

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES, 20 November 2013
Defence Portfolio/Department of Veterans' Affairs

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1	General DVA	McEwen	DVA resources – per Division	Do you have the actual staffing levels in each division?	94 (20/11/13)	23/12/13	13/2/2014
2	3	McEwen	DVA resources – Centenary of Anzac	How many staff altogether will be working on the centenary planning?	95 (20/11/13)	23/12/13	13/2/2014
3	1	McEwen	DVA resources – Claims processing	What about staff numbers for claims processing?	95 (20/11/13)	23/12/13	13/2/2014
4	General DVA	McEwen	DVA resources – contracts, temp, non- ongoing	<p>Senator McEWEN: I am also interested in the number of staff who are employed on fixed-term contracts or are employed on a temporary basis. Do you have that breakdown?</p> <p>Ms Dotta: As at 30 September we had 104 non-ongoing staff.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Were they all on fixed-term contracts? Or are some of those casuals? Or don't you differentiate?</p> <p>Mr Winzenberg: They are on varying contracts. It could be a couple of months or it could be six months.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Shorter than six months?</p> <p>Ms Dotta: Sometimes, yes.</p> <p>Mr Winzenberg: It could be anywhere from a couple of months to six months.</p> <p>Mr Lewis: But we would have details on that submitted as part of regular transparency reports, wouldn't we?</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Thank you, and maybe you could do a comparison of that number of fixed-term staff going back, say, three years—going back to the previous budget.</p>	96 - 97 (20/11/13)	23/12/13	13/2/2014

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5	1	Fawcett	DVA resources – incremental resourcing	<p>Senator FAWCETT: Mr Lewis, congratulations on your role. I do not think I have been in estimates with you since your appointment. I refer to the minister's opening statement, where he was talking about resources. You echoed it in your comments. You said that the \$1.6 million hardly touches the sides. I am paraphrasing there, but clearly you are resource constrained. What impact is that having on your ability to process claims? What, for example, is the current backlog of your claims processing?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: ...If you want to get a bit of a sense of how many extra resources I have put into that we could take that on notice and come back to you. As I said to you, we are kind of scrimping wherever we can to make this a focus because we are really trying to crack this problem, once and for all. And once we get on top of it we want to stay on top of it.</p> <p>As you may be aware, in some of our key processing streams we are taking, on average, between 160 and 170 days to process. Our target is 120 days. If we can get down to 120 days that will be really good; if we can go beyond that, that would be great. I am just giving you a bit of a sense of it. This will take some time; it is a very complex processing system. If you would like me to take on notice the incremental resourcing query I would be happy to take that on notice. I do not think we can answer that tonight—or could we?</p> <p>CHAIR: That is okay. Take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: In terms of the question on notice I would be interested in the following things. With current operations there will be an increase in the level of claimants but the financial pressures will obviously affect your ability to resource that. So, I would like a longer-term snapshot of the level of claims and the percentage of backlog—</p> <p>Mr Lewis: ...We are happy to give you the best we have, but it is a very rough approximation because the rate of claims increase is not an easy thing to assess.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I understand that, but my view is that if our government commits people to go to war and to go into harm's way then we have an obligation, when the demand rate goes up as they return, to increase resources so that we meet our targets in terms of processing time. If that resource has not gone up and we have a backlog I am keen to understand how big that is, because that also gives us—and the minister—an idea of what additional resources are required to meet that and how big a deficit we are overcoming because of the last three or four years of constraints.</p>	98 - 99 (20/11/13)	23/12/13	13/2/2014
6	3	Fawcett	Gallipoli ballot delay in ballot	So when was that decision taken?	101 (20/11/13)	23/12/13	13/2/2014

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7	General DVA	Gallacher	Use of actuaries	<p>Page 101 Senator GALLACHER: Just a question on a comment you made, Mr Lewis, about not having a crystal ball. I note in the minister's statement on page four there are a couple of paragraphs there about '90 per cent of clients are covered by the Veterans' Entitlements Act—average age 76.3 years. In 10 years the number is projected to climb by 40 per cent.' The following paragraph goes on to put the reverse case. My question is: in the absence of a crystal ball, do you use an actuary? Mr Lewis: The numbers you see there are based on actuarial amortisation detail. On the VEA side— Senator GALLACHER: That is all I wanted to know. So you do use an actuary? Mr Lewis: Absolutely. Senator GALLACHER: Can we see those actuarial assessments?</p> <p>Page 106 Mr Lewis: Chair, I spoke briefly to Senator Gallacher over the break. In relation to the question on actuaries, I would prefer to take on notice and give a fulsome response to the question of actuaries, because we do employ actuaries in some particular parts of our financial statements. Just to give a comprehensive answer in relation to where we do employ them, I will take that question on notice.</p>	101, 106 (20/11/13)	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
8	General DVA	McEwen	DVA resources – resigned vs. redundancy	Can you differentiate between staff who have resigned and staff who have taken a redundancy package?	103 (20/11/13)	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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9	General DVA	McEwen	Deregulation	<p>Senator McEWEN: The policy requires the department to establish a dedicated unit led by an officer of at least SES 1 level. Has that unit been established in DVA?</p> <p>Ms Spiers: That is correct. I am responsible for deregulation. It is part of my—a</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: You are the officer?</p> <p>Ms Spiers: I am the SES officer, that is correct. One of the teams within my branch has restructured to take on the role of deregulation. We are working through the issues for the department and are in the process of how we will examine these issues as they relate to the department. As you could appreciate, deregulation is horses for courses for each agency because the issues are quite different, depending on the nature of the business of the agency.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: So these responsibilities are in addition to your substantive position?</p> <p>Ms Spiers: Correct, it is aligned with my chief audit executive role. Given the nature of risk management in that role, it is a good alignment of function with deregulation.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Do you have any additional staff to assist you in this process?</p> <p>Ms Spiers: I have been allocated an additional staff member and, as I have said, we have done some slight restructuring within one of my sections to take account of the workload that we anticipate with this.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: So is that additional staff person from within the existing establishment of DVA, or is that a new position?</p> <p>Ms Spiers: It was new funding for my branch. The staff member is from within the existing complement of DVA staff.</p> <p>Senator McEWEN: Do you know how much that funding was?</p> <p>Ms Spiers: It was the equivalent of an APS 6 salary, I do not have the actual figure.</p> <p>Mr Lewis: We will take that on notice.</p>	105 (20/11/13)	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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10	1	Wright	Tax status of ADF personnel	<p>Senator WRIGHT: That is good to hear. Then maybe I need to put the question on notice to Defence to get some clarity about that, if they are taking the running on it. I wonder if you could help me with this particular aspect, but you may not be able to. I was interested in knowing the number of defence force personnel affected by this particular feature of the taxation system in each of the last four financial years. But I imagine that would perhaps be something Defence would have the statistics about and not DVA.</p> <p>Mr Carmody: I think they would have the statistics. We would probably have them in a slightly different way in terms of those who had put in a claim with us. But it is possible someone did not put in a claim with us, so Defence I assume would know who has returned early from operations, and they would be able to give you a number. But unfortunately I cannot do that.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Why don't we give you what we have got—</p> <p>Senator WRIGHT: Thank you. If you could take that on notice and give me what you can...</p>	107 (20/11/13)	23/12/13	13/2/2014
11	2	Wright	PTSD – beds, patients, costs	<p>Senator WRIGHT: It may be that it is relevant to hear from Dr Killer. First, I will explain my questioning about that particularly. I think you are right to identify that that is the particular issues in this case. I am interested in knowing the total number of beds in each of the facilities, the average occupation rate, the number of patients treated there each year and the cost of these services over the forward estimates, including the current financial year. Is it possible to give those statistics to me readily now, or is it better to have those taken on notice?</p> <p>Ms Daniel: We would take that on notice. The PTSD programs are not necessarily an in-patient program, but we can provide you on notice a description of the eight programs and the number of clients who have gone through them in recent years.</p>	108 (20/11/13)	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
12	2	Wright	Substance abuse - breakdown	<p>Senator WRIGHT: And the other aspect of that that I am interested in inquiring about is that, while recent media coverage has indicated that these wards treat the symptoms of PTSD, they do not necessarily treat addictions specifically, and we are all aware that there is often a comorbidity between stress-related conditions and service-related conditions and reliance on alcohol and other substances. I am interested in whether you have records of the number of veterans suffering a substance abuse issue at present. Can you provide a breakdown of those figures?</p> <p>Ms Daniel: I think we would take that on notice. We have information on accepted disabilities around alcohol disorders, but we would need to provide that on notice—and comorbidities.</p>	109 (20/11/13)	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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13	3	Wright	Peacekeeping Memorial Project - DGR	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My question is about the previous granting of deductible gift recipient status to the Peacekeeping Memorial Project to 31 December 2014. Can you advise whether this status will be extended past that date and, if it is not known yet, what the time frame for that decision will be? 2. I would like to know whether that is the case. Is it going to be extended or is there some consideration about it being extended past that date? I know that the peacekeepers are very keen because they need that additional assistance, to be able to raise funds for the memorial. 3. If the decision has not yet been made, what would be the time frame, so that they can be aware of that? 4. If it is going to be extended, for what period of time would it be extended, if that decision has already been made? 	110 (20/11/13)	17/1/2014	13/2/2014
14	1	Xenophon	BNT veterans and Gold card eligibility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perhaps on notice, because I do want to ask you a couple of questions about our military compensation issues, could you broadly set out the categories of those who have served in a theatre of war who are not necessarily eligible for a gold card? 2. Secondly, how many Maralinga veterans are still alive, and how does that compare with, say, 12 months ago? I will put those questions on notice unless you have an answer to the number of Maralinga veterans who are still alive. 3. How many have passed away in the last 12 months, for instance? 	111 - 112 (20/11/13)	23/12/13	13/2/2014

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15	1	Xenophon	Claims processing - KPI	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is your KPI in relation to that? 2. how many claims are dealt with or determined, even on liability issues—whether the claim is accepted or rejected—with those 120 days, and how many are still languishing after, say, 180 days or six months, nine months, 12 months and beyond? 3. I have a further question on that, but, if the department can provide me on notice with the details of the time it has taken for claims to be resolved—within 120 days, 150 days, 180 days, 12 months, 18 months and two years—and whether there are any claims still left in limbo after two years, for instance, I would be grateful. 	112 - 113 (20/11/13)	23/12/13	13/2/2014
16	2	Gallacher	Psychological problems - Afghanistan	<p>Senator GALLACHER: What are some of the psychological problems that have been evidenced since the Afghan conflict? People in the first rotation or two have now come back and claimed or gone on with their normal lives. What psychological problems are we seeing?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: We can give you stats on the overall number of vets with mental health problems. We can give you the breakdown by PTSD. Are you looking for categories of mental health? We have got stats on each of those.</p> <p>CHAIR: We could put that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: If I could just get a picture.</p> <p>Mr Lewis: It is an important issue for us.</p>	115 (20/11/13)	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
17	2	Gallacher	Support for families	Perhaps even on notice, can you outline how service-related mental health issues are impacting on families and, on the other side of the equation, the support that has been offered to those families. I am happy for you to take that on notice, along with a lot of other questions in this space.	116 (20/11/13)	17/1/2014	13/2/2014

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18	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary - Gallipoli Ballot and Ticketek	<p>Senator FARRELL: Do you know at this stage just what the mechanism for that draw is going to be?</p> <p>Major Gen. Chalmers: Mr Hammond could probably explain the mechanism better than I.</p> <p>Mr Hamon: Ticketek have an automated system that conducts random ballots. That is being designed, or modified, for the cascading approach that we have required for this ballot.</p> <p>Mr Lewis: But, Senator, if you want further details on that we could obtain those via our provider, Ticketek.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Thank you; I would appreciate that.</p> <p>Mr Lewis: It is randomised within pool.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Senator, if someone, for example, puts in for the direct descendant group or ticks one of the other boxes, like having served overseas, and they miss out, they will go back into the general ballot. This process is being overseen by KPMG. I do not promise you there will be no—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: I am not in any way critical of the process; I am just fleshing out some of the information, because I think there is an interest in how the process is going to take place. With all due respect, Minister, I am not sure that you went through the finer details of the process in your report. So I would certainly welcome any additional information you could give us.</p>	117 (20/11/13)	23/12/13	13/2/2014
19	3	Farrell	Widows travelling to Gallipoli	<p>Page 117</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: The only ones who will not be in the ballot are the surviving World War I widows. We think there are about 150-odd of those ladies around the country. How many of them will be fit to travel we do not know, but the Australian government will—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: I met one the other night who was intending on going.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: We will be inviting them personally, plus a carer, and we will be providing the financial support for them to attend.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: How will the World War I widows be looked after, and what plans are being made to look after them over there and on the way back?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Page 118</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Thank you for that. I welcome the opportunity to get a little bit more information on the process. Who would provide that?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: We will supply that in the ordinary course in response to questions on notice.</p>	118 (20/11/13)	24/12/13	13/2/2014

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20	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary - Local Grants Program approvals across electorates	<p>Senator FARRELL: Thank you. I would like to move now to the Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program. How many applications have been received from MPs?</p> <p>Mr Hamon: We have received to date 90 applications across 30 electorates.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: How many of those have been approved?</p> <p>Mr Hamon: Eighteen have been approved across eight electorates.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Which electorates are they—that have been approved—</p> <p>Mr Hamon: I do not have the breakdown of those electorates.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Can you get that information for us?</p> <p>Mr Lewis: I can provide that for you, Senator.</p>	118 (20/11/13)	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
21	3	Xenophon	Lodging claims	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I appreciate that, but Mr Carmody said that there are some claims where, because of the nature of the scheme—it is a beneficial scheme, to use Mr Carmody's terminology—you do not have all the requisite information, but, if you have the same degree of information that is required for a Comcare claim, why can't you in those circumstances be subject to a legislated time frame?</p> <p>Ms Spiers: If I can assist, that is one feature of the difference between the claims, but another feature—and I think Mr Lewis was talking about it earlier—is that we are trying to encourage people to claim a lot sooner. One of the factors that we currently have is that, historically, our claims from serving members are often delayed until they are no longer serving members. Mr Carmody has raised one characteristic of the difference between Comcare and the Defence claims, but there are many others, so it is difficult to give a commitment when it is not just one factor.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Finally in relation to this, is it fair to say that is a cultural issue in the sense that serving men and women in the Defence Force are reluctant, that they have a fear that their career might in some way be impacted if they put in a claim while they are still serving?</p> <p>Ms Spiers: Anecdotally, we understand that to be the issue or that it impacts on the ability for promotion or certain activities. I do not have the statistics before me, but the average time between injury and claim in our jurisdiction is significantly higher than in the Comcare jurisdiction. The delay is a factor as much as anything else.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could I put this on notice: how do you deal with those cultural issues, where there is a reluctance to claim? Minister, I do acknowledge your short but quite passionate speech in the Senate on 27 June where you committed to try and at least significantly improve the position.</p> <p>Senator Ronaldson: Excellent.</p> <p>Mr Carmody: May I just make a comment. I will certainly take those matters on notice...</p>	113 (20/11/13)	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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22	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	How many discretionary grants programs are managed by this portfolio?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
23	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	Can you provide us with a list of those programs please?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
24	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	In each case how are they administered? If they are administered by the Minister, is the Minister's decision based on the advice of the Department?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
25	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	In relation to each of these programs in there an industry advisory body – or some other form of advisory body – that is involved in the assessment process for grant applications?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
26	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	Were these bodies in place before the election – have there been any changes since the election?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
27	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	Has there also been a pause in the release of funding for grants under these programs – if so, what are the details?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014

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28	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	What advice has been provided to stakeholders about the nature and purpose of the pause?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
29	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	<p>If there has been a pause:</p> <p>a) Did this pause include grants that had been advertised but not yet finalised?</p> <p>b) Did this pause include grants where decisions had been finalised but recipients had not yet been notified?</p> <p>c) If so, is there an indicative timeline as to when successful recipients of grants can expect to hear from the Government?</p>	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
30	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	Since the election has there been any change to these assessment processes and decision making arrangements?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
31	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	Where did the initiative to make these changes come from – was it from the department to the minister, from the minister, or his staff, to the department?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
32	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	Or did it come from the Prime Minister or his office via Prime Minister and Cabinet?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014

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33	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	Are all grants in each program the subject of a pause?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
34	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	Are there any exceptions to the pause either in terms of programs or individual grants within a particular program?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
35	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	If so, what has been the process around determining any exemptions?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
36	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	How many grants or programs in this portfolio have been exempted?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
37	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	What are the details?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
38	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	What was the process used to identify a grant or a program that would be excluded from the pause?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014

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39	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	Who was the decision maker in each case where a grant or program was exempted from the pause?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
40	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	In relation to exemptions what role did Prime Minister and Cabinet play?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
41	1	Farrell	Discretionary Grants Program	Where did the initiative for an exemption for the pause come from in each case?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
42	1	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program	How many applications have been received from MPs?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
43	1	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program	How many have been approved?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
44	1	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program	Which electorates have received grants?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014

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45	1	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program	How many have been rejected?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
46	1	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program	How many have been returned for further work/information?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
47	1	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program	Were there any applications submitted by former MPs not returned at the election?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
48	1	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program	How are these applications now being treated?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
49	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	What is the balance of the Fund?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
50	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	Which organisations from corporate Australia or individuals have contributed to the Fund?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014

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51	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	What projects will receive funding?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
52	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	Can you outline the major projects under consideration for each State and Territory?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
53	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	Have any received approval?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
54	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	How close are they to receiving approval?	Written Q	17/1/14	13/2/2014
55	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	How will these funding decisions be made?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
56	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	Travelling Exhibition – With \$10 million in Australian Government funding, will the remaining \$55 million be raised through the Anzac Centenary Public Fund?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014

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57	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	Is this exhibition still regarded as the National Flagship project of the Anzac Centenary Program?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
58	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	How much Government funding has been provided so far to the Anzac Interpretive Centre in Albany, Western Australia, and the event to commemorate the first convoy that left from Albany for Egypt and Gallipoli?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
59	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	Where will the extra \$1.35 million in funding for the Anzac Interpretive Centre at Albany come from?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
60	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund	If it is from within the department, how will it be financed – will other services or jobs be cut?	Written Q	17/1/2014	13/2/2014
61	3	Farrell	Gallipoli Ballot	How many World War I widows will be attending the Anzac Day Ceremony on the Gallipoli Peninsula in 2015?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014

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62	3	Farrell	Gallipoli Ballot	Can you supply more information on the Gallipoli ballot process?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
63	3	Farrell	Interpretive Centre Western Front	Is Prime Minister Tony Abbott still keen to pursue and fund the construction of a major interpretive centre on the Western Front? a) What is its status? b) What is the likely location of the centre? c) What is its likely cost? d) Will it be funded by the Centenary Public Fund?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
64	3	Farrell	Interpretive Centre Western Front	Have you been informed of the Prime Minister Tony Abbott's proposal for a National War Cemetery in Canberra – which he referred to as "Australia's Arlington" and in which significant ex-soldiers could be interred? a. What is its status? b. What is the likely location of the centre? c. What is its likely cost? d. Will it be funded by the Centenary Public Fund?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
65	3	Farrell	Interpretive Centre Western Front	Minister Ronaldson has stated that these proposals are supported by Mr Lindsay Fox who is generously raising funds from Australia's corporate sector – are these projects under active consideration?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014

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66	3	Farrell	Interpretive Centre Western Front	Have these projects been discussed or costed?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
67	3	Farrell	Interpretive Centre Western Front	Are any plans in process for these two projects?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
68	3	Farrell	Anzac Centenary Public Fund (listed under Interpretive Centre Western Front by Senator)	Are there any plans to use the ANZAC Centenary Public Fund to support the completion of the Peacekeepers Memorial on ANZAC Parade in the ACT and if not why not?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
69	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Will the freeze on public servant appointments affect the Department of Veterans' Affairs provision of mental health services for returned servicemen and women from Afghanistan?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
70	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Will efficiency dividends affect the Department's operations?	Written Q	17/1/2014	13/2/2014
71	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Are there any planned changes to the delivery of care and support services between the Defence Department and Veterans' Affairs.	Written Q	24/11/13	13/2/2014

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72	2	Farrell	Mental Health	What systems are in place to ensure our wounded, injured and ill veterans do not fall between the cracks in the system – will the Departments continue to work together to integrate the provision of health services for current and former serving personnel?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
73	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Will the funding set in place by the previous Government to begin on July 1, 2014 to expand eligibility for the Veterans and Veterans Families Counselling Service go ahead?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
74	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Will the plan to ensure the following personnel are eligible for VVCS services from July 1 2014 for certain peace time service remain in place under the new Government: border protection personnel; disaster zone personnel and personnel involved in training accidents; ADF members medically discharged; submariners; partners and dependent children up to age 26 of those high-risk peacetime groups and families of veterans killed in operational service?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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75	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Will the Department implement the previous Government's planned extension of mental health liability health cover from July 1, 2014 to include access for former ADF members with three years' continuous peacetime service after 1994 and expansion of current conditions of PTSD, depression and other anxiety disorders to also include alcohol and substance misuse for veterans?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
76	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Will the Department implement the previous Government's post discharge GP health assessment using a specially developed screening tool for former ADF members, including regular and reserve forces?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
77	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Will this Government implement the previous Government's planned Defence resilience training platform, LifeSMART for veterans and families to help with stress management with resilience training?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
78	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Will the Peer-to-Peer Support Program operate under the new Government? Is it successful in supporting the recovery of veterans with a mental health condition by providing a non-clinical support network? Will it continue?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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79	1	Farrell	Claims Processing (listed under Mental Health by Senator)	Will the processing time for compensation claims by veterans and current serving personnel continue to be improved? What are the times frames at present? Are they improving?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
80	1	Farrell	Claims Processing (listed under Mental Health by Senator)	Is there additional assistance for veterans and current serving personnel making claims for injury?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
81	2	Farrell	Mental Health	<p>The Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence & Trade concluded in its final report in June this year following an inquiry into the care of ADF personnel wounded and injured on operations.</p> <p>The committee expressed great concern about psychological support being offered to families of serving and ex-serving veterans. The committee particularly recognised the stress that service-related psychological issues can have on marriages.</p> <p>Can you outline how service-related mental health issues are impacting on marriages and families?</p>	Written Q	17/1/2014	13/2/2014
82	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Can you outline the support which is offered to families?	Written Q	17/1/2014	13/2/2014

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83	2	Farrell	Mental Health	PTSD - United States data suggests the prevalence of PTSD among military personnel and veterans is between 2 and 17 per cent of veterans are affected by PTSD at any one time. Does the Department agree with this assessment?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
84	2	Farrell	Mental Health	What practical policies and practices are gearing up to cope with the return of Afghanistan soldiers and will these be an increase on what is currently available?	Written Q	8/1/2014	13/2/2014
85	2	Farrell	Mental Health	What percentage of personnel serving in Afghanistan are showing symptoms of PTSD?	Written Q	8/1/2014	13/2/2014
86	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Is PTSD among Afghanistan servicemen and women rising at an alarming rate, as has been reported in the media?	Written Q	8/1/2014	13/2/2014
87	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Do we know how the rate compares to those serving in Vietnam and the Gulf War?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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88	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Do those suffering from PTSD try to hide or minimise their symptoms to try to maintain a sense of obligation to the group and group camaraderie?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
89	2	Farrell	Mental Health	If this is the case, does this delay a diagnosis and appropriate treatment?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
90	2	Farrell	Mental Health	Does this make the disorder more chronic and significantly delay recovery?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
91	2	Farrell	Mental Health	What is the usual recovery time?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
92	2	Farrell	Mental Health	How long can recovery take?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
93	General DVA	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the date they were ordered b. the date they commenced c. the minister responsible d. the department responsible e. the nature of the review f. their terms of reference g. the scope of the review h. Whom is conducting the review i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j. the expected report date k. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public 	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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94	General DVA	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c. If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g. If yes, for each, who selected them h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur 	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
95	General DVA	Ludwig	Reviews	Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
96	General DVA	Ludwig	Reviews	Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
97	General DVA	Ludwig	Reviews	Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
98	General DVA	Ludwig	Reviews	Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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99	General DVA	Ludwig	Reviews	When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
100	General DVA	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>What reviews are planned?</p> <p>a. When will each planned review be commenced?</p> <p>b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p> <p>c. When will government respond to each review?</p> <p>d. Will the government release each review?</p> <p>(i) If so, when?</p> <p>(ii) If not, why not?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
101	General DVA	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>a) Since 7 September 2013, how many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
102	General DVA	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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103	General DVA	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
104	General DVA	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than Labor or the Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which parties have requested briefings and/or information?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
105	General DVA	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>a) Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>c) Please detail any board appointments made from 7 September to date</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
106	General DVA	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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107	General DVA	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
108	General DVA	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
109	General DVA	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
110	General DVA	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
111	General DVA	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	17/1/2014	13/2/2014

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112	General DVA	Ludwig	Media monitoring	<p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?</p> <p>c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
113	General DVA	Ludwig	Media training	<p>In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <p>a) Total spending on these services</p> <p>b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</p> <p>c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) The names of all service providers engaged</p>	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
114	General DVA	Ludwig	Media training	<p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</p> <p>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</p> <p>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>e) The total amount spent on the service</p> <p>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p>	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
115	General DVA	Ludwig	Media training	<p>Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used</p> <p>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014

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116	General DVA	Ludwig	Communications staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or agency: a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d) How many are graphic designers? e) How many are media managers? f) How many organise events?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
117	General DVA	Ludwig	Communications staff	Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
118	General DVA	Ludwig	Provision of equipment	a) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs? b) For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date? c) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it. d) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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119	General DVA	Ludwig	Travel costs	<p>a) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>b) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>c) What travel is planned for the rest of from 7 September 2013? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>e) What is the policy for business class airfare tickets?</p> <p>f) Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>g) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>h) Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2017	13/2/2014
120	General DVA	Ludwig	Grants	<p>a) Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from 7 September 2013 to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website</p> <p>c) Please list all grants that were approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Please lists which grant applicants had been contacted advising of their success. Please provide the current status of these grants. Have any of these grants been cancelled, paused, discontinued or cut?</p>	Written Q	17/1/2014	13/2/2014

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121	General DVA	Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	<p>a) From 7 September 2013 to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e.within 30 days)?</p> <p>b) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>c) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
122	General DVA	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
123	General DVA	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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124	General DVA	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
125	General DVA	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
126	General DVA	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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127	General DVA	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
128	General DVA	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
129	General DVA	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
130	General DVA	Ludwig	Ministerial office security classifications	What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?	Written Q	24/12/13	13/2/2014
131	General DVA	Ludwig	Ministerial office security classifications	How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances? a. At what level? b. If not, why not?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
132	General DVA	Ludwig	Ministerial office security classifications	How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances? a. At what level? b. If not, why not	Written Q	17/1/2014	13/2/2014
133	General DVA	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date: Total spending on these services	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
134	General DVA	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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135	General DVA	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
136	General DVA	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
137	General DVA	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
138	General DVA	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. c) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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139	General DVA	Ludwig	Staffing cessations	a) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? b) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
140	General DVA	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	a) How many ongoing staff recruited from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? c) From 7 September 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
141	General DVA	Ludwig	Coffee machines	Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since 7 September 2013? a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased? b) Why were coffee machines purchased? c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access? f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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142	General DVA	Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
143	General DVA	Ludwig	Printing	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from 7 September 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
144	General DVA	Ludwig	Corporate cars	<p>a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>b) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>c) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>d) What is the cost of each car from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>e) How far did each car travel from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	23/12/13	13/2/2014
145	General DVA	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
146	General DVA	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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147	General DVA	Ludwig	Credit cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
148	General DVA	Ludwig	Credit cards	Please update details of the following? a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused? b) How is corporate credit card use monitored? c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered? d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken. e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
149	General DVA	Ludwig	Electricity purchasing	a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement? b) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
150	General DVA	Ludwig	Ministerial briefing	a. Does the department provide a regular briefing to the Minister on the activities of the department and/or any upcoming issues and/or any upcoming matters to come before the Minister? b. In what form does that occur? c. On what basis it that provided? d. What title is this briefing given?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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151	General DVA	Ludwig	Departmental senate estimates briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many officers were responsible for preparing the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? ii. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification iii. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office? iv. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when did this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. c. When were the changes made? 	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
152	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Can the department please outline the process it under goes to assess Freedom of Information requests?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
153	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 	Written Q	17/1/2014	13/2/2014
154	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur? 	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
155	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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156	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
157	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
158	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
159	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
160	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	a. Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? b. If so, please detail those resources by APS level	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
161	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	a. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department? b. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
162	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	a. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office? b. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
163	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	a. Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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164	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department? b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training? c. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training? d. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? e. What did the training involve? f. How long was the training? g. By whom was the training conducted? 	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
165	General DVA	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department? b. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training? c. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training? d. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? e. What did the training involve? f. How long was the training? g. By whom was the training conducted? 	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
166	General DVA	Ludwig	Functions	<p>Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The guest list of each function b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d) A list of drinks consumed at the function 	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014
167	General DVA	Ludwig	Functions	<p>Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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168	General DVA	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<p>i. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target</p> <p>ii. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level?</p> <p>iii. How have they been recruited?</p> <p>iv. What process was used for their appointment?</p> <p>v. What is the total cost of this unit?</p> <p>vi. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents?</p> <p>vii. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	13/2/2014

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169	General AWM	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the date they were ordered b. the date they commenced c. the minister responsible d. the department responsible e. the nature of the review f. their terms of reference g. the scope of the review h. Whom is conducting the review i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review j. the expected report date k. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public 	Written Q	6/1/2014	
170	General AWM	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>For any review commenced or ordered since 7 September 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors being engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent c. If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details. f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them g. If yes, for each, who selected them h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur 	Written Q	6/1/2014	

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171	General AWM	Ludwig	Reviews	Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.	Written Q	6/1/2014	
172	General AWM	Ludwig	Reviews	Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.	Written Q	6/1/2014	
173	General AWM	Ludwig	Reviews	Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.	Written Q	6/1/2014	
174	General AWM	Ludwig	Reviews	Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.	Written Q	6/1/2014	
175	General AWM	Ludwig	Reviews	When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
176	General AWM	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>What reviews are planned?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. When will each planned review be commenced? b. When will each of these reviews be concluded? c. When will government respond to each review? d. Will the government release each review? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, when? ii. If not, why not? 	Written Q	6/1/2014	
177	General AWM	Ludwig	Commissioned reports	<p>a) Since 7 September 2013, how many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>b) How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	

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178	General AWM	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information have been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	
179	General AWM	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	

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180	General AWM	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to parties other than Labor or the Greens? If yes, please include:</p> <p>a) How are briefings requests commissioned?</p> <p>b) What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.</p> <p>c) Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.</p> <p>d) Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.</p> <p>e) How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.</p> <p>f) Which parties have requested briefings and/or information?</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	
181	General AWM	Ludwig	Appointments	<p>a) Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>b) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>c) Please detail any board appointments made from 7 September to date</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	
182	General AWM	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
183	General AWM	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	
184	General AWM	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	<p>What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	

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185	General AWM	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
186	General AWM	Ludwig	Media subscriptions	What publications does your department/agency purchase? a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each. b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c) What is provided to the Minister or their office? d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
187	General AWM	Ludwig	Media monitoring	What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2013-14? c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
188	General AWM	Ludwig	Media monitoring	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? a) Which agency or agencies provided these services? b) What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13? c) What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
189	General AWM	Ludwig	Media training	In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date: a) Total spending on these services b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification c) The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The names of all service providers engaged	Written Q	6/1/2014	

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190	General AWM	Ludwig	Media training	For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)	Written Q	6/1/2014	
191	General AWM	Ludwig	Media training	Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written Q	6/1/2014	
192	General AWM	Ludwig	Communications staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or agency: a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d) How many are graphic designers? e) How many are media managers? f) How many organise events?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
193	General AWM	Ludwig	Communications staff	Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?	Written Q	6/1/2014	

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194	General AWM	Ludwig	Provision of equipment	<p>a) For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?</p> <p>b) For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.</p> <p>d) Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	
195	General AWM	Ludwig	Travel costs	<p>a) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).</p> <p>b) For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>c) What travel is planned for the rest of from 7 September 2013? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>d) What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.</p> <p>e) What is the policy for business class airfare tickets?</p> <p>f) Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.</p> <p>g) When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.</p> <p>h) Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?</p>	Written Q	17/1/2014	

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196	General AWM	Ludwig	Grants	<p>a) Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from 7 September 2013 to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>b) Have all grant agreement details been published on its website</p> <p>c) Please list all grants that were approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants. Please lists which grant applicants had been contacted advising of their success. Please provide the current status of these grants. Have any of these grants been cancelled, paused, discontinued or cut?</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	
197	General AWM	Ludwig	Government payments of accounts	<p>a) From 7 September 2013 to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)?</p> <p>b) If not, why not? Provide details, including what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached)</p> <p>c) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?</p> <p>d) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	
198	General AWM	Ludwig	Consultancies	<p>a) How many consultancies have been undertaken from 7 September 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written Q	17/1/2014	

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199	General AWM	Ludwig	Meeting costs	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.</p>	Written Q	6/1/2014	

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200	General AWM	Ludwig	Hospitality and entertainment	<p>a) What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>b) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>c) What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>d) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from 7 September 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>e) What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>f) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>g) What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>i) Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are they?</p>	Written Q	17/1/2014	
201	General AWM	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
202	General AWM	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written Q	6/1/2014	

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203	General AWM	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written Q	17/1/2014	
204	General AWM	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
205	General AWM	Ludwig	Public Service efficiencies	Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?	Written Q	17/1/2014	
206	General AWM	Ludwig	Ministerial office security classifications	What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
207	General AWM	Ludwig	Ministerial office security classifications	How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances? a. At what level? b. If not, why not?	Written Q	6/1/2014	
208	General AWM	Ludwig	Ministerial office security classifications	How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances? a. At what level? b. If not, why not	Written Q	6/1/2014	
209	General AWM	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date: Total spending on these services	Written Q	6/1/2014	
210	General AWM	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification	Written Q	6/1/2014	

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211	General AWM	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)	Written Q	6/1/2014	
212	General AWM	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide: a) The name and nature of the service purchased b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e) The total amount spent on the service f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)	Written Q	6/1/2014	
213	General AWM	Ludwig	Executive coaching and leadership training	Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: a) The location used b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location	Written Q	6/1/2014	
214	General AWM	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. c) Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.	Written Q	17/1/2014	

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215	General AWM	Ludwig	Staffing cessations	a) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? b) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?	Written Q	7/1/2014	
216	General AWM	Ludwig	Staffing recruitment	a) How many ongoing staff recruited from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? c) From 7 September 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written Q	7/1/2014	
217	General AWM	Ludwig	Coffee machines	Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since 7 September 2013? a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased? b) Why were coffee machines purchased? c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d) Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? e) Who has access? f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?	Written Q	7/1/20114	

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218	General AWM	Ludwig	Coffee machines	<p>Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.</p> <p>b) Why are coffee machines rented?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?</p> <p>e) Who has access?</p> <p>f) Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in from 7 September 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?</p> <p>g) What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	
219	General AWM	Ludwig	Printing	How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from 7 September 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?	Written Q	7/1/2014	
220	General AWM	Ludwig	Corporate cars	<p>a) How many cars are owned by each department/agency?</p> <p>b) Where is the car/s located?</p> <p>c) What is the car/s used for?</p> <p>d) What is the cost of each car from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>e) How far did each car travel from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	
221	General AWM	Ludwig	Taxi costs	<p>a) How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>b) What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written Q	17/1/2014	
222	General AWM	Ludwig	Hire cars	<p>a) How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from 7 September 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>b) What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written Q	17/1/2014	
223	General AWM	Ludwig	Credit cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.	Written Q	7/1/2013	

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224	General AWM	Ludwig	Credit cards	<p>Please update details of the following?</p> <p>a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>e) What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	
225	General AWM	Ludwig	Electricity purchasing	<p>a) What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?</p> <p>b) What are the department/agency electricity costs from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	
226	General AWM	Ludwig	Ministerial briefing	<p>a. Does the department provide a regular briefing to the Minister on the activities of the department and/or any upcoming issues and/or any upcoming matters to come before the Minister?</p> <p>b. In what form does that occur?</p> <p>c. On what basis it that provided?</p> <p>d. What title is this briefing given?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	
227	General AWM	Ludwig	Departmental senate estimates briefing	<p>(i) How many officers were responsible for preparing the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>(ii) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</p> <p>a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>(iii) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office?</p> <p>(iv) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification.</p> <p>c. When were the changes made?</p>	Written Q	7/1/2014	
228	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Can the department please outline the process it under goes to access Freedom of Information requests?	Written Q	7/1/2014	

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229	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur?	Written Q	7/1/2014	
230	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur?	Written Q	7/1/2014	
231	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur?	Written Q	7/1/2014	
232	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request? a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur?	Written Q	7/1/2014	
233	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?	Written Q	7/1/2014	
234	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests	Written Q	7/1/2014	
235	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests	Written Q	7/1/2014	
236	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Does the department ever second additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? a. If so, please detail those resources by APS level	Written Q	17/1/2014	

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237	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department? a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?	Written Q	17/1/2014	
238	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office? a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?	Written Q	17/1/2014	
239	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?	Written Q	17/1/2014	
240	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department? a. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training? b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training? c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? d. What did the training involve? e. How long was the training? f. By whom was the training conducted?	Written Q	17/1/2014	

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241	General AWM	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training? Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training? How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? What did the training involve? How long was the training? By whom was the training conducted? 	Written Q	17/1/2014	
242	General AWM	Ludwig	Functions	<p>Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The guest list of each function The party or individual who initiated the request for the function The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function A list of drinks consumed at the function 	Written Q	17/1/2014	
243	General AWM	Ludwig	Functions	<p>Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office</p>	Written Q	17/1/2014	

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244	General AWM	Ludwig	Red tape reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target ii. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? iii. How have they been recruited? iv. What process was used for their appointment? v. What is the total cost of this unit? vi. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? vii. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. 	Written Q	17/1/2014	