was a focus for the APVMA on Armidale and Toowoomba. I think at that time there was probably some consultation with the two universities near Toowoomba—the one in Toowoomba and the University of Queensland campus at Gatton, which is not far away. There was, I believe, an opportunity during that process for people to suggest other locations—somewhat similar to the way the FRDC came forward with Adelaide out of the mix. But we will have to take the detail of that on notice.</p>		
197	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Rice	APVMA Relocation	<p>Senator RICE: I am confused. I thought the conversation was specifically about Toowoomba or Armidale—that consultation in 2015.</p> <p>Mr Thompson: That is what the consultation was about. There was consultation about moving RDCs to particular places too, but some of the commentators said, 'We think a better place is A or B'. They just put it in the mix. There was nothing—</p> <p>Senator RICE: That is not a fair, objective process—if you are leading the consultation with two particular candidate sites and not talking about any of the others.</p> <p>Mr Quinlivan: I think we are just going to take this part of the history on notice. It is certainly true that as soon as the minister and the government started talking about decentralisation there were proposals from various council areas, cities, universities and so on for relocation of the various R&D corporations and the APVMA. But, as to this particular part of the history, we will take it on notice to give you the story.</p>	63	
198	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator McCarthy	Tiwi Island	<p>Senator McARTHUR: Are you or is anyone else in the department able to expand further on the project in the Tiwi Islands?</p> <p>Mr Thompson: We would need to take that on notice. I could not expand much more on it than that.</p>	113	
199	Sustainable Agriculture,	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Provide an update of what work is being done to move the APVMA to Armidale within the first 12 months of a	Written	

	Fisheries and Forestry Division			re-elected coalition government.		
200	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	The department's corporate plan states that: as a policy adviser to government, we provide rigorous, evidence-based advice, with a focus on whole-of-government priorities? Have you provided this type of advice to the Minister on the relocation of the APVMA to Armidale in his own electorate regarding the possible blowout cost due to lost capability if this relocation proceeds?	Written	
201	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Does the department have concerns about Australia maintaining its reputation of a clean, green and safe food producer if the APVMA is undermined by the relocation?	Written	
202	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	When did the department receive the final cost-benefit analysis on the relocation of the APVMA?	Written	
203	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	What date did the department provide the report to the Minister?	Written	
204	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Why did the reporting date get moved from early June as reported during previous estimates?	Written	
205	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Who requested for an extension of the reporting date? On what date did this occur?	Written	
206	Sustainable Agriculture,	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Is the department aware of the concerns raised by the relocation by the NFF, CropLife, Animal Medicines	Written	

	Fisheries and Forestry Division			Australia, the Australian Veterinary Association and the CEO of the APVMA?		
207	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Knowing the concerns of major stakeholders how can the department fulfil its work to strengthen Australia's primary industries, delivering better returns to primary producers at the farm gate, protecting Australia from animal and plant pests and diseases?	Written	
208	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Knowing the concerns of major stakeholders how can the department's strategic objective to be a best practice regulator be achieved? Taking into account the statement that "we work to be a transparent and efficient regulator by building client and community understanding and trust in our advice and services?"	Written	
209	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	The corporate plan states that "there a various challenges in particular in collaborating with state and territory jurisdictions that are responsible for many of the issues affecting our portfolio industries?" How will the department manage the disruptions with the states that will occur if the relocation proceeds?	Written	
210	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	The Prime Minister is quoted in the Minister Joyce's MR on 9 June 2016 confirming the relocation of the APVMPA as saying that: "Facilitating the strategic relocation of agricultural agencies to regional communities will help attract technical and scientific experts to live and build their careers in the country and enable stronger collaboration with farmers to drive innovation and productivity growth." Have you been provided with the Government's official relocation strategy?	Written	
211	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Has the department provided advice to the Prime Minister's office regarding the negative impact of the APVMA relocation?	Written	
212	Sustainable Agriculture,	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Has the department provided the Prime Minister any advice on the relocation?	Written	

	Fisheries and Forestry Division					
213	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Provide an update on the current state of play on the relocations and the APVMA 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?	Written	
214	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	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 APVMA?	Written	
215	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Provide an update on the current state of play on the relocations of the RDCs of the APVMA?	Written	
216	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Sterle	APVMA relocation	Please provide the following information: a) How many staff members have resigned from the APVMA since he first socialised his determination to relocate that body to his own electorate? b) How many staff members have resigned from the APVMA during 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15 and 2015-16. c) Has the Minister revisited the cost of the relocation? d) What is the budget allocated for relocating the APVMA? e) Has the Minister revisited that budget allocation and what is the revision? f) Will the Minister commit to releasing the cost-benefit analysis of the relocation to Armidale, once the cabinet has completed its deliberations?	Written	
217	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and	Senator Xenophon	Relocation	What is the motive for the move from Canberra to Armadale?	Written	

	Forestry Division					
218	Sustainable Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Division	Senator Xenophon	Relocation	What is the cost of the move from Canberra to Armadale?	Written	
219	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Free Trade Agreement with Indonesia	Senator STERLE: You said that it has just been reactivated. How long has it been going on? How long to stall for or stop for? Coming from WA, they are our closest neighbour, and they are Queensland's and the Northern Territory's closest neighbour—we do have an interest. There are a lot of people to feed over there. Ms van Meurs: I will have to take that on notice.	117	
220	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security	Is the Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security the same thing as the Indonesia-Australia Red Meat Partnership?	Written	
221	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security	Provide an update Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food security.	Written	
222	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Sterle	Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security	Is the Minister planning visiting Indonesia in the near the future.	Written	
223	Trade and Market Access Division	Senator Rhiannon	Kangaroos	Please provide an update on what is happening to lift the Californian and the Russian bans; details of any funding, resources or personnel that have been provided to this; and details of any Australian Government representations that have been made to overseas interests or legislators in this regard.	Written	
224	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Complementary measures and the SDL	Do complementary measures such as carp eradication and thermal pollution projects count towards the SDL adjustment? If so how?	Written	
225	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Complementary measures and	Is there a clear methodology for when they could contribute to SDL adjustment?	Written	

			the SDL			
226	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Complementary measures and the SDL	Where would funding for complementary measures come from? Hasn't funding for carp eradication already been provided (for example)?	Written	
227	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Complementary measures and the SDL	What licences are in the Barwon Darling? Are they pumping licenses?	Written	
228	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Complementary measures and the SDL	When were licences issued?	Written	
229	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Complementary measures and the SDL	What is the commonwealth investment in increasing storage sizes for irrigators in the barwin darling?	Written	
230	Water Division	Senator Sterle	Complementary measures and the SDL	Is it correct that under the existing arrangements, the Commonwealth has invested to recover water for contributions to the Barwon-Darling and the Lower Murray. Is it true that this water is extracted by irrigators under their licences? Do these licences need to be reviewed?	Written	
231	Water Division	Senator Xenophon	Greenhouse Feasibility Study	Referring to a report "Storm-hit growers facing threat of foreign investors being allocated critical water supplies" in Adelaide's Sunday Mail on 9th October that SA Water has commissioned a feasibility study into the development by a Spanish consortium that has plans to set up a hi-tech greenhouse (which will utilise 20 GL of water to produce and then flood the local market with an oversupply of produce like capsicum, cucumbers and tomatoes) in the Virginia, north of Adelaide: Can the Department confirm that the feasibility study is being funded by the Federal feasible study funding announced by Senator Ruston at the Virginia Horticulture Centre in late May?	Written	
232	Water Division	Senator Xenophon	Greenhouse Feasibility Study	If this project goes ahead, the 350 irrigators who operate in the region and spend their profits in the region may be forced from the market by a consortium that who will likely take the profits of their sale back to Spain to stimulate the European economy. Is this a factor that will	Written	

				be considered by government before any further funding is granted?		
233	Water Division	Senator Xenophon	Greenhouse Feasibility Study	When Commonwealth funding is being used to produce a feasibility project, can it place a requirement on the State Government to ensure the feasibility study examines broad and fair distribution this water resources? a) If so, when will this be done?	Written	
		Senator Sterle	Murray Goulburn	When will the ACCC's report into the Murray Goulburn dairy crisis be released?	Written	Transferred to ACCC