

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**  
**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—BUDGET ESTIMATES, 20 November 2013**  
**Department of Defence**

Q No.	Program: Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard, page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd	Date tabled
1	Defence	Faulkner	Charter Letters	Will the Charter Letters be made available publicly?	P 10	10/2/14	13/2/14
2	Defence	Farrell	Ministerial Responsibilities	Carrying on from that point that Senator Faulkner made, is there a difference between those dates? In other words, was a letter sent prior to that date?	P 12	24/2/14	6/3/14
3	Defence	Farrell	Ministerial Offices Funding	(1) Has there been any specific Defence funding set aside for operating costs of ministerial offices? (2) Can you advise on the administrative arrangements and budgets for hospitality for the ministerial offices? (3) Have Ministers or their offices used departmental funds for hospitality purposes?	P 12, 13	23/12/13	13/2/14
4	Defence	Ludwig	Turnover of Ministerial staff	Has there been any turnover to date of DLOs within the ministerial offices—in other words, those who have come on? You have given the numbers. I am also interested to know whether there has been any turnover and how many in each office.	P 13	23/12/13	13/2/14
5	Defence	Fawcett	Deferred Measures	Senator FAWCETT: Do you have a record of the bow wave for those deferrals of maintenance, future programs or things like base security? That creates a bow wave of investment that is still required, and an incoming government clearly needs to be aware not only of our plans for future capability but of maintaining what we have and understanding what the backlog of payment is. Have you made any attempt to quantify the flow-on effects of either those budget cuts or the \$4.1 billion of absorbed measures in terms of the additional costs that this government will now have to cover in order to fix the backlog of things that have been deferred from the last five years? Mr Prior: If we take as our reference point the 2009 white paper—because you mentioned 2009—we do have an accumulated calculation of the impact of moving projects and activities to later years across a 10-year period or as required. Senator FAWCETT: Are you able to provide those to the committee? Mr Prior: I can provide whatever the committee requests. I would not like to give you a number off the top of my head; I would like to give you a precise answer in accordance with what you have asked. We do maintain a budget profile that goes out, as you can imagine, across the future years, and we can provide the committee with information about how the budget has moved since that original 2009 reference point, if that is what you are after, out across the forward 10 years. Senator FAWCETT: That would be very useful. Would you also be able to say either now or as part of your answer on notice whether those figures take into account the cost growth pressures that were identified by Mr Pappas in his audit of the Defence budget such that we can understand whether or not those figures represent what is actually required in today's dollars to address the requirements Defence has? <u>Page 19</u> Mr Prior: Yes. Since the Pappas audit we have maintained growth indexes for all our various categories. They are built into this calculation, so they will be part and parcel of the answer. We will make clear what those rates are so you can see those transparently.	P 18	10/2/14	13/2/14

6	Defence	Furner	SOP's for Towback	1.Can you provide procedures to the committee that the Defence Department provides to commanders in performing a tow-back?  2. What sort of training have personnel, whether it be on Operation RESOLUTE or Operation SOVEREIGN BORDERS, received in performing this function?	P 22	23/12/13	13/2/14
7	Defence	McEwen	Resettlement Applications	Senator McEWEN: Does that involve 100 individual applications, or are there families coming as well? Mr Sargeant: Families—100 individual applications and then families would come as part of normal resettlement processes, visa processes. It is primarily managed by the Department of Immigration. <u>Page 25</u> Senator McEWEN: In Afghanistan? Mr Sargeant: Yes. Senator McEWEN: So they have officials there that people approach. Is that the process? Mr Sargeant: It is in Islamabad, I think. I would have to check on that.	P 24-25	23/12/13	13/2/14
8	Defence	Ludlam	Cost of Afghanistan Conflict	Do you have an estimate at the table of the total cost of the Afghanistan War to the Australian taxpayer since we first deployed and if you could break out for us the components of the cost?	P 27	24/2/14	6/3/14
9	Defence	Ludlam	ADF injuries sustained in Afghanistan	Are you able to categorise injuries suffered by ADF members as partially or fully incapacitating? I know you do not have this with you at the table, but could you provide us with those in-service numbers on notice.	P 27	24/2/14	6/3/14
10	Defence	Ludlam	Schools built in Afghanistan	There is open-source reporting that a reasonable number of the schools that were built by the ADF are dismantled by the Taliban as rapidly as you can construct them. So I am interested in how many we built and how many, to your knowledge, are still in use?	P 27	24/2/14	6/3/14
11	Defence	Farrell	Graduate intakes	Provide figures on graduate intakes for graduate programs over the past three years.	P 42	24/2/14	6/3/14
12	Defence	Farrell	Defence Export Control	Senator FARRELL: So you did not see him suggesting that perhaps we should be allowing exports to countries that we do not currently export to? Mr Shoebridge: I cannot read the minister's mind, so it might be best to ask the minister. Senator FARRELL: Unfortunately, he is not here today. I am not sure if Senator Brandis can read the minister's mind as to what he was thinking of when he made these comments. Senator Brandis: I cannot read the minister's mind at all, and I am not acquainted with what were the considerations that weighed on the minister's mind at the time. I think the best thing to do is to take the question on notice.	P 44	21/2/14	6/3/14
13	Defence	Farrell	Declining Export	Have you seen any examples in the export area where export has been denied for a company in Australia, but one of our neighbours has then gone on to provide the service?	P 44	3/1/14	13/2/14
14	Defence	Eggleston	Budget Cuts	Could you take on notice the question of whether travel budgets for liaison officers in Asia have been cut; whether Defence libraries and education scholarships for military personnel have been cut; and allocations for overseas travel.	P. 47	10/2/14	13/2/14
15	Defence	Faulkner	Fires at the Marangaraoo training ground	Can I ask, given that it is a public commission of inquiry, is it the intention of Defence to make public any report, findings or outcome of the inquiry?	P 48	23/12/13	13/2/14

16	Defence	Ludwig	Policy advice regarding towback	But I want to focus you down to towback. Did you or did you not provide specific policy advice, cabinet level briefings to government about that? I am not asking about the content; I am just asking you whether you did or did not?	P. 63	3/1/14	13/2/14
17	Defence	Furner	Personnel numbers for the 3 PC-3 Orion	a question relating to the three AP-3C Orions force assigned to Operation RESOLUTE:  What is the crew on those three Orions?	P 61	23/12/13	13/2/14
18	Defence	Fawcett	Rizzo Program - People	Could you give us a breakdown as to where that funding is being spent? I am particularly interested to see how much is being spent on process type activities versus how much is being spent on actually attracting, training and retaining people with the appropriate skills, including the provision of opportunities to grow them to the appropriate level of skilling.	P 64	23/12/13	13/2/14
19	Defence	Fawcett	Rizzo Program Funding	Has Mr Rizzo or any of his board, for want of a better word, or the Navy staff working within the process expressed concern about the funding available or the rate of progress against the objectives that were set for them?	P 65	23/12/13	13/2/14
20	Defence	Macdonald	LHD's Townsville	My recollection—it could be wrong—is that when the LHDs were first ordered by the Howard government the intention was to have the amphibious force permanently based in Townsville. Perhaps I will have to go back and do some research, but it seems to me that that initial thought on the use of the amphibious force and the LHDs has changed since the time of the Howard government. You may have easier access to records that I have that might confirm or otherwise the statement I have just made.	P 58	23/12/13	13/2/14
21	Defence	Macdonald	3RAR	The 3rd Battalion—it was the airborne battalion—was transferred to Townsville I thought to become the amphibious battalion. Is that not correct?	P 71	23/12/13	13/2/14
22	Defence	Macdonald	Ocean Shield	(1) Are the people operating the ship Australian citizens? (2) Are they checked for security reasons, it being a Navy vessel? (3) And one is a Reserve officer, who would be fine. The other one is probably a Customs officer, is he?	P 73	24/2/14	6/3/14
23	Defence	Macdonald	Land 121: Project Overlander	You answered some of my questions relating to what Senator Gallacher was talking about, the Mercedes Benz G-Wagon fleet, and you indicated that some of the RAEME facilities would be upgraded. You said the upgrades would take place however the details remain commercial-in-confidence. This is question No. Q33, Land-121, Project Overlander, from the estimates of 3 and 4 June. Your first response is that upgrades and enhancements will be required by some Royal Australian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers facilities, and requirements were still being developed and were commercial in confidence. You told me that a couple of months ago.  These are written answers to questions on notice. My question is why were the requirements commercial in confidence?	P 71	23/12/13	13/2/14
24	Defence	Fawcett	Engineering Capability of C-17	With regard to the C-17 incident, was there an occurrence where they had to fly in a team to do structural checks or anything like that?	P 90	23/12/13	13/2/14

25	Defence	Fawcett	DLA Piper	<p>Going back to the Senate inquiry where Dr Gary Rumble appeared talking about DLA Piper. He expressed some disappointment at the lack of visibility or transparency around the report. There was some suggestion that DLA Piper volume 2 should be redacted and made public. I am just wondering what the current advice from the department to the minister is on that issue.</p> <p>My understanding is – and I am happy to be corrected – that as a key stakeholder concerned about the reputation and possible accusation without substantiation of defence members that Defence's objections played a key role in the decision not to release (Volume 2). But if it was suitably redacted, does Defence have a position on that?</p>	P 78	23/12/13	13/2/14
26	Defence	Eggleston	Medicare Health Scheme	Can I ask you about the defence personnel scheme? That is where I was inquiring about the number of specialists. I wondered how many of these specialists have signed up with Defence Health to provide services under the medical health service agreement.	P 81	23/12/13	13/2/14
27	Defence	Farrell	Fourth Air Warfare Destroyer	I ask the minister at the table, is it still the position of Senator Johnston to support the fourth air warfare destroyer? (p.85)	P 85	24/2/14 (revised 24/2/14)	6/3/14 (revised 6/3/14)
28	Defence	Farrell	Timeframe for Fourth Air Warfare Destroyer	If you are still happy to pass on the question to the defence minister, I guess what I am asking is: What is going to be the time frame for the decision about that fourth air warfare destroyer? If we can get a response to that, I would be perfectly happy with that answer.	P 87	24/2/14	6/3/14
29	Defence	Farrell	Two Navy replenishment vessels	Can I again ask you, Minister, then, to forward the question to the incoming minister: is it the intention of the new government to continue with the construction of those two vessels in Williamstown?	P 87	10/2/14	13/2/14
30	Defence	McEwen	Future Submarine	Is it the decision of the current government to assemble the future submarine in Adelaide?	P 89	24/2/14	6/3/14
31	Defence	McEwen	Nuclear Submarine	And my previous questions, about nuclear submarines? Can you take those on notice too? (p. 89). (note – refer to p. 88 – Can you confirm that it remains the position of the current government that it is not appropriate or feasible to further explore the potential of Australia acquiring a nuclear submarine capability?)	P 90	21/2/14	6/3/14
32	Defence	Fawcett	Number of Engineers	<p>One of the figures that were quoted, I think, was that it had gone from either 600 or 800 down to about 20 engineers. It was quite a remarkable drop in the number of engineers. Have you set targets for where you hope to grow the engineering workforce back to?</p> <p>Could you take on notice what the targets are and where you are up to in achieving that, not just in numbers but also by skill set and degree of competence?</p>	P 64	24/2/14	6/3/14
33	Defence	Macdonald	Act-of-Grace payment – Mr Yardley	<p>(1) Can I just ask if Defence has given a brief to Finance on what they think about it?</p> <p>(2) I would also like to ask you what it has cost you and Finance in administrative time and costs to get this far over the space of two or three years, or whatever it is?</p>	P 77	24/2/14	6/3/14
34	Defence	Faulkner	DLA Piper Vol 1	That supplementary report to volume 1 has not been publicly released, has it? Can you check that?	P 84	23/12/13	13/2/14

35	Defence	Milne	Incident near Tarin Kowt	<p>In relation to the incident near Tarin Kowt, capital of Oruzgan province in Afghanistan, on 27/09/13 where an Afghan man was found dead holding the body of a 6 year old child, after a raid involving Australian troops:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In what circumstances did this incident occur?</li> <li>2. Has an investigation into this incident taken place? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, has the investigation concluded?</li> <li>b. If not, what is the projected timeline for concluding this investigation?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Was it established that the child killed was the son of the man that was killed?</li> <li>4. In what capacity was the man that was killed involved? Was it established that the man killed was a member of the Taliban?</li> <li>5. Was the boy killed the son of the man killed as alleged?</li> <li>6. Was it established that the man used the boy as a human shield?</li> <li>7. Was compensation provided by the ADF provide in relation to this incident? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If so, why was this compensation provided?</li> <li>b. How much compensation was paid?</li> <li>c. Was compensation paid solely in relation to the child, or also in relation to the man?</li> <li>d. To whom was the compensation paid?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	W	3/1/14	13/2/14
36	Defence	Wright	Section 23AD of Income Tax Assessment Act 1936	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In cases where defence force personnel are injured during deployment and return to Australia for recuperation, they lose the tax exemption that would normally apply during their deployment, under section 23AD of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.</li> </ol> <p>Please provide the number of defence force personnel affected by this feature of the taxation system, in each of the last four financial years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. What is the total value of the entitlements lost as a result of this application of section 23AD of the Income Tax Assessment Act, by defence force members or veterans in each of the last four financial years?</li> <li>3. If a government agency makes any savings compared with budgeted expenditure, in the course of this application of taxation law, where are these surplus funds redirected?</li> </ol>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
37	Defence	Madigan	Defence White Paper	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In the Coalition's defence policy, it stated that "A Defence White Paper with costed, affordable ways to meet Australia's defence objectives will be published by the Coalition."</li> </ol> <p>When will a costed Defence White Paper be released?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
38	Defence	Madigan	Increase of Sailors for New Naval Vessels	<p>The navy will soon be taking possession of a number of new vessels. What provisions are under way to increase the amount of sailors we have to crew these vessels? Are we going to be able to fully man the vessels in our possession in 2020 and beyond?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
39	Defence	Madigan	Capability of 4th Air Warfare Destroyer	<p>On the 7th of November, BAE Systems shipyard in Williamstown announced that 30 welding and boiler making jobs would be cut due to the lack of work. It has been suggested that building a 4th air warfare destroyer would bridge the gap between work.</p> <p>Earlier this year, Senator Brandis was quizzing defence about our current lack of capability to patrol the Southern Ocean due to a lack of resources. Would the acquisition of a 4th air warfare destroyer offer a potential solution to this problem?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
40	Defence	Madigan	Purchase of 4th Air Warfare Destroyer	<p>Considering the ANZAC class frigates are planned to be replaced by 2030, would the purchase of a 4th air warfare destroyer assist with maintain currently expected capability through the transition to the replacement vessels?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14

41	Defence	Madigan	Fuel Security	What importance does fuel security have for the navy, air force and army? And can you indicate how many days each branch can sustain intense operations with current reserves should the situation require it?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
42	Defence	Madigan	Albion explosives factory	<p>I asked some questions during the February Senate Additional Estimates regarding the Albion explosives factory.</p> <p>Defences response to the first question we asked indicates that defence did remediate the site. What specifically was remediated and what can be accounted for? Can a figure in cubic meters be provided?</p> <p>In response to defences answer to our third question. Due to greater knowledge developed through advancements in science, would it be reasonable now to consider dioxin to be a contaminant of concern when auditing previous remediation efforts? - If so, why have no tests for dioxin taken place since? Where is the blue stone which once lined all the ponds? Was this sold to cover costs, buried or given away? Can it be accounted for?</p>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14

43	Defence	Farrell	Memorial wall	<p>1. Did Defence discuss the possible relocation of the memorial wall at the ISAF base in Tarin Kowt with other nations involved? a. If not, why not?</p> <p>2. Did France, the United States or the Netherlands express an interest in repatriating the memorial? 3. What advice was provided to CDF recommending its destruction? 4. What were the reason/s it was not repatriated? 5. Were there any logistical barriers to bringing the memorial to Australia? 6. Would the memorial have had to be dismantled first? 7. The Minister for Veterans Affairs stated that Defence disposed of parts of the memorial which were "impractical and impossible to return to Australia." Which parts were these? a. What options were investigated to overcome these difficulties?</p> <p>8. How many families were consulted before the memorial's destruction? a. Was the option of bringing the memorial to Australia suggested to these families? b. Were they told the memorial could not be repatriated to Australia? c. If so, what reason/s were they given for this?</p> <p>9. Has Defence received any submissions from families opposed to the decision? a. If yes, what were there concerns?</p> <p>10. Which, if any, parts of the memorial will be salvaged? a. When will they be brought home? b. Where will they be displayed?</p> <p>11. Was the online petition with over 11,000 signatures from people who wish the memorial to "bring the wall home" taken into account? 12. How many private contractors offered to be involved in repatriating the memorial to Australia? a. Did they offer to dismantle and pack up the memorial for it to be transported by RAAF C-17 transport jets?</p> <p>13. When did the Australian War Memorial director Brendan Nelson offer to provide a home for the memorial wall? 14. Were there any other offers of assistance to repatriate the memorial to Australia? a. Were any of these offers considered? b. Why were these offers rejected?</p>	W	3/1/14	13/2/14
44	Defence	Xenophon	Defence Implementation of Audit Recommendations	<p>In the June 2013, Senate Budget Estimates, I asked and was given a reply about Defence's Implementation of Audit Recommendations, particularly in relation to fraud detection and prevention.</p> <p>In reply to that question Defence indicated that it was confident that its procedures have ensured that the recommendations have been implemented.</p> <p>In light of your response can you explain why that now in the recently released ANAO Report No.6 – Capability Development Reform, the Auditor General made remarks and observations that:- 1. Defence does little reporting on reform progress relevant to major acquisitions. (Para 15.1) 2. That you pay insufficient attention to measure the status of the reform agenda. (Para 15.4)</p> <p>Why do the responses from the ANAO and Defence differ materially?</p>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14

45	Defence	Xenophon	Policing and security management System	<p>In the June 2013, Senate Budget Estimates, I asked about this system.</p> <p>Defence claimed that Defence fully implemented the recommendation in 1991 and that it became operational in September 2000.</p> <p>Yet in his 2012 response to the current Review project, the Inspector General-Defence identified that 'the vast majority can be traced to problems with poor quality data being entered by users and/or users not utilising the full functionality of the system'  <a href="http://www.defence.gov.au/header/documents/StageAreport.pdf">http://www.defence.gov.au/header/documents/StageAreport.pdf</a> Page 41 Footnote 36</p> <p>If the data is unreliable how can you say it is fully implemented?</p> <p>Furthermore, given its unreliability of data, how can you sign off in your letter of transmission to the Minister and state:-          "We are satisfied Defence has prepared fraud risk assessments and fraud control plans, and has in place appropriate fraud prevention, detection, investigation, reporting and data collection procedures and processes that meet the specific needs of Defence and comply with the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines"</p> <p>Why do the responses from Defence and from the Inspector General differ so materially?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
46	Defence	Xenophon	Fraud investigators	<p>In QoN (W53) in Additional Estimates Hearing on the 23rd February 2011 I asked questions about Fraud Investigators in Defence.</p> <p>Given the recent comments by the Inspector General – Defence to the "Re-thinking Systems of Inquiry, Investigation, Review and Audit in Defence" project, can Defence advise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many (by year since 2007) investigators from ADFIS have had a rotation/posting to the Fraud Control and Investigations Branch?</li> <li>2. When an advanced DPSMS course was developed, when first deployed and how many (by year since 2007) investigators from ADFIS attended?</li> </ol>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14
47	Defence	Xenophon	Fraud control and investigation	<p>In QoN (W7) in Budget Estimates 2010-11, I asked questions on Fraud Control and Investigation.</p> <p>Has the Inspector-General's investigative structure been changed or enhanced since the Department's response to the Service Police Audit in 2004?</p> <p>When was the last formal audit / review done of the performance of the Inspector General – Defence, given the quantum of capability, military justice and cultural reform reports and reviews that have been produced?</p> <p>Given that the audit of the Service Police was done by Ernst&amp;Young, would an outside equivalent audit be considered by the Minister, and if not so recommended, why not?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
48	Defence	Ludwig	Public Service Efficiencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?</li> <li>2. 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?</li> <li>3. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much?</li> </ol>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14



49	Defence	Xenophon	Defence Abuse - DART	<p>1. Can the CDF, or one of the Service Chiefs fully explain and elaborate on the term “suspend” with regard to service personnel when applied under the implemented Cultural Reforms Program?</p> <p>2. Can the CDF, or one of the Service Chiefs fully explain and elaborate on the term “terminate” with regard to service personnel when applied under the implemented Cultural Reforms Program?</p> <p>3. Does the Australian Defence Force have the ability/option to dismiss using the term “dishonourable discharge” for the egregious misrepresentation of defence values as expressed to the parliament and the Australian public?</p> <p>a. If not, why not? When was it removed from the military justice options?</p> <p>4. Once a payment has been approved by the DART, why, as has been reported by the Australian Defence Force Abuse Association, is it taking four-six weeks to process reparation payments?</p> <p>5. Why has the DART seen fit to outsource the reparation payment process?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
50	Defence	Xenophon	Staffing Levels - Civil	<p>1. Can Defence provide the Australian Public Service employment numbers for the period 2002-2003 through to the current financial year 2012-13?</p> <p>2. Given the qualification in the Defence Annual Report 2011-12 that the APS staff employed “are Average Full Time Equivalent, they are not a headcount” can Defence:</p> <p>a. extrapolate the number of part time employed staff from actual full-time?</p> <p>b. what number are employed by percentage of Full Time Equivalent?</p> <p>c. what number are actually employed in the Department of Defence?</p> <p>d. what number are actually employed in the Defence Materiel Organisation?</p> <p>e. what is the actual number of Australian Public Servants employed by the Australian Defence Organisation by year 2002-03 through to 2012-13.</p>	W	21/2/14	6/3/14
51	Defence	Xenophon	Shipbuilding Projects	<p>I understand the previous Government announced, as part of the 2013 White Paper, that certain shipbuilding projects would be brought forward to keep ASC and other shipyards working over the next 5-10 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where are the details of this shipbuilding plan? I note the new Defence Minister has committed to solving this issue, what’s the DMO’s view of this problem?</li> </ul> <p>ASC and other companies have stated very clearly that they see an auxiliary ship program as being necessary to bridge the gap between the conclusion of the Air Warfare Destroyer Program and the start of the Future Frigate and Future Submarine programs – the so called gap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do you agree these auxiliary ships need to be built in Australia? If so, when might a tender or some sort of decision be expected?</li> </ul> <p>Regarding the Future Frigate project to replace the current ANZAC class ships, when do you see this program being approved by Government and when would industry start actual design and production work on the project?</p> <p>Given the Air Warfare Destroyer program was first considered in the 2001 White Paper and went into production in 2008, should we expect a similar timeline on Future Frigates and Future Submarines?</p> <p>How does a fourth Air Warfare Destroyer fit into this picture? When should this be contracted if it is to fit into the current program?</p> <p>Do you agree that if Australian shipbuilding industry becomes more productive, which is what avoiding the so-called ‘valley of death’ is about, it’s a win/win scenario for the Navy and for industry?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
52	Defence	Conroy	Orion Replacement	<p>What options are Air Force looking into to replace the 3C Orion from around 2017?</p> <p>a. Does this include the Triton?</p> <p>b. What is the timeframe for the acquisition of this new capability?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14

53	Defence	Conroy		I understand that a key capability of the replacement Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) will be maritime surveillance, is that the case? a. Given that we're looking at the Triton, can you tell me when the US currently expects a maritime surveillance variant to be available? b. Would it be possible for Australia to be operating a Triton for maritime surveillance by 2015?	W	21/2/14	6/3/14
			UAVs				
54	Defence	Conroy		What policy work is the Department doing on the issues surrounding the use of UAVs, including the possible acquisition and employment of UCAVs in the future in terms of command and control, targeting, laws of armed conflict, rules of engagement?	W	3/1/14	13/2/14
			UAVs - policy				
55	Defence	Conroy		What process is in place for the analysis and assessment of the future needs of the ADF in relation to UAV?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
			UAV - Future Needs of ADF				
56	Defence	Conroy		a. What methodology will Defence use to calculate the cost of regulation within the portfolio?  b. The government regulatory reform policy requires the department to establish a dedicated unit led by an officer of at least SES1 level. Has the unit been established?  i. How many staff have been assigned to this new unit? ii. From where have the staff be redeployed? iii. Is this a full time job for these officers? iv. Is the officer who is heading this new unit available for appear?  c. According to the policy the Secretary will be set a specific regulatory performance target both in terms of the number of regulations to be cut and the extent of the impact of those regulations. Has that target been set for this department yet? i. If so, what is the target? ii. If no, when do you expect to finalise this target?  d. The performance in the area or regulatory reform is to be linked to SES pay and also the reappointment of departmental secretaries. Do you know how will you implement this? i. Will missing the regulatory reform target result in a pay cut for SES officers?  e. The policy also requires this Department to establish a Ministerial Advisory Council. What is the process for establishing this new council in Defence? i. How will the members be selected and who will be the final decision maker about the advice that is provided to the Minister? ii. When do you expect the council to be up and running?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
			Regulatory Reform				
57	Defence	Conroy		Under the previous Government, Defence published Hot Issues Briefs, but the most recent one on the website was placed there on 6 September 2013. Has there been a policy decision to cease the publication of Hot Issues Briefs? a. If so, when was this decision taken? b. Who made the decision to cease publication of the Hot Issues Briefs? c. What were the reasons behind the decision not to continue publishing Hot Issues Briefs? d. Have there been any issues that would have been published under the previous guidelines, but which have not been published under the new guidelines? i. If so, please provide a full description of each issue that would have been published under the previous guidelines, but have not been published. e. How has the decision to cease publication of Hot Issues Briefs improved transparency and accountability of government?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
			Hot Issues Briefs				

58	Defence	Conroy	Civilian Staff (Establishment )	<p>1. What was the FTE civilian staff establishment for the department at the 2013/14 budget?</p> <p>a. Can you provide those FTE numbers by division?</p> <p>b. Can you also provide the actual staffing levels in each division?</p> <p>c. Of these staff, how many are on fixed term contracts or are employed on a temporary basis?</p> <p>2. Where are the Department's civilian staff based?</p> <p>a. How many are based in Canberra?</p> <p>b. How many outside of Canberra?</p> <p>c. Where outside of Canberra?</p> <p>3. Do you envisage that there will be any aspects of delivering 'Force 2030' that will require an increase in civilian defence staff?</p> <p>a. If so, can you provide detail of what areas these staff might be required in?</p> <p>4. Mr Richardson said in his speech to ASPI last week that over the last ten years, 1000 ADF positions had been 'civilianised' to ensure uniformed personal were not doing jobs that could be performed equally by civilians at a lower cost.</p> <p>a. Do you envisage that this trend will continue?</p> <p>b. Do you envisage any further change in the civilian-to-uniformed staff ratio in the next ten years?</p> <p>5. How would you characterise the current staffing establishment of the Department?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
59	Defence	Conroy	Separations and Appointments	<p>1. Have there been any separations (staff departures) since the election? If so, how many?</p> <p>a. Please provide figures for resignations, retirements, redundancies and sackings that make up that total.</p> <p>b. Of the redundancies, how many of these received a redundancy package?</p> <p>c. Of these redundancies, how many were voluntary?</p> <p>d. Of the retirements, did anyone receive an 'incentive to retire' payment?</p> <p>e. If so, what were the circumstances surrounding the decision to make 'incentive to retire' payments?</p> <p>f. If there were sackings, were they on grounds of misconduct or incompetence?</p> <p>2. Have any contractors or non-ongoing staff had their contracts terminated since the election?</p> <p>a. If so, how many?</p> <p>b. Were any contracts ended or terminated earlier than specified in the contract?</p> <p>3. Have there been any appointments to the department since the election?</p> <p>a. If so, who was appointed, to what position where they appointed, what was the process followed and are they permanent or fixed term appointments?</p>	W	21/2/14	6/3/14

60	Defence	Conroy	Coalition Policy - Public Service numbers	<p>1. The policy the Coalition took to the election was to cut the public service by at least 12,000 jobs.</p> <p>a. Had you been told by the Government that Defence would be in any way exempt from this policy? For military and civilian employees?</p> <p>b. Did Defence receive any instruction from the Government post-election relating to job cuts?</p> <p>c. Had Defence put in place any mechanisms to meet the Government's job cuts target?</p> <p>2. The Government's pre-election target for public service job cuts was 12,000 over three years, 6,000 in this financial year. Did the Department of Defence have its own internal target ? (How many of that 12,000/6,000 will be met within Defence?)</p> <p>a. If yes, how was this target decided on?</p> <p>b. If no, if there is no target, how is it going to be determined how many jobs are cut within defence this financial year and across the next two financial years?</p> <p>3. Prior to the election the Coalition's policy was that public service job cuts would be made through natural attrition alone. Did the department receive any instruction from the Government to not offer any redundancies?</p> <p>a. Did you receive any instruction to implement these job cuts through natural attrition alone?</p> <p>b. Did you receive any instruction to implement these job cuts through other means?</p> <p>c. If so, what are those means?</p> <p>4. The Government has now moved away from the policy it took to the election, instead asking the Commission of Audit to determine what the Government's new public service job cut policy should be.</p> <p>a. Has Defence received any instruction from the Government relating to job cuts since this change in policy?</p> <p>5. How has the hiring freeze announced by Minister Abetz on 31 October impacted the Department of Defence?</p> <p>a. Have any contracts been terminated as a result of the hiring freeze?</p> <p>i. If so, please provide detail.</p> <p>b. Were there any contracts that you think would have been extended that will now not be extended due to the freeze?</p> <p>i. If so please provide detail</p> <p>c. How do you think the hiring freeze will affect the Department's future capability?</p> <p>d. Do you think the hiring freeze will affect the Department's ability to reach the goals outlined in 'Force 2030'?</p> <p>i. Please provide detail about the specific capabilities provided by civilian members of Defence and how they will or will not be affected.</p> <p>6. Prior to the election the Coalition announced policies of moving government agencies outside of Canberra. Are they currently any plans or have there been any discussions since the election about moving civilian defence staff out of Canberra?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
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61	Defence	Conroy	Civilian Employees	<p>1. How many ex-service personnel and how many spouses of current service personnel are employed as civilians in Defence?</p> <p>a. What portion of the civilians in Defence do ex-service personnel make up?</p> <p>b. Please describe the sorts of benefits that are provided by these ex-ADF members in the civilian side of defence and how they have been valuable.</p> <p>2. Do civilians in Defence play a role in the direct support or delivery of operational outcomes?</p> <p>a. What is the nature of these roles?</p> <p>3. What is the cost benefit comparison of civilians filling the functions they currently perform in Defence compared to uniformed personnel?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
62	Defence	Conroy	Cadets	<p>1. Please provide the current (at 2013/14 budget) size of each of the three cadet forces (Australian Navy Cadets, Australian Army Cadets and Australian Air Force Cadets) and the number of cadets and staff in each cadet force.</p> <p>a. How do the current numbers of cadets and staff compare with numbers six years ago?</p> <p>b. What have been the growth trends over this time?</p> <p>c. Have there been any new cadet units established in any of the three forces in the past six years?</p> <p>2. In August 2008 the Government commissioned an independent review of the ADF Cadets to consider how it could be improved to ensure it reflects community expectations for a youth development organisation – the Hickling Review. What is the current status of the implementation of the agreed recommendations?</p> <p>a. What difference do you think these recommendations have made to the operations of the ADFC?</p> <p>b. Are you confident that the implementation of the agreed recommendations of the Hickling Review has been carried out comprehensively – to avoid the need for repeated/similar reviews in the near future?</p> <p>3. In 2012 the Cadet Youth Development Framework was launched, what are the motives and process of developing the framework?</p> <p>a. The framework has been in place for over a year now, how is it being used across the three ADFC forces?</p> <p>b. How was the framework received within the ADF, and by other youth organisations?</p> <p>4. In 2012 a Cadet Forces Regulation Review was conducted as part of a commitment to ensure the ADFC is the best possible environment for youth development. Please describe the:</p> <p>a. motives behind this review;</p> <p>b. the review process;</p> <p>c. the recommendations of this review; and</p> <p>d. the status of their implementation.</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14

63	Defence	Conroy	Military Superannuation	<p>In the Coalition's election policy, it said with regard to indexation of military superannuation pensions:</p> <p>"The Coalition will deliver fair indexation to military superannuants. Recipients of the Defence Forces Retirement Benefits (DFRB) and the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) military superannuation pensions will see their payments indexed in the same way as aged and service pensions. All DFRB and DFRDB superannuants aged 55 and over will benefit."</p> <p>1. What progress have you made in implementing this policy?</p> <p>2. When will the necessary changes be introduced, by way of either legislation or regulation? a. Will superannuants receive the additional benefits in the 2013-14 financial year?</p> <p>3. Will all DFRB and DFRDB superannuants benefit? a. Are there any exceptions?</p> <p>4. What is the reason for the exclusion of MSBS superannuants?</p> <p>5. What will be the cash, fiscal and unfunded liability (in terms of impact on the future fund) cost of this proposal and how will it be paid for?</p>	W	21/2/14 (revised 25/2/14)	6/3/14 (revised 6/3/14)
64	Defence	Conroy	Funding	<p>Have you been informed of any change to government spending on Defence over the forward estimates? Have you been informed of any change to the defence guidance? Some independent experts have suggested that there would need to be a 5.3% growth in real terms each year to achieve 2% of GDP within a decade. Do you agree with this assessment?</p> <p>If so, have you been informed that you will receive funding increases of this magnitude over the forward estimates and defence guidance period?</p> <p>How much additional funding would be required in each year of the forward estimates and defence guidance in order to achieve this target of 2% of GDP within a decade.</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14

65	Defence	Macdonald	Discharge rates	<p>Questions on Notice 79 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 asked a series of questions regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soldier discharge rates;</li> <li>• Percentage of personnel remaining inside their return-of-service obligations;</li> <li>• The engagement of the Soldier Transitioning Centre in handling increasing discharge rates;</li> <li>• The PTSD and other discharge throughput at the Soldier Recovery Centre; and,</li> <li>• Retention initiatives currently being employed by the Army and Defence.</li> </ul> <p>In answer to Questions on Notice 79 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 the Department indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Separation rates have returned to their highest point (12.3%) since 2004 (12.7%);</li> <li>• 35% of personnel are under their initial employment period service obligation;</li> <li>• 47% of personnel in total are under this or some other form of service obligation;</li> <li>• That the work of transition centres has been augmented by the creation of Army Personnel Coordination detachments (APCDs);</li> <li>• That Soldier Recovery Centres do not focus on PTSD;</li> <li>• That PTSD is an “uncomplicated mental health case” that will not be referred to the Soldier Recovery Centre;</li> <li>• That across 2011 and 2012 6,644 personnel discharged, 1251 on medical grounds;</li> <li>• Over this period 1434 were recommended for medical discharge;</li> <li>• 417 of these discharges were due to mental health issues;</li> <li>• Of these 417, 213 suffered PTSD;</li> <li>• Of the 1017 physical presentations that were recommended for discharge, 311 also had a mental health diagnosis of which 74 suffered from PTSD; and,</li> <li>• Seven specific measures have been implemented to improve retention.</li> </ul> <p>Q1. Do you collate figures for which individual corps has experienced the highest rate of discharges? Please provide these figures.</p> <p>Q2. Do you collate figures for which bases have experienced the highest rate of discharges? Please provide these figures.</p> <p>Q3. Do you have discharge figures for Lavarack Barracks in Townsville?</p> <p>Q4. If 35-47 per cent of personnel are within a service obligation period, then doesn't that mean that 54 per cent are not, and could discharge at any time with limited or no notice?</p> <p>Q5. Isn't it true that where a defence member who is outside their service obligation period has another job to go to, that defence has an obligation to facilitate the transition?</p> <p>Q6. How is PTSD able to be characterised as “uncomplicated” when it is directly responsible for 213 mental health discharges - and attributable to an additional 74 discharges - which number accounts for 20% of total discharges across the 2011-2012 period? Will the Department be instituting any new measures to assist in managing the impact of PTSD on readiness, capability and retention?</p> <p>Q7. Has any data been collected that shows the success of the retention measures identified at point (5) of the Department's answer to QON 79?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
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66	Defence	Macdonald	LAND121 - Project Overlander	<p>Question on Notice 63 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 asked the Department a series of questions regarding the LAND 121: Project Overlander vehicle acquisition program.</p> <p>Question on Notice 63 focused on responsibility for repairs and maintenance to the vehicles and trailers being acquired under Project Overlander.</p> <p>Questions were asked about manufacturer's 'remedy by repair' of defects, enhancements to RAEME (Royal Australian Mechanical and Electrical Engineers) repairs and maintenance facilities, and the likelihood of local civilian businesses and contractors being granted vehicle repair contracts.</p> <p>In answer to Question on Notice 63 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 the Department indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RAEME upgrades will take place however details remain Commercial-in-Confidence;</li> <li>• Cost estimates for upgrades are not currently available;</li> <li>• Upgrades at RAEME facilities are estimated to commence in 2016;</li> <li>• Army and Air Force maintenance personnel will be responsible for "light and medium" repairs to the Mercedes Benz G-wagon fleet (which repairs will not void the manufacturer's warranty); and,</li> <li>• Repairs to "less complex equipment" such as G-Wagon trailers "may have maintenance conducted by civilian contractors".</li> </ul> <p>1. Will RAEME at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville be one of the facilities upgraded in 2016?</p> <p>2. If RAEME personnel are currently being trained at Bandiana to conduct repairs on the G-Wagons, why will RAEME enhancements not begin until 2016?</p> <p>3. Who will conduct repairs until 2016? Where will these repairs take place?</p> <p>4. Will civilian contractors in, for example, Townsville be provided the opportunity to bid for maintenance contracts for then "less complex equipment" such as G-Wagon trailers?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
67	Defence	Macdonald	George Yardley - Springvale Station	<p>Questions on Notice 34 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 asked about the progress of an Act-of-Grace payment for Mr George Yardley of Springvale station following loss consequent to fighting a fire that originated on Defence land at High Range.</p> <p>In answer to Questions on Notice 34 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 the Department indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Finance and Deregulation is waiting for Defence to provide a submission on the matter, which submission will also be provided to Mr Yardley for comment.</li> </ul> <p>Q1. Has the defence submission been finalised and provided to Mr Yardley and to the Department of Finance and Deregulation?</p> <p>Q2. If the submission has been provided to the Department of Finance and Deregulation, what action has subsequently been taken by, or advice received from the department of Finance and Deregulation?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14



68	Defence	Macdonald	Defence Industry in North Queensland	<p>A Question on Notice was submitted to the Table Office on October 25th 2013.</p> <p>The question was tabled on November 12, 2013.</p> <p>Q1. Can the department advise the status of their answer to this question?  Q2. Does the Department have any plans to alter current local procurement strategies?  Q3. Does the Department exert any influence on the procurement strategies of third party providers (such as Serco) to ensure local civilian providers are provided the greatest opportunity to supply goods and services?</p> <p>If not why not? (and yes, we know that the contractual relationship with the provider will eschew and conditions or restrains of trade)</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
69	Defence	Xenophon	Commercial Contract Payments	<p>Commercial Contract Payments – Question 58  In the June 2013, Senate Budget Estimates, I asked about commercial contract payments.</p> <p>Over a three year period, you identified 45 instances totalling \$129,828.30</p> <p>1. Today, who in Defence is responsible for monitoring and reporting contract management or mismanagement? And to whom?  2. Given your answers earlier this year that you meet current standards for Contract Management, can you give a response to DoD-IG reports and the recent reporting by US Congresswoman Speier of overcharging by millions of dollars for spare parts. The article made particular mention, amongst others, of CH-47 Chinook and Black Hawk helicopters.  Are we doing better than or as well as the US Defence Department in the contract monitoring of our spare and replacement parts inventory, or now that it is in the public domain will you verify that we are not owed a refund, or at best a credit on future purchases?</p>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14
70	Defence	Macdonald	Defence Logistics Transformation Program	<p>Question on Notice 22 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 asked the Department to identify the principal contractor for the Defence Logistics Transformation Program at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville.</p> <p>Question on Notice 22 also asked the Department if there was any requirement to use local contractors who had tendered on previous (cancelled) versions of the same construction program?</p> <p>In answer to Question on Notice 22 from Budget Estimates in May the Department indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Townsville construction program is being delivered by Boulderstone QLD Pty Ltd;</li> <li>• At the time of answer 22 of 61 trade packages had been let to subcontractors;</li> <li>• The remaining 39 trade packages are expected to be awarded/let in the 12-18 months from the answer date;</li> <li>• Of the 22 subcontractors engaged at the time of answer, 8 are Townsville based; and,</li> <li>• While Defence places no requirement on head contractors to use local civilian trade suppliers, there is an expectation that to do so will usually deliver competitive pricing</li> </ul> <p>Q1 How many of the remaining 39 trade packages have been let?  Q2. How many of these trade packages have been let to Townsville businesses?</p>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14

71	Defence	Macdonald	Defence Indigenous Development Program	<p>Questions on Notice 66 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 asked the Department a series of questions regarding the Defence Indigenous Development Program (DIDP).</p> <p>In answer to Questions on Notice 66 from Budget Estimates in May the Department indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DIDP trainees were enlisted in NORFORCE or in 51 FNQR;</li> <li>• A total of 50 trainees have been enlisted in the 2013 program;</li> <li>• Accommodation, vocation, language, numeracy and literacy providers have been engaged at North Queensland as well as Northern Territory locations;</li> <li>• Residential program accommodation has been sourced;</li> <li>• RFSU personnel are recruited for DIDP_ programs; and,</li> <li>• RFSL (Regional Force Surveillance List) personnel are also eligible for the DIDP program.</li> </ul> <p>Q1. Why are no current DIDP participants from the Pilbara Regiment in WA?  Q2. Do all 50 enrolled program participants remain in the course / will they all graduate?  Q3. What percentage of the 50 enrolled participants are RFSU and/or RFSL personnel?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
72	Defence	Macdonald	Project Overlander - G-Wagon Repairs	<p>Question on Notice 21 from Budget Estimates in M ay 2013 asked the Department to identify the location at which Mercedes-Benz will be conducting major repairs on the G-Wagons obtained under Project Overlander.</p> <p>In answer to Question on Notice 21 from Budget Estimates in May 2013 the Department indicated that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major-level repairs will take place in Mulgrave in Victoria.</li> </ul> <p>Q1. How will G-Wagons requiring repairs be transported to Mulgrave?  Q2. How much will this transportation cost?  Q3. Who will be paying for the transportation costs?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14

73	Defence	Ludwig	Reviews	<p>1) Since 7 September 2013, how many new Reviews have been commenced? Please list them including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the date they were ordered</li> <li>b. the date they commenced</li> <li>c. the minister responsible</li> <li>d. the department responsible</li> <li>e. the nature of the review</li> <li>f. their terms of reference</li> <li>g. the scope of the review</li> <li>h. Whom is conducting the review</li> <li>i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review</li> <li>j. the expected report date</li> <li>k. If the report will be tabled in parliament or made public</li> </ol> <p>2) 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"> <li>a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names</li> <li>b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent</li> <li>c. If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item</li> <li>d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement</li> <li>e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register, provide details.</li> <li>f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them</li> <li>g. If yes, for each, who selected them</li> <li>h. If yes, for each, did the minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them,</li> <li>i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was</li> <li>ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list</li> <li>iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</li> <li>iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department</li> <li>v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur</li> </ol> <p>3) Since 7 September 2013, what reviews are on-going? Please list them.</p> <p>4) Since 7 September 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p> <p>5) Since Budget estimates, what reviews have concluded? Please list them.</p> <p>6) Since 7 September 2013, how many reviews have been provided to Government? Please list them and the date they were provided.</p> <p>7) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>8) What reviews are planned?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When will each planned review be commenced?</li> <li>b. When will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> <li>c. When will government respond to each review?</li> <li>d. Will the government release each review?</li> <li>i. If so, when?</li> <li>ii. If not, why not?</li> </ol>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
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74	Defence	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>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14
75	Defence	Ludwig	Briefings for other parties	<p>1. 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> <p>2. 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> <p>3. 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>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
76	Defence	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>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14
77	Defence	Ludwig	Stationery requirements	<p>1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers / Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14

78	Defence	Ludwig	Media Subscriptions	<p>1. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <p>a) Please provide a list of publications purchased by the department and the reason for each.</p> <p>b) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>c) What is provided to the Minister or their office?</p> <p>d) What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
79	Defence	Ludwig	Media Monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date?</p> <p>a) Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b) What 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> <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>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14

80	Defence	Ludwig		<p>1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <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> <p>2. 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> <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>a) The location used</p> <p>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion</p> <p>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
			Media Training				
81	Defence	Ludwig		<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>By Department or agency:</p> <p>a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location</p> <p>d) How many are graphic designers?</p> <p>e) How many are media managers?</p> <p>f) How many organise events?</p> <p>2. 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?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
			Communications staff				
82	Defence	Ludwig		<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>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
			Provision of Equipment				

83	Defence	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>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
84	Defence	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>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
85	Defence	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>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
86	Defence	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>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14

87	Defence	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>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14
88	Defence	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. 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>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
89	Defence (DVA)	Farrell	Mental Health	<p>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?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
90	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial office security classification	<p>1) What is the policy for ministerial staff security clearances?</p> <p>2) How many staffers employed by the government under the MOPS Act have security clearances?</p> <p>a. At what level?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p> <p>3) How many seconded departmental officers acting in ministerial offices, including DLOs have security clearances?</p> <p>a. At what level?</p> <p>b. If not, why not?</p>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14



91	Defence	Ludwig	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Total spending on these services</li> <li>2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification</li> <li>3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>4. The names of all service providers engaged</li> </ol> <p>For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name and nature of the service purchased</li> <li>b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based</li> <li>c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification</li> <li>d) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>e) The total amount spent on the service</li> <li>f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The location used</li> <li>b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</li> <li>d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
92	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing reductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from 7 September 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions?</li> <li>b) Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>d) If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.</li> <li>e) Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.</li> </ol>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
93	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing Cessations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</li> <li>b) How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification were these staff?</li> </ol>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
94	Defence	Ludwig	Staffing Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many ongoing staff recruited from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>b) How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from 7 September 2013 to date? What classification are these staff?</li> <li>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?</li> </ol>	W	21/2/14	6/3/14

95	Defence	Ludwig	Coffee Machines	<p>1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since 7 September 2013?</p> <p>a) If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased?</p> <p>b) Why were coffee machines purchased?</p> <p>c) Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?</p> <p>d) Where did 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> <p>2. 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>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14
96	Defence	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?	W	23/12/13	13/2/14
97	Defence	Ludwig	Corporate Cars	<p>a) How 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>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
98	Defence	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>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
99	Defence	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>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14
100	Defence	Ludwig	Credit Cards	<p>1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>2. Please update details of the following?</p> <p>a) What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>b) How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>c) What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>d) Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? 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>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14

101	Defence	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?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
102	Defence	Ludwig	Ministerial Briefing	1) 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? 2) In what form does that occur? 3) On what basis it that provided? 4) What title is this briefing given?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
103	Defence	Ludwig	Departmental Senate Estimates Briefing	1) How many officers were responsible for preparing the Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates? 2) How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information? a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3) Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates? a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many versions of this information were shown to the minister or their office? 4) Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? 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?	W	23/12/13	13/2/14

104	Defence	Ludwig	Freedom of Information	<p>1) Can the department please outline the process it under goes to assess Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>2) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, when?</p> <p>b. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>3) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>4) Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a. If so, when?</p> <p>b. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>5) Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <p>a. If so, which departments or agencies?</p> <p>b. If so, when?</p> <p>c. If so, how does this occur?</p> <p>6) What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?</p> <p>7) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>8) List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>9) Does the department ever second addition resources to processing Freedom of Information requests?</p> <p>a. If so, please detail those resources by APS level</p> <p>10) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>11) How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <p>a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013?</p> <p>12) Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?</p> <p>13) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p> <p>14) What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <p>a. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training?</p> <p>b. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training?</p> <p>c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training?</p> <p>d. What did the training involve?</p> <p>e. How long was the training?</p> <p>f. By whom was the training conducted?</p>	W	10/2/14	13/2/14
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105	Defence	Ludwig		1) Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: a) The guest list of each function b) The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c) The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d) A list of drinks consumed at the function	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
			Functions	2) Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office			
106	Defence	Ludwig		1) Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2) How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3) How have they been recruited? 4) What process was used for their appointment? 5) What is the total cost of this unit? 6) Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 7) Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body.	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
			Red Tape Reduction				
107	Defence	Conroy	UAV skills and capability	What action is being taken to retain the skills, experience and capability developed in Afghanistan in the use of UAV?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
108	Defence	Conroy	Project Approvals	1. How many projects have been approved since the release of the May 2009 White Paper? 2. What is the approximate value of those projects? 3. In FY 2012/13 how many approvals including 1st and 2nd Pass and other approvals were made? What is the approximate value of these projects? 4. In 2013 how many projects were approved by Government?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
109	Defence	Conroy	Defence Capability Plan 2013	What direction has the Government given Defence concerning the release of the Defence Capability Plan (DCP) 2013? a. Is it still the intention of Government to publish a Public Defence Capability Guide to address projects scheduled for approval in the six years beyond the forward estimates and to assist Industry?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
110	Defence	Conroy	Government Approach to Progress Key Strategic Projects	Can you please advise what approach the Government will be taking to progress key strategic projects such as the acquisition of medium and heavy trucks, enhancements to cyber security, enhancements to Defence's Space Situational Awareness capabilities and Government consideration to replace our existing P3-Orion Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA) with P-8A MPA?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
111	Defence	Conroy	Future Submarine Options	The previous Labor Government narrowed the options currently being investigated for Australia's Future Submarines to Options 3 and 4, these being an evolved design or a new design. Can you confirm that this remains Government's guidance to Defence?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
112	Defence	Conroy	Government position on Nuclear Submarine Capability	Can you confirm that it remains the position of Government that it is not appropriate or feasible to further explore the potential of Australia acquiring a Nuclear Submarine Capability?	W	21/2/14	6/3/14
113	Defence	Conroy	Support for Nuclear Submarines	Does it remain the case that Australia lacks the infrastructure, training facilities, medical support services, regulatory or safety systems necessary for RAN to operate Nuclear Submarines?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14

114	Defence	Conroy	Submarine Capability Gaps	Does it remain the resolve of Government that there be no gap in the Submarine Capability?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
115	Defence	Conroy	Future Submarine MOTS option	Can you confirm that the Government has ruled out buying a military off-the-shelf (MOTS) design for the Future Submarine?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
116	Defence	Conroy	Future Submarine - assembly	Does the decision to assemble the Future Submarine in Adelaide remain Government policy?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
117	Defence	Conroy	Future Submarine - capability requirements	Can you please describe what the unique capability requirements are for the Future Submarine that make a MOTS solution inappropriate for Australia	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
118	Defence	Conroy	Future Submarine project schedule	What is the broad project schedule for the Future Submarine Project?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
119	Defence	Conroy	Future Submarine Project Office (Staffing)	How many staff are currently engaged by the project office? How many DSTO advisors are included in this number	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
120	Defence	Conroy	Future Submarines Industry and Skills Plan	Has there been any formal alternation to the Future Submarines Industry and Skills Plan, including the rolling build concept?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
121	Defence	Conroy	Land Based Propulsion System and AN-BYG1 Combat System	How important is the land based propulsion testing facility and the AN-BYG1 combat system to facilitating the future submarine project?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
122	Defence	Conroy	Acquisition of Growler	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In May 2013 the former Labor Government announced its intention to acquire 12 EA-18G Growlers to compliment the F/A-18F Super Hornets and the future F-35A Joint Strike Fighter aircraft. Does the Government remain committed to the acquisition of the Growlers?</li> <li>2. What capabilities will the Growler bring to Australia?</li> <li>3. How many nations operate the EA-18G Growler aircraft?</li> <li>4. The EA-18G Growler purchase, including the aircraft, required mission and support systems, training and ongoing support was announced to be \$1.5b. Is this still the cost estimate?</li> <li>5. In May 2013 it was announced that Defence plans to achieve initial operational capability (IOC) in 2018. Does this remain the plan of Government?</li> </ol>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
123	Defence	Conroy	Position on Growler	The Chief of Air Force declared "The Growler will significantly improve Air Force's ability to operate in a complex and increasingly hostile battlespace. It will also considerably decrease the risk to land and sea operations." Does this remain your position?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14

124	Defence	Conroy	Op Resolute/Op Sovereign Borders	<p>1. What is the precise definition used by Defence of an “on-water” matter?</p> <p>2. What is the precise definition used by Defence of an “operational matter”?</p> <p>3. I understand that the Government has issued new tactics, techniques and procedures (TTPs) to navy crews. In order to understand the potential risks to the safety of our Navy personnel, can you please describe these new protocols?</p> <p>4. Do these include the protocols to be followed when Navy personnel board boats at sea?</p> <p>5. Have these new TTPs ever been used?</p> <p>a. On how many occasions?</p> <p>6. How many personnel are typically involved in a boarding operations?</p> <p>7. When the Navy intercepts people seeking asylum seekers, are they always transferred to Navy boats, or are their boats escorted?</p> <p>8. How does this process differ when we’re made aware of a boat in need of assistance in the Indonesian search and rescue zone?</p> <p>9. How many times have Navy personnel been involved in intercepting asylum seekers since September 7?</p> <p>10. How many times have Navy personnel been involved in on-sea incidents since September 7?</p> <p>11. How many times have Navy personnel taken asylum seekers to Australia since September 7?</p> <p>12. How many times have Navy personnel returned asylum seekers to Indonesia since September 7?</p> <p>a. On those occasions that Navy sought to return asylum seekers to Indonesia, but were unsuccessful in doing so, what protocols were followed?</p> <p>b. If the Navy is seeking to return asylum seekers to Indonesia, and they are in Indonesian waters, what protocols do they follow?</p> <p>c. How close are Navy vessels allowed to get to Indonesian ports before approval is granted to return the asylum seekers to Indonesia?</p> <p>13. Since September 7, have there been any injuries or reported health and safety incidents for Navy personnel involved in Operation Resolute?</p> <p>14. Are you concerned that the new protocols and procedures create Health and Safety risks for Navy personnel?</p> <p>a. What is being done to manage the additional health and safety risk to Navy personnel due to the new protocols and procedures?</p> <p>b. What is being done, from a mental health perspective, to look after the Navy personnel involved in Operation Resolute?</p> <p>c. Is the mental health impact of the new protocols and procedures on Navy personnel being monitored?</p> <p>15. Some media reporting (SMH, 14 November) indicates that Indonesia has recently changed its protocols and procedures, are you aware of any change?</p> <p>A What is that change?</p> <p>b. Will this change result in more Australian Navy personnel being responsible for responding to a larger number of distressed boats?</p> <p>c. Will this mean that more Australian Navy personnel will need to place themselves in dangerous situations more frequently that would previously have been the case?</p> <p>d. Does this change require any additional Navy resources, either in additional crew rotations or additional Navy assets in order to ensure safe operation?</p> <p>e. Was the Department involved, made aware of, any consultations between the Indonesian government and the Australian government prior to this new approach being adopted?</p> <p>16. Has there been any recent change in the classification level of the information about Operation Resolute?</p> <p>17. Are the following operational details of Operation Resolute classified for security reasons:</p> <p>a. The arrival of new boats into Australia’s waters?</p> <p>b. The activities of Navy personnel in responding to those arrivals?</p> <p>c. The activities of Navy personnel undertaking search and rescue activities?</p> <p>d. Generic details of the asylum seekers that are intercepted by Navy personnel, for example, their number, health, gender or nationality?</p> <p>e. Are any of these details classified for other reasons?</p> <p>18. Who makes decisions about which information is classified or suppressed in relation to Operation Resolute?</p> <p>a. What evidence have they used to support these decisions?</p> <p>b. Who is responsible for reviewing these decisions?</p> <p>c. Does any Minister have a role in this decision?</p> <p>d. If so, which Minister is it?</p> <p>19. Has the Navy ever recommended that information about Operation Resolute should be suppressed?</p> <p>a. Upon what evidence was that recommendation based?</p> <p>b. Can you please provide details about the source of this evidence?</p> <p>c. Can you please provide the specific details (dates, times, sources, corroborating information, etc.) which underpin each of the pieces of evidence that were used to support this information?</p> <p>20. Has the Minister signed off on the decision to suppress information?</p> <p>a. If yes, was the Minister provided with any alternative options which did not involve the suppression of information?</p> <p>21. If publication of this information is responsible for the arrival of additional boats, is there evidence that frequent media comments from high profile politicians in the past was responsible for additional arrivals?</p> <p>22. Are details about the arrival of asylum seekers provided to Indonesian authorities?</p> <p>a. What measures are in place to require Indonesian authorities to keep this information suppressed?</p>	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
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125	Defence	Conroy	Concurrent Use of Super Hornets and Growler	Does it remain the intention of Government to operate 24 F/A-18F Super Hornets and 12 EA-18G Growler aircraft at the same time?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
126	Defence	Conroy	Joint Strike Fighter	1 On 3 May 2012 Minister Smith announced the decision to delay the delivery of the F-35 by around two years to better align Australia's F-35 procurement with that of the US. Does this remain the policy of Government? 2 Are you satisfied that there will be no air combat capability gap? 3 How many JSF Aircraft is the Government planning to purchase? 4 Does it remain the intention of Government to purchase enough aircraft to field three squadrons? 5 Has there been any change in international participation in the F-35 program since the June estimates?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
127	Defence	Conroy	Extension of Service Life (Hornet)	What progress has been made in developing options to extend the service life of the Classic Hornet? How has the purchase of 24 F/A-18F Super Hornets assisted in our avoiding a capability gap?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
128	Defence	Conroy	Coles Transformation Program	1. Under the Coles Transformation Program, how have sustainment costs been stabilised? a. How has Defence improved the availability of the Submarine? b. How does Collins sustainment cost performance compare with international benchmarks?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
129	Defence	Conroy	Collins Sustainment expenditure	Collins sustainment expenditure over the period 2001 through to 2009/10 was much less than contemporary expenditures (\$247m in 2005/06 versus \$501m in 2012/13). Was the level of expenditure prior to 2009/10 adequate? a. Were the low levels of Collins readiness experienced in 2009 and 2010 the product of long-term underfunding and inadequate investment in sustainment?	W	21/2/14	6/3/14
130	Defence	Conroy	Material sustainment agreement	Could you please explain the new Materiel Sustainment Agreement (MSA) between the RAN and DMO? a. How has this resulted in improved maintenance and performance of the Collins?	W	21/2/14	6/3/14
131	Defence	Conroy	unit-ready days	What has been the glide path for improved unit-ready days since the Coles Study? a. What is the planned achievement for unit-ready days in coming years? b. Are we currently on track to meet these objectives?	W	21/2/14	6/3/14
132	Defence	Conroy	Fourth Submarine crew	Navy established a fourth submarine crew in December 2012. How is workforce growth progressing?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
133	Defence	Conroy	Collins Class Service Life Evaluation Program Report	Defence has recently concluded a Collins Class Service Life Evaluation Program report. What are its findings? a. What is the life achievable from the Collins Class? b. What is the work required in order to operate the submarines beyond their current planned life? c. Other navies have done similar assessments and successfully operated submarines beyond their original design life. Is this true? d. Given these findings, what is the risk of a submarine capability gap?	W	21/2/14	6/3/14
134	Defence	Conroy	Public Service Efficiencies (Recruitment Advertising)	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?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14



135	Defence	Conroy	Public Service Efficiencies (Savings Target)	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?	W	10/2/14	13/2/14
136	Defence (DVA)	Farrell	Mental Health	What percentage of personnel serving in Afghanistan are showing symptoms of PTSD?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14
137	Defence (DVA)	Farrell	Mental Health	Is PTSD among Afghanistan servicemen and women rising at an alarming rate, as has been reported in the media?	W	24/2/14	6/3/14