

**FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE – BUDGET ESTIMATES – 21 – 22 MAY 2012**

**PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO**

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1.	1.1.1	Fifield	Mr Butler charter letter	<b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> Having read your question again, because it was in the context of discussion, it is not all that clear. If you are asking specifically whether Minister Butler has been issued with a charter letter, we can take that on notice. It seems to me not unreasonable.	FPA P73, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
2.	1.1.1	Fifield	Charter letters	<b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Thank you. Perhaps you can take it on notice, just in case between now and when the time for lodging of questions on notice happens, that if the charter letters happen to be signed and delivered in that time you could let us know. I assume that once they are signed and delivered that is something we could be told. Answer, 'Yes and we will take it on notice.' The answer to the question taken on notice is, 'The department is not able to provide any additional information.' Can I take it from that that the letter has not been signed and sent, that Mr Butler has not received a charter letter? <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I do not think you could take that, Senator. I am not aware of that. I am happy to take it on notice for you. It has been the practice to issue charter letters to ministers in the past. As to whether that has occurred on this occasion, I would have to take it on notice; I do not know the answer. <b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Let me broaden the question, which might make it a little easier. Have any charter letters been sent to any ministers by the Prime Minister since the last reshuffle? <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I will take that on notice. There is some sensitivity from officers about what should be disclosed in relation to charter letters.	FPA P73, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
3.	1.1.1	Fifield	Social Inclusion Board –cost of sitting fees	<b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> What is the remuneration for the chair? <b>Mr Ronalds:</b> Members of the Australian Social Inclusion Board receive sitting fees set by the Remuneration Tribunal. The chair is paid \$745 per day and members are paid \$588 per day. <b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> So what is the cost of the sitting fees for the current financial year?	FPA P78, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<b>Mr Ronalds:</b> I do not have that figure, but— <b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> If you can take that on notice.			
4.	1.1.1	Fifield	NDIS advisory group - meeting with PM	<b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Thanks. Has the Prime Minister ever met with the NDIS Advisory Group that Dr Harmer chairs? <b>Ms Cross:</b> Not to my knowledge, but I can take that on notice. I think they generally have been working to Minister Macklin, who is leading the reforms, but I can check that for you.	FPA P78, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
5.	1.1.1	Ryan	Flood recovery appeal letters – recipients	<b>Senator RYAN:</b> Senator Evans, I want to turn to question reference No. 30 that was taken on notice at the last estimates. It is about the letter the Prime Minister wrote to, what I understand was the top 100 companies, asking for an appeal to the flood recovery appeal. The question which was taken on notice asked for both a copy of the letter that the Prime Minister wrote, obviously with the details removed, and a list of the companies to which the Prime Minister wrote the letter. Dr de Brouwer said: 'We are not aware of it. We will take that one on notice.' The answer provided a copy of the letter with the personal details redacted but no list of companies. It is clear in the question on notice that I asked for the companies as well. Is it possible to get that list of companies? <b>Ms Cross:</b> We do not have a list of the companies to whom the letter was sent. If we were to disclose any information of companies, we would first need to check that with them to make sure they were comfortable with that information being passed on. We can certainly take that on notice, but we do not have a list per se. ... <b>Ms Cross:</b> I do not think it would be unusual for us to check with them though. As I said, we are happy to take the question on notice and see if we can get a list together and check that for you. <b>Senator RYAN:</b> I want you to understand that I will not accept a person in a company saying, 'I would prefer it not known that the Prime Minister wrote to me,' as a reason for not providing the information. Whether or not you wish to check with them or you think it is a courtesy is one thing—as far as I know there is no privacy law implication here.	FPA P79-80, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
6.	1.1.1	Payne	COAG - meeting cost	<b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Can you tell the committee what the cost was of holding the last COAG meeting?	FPA P81, 21 May	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<b>Ms Cross:</b> I will see whether we have that. At this stage we have not had all of the costs confirmed and we are still waiting for some of the final details, so I would have to take that on notice for the most recent COAG meeting.	2012		
7.	1.1.1	Payne	COAG Reform Council - staffing and turnover	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> So is the council experiencing a relatively high level of turnover? It seems we are able to discuss turnover almost at every estimates. It is not a large body.</p> <p><b>Mr Elton:</b> I do not know the detail. I do not think we are experiencing any unusual level of staff turnover. I know that the head of secretariat receives regular reports on human resources statistics, but if you wanted to get the detail of that I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> If you could, for the senior level. I have forgotten the classification that we last spoke about when we were discussing it, and I am not sure whether it was you who was here at the time when we were last discussing it at estimates, but with respect to the senior level of the policy advisers and so on—what the average duration of employment is and the number of staff turning over in that particular area.</p> <p><b>Mr Elton:</b> I do not have that detail with me, but I am happy to take it on notice and get you an answer.</p>	FPA P82, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
8.	1.1.1	Payne	COAG Councils – terms of reference	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> In recognition of the minister's offer of assistance before, in relation to the councils can you indicate for the committee on notice who the secretariat is for each committee and where that is located. Are they all Commonwealth secretariats?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Then whether Commonwealth or state and which state and in which department. Are they all chaired by Commonwealth ministers?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> So an entire breakdown of the structure.</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> For some councils the chair rotates anyway. We will give you the information but it will only be current for that period.</p> <p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> The end of May is in 10 days time. Can you let me know which if any of those final six plans have not been submitted by the end of May.</p>	FPA P85, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> Yes, Senator.			
9.	1.1.1	Payne	COAG - development assessment process	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> Okay. I wanted to ask some questions about the development assessment process. It seems to me that development assessment issues at the COAG level have been handled, at different times in recent years, by different working groups and different initiatives, some tied up with the partnership arrangements through Housing itself and other funding in that space. But at the very least we have the Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party material; we have the Business Advisory Forum raising concerns about delays in development assessments; and we have the COAG Reform Council's <i>Seamless national economy</i> report of 2010-11 concerned about two of the originally agreed outputs not being completed, and a number of other issues.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the fact that COAG appears to have declared that the original DA reforms were complete with the finalisation of the review by the Housing Supply and Affordability Reform Working Party, as far as I am aware there has been no release of that report, some years after the DA reforms were agreed to by COAG and six years after it was nominated as one of the six priority cross-jurisdictional policy hot spots, for want of a better phrase. Will that report actually be released?</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> I do not have that information in front of me, I am sorry. I will have to take that question on notice.</p>	FPA P87, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
10.	1.1.1	Payne	COAG – Business Advisory Forum	<p><b>Senator PAYNE:</b> I am relieved to hear that. I suspect the Business Advisory Forum would be relieved to hear it as well. There are also questions about the DAF, the Development Assessment Forum, and what progress it made. Do you know whether the Development Assessment Forum will continue to be funded and given staff to support its work?</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> No, Senator. I will have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA P87, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
11.	1.1.1	Di Natale	COAG - Business Advisory forum Meetings	<p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Can you inform me whom the Prime Minister may have met with in the lead-up to the meeting?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I think we would have to take that on notice. I am not aware of whom the Prime Minister may or may not have met with.</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> Senator, how do you mean? Do you mean just prior to the meeting, or the days or weeks leading up to the meeting? I am not quite sure what you mean.</p>	FPA P89, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Any communication relating to the forum in the weeks leading up to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> We can take that on notice. She would bump into a lot of these people on a regular basis but, specifically in relation to the forum purposes, we can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Okay. Was minister Burke consulted on the communiqué?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> Again, I would have to check. As I said, I understand that the finalisation of the communiqué was part of the discussions at the meeting—I do not believe Minister Burke was at the meeting—and that was actually done in the room. Whether there were discussions outside of the meeting, I would have to check.</p>			
12.	1.1.1	Ludlam	CRC reports– Infrastructure Australia	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> There are some interesting comments in there. At page 77—and this is probably about as sharply worded as these things are allowed to get—you discuss Infrastructure Australia and its status as an independent body that advises on infrastructure funding priorities. Then you note, 'It is not clear how integral this advice is to Commonwealth government budget decision making.' Can I read that as a criticism, veiled or otherwise, of Infrastructure Australia, which does have some systematic analysis or assessment process to benchmark projects against? You seem to be saying that you are not necessarily detecting its advice turning up in actual funding decisions by government.</p> <p><b>Mr Elton:</b> You are extending beyond my area of expertise. I have not had a direct role in this report. That is a question of detail that I am afraid I have to take notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> If you are taking it a notice, the question I will put to you is: what does the council suppose should be done about that? It is an observation that I would agree with, but then the question is: what do you do with that?</p>	FPA P91, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
13.	1.1.1		COAG - capital city strategic report: transport and infrastructure funds	<p><b>Mr Elton:</b> I have to refer that question to representatives of the department or the Commonwealth government rather than take it myself because it is not really a question that the COAG Reform Council can answer. In terms of the broad thrust of your question about where to from here, I think that is better directed to the department.</p>	FPA P92, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<b>Ms Taylor:</b> COAG considered the capital city strategic report at its April meeting. COAG noted the report and referred that to the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure for advice. At this point in time, that report is being considered by that standing council. I have not received any update from that council since COAG met on how it is taking that issue forward. I can take that on notice for you.			
14.	1.1.1	Ludlam	COAG – standing council and COAG response on Transport and Infrastructure	<b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I would appreciate some sense of what that standing council would be expected to produce by way of a response. Are you going to go point by point through the study? Are you going to go city by city? Will you just note the existence of the report? What can we expect to see by way of response from COAG? <b>Ms Taylor:</b> Can I take that on notice and come back to you?	FPA P92, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
15.	1.1.1	Ludlam	COAG – Minister for Infrastructure and Transport response	<b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> If you need to, and also perhaps a parallel question. What comes back from there will be one thing, but does the Commonwealth government plan on making a stand-alone comment—perhaps the federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, for example? <b>Ms Taylor:</b> Of course that would be a matter for the department of infrastructure and the minister. <b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Senator Evans, could I bump that one to you on notice, since Minister Albanese is not here to take it directly? <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> Yes, I heard it has been taken on notice. I do not need personal knowledge of the matter.	FPA P92, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
16.	1.1.1	Ludlam	National Urban Policy	<b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I suspect the answer to this next one will be the same, but then maybe I will park a parallel batch of questions on notice to you both. The question is about a response directly relating to the National Urban Policy. Again, there is some valuable analysis and some good goal-setting and the establishment of some good priorities. When will we see a response either from COAG or from the Commonwealth directly on the National Urban Policy? <b>Ms Taylor:</b> Again, I think that is a question to be directed to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport. <b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Yes, but I am also going to put that to you if you are here with your COAG hat on—just in case COAG is planning on doing	FPA P92, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				something with that, since it is directly relevant. I will put these questions to the relevant people during the week.			
17.	1.1.1	Sinodinos	AUSEM model	<p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> We maintain a model—an AUSEM model, it is called. It forms the basis of our contribution to the JEFG processes, so we have the capacity to come up with our forecasts but also model the impact of particular shocks in the economy. There is some independent capacity to—</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> Have you documented the AUSEM model anywhere?</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> Yes, there is documentation of the model.</p> <p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> It might be worth getting a reference to where that information is available.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> Sure.</p>	FPA P109, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
18.	1.1.1	Ryan	household assistance package - establishment of working group	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> That makes sense to me. When was the working group established?</p> <p><b>Mr Hockley:</b> I would have to take on notice the actual date, but it has been since the start of 2012.</p>	FPA P111, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
19.	1.1.1	Ryan	household assistance package -working group meetings	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> How regularly has the group been meeting? Is it possible for you to take on notice the dates of meetings?</p> <p><b>Mr Hockley:</b> The working group continues to meet because phase two of the household assistance package involves ensuring public awareness of the changes to marginal tax rates. It has generally met weekly or fortnightly since its inception. I do not have the dates in front of me.</p>	FPA P111, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
20.	1.1.1	Ryan	household assistance package - working group attendees	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> So it is roughly from the start of the year, and I accept that you have to get the dates for those. Does it have a fixed membership?</p> <p><b>Mr Hockley:</b> Just representatives of the relevant department based on operational needs.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> If it does not have a fixed membership, generally have meetings been made up of the same people representing each department?</p> <p><b>Mr Hockley:</b> Pretty much. When various people were not available they would send representatives.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Is it possible to get a list of attendees at these meetings?</p>	FPA P111- 112, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<b>Mr Hockley:</b> We will take that on notice.			
21.	1.1.1	Ryan	Australia in the Asian Century white paper - Dr Henry's Travel	<p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I am reading from a brief, senator, and the white paper process is well underway. It is intended that it be developed by the government in the first half of the year, as you are aware, and released midyear. A series of consultations has been undertaken. I do not have a list of them here in the brief—and I can get a more detailed brief, if you want—but I believe most of the discussions are completed. They have been both in Australia and overseas. The government is still working to that time frame of the middle of the year.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Has Dr Henry travelled overseas as part of these consultations?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> Yes, he has.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I imagine you may need to take this on notice but is it possible for you to give the number of occasions he has travelled overseas and to where?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Can you also provide a list of stakeholders or individuals with whom he has undertaken consultations?</p>	FPA P12, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
22.	1.1.1	Ryan	Australia in the Asian Century white paper – list of stakeholders	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Can you also provide a list of stakeholders or individuals with whom he has undertaken consultations?</p> <p><b>Ms Cross:</b> I believe we can. There may be some of that information on the website, if you wanted to check while you are waiting for the answer to be provided</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I do not think I will need another officer. If you can provide those details on notice that will be very helpful. I now turn to some comments made by the Foreign Minister.</p>	FPA P12, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
23.	1.1.2	Ludlam	US Defence force Darwin - status of forces agreement	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Okay. If you have got some written advice that would be much appreciated. I am going to skip through a couple of issues quickly. When the Prime Minister and President Obama announced last November that there would be a rotational US Marine Corps presence in Darwin, was the announcement based on a written agreement?</p> <p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> I am not aware of a written agreement to that effect.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Well, I am, but you work for the Prime Minister, so</p>	FPA P9, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12



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				<p>does the fact you are not aware of it mean that such a document does not exist or just that you have not been made aware of that?</p> <p><b>Ms Noble:</b> We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Potentially I am. Is that the only written document in existence that underpins it? For example, I think I was told at the last estimates that there are no changes proposed to the status of forces agreement between the United States government and Australia, because that is not deemed necessary. Is there any other agreement on which facilities, how many people, what their operating conditions will be and so on apart from what was issued in the communique?</p> <p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> You are right about the SOFA: there is an existing SOFA and it has adequately provided for deployments in the past.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> A very comfortable SOFA, we are told!</p> <p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> We will continue to monitor those arrangements to ensure that they remain adequate. As to further underpinning detail and documents, I am happy to take that on notice and come back to you on that.</p>			
24.	1.1.2	Rhiannon	Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Australia - briefing to the PM	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you for your response. The dates that you gave were all last year. You did say she was briefed on several occasions re this matter. I have provided information with the direct quotes from the Sri Lankan government's own Commission of Inquiry into Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation, and also the report of the Secretary-General's Panel of Experts on accountability in Sri Lanka. I understand that both those reports have become publicly available since the last briefing the Prime Minister was given in 2011. Considering these developments, do you have plans to give the Prime Minister a further briefing about this information?</p> <p><b>Ms Tsirbas:</b> My information is that the sources of information that were drawn upon in briefing the Prime Minister included the UN Secretary-General's Panel of Expert's report, which made no reference to Admiral Samarasinghe; however, the question of whether reference was made to the other report that you mentioned, I will have to take on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I still find it unclear. Considering the UN report came out before the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation report, surely the Prime Minister would need to be updated on the latest information, which</p>	FPA P6, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				actually comes from the Sri Lankan government itself. <b>Ms Tsirbas:</b> I will take that question on notice—as to whether that report was specifically referred to.			
25.	1.1.2	Rhiannon	Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Australia - recall of High Commissioner to Switzerland	<b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you. Has the Prime Minister been made aware that both Germany and Switzerland have had their Sri Lankan High Commissioner Jugath Dias recalled after the Swiss government contacted the Sri Lankan government regarding accusations that General Dias ordered troops of the 57th Division, which he commanded, to fire on civilian and hospital targets during the army's final defensive against the separatist Tamils in 2009? Has she been made aware of this development. <b>Ms Tsirbas:</b> Again, I will take that on notice.	FPA P6, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
26.	1.1.2	Rhiannon	Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Australia - adviser to High Commissioner to UK	<b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Has the Prime Minister been made aware that the defence adviser to the Sri Lankan high commissioner in London, Major Prasanna De Silva, is also returning to Sri Lanka? Has the Prime Minister been made aware that the Sri Lankan high commissioner was named in the Channel 4 UK documentary 'Sri Lanka's killing fields' as having allegedly committed war crimes and crimes against humanity during the final stages of the civil war. Could you take that on notice, please? <b>Ms Tsirbas:</b> Certainly	FPA P6, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
27.	1.1.2	Ludlam	Briefings to the PM – Stratfor, Julian Assange, Wikileaks	<b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I will just put a couple of questions on notice if I may. They relate again to briefings that the Prime Minister received on a couple of events. I am just going to put to you what those events were, and I will ask you to take on notice whether or not the Prime Minister received written briefings on those events, if that is okay. Then I will pass you back to the chair. Was the PM briefed when the communications by the US private intelligence corporation Stratfor were released, which had information that revealed a grand jury indictment existed for Julian Assange? I would be keen to know whether the Prime Minister was briefed on that. When was the Prime Minister last briefed on the UK Supreme Court matters that are afoot at the moment, on which a judgment is expected fairly soon, and what form did that briefing take? Has the Prime Minister been briefed on the impact of the banking blockade against WikiLeaks by Australian banks and their customers and have her comments on the illegality of the work of WikiLeaks had any material	FPA P10, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				bearing on that banking blockade? Finally, in response to my question on notice about whether the Prime Minister had apologised to WikiLeaks for declaring their activities illegal, the response to me was that the department of the Prime Minister is not able to speculate on this matter. Clearly there has been a misunderstanding there; I was not asking for speculation, I was asking whether the Prime Minister will apologise for those comments. I will leave it there.			
28.	1.1.2	Ryan	Australia and China – annual ministerial summits	<b>Senator RYAN:</b> So there is no agreement for an annual ministerial summit between Australia and China? <b>Ms Tsirbas:</b> I can simply refer you to the comments of the Prime Minister. <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> Perhaps I can take that on notice for you, Senator. All the officer can do is tell you what the Prime Minister said. She is struggling to interpret the exact answer to your question. I am not aware of the answer. As I say, on a ministerial level, minister to minister, there is a lot of contact. As to this proposition about a ministerial council, I am just not sure. ... <b>Senator RYAN:</b> I will take it, unless corrected on notice, that there is no agreement for an annual ministerial summit between Australia and China. What I am subsequently interested in is: is the department working to establish an agreement for an annual ministerial summit between Australia and China? <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> Perhaps the best thing I can do is get a proper answer for you out of PMO and come back to you later in the morning	FPA P11, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
29.	1.1.2	Ryan	PNG policy - comments made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs	<b>Senator RYAN:</b> I am after the view of the Prime Minister about Australian government policy with respect to PNG. <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I am happy to take that on notice if that is what you are after. All I am saying is that I do not have any briefing that goes to that question. It is primarily a question for Foreign Affairs. If the Prime Minister has anything to say in addition to the advice you will get from Foreign Affairs, I am happy to take that on notice. <b>Senator RYAN:</b> I would also be interested in—and I appreciate that the	FPA P12- 13, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				content of certain discussions may not be able to be released—any contact between the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade immediately subsequent to the comments by Senator Carr and what you have very charitably described as his 'explanation' of them, which others may describe as a correction or partial withdrawal of them. It represented a change or an important statement on Australian government policy. Obviously the international branch of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet would have a view on what that is.			
30.	1.1.2	Ryan	Taliban in an Afghan coalition government - comments made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I would like to ask you, as the minister representing the Prime Minister: what is the policy of the Prime Minister and the Australian government on involvement of the Taliban in an Afghan coalition government?</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> As you would be well aware, I am not briefed to provide you with a detailed response on foreign affairs questions. I am happy to take it on notice to see whether the Prime Minister has anything to add to what the foreign ministry and the foreign minister have to say. You have the great advantage in the current arrangements to have the foreign minister himself appearing at Senate estimates. I am sure you can discuss these matters with him at great length.</p>	FPA P13, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
31.	1.1.2	Ryan	Defence budget cuts	<p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> If your question is was the Prime Minister engaged with the decisions that were taken in the budget regarding defence expenditure, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> That is a charitable way of describing what I was asking, which was was the Prime Minister specifically briefed—</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> By whom?</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> By the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet about the implications of the cuts to the defence budget that were announced on 8 May?</p> <p><b>Ms Noble:</b> We can take that on notice.</p>	FPA P14, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
32.	1.1.2	Ryan	national security statement - timing	<p><b>Ms Noble:</b> The PM has indicated publicly that a national security statement will be delivered this year and, yes, the department is starting preliminary work.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Do we have an idea of when it will be delivered?</p>	FPA P14, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Will it be delivered to parliament, as promised by the former Prime Minister, or is it planned to be a speech of some variety not to the House?</p> <p><b>Ms Noble:</b> I do not think that has been determined yet, but we can take that on notice to see if we can get you a more definitive answer.</p>			
33.	1.1.3	Smith	Queens Diamond Jubilee – process of consultations	<p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> Take two, Minister. I am keen to inquire around some of the process that led to the government's announcement of the events to commemorate the Queen's diamond jubilee celebrations here in Australia. I would like to start by getting an understanding about the process that led to the determination of the seven events that the Prime Minister has referred to since 7 February. To assist: I am keen to understand what, if any, community consultation might have been undertaken and what discussions might have been had with other state and territory governments.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> Okay. Are you at liberty to share what sorts of ideas came back from other jurisdictions and other governors and whether they were or were not incorporated in the list of recommendations that might have been put to the Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Mr Leverett:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	FPA P64, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
34.	1.1.3	Smith	Queens Diamond Jubilee – representations from the public	<p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I understand there were some representations from some members of the public about the desirability of a jubilee medal, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> I would be interested in understanding who they were, if you are at liberty to give me the names, or, more importantly, whether they were representatives of organisations.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> If they were individuals, we would be unlikely to reveal their names.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> I accept that. If they are representing organisations, I would be keen to know who they are. Going back to the community consultation—or lack of it—in putting together a program, what was the thinking around not going out to the community if there was some recognition that ideas might exist in other places? We went to state and territory governments—we went to governors, for example. Why was there not perhaps even a brief opportunity for the community to contribute</p>	FPA P65, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				to the ideas or the thinking around how the country might celebrate this unique event?			
35.	1.1.3	Smith	Queens Diamond Jubilee - costs	<p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> I am keen to understand what the total estimated cost of the seven events which have been identified is. The \$5 million for the jubilee trust is common knowledge. The \$25,000 for the essay competition and the \$400,000 for the women's leadership scholarships are on the public record. But I am looking for a total estimated cost for all seven events.</p> <p><b>Mr Leverett:</b> The costs have not been finalised for all events, so I cannot give you a final figure. You have just outlined all the big ticket items. The figure you could add up there would give you close to the final figure. The stamp and the coin would not have a cost attributed to them, I do not think. The Royal Australian Mint and Australia Post issue these regularly each year, so there would be no additional cost. The one remaining item would be the renaming of the road in the Parliamentary Triangle. There will be a cost to that, but we are talking about only a few thousand for street signs and the like.</p>	FPA P65, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
36.	1.1.3	Chair	Queens Diamond Jubilee – 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Could you inform the committee about the process that took place for the celebration of the 50th anniversary—the golden anniversary of the Queen's ascension? Is there anything different in the consultation for these celebrations compared to those that took place for the 50th?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> Those of us who are at the table were not involved in this process at the 50th year point, but I understand that they were somewhat more modest than the diamond jubilee celebrations are intended to be. I am not sure how detailed our records are from that period, but we could take on notice for you what information we can find from the golden jubilee.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> It would be interesting to see what the government of that day did and the processes they went through as opposed to what is happening now for the 60th. If there is any further information, that would be appreciated committee.</p>	FPA P66, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
37.	1.1.3	Milne	Renaming of Parkes place	<p><b>Senator MILNE:</b> I want to follow-up some questions Senator Faulkner asked in February this year in relation to the renaming of the east-west road in the Parliamentary Zone from Parkes Place to the Queen Elizabeth</p>	FPA P66 - 67, 21 May	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>Terrace. Given that Parkes Place is named after Sir Henry Parkes, the father of Federation, I find it extraordinary that we should be renaming even part of Parkes Place Queen Elizabeth Terrace. I think most people would find that quite a backward step. Who proposed renaming Parkes Place in the first place? I know in your answers to Senator Faulkner you said that this had been worked through with the National Capital Authority. Who proposed it? Did the government propose that in the first place? Where did this proposition come from that Parkes Place be renamed Queen Elizabeth Terrace?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I will get back to you about the question of who first proposed it, but perhaps it will help if I just give a little more explanation about the physical geography of Parkes Place and the reason that that portion of Parkes Place is appropriate to be renamed. Parkes Place is actually a quadrangle; Parkes Place is a place, in the English sense, of being a quadrangle surrounded by roads. The roads running along the side of Parkes Place will continue to be called Parkes Place East and Parkes Place West respectively. The part of the road that will be renamed will thus be the fourth in a series of east-west roads in the Parliamentary Triangle that have been successively named after reigning monarchs since Federation—the first of those, of course, Queen Victoria Terrace and then King Edward Terrace. Renaming that part of Parkes Place will complete that series of roads named after reigning monarchs that run east-west in the Parliamentary Triangle. As to whose thought that was initially, I might just have to consult with Mr Leverett, but if we do not have that information with us I will be happy to take it on notice for you.</p> <p><b>Mr Leverett:</b> We will have to take it on notice.</p>	2012		
38.	1.1.3	Faulkner	Renaming of Parkes place	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Do you mind taking on notice when Parkes Place was named? You mentioned it is comparatively recent. That might be useful and might allay some of the concerns that particularly the descendants of Henry Parkes, and there are a lot of them, have had about this matter.</p>	FPA P68, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
39.	1.1.3	Ronaldson	Supply of Queen's photo	<p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> Why didn't you go to the royal household and get it from them?</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> We did, Senator—</p>	FPA P69, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> How long did that take?</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> It took several weeks for the royal household to provide, on a CD, through the post, the high-resolution photographs—</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> When did you make the request?</p> <p><b>Mr Rush:</b> I would have to take the date on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> You will take that on notice?</p>			
40.	1.1.3	Faulkner	Diamond Jubilee Medal – Golden Jubilee medal	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Would you be able to inform the committee whether—this is obviously during the life of the previous government when Mr Howard was Prime Minister—there was any consideration given to the striking of a medal for the golden jubilee of Her Majesty's reign?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I can tell you that there was no medal for the previous jubilee.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> No, I know that. I know there was no medal.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> But we do not know if there was any consideration given to that and the idea rejected.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> There was a question taken on notice earlier today whether the processes that the government of the day undertook then for the golden jubilee was the same as those being taken for the diamond jubilee. I think we could include the silver as well. I do not know whether there was a bronze.</p>	FPA P72, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
41.	1.1.3	Fifield	Community Cabinet - Costs	<p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> On 16 May there was a community cabinet meeting in Berwick. ...</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I have the costs for community cabinet meetings, but we just have not finished. It was only last week, so we have not finished doing the accounts for the Berwick meeting.</p> <p><b>Senator FIFIELD:</b> Please take that on notice with the costs of the other community cabinet meetings for the current financial year.</p>	FPA P75- 76, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
42.	1.1.3	Ryan	Rudd Video – networked computers	<p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I believe that was the request of the former Prime Minister's staff. The computer network in the department is not a Macintosh system, and the office, I understand, sought the technological capability of the Macintosh computers particularly for those purposes of video recording and editing. So the computers were provided as stand-alone computers on a Macintosh platform but not connected to—</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I have Apples myself, so I appreciate the desire. Were</p>	FPA P105, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12



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				those computers connected to the internet, or were they literally stand-alone as a PC might have been 25 years ago? <b>Ms Leon:</b> I believe they were simply stand-alone, but I would have to take on notice whether they were connected to the internet.			
43.	1.1.3	Ryan	Rudd video – 3g wifi dongle	<b>Senator RYAN:</b> Can you also take on notice whether or not anything else—for example a 3G wifi dongle, as it is commonly referred to—would have been made available. So, while it may not have been on the parliamentary computer network or on the Prime Minister and Cabinet network, was there any other third-party internet access? Because they could have been stand-alone yet had a 3G wireless device plugged into them to access the Telstra network. <b>Ms Leon:</b> I will check. I have to say that, during the investigation that we undertook, there was not any information that came to my attention that suggested they had been so connected, but I will take it on notice to check.	FPA P105, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
44.	1.1.3	Ryan	Rudd video – Camera provision	<b>Senator RYAN:</b> Did the department provide a camera to this video editing suite or to the office to record YouTube videos and things that these out-takes would have been drawn from? <b>Ms Leon:</b> Yes. <b>Senator RYAN:</b> How many cameras—or was it simply one? <b>Ms Leon:</b> I would have to take that on notice—if there was more than one camera in circulation over that period of time.	FPA P106, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
45.	1.1.3	Ryan	Rudd video – PMO filming, editing and publishing	<b>Senator RYAN:</b> Senator Evans, can you take on notice whether or not this system—the filming, the editing and the publishing—was managed by staff employed in the office of the Prime Minister? <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> Yes, I am happy to. I am not sure whether the current staff will be able to give you a fully accurate answer in terms of the current PM's office, but I will take it on notice and see what we can find out.	FPA P106, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
46.	1.1.3	Ryan	Rudd video – copies of recovered material	<b>Ms Leon:</b> I can only advise that the practice of the former Prime Minister, who recorded a range of videos for a wide range of purposes, was to provide to the department any such videos, in his official capacity as Prime Minister, that were appropriate for putting on the Prime Minister's website, and the department would put them on the website. If there were	FPA P107, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>any others, they would not, of course, have been provided to the department, so we would not have any knowledge of them—in the same way as we would not know if meetings for which we had not been asked to provide a brief occurred in the Prime Minister's office, we simply would not have any knowledge of it.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> As part of your investigation, do you have copies of the videos that were either on this hard drive or recovered from this hard drive?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I would have to take on notice whether we still have those or whether we simply examined them on the hard drive itself.</p>			
47.	1.1.3	Ryan	Rudd video – cost of investigation	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> How much did this investigation cost? I fear there would be two costs here. You may not have the first, which is the internal costs of the investigation, but presumably you would have the cost of employing an outside contractor to either verify or undertake some of this forensic examination?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I certainly would not be able to provide the internal costs, because we do not record staff time—</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I appreciate that.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> and it was nearly all staff time. I would have to take notice the amount that we provided to the external company. It would not have been a large amount, because what they essentially did was due diligence on the process that we had undertaken and some advice about the forensic deep-dive into the computer. But I would have to take on notice the exact amount.</p>	FPA P107, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
48.	1.1.3	Ryan	Rudd video – IT technology	<p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I understand that the process of transferring the film onto the computer is quite a time intensive one and that it is more efficient to edit it before putting it onto the computer.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> What do they edit it on then?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> They edit it from the tape, I understand, and only the final edit goes onto the computer.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I do not profess to be able to come up with Star Wars but I have a Mac, and no-one edits these things on a camera; in fact, they would not have requested Macs in order to edit them on a camera because they were requesting them for what you said earlier, which was a</p>	FPA P108, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>particular capacity: video editing.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> That was the advice of our IT people at the time, so I am happy to take on notice a more detailed description of that technology, if that would be of assistance.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I understand what you are saying, but it then negates the specific request for the Macintosh computer that is not connected to the parliamentary network.</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> Senator Ryan, I think we understand where you are trying to get to. I think the officer's advice is slightly different to your understanding. I think we will take it on notice. I think we know what you are after and we will get an answer to that.</p>			
49.	1.1.3	Ryan	Rudd video – the 'studio'	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Because this was described as being a room off the Prime Minister's office, and you mentioned earlier there were one or two Mac computers plus cameras. That equipment is still there and, for want of a better expression, a mini studio or product office is still there.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> We recalled all of that equipment from the office in order to undertake this investigation, and I would just have to take on notice whether we were ever asked to return it and whether we did so.</p>	FPA P108, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
50.	1.1.3	Sinodinos	Rudd video – IT technology	<p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> Can you at some stage perhaps take this on notice and elaborate on how frequently it would meet and up until what point in the budget process?</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> I would have to take on notice precisely how frequently it meets. But in the run-up to the budget, there is a cycle of the forecasts being developed, involving that group. Treasury then draws on the conclusions of that group in coming up with the forecasts that are then published in the budget. They are not necessarily exactly the same as what the group comes up with but it draws on that.</p> <p><b>Senator SINODINOS:</b> If you could perhaps elaborate on that, on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazlehurst:</b> Certainly</p>	FPA P109, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
51.	1.1.3	Ludlam	FOI decision maker - Peter Docwra	<p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I put a freedom of information request to the department on internal communications and also on communications with the governments of the United States and Sweden on the potential extradition or temporary surrender of Mr Julian Assange. I would like to ask about the way that FOI was processed. My understanding is that the</p>	FPA P7, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>decision maker was Mr Peter Docwra, the chief information officer. Is he still the chief information officer at PM&amp;C?</p> <p><b>Ms Noble:</b> No, he is not.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> When did he move on?</p> <p><b>Ms Noble:</b> I am not sure of the exact date. It was fairly recently and after your request was submitted to the department.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> I hope it was not the cause of his departure. Can you please take on notice when he departed, the reasons for his departure and what he is up to now.</p> <p><b>Senator LUDLAM:</b> Please let us know where he has been redeployed.</p> <p><b>Ms Noble:</b> Certainly.</p>			
52.	1.1.3	Ryan	Cabinet handbook requirements - statistics	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Do you keep statistics on the number of items that go into cabinet that do not meet the various notice requirements that might come in under the line?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> We certainly track every submission as to its progress. Whether we aggregate that into statistics I would have to take on notice for you, Senator.</p>	FPA P22, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
53.	1.1.3	Ryan	Foreign Minister – PM&C contact with Government House	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I appreciate that. I want to move to a step before that. When did the department advise the office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General that Senator Bob Carr was to be sworn in as foreign minister?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I may have an officer here who can give you that date, but if not we will take it on notice.</p>	FPA P23, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
54.	1.1.3	Ryan	Foreign Minister - briefing to incoming minister	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Can you take on notice whether there was such an instruction from the Prime Minister's office to the department of foreign affairs along those lines?</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> Senator, I think the officers have said that there was no involvement at PM&amp;C. I am not sure how they can help you. Is your question whether the Prime Minister instructed Foreign Affairs to brief him?</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> To brief him before his appointment as a senator or minister.</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I can take that on notice. I suspect you will have more joy from Foreign Affairs in the sense of who briefed whom and on</p>	FPA P25, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>whose authority. I will take it on notice. I have no idea. It seems to me that it was probably handled inside the Foreign Affairs portfolio. I will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I have some more information for you about the question of the timing of Mr Rudd's resignation letter, which I think will clear up the date and time question. Mr Rudd's letter was dated 22 February, but his request was that he relinquish the position 48 hours after his return, not 48 hours after the date of the letter. He returned to Australia, I think, on the 24th and his appointment was revoked effective the 26th.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Thank you very much, that is very helpful. That does clarify as I forgot the phrase 'after his return.' If I could turn to the government's habit of digging dirt, Senator Evans. Last year I asked you a question in the chamber regarding an article in the <i>Australian</i> on 9 March that alleged that the Caucus Committee Support and Training Unit was to form part of a new strategy unit in or answerable to the Prime Minister's office. I also asked: 'If not, will the minister undertake to find out and come back to the Senate this afternoon?' In your answer, when you had a crack at me for not pursuing this at estimates prior to that, so I am pursuing it now, you said that you would be happy to find out and come back to me. I was wondering as we never heard back, what is the relationship between the Caucus Committee Support and Training Unit and the Prime Minister's office and was the point that it was either in or answerable to the Prime Minister's office in any way correct?</p>			
55.	1.1.3	Ryan	Blog publication – Australia in the Asian Century	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> but I would suggest that 'Publication of blog' in that case at least might be a touch of an understatement, although I think you might be a touch ambitious about how many people might tune in and watch such speeches.</p> <p>How many blog sites have been created for the Australia in the Asian Century white paper and being funded by the department?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> We do not have the Asian century people here to give you that detail. We have got this information about the specific contracts that you asked about. I will have to take on notice any more information about Asian century matters until those people are here.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I have been told that there are four publicly funded blog</p>	FPA P28, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>sites as part of the Australia in the Asian Century process. We have just had this one, which I appreciate the Australian Institute of International Affairs is slightly more than a blog, for \$20,000 for a three-month period. We have the \$33,000 blog spectacular that is the Lowy Institute for 65 working days—at roughly \$500 a day. These are both only for three months, from 1 April to 30 June. What I would like you to take on notice is any outsourced contract for blog or communications services that are related to the Australia in the Asian Century process—and I am happy if I just get AusTender numbers to actually chase up the total costs myself. Quite frankly, \$33,000 for a 65-day blog does seem a little over the top.</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> We will make sure that you get more than just the AusTender number because, as we have already established, they are not necessarily a very accurate description of what the project is. We can certainly give you a summary of the project and the tender number.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Sure. Okay.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> And to the extent that I can, I will endeavour to see whether there is any comparative material available about the ordinary cost of outsourced blog moderation to see whether there is any reason why that figure would not be an entirely reasonable figure to pay. Certainly when we pay consultants to undertake consultations and analytical work for us in a paper based rather than online environment their charges are always considerably more than \$500 a day.</p>			
56.	1.1.3	Birmingham	Australian Network Audit – PM/ Mr Rudd meeting 25 May	<p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> There was meeting though that occurred on 25 May between the Prime Minister and Mr Rudd to discuss the tender. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Who initiated that meeting?</p> <p><b>Mr Simpson:</b> I am not aware of the catalyst for that meeting.</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Minister or PM&amp;C?</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> This is a meeting between a minister and a Prime Minister. I can perhaps take it on notice, Senator. I have got no knowledge of the detail of the meeting or who said what to whom or how the meeting occurred...</p> <p><b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Do we know who else was present, if</p>	FPA P43-44, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				anybody? .... <b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> If PM&C are able to take on notice for me, please, that 25 May meeting as to who initiated it, what prompted it, who was present and if any records of it were kept, that would be much appreciated. <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I think the answer to that is no, but we will take it on notice.			
57.	ANAO	Birmingham	Australian Network Audit-Cabinet Papers 6 June 2011	<b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> Thank you, minister. We had that meeting and we then had the cabinet submission from DFAT that, as we know, was withdrawn. On 6 June there was a discussion at cabinet about the Australia Network tender. Was there a cabinet paper or any papers accompanying that 6 June discussion? <b>Mr Simpson:</b> I would have to take that on notice. Offhand I am not sure of the level of papers before that meeting. I do not believe there were, but I would have to take it on notice to be sure. <b>Senator BIRMINGHAM:</b> I do not recall seeing any referenced. <b>Mr Simpson:</b> My recollection is that there were not but I would take it on notice to be absolutely positive about the response to that question.	FPA P44, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
58.	1.1.3	Rhiannon	whistleblower bill - progress	<b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I will move on to the whistleblower scheme. The government promised a bill to reform whistleblower laws, to bring in best practice legislation to protect public interest disclosures. A commitment was made to have this before parliament by June last year. As we know, however, it did not happen and there is no publicly available copy of the bill. A report released this month by the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance, <i>Kicking against the cornerstone of democracy</i> , says that the government has failed to deliver on its 2007 pledge to reform the law to protect whistleblowers. Could you share with us your understanding of where this is up to? Has the bill hit a roadblock? <b>Dr Thom:</b> The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet have policy responsibility for the bill, so they are best placed to advise you on that. <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Is there somebody here who can help us? <b>Ms Noble:</b> Yes, but I will have to take that on notice. <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you tell us if the bill has been drafted?	FPA P75, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p><b>Ms Noble:</b> No, I am sorry, I will have to take that on notice. I do not know. <b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Hopefully, Ms Noble, you can share with us, or otherwise take on notice, the timeline for getting the new bill to a vote in parliament.</p> <p><b>Ms Noble:</b> We will take that on notice as well.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Will there be a consultation on the draft of the bill?</p> <p><b>Ms Noble:</b> Again, we will have to take that on notice.</p>			
59.	1.1.3	Ryan	Oversight of Ministerial staff code of conduct	<p>The Department of Finance said the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet had responsibility for the oversight of the Ministerial staff Code of Conduct.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the Prime Minister's Office or the department oversee the code?</li> <li>2. How many times have complaints been made about violations of this code?</li> <li>3. How many investigations have been undertaken? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What has been the finding and outcome of each investigation?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
60.	1.1.3	Ryan	Bligh Street office of Senator the Hon Bob Carr	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Did the Prime Minister or her staff or the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet contact Senator Carr or his office regarding the Bligh St office on Thursday 24 May? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. what was the nature of the contact and by whom? (eg telephone call, email, letter, meeting in person)?</li> <li>b. what was discussed in this communication?</li> <li>c. Was the issue of the office of RJ Carr Pty Ltd discussed?</li> <li>d. Was there any instruction to agreement to amend the ASIC listing of RJ Carr Pty Ltd an outcome of the meeting</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. On or since Thursday 24 May, has there been any communication or contact between the Prime Minister, her office or the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet regarding the Ministerial Code of Conduct? If so,</li> </ol>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12



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				<p>a. Was the issue of RJ Carr Pty Ltd being registered at Senator Carr's Bligh St office discussed?</p> <p>3. Does the listing of the office of RJ Carr Pty Ltd at Senator Carr's Bligh St office constitute a breach of the Ministerial Code of Conduct?</p>			
61.	1.1.4	Cameron	Subject: Australia's hosting of the Group of 20 in 2014	<p>The government will provide an allocation of \$326.9 million over four years to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to host the Group of 20 in 2014.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Which city will host the Group of 20 meeting?</li> <li>2. What is the anticipated level of Commonwealth expenditure on security measures for the meeting?</li> <li>3. What is the level of anticipated Commonwealth expenditure on policy development and coordination for the meeting? Does this expenditure include any anticipated employment of additional staff in the Department, temporary or otherwise? If so, how many additional staff are expected to be employed?</li> <li>4. What is the anticipated level of Commonwealth expenditure on logistics for the meeting including but not limited to travel, transport and accommodation?</li> <li>5. What other expenditure items in connection with the Group of 20 meeting not covered in 1-4 above are likely to arise?</li> <li>6. Has the government been party to discussions within the G20 in relation to proposals for the establishment of a permanent G20 secretariat? If so, does the government support the establishment of a permanent G20 secretariat? Do these proposals include the designation of a permanent location for the holding of G20 meetings including the leaders', finance ministers' and central bank governors' meetings?</li> </ol>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
62.	1.2	Faulkner	State Coach Britannia - correspondence of the former Government	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> Yes, and I appreciate that. My question went to officials. I acknowledge that of course ministerial staff are in a different position, as are members of parliament. What Senator Evans says I recall to be correct, too. I think at least two members of the current parliament have visited the coach in its development, and that is a matter of record</p>	FPA P20 - 21, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>and they have had their photographs taken there. So it is not a matter of any uncertainty or controversy. But I do say to you, Senator Sinodinos, that I am not dealing with the characters of individuals here. I am dealing with the facts. The facts are as I have outlined them. My concern remains the nature of the expenditure of nearly a quarter of a million dollars—\$245,000, to be precise—during the life of the Howard government. I have expressed those concerns previously. I will not go back there, but perhaps Senator Sinodinos away from the committee can reflect on that as an example of appropriate governance or otherwise and appropriate expenditure or otherwise in the circumstances. An 80th birthday present for Her Majesty now that she has already celebrated her 86th birthday strains credulity to say the least.</p> <p>One thing that might be helpful in this regard, so we can have full clarity and revisit this issue at the next estimates round, I ask the department to take on notice the question of any other correspondence on this matter prior to the current government coming to office. I do not expect you to answer that now, but I ask officials and the minister to reflect on that. That might also assist Senator Sinodinos's reflections on this matter.</p> <p><b>Ms Leon:</b> I will take that on notice....</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER:</b> If you are able to provide any further information or illuminate how that could be the case, I might place that on notice and we will come back to these matters at the next estimates. I thank you for tabling this correspondence and I look forward to seeing the correspondence that occurred, if it is able to be provided, during the life of the Howard government as well so that we can fill out the picture. If PM&amp;C cannot provide it, I am sure Senator Sinodinos will have kept copies in his back pocket.</p>			
63.	PM/PMO	Ryan	Caucus Committee Support and Training Unit – - relationship with PMO	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I appreciate that; however, what I am interested in now are relations between this group of people and the office of the Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I can take that on notice. In terms of formal accountability, it appears it is probably Finance in terms of the management and employment of staff, et cetera. As to relationships between them and the Prime Minister's office, obviously there would be</p>	FPA P26, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>engagement with the PMO and officers of the PMO about government activities. I can take that on notice, and I will also double check for you but it seems to me it is probably best handled under Finance. I think I might be representing for part of that, so we might have that discussion then.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I will put some questions on notice, because you might have another opportunity to answer them under another outcome, although I think because this particular part of estimates covers the office of the Prime Minister and not just the department of the Prime Minister it could be handled here. I would like to know whether or not in any way there has been a change to the arrangements of the Caucus Committee Support and Training Unit, or any group that is now known by a different name that was that, and whether or not it answers to anyone in the Prime Minister's office, and the extent of liaison between it and the Prime Minister's office, particularly with respect to what might charitably be known as opposition research?</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I can take that on notice. Obviously there is liaison about government announcements, et cetera, providing information to caucus members about those things, as do prime ministerial officers. But in terms of opposition research, as you describe it, I am not aware of whether they undertake any such functions. I will take that on notice.</p>			
64.	PM/PMO	Ryan	Caucus Committee Support and Training Unit – directions from the PM	<p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Can you also take on notice whether there has been any direction from the office of the Prime Minister to the Caucus Committee Support and Training Unit to undertake research on members of the opposition in terms of their portfolio, their personal backgrounds, even issues like their declarations of interests, and—we can discuss this Thursday—whether or not there has been any direction from the PMO or advice regarding that to the CASTE.</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I very much doubt that. Those things tend to be handled inside the offices. I will certainly take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> I do not necessarily disagree that the communication might not be from the Prime Minister personally, but any officers within the Prime Minister's office—any of her personal staff—providing such direction or advice to the Caucus Committee Support and Training Unit.</p>	FPA P26, 22 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> As I say, I do not think that is their role, but I will get you an answer. We can probably have that discussion under Finance.			
65.	PM/PMO	Ronaldson	Member for Fisher (the Speaker) - meetings with PM	<b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> Minister, I want to talk about the government's dealings with the Speaker, the member for Fisher. Did the Prime Minister during the course of 2011 receive the member for Fisher in her office, on what occasions, how many times and what was discussed? <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I have no idea what the answer to that question is. I am happy to take it on notice and see what the Prime Minister has got to say in response. I have no understanding of what meetings occurred.	FPA P94, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
66.	PM/PMO	Ronaldson	Member for Fisher (the Speaker) - meetings with PM's staff	<b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> Similarly—if you are unable to advise the committee of an answer to that question—can you take on notice what contact any of the Prime Minister's staff had with the member for Fisher over that period, on what occasions, at what times and what the nature of the discussion was. <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I am happy to take the questions on notice. I am not sure what we will be able to get you in response but I will take them on notice.	FPA P94, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
67.	PM/PMO	Ronaldson	Member for Fisher (the Speaker) - meetings with the leader of Government in the House	<b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> Similarly, I would like that information on the Leader of the House. <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> Again, Senator, I think you ought to think about this. These are Prime Minister and Cabinet estimates. The suggestion that the department should go around asking current and former ministers when they met with Mr Slipper and how is probably a bit beyond the reach of PM&C estimates. <b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> With the greatest respect, Minister, Mr Albanese is the government Leader of the House and, as such, I do not think there is any reason at all why you are not in a position, on behalf of the government, to ask the government leader in the House what contact he had with the member for Fisher, on what occasions, how many times and what was discussed, and to ask questions of the staff of the Leader of the House along those same lines. I am sure you are not suggesting that the Leader of the House is not subject to questions through these estimates. <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> Well, to do it through the PM&C estimates, I	FPA P94, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				probably would suggest that. I am happy to take further advice. If you have questions for Mr Albanese in terms of his portfolio responsibilities, obviously his own portfolio's estimates would be the time to pursue those.			
68.	PM/PMO	Ronaldson	Member for Fisher as the then Deputy Speaker - meetings with the Leader of Government in the House	<p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> The <i>Sunday Mail</i> on 27 November in an article titled 'How Labor lured Peter Slipper to Speaker's chair in federal parliament', Renee Viellaris went through and detailed a number of meetings with the government leader in the Reps in relation to his discussions with the member for Fisher, who then of course was not the Speaker. She alleged in this article that Mr Albanese met with the then Deputy Speaker following question time on 31 May 2011. Did this happen? Where did it happen and what was discussed? Did Minister Albanese offer Mr Slipper the Speakership of the House in that afternoon meeting?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> Was the Prime Minister aware of this meeting on 31 May? What discussions did the Prime Minister have with Mr Albanese in relation to his negotiations with the member for Fisher?</p> <p><b>Senator CHRIS EVANS:</b> I will take the question on notice and see if there is anything the Prime Minister wants to say in response</p>	FPA P96, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12
69.	PM/PMO	Ronaldson	Craig Thompson Statement – advice provided by PM	<p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I heard Mr Thomson's statement. I understand he referred to advice he had taken without specifying from whom the advice came. That is obviously in the first—</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> Sorry, can I stop you there. I did not suggest that he had. I asked you—</p> <p><b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> No, no. And I am getting to your main point, which is that I do not know who provided him with that advice. That is a question that should primarily be directed to him. But, to the extent that your question refers to the Prime Minister's role, I am happy to take that on notice and see if there is anything she wishes to say in response to your query regarding Mr Thomson.</p> <p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> Thank you, Minister. That is in the context of the direct quote 'from a variety of people', which is what I am asking the question about. Are you able to say when the Prime Minister had her last conversation with the member for Dobell, what the nature of that</p>	FPA P99, 21 May 2012	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				conversation was and what was discussed during that conversation?			
70.	OOSGG	Ronaldson	Prime Minister's discussion with the Governor-General	<p><b>Senator RONALDSON:</b> I understand that, Mr Brady, and it may well be that it was the Prime Minister who was talking to the Governor-General during that minute's silence. I would not raise it except that there are four people who were prepared to put their names to this, and I think that elevates this matter. Can you take that on notice? If indeed it was the Prime Minister who was talking to the Governor-General, that can be part of your explanation as well. It may be the Governor-General did not respond to the Prime Minister talking during that minute of silence, but there are four people, all of whom have been prepared to put their names to this article. I will quote from the article: The <i>NT News</i> put call— I presume that means called— into the offices of both the Governor-General and Prime Minister but received no response. Could you investigate?</p> <p><b>Mr Brady:</b> I will check. It may be material that I am informed that the minute's silence was not actually announced.</p>	FPA P56, 21 May 2012	5/7/12	23/8/12
71.	OOSGG	Kroger	Senator Carr – Swearing in date	<p><b>Mr Brady:</b> That is perhaps best asked of PM&amp;C. But my understanding is that the legal instrument once signed by the minister during the swearing in is the only instrument that matters.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER:</b> So when was Senator Carr sworn in?</p> <p><b>Mr Brady:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER:</b> I know when he was sworn in here in parliament—</p> <p><b>Mr Brady:</b> It was the same day.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER:</b> You might want to clarify that.</p> <p><b>Mr Brady:</b> We just checked. I am pretty sure it was the same day.</p> <p><b>Senator KROGER:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator RYAN:</b> Is the gazettal process done on the initiative of your office as its responsibility, or is it done on advice of the department, as in the timing of the gazettal?</p> <p><b>Mr Brady:</b> I am reasonably certain that it is done on our own initiative. I will double check.</p>	FPA P59, 21 May 2012	5/7/12	23/8/12

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72.	APSC	Mason	Management Advisory Committee – absenteeism	<p><b>Senator MASON:</b> In relation to the Management Advisory Committee, which was to advise the Australian government on matters relating to the management of the Australian Public Service, when is the last time, as an agenda item, you put on absenteeism in the Australian Public Service?...  <b>Senator Chris Evans:</b> I think Mr Sedgwick said he would take notice when it was on the agenda. He was trying to make the point that he was not responsible for the agenda, not to avoid giving you an answer as to when it was on. It was the way the question was phrased. We are happy to take on notice when that was on the agenda of the Management Advisory Committee in the past.  <b>Senator MASON:</b> All right: when it has been on the agenda over the last five years.  <b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> We will certainly take that on notice. But I can say to you that within the HR forums it is frequently addressed. I can also say to you that I am perfectly happy to prosecute this agenda. Whether it gets raised at a Secretaries Board or we deal with it in another way, if you would just allow me to—</p>	FPA P65, 22 May 2012	29/6/12	23/8/12
73.	APSC	Mason	State of the Service survey	<p><b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> When we provide agencies with a report on their results in the State of the Service survey – I am looking to my colleague-we usually provide some data which benchmarks the performance of the agency compared to the rest of the APS or their agency size. I am just looking to see whether we include unexplained absence in that list.  <b>Dr Schmidtchen:</b> I would have to check.  <b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> We will check that for you. There is no reason.....</p>	FPA P59, 22 May 2012	29/6/12	23/8/12
74.	APSC	Mason	Secretaries Board – Start Date	<p><b>Senator Mason:</b> Hold on-let me just go back. I am not happy again, Minister. It has not been raised with the so-called Secretaries Board. The Management Advisory Committee is , according to the website:.....  <b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> It does not operate any more.  <b>Senator Mason:</b> Sure. When did the new Secretaries Board come on board-when did that start?  <b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> A year ago or so.  <b>Senator Mason:</b> Could you take that on notice?  <b>Mr Sedgwick:</b> Yes. It was formed.....</p>	FPA P65, 22 May 2012	29/6/12	23/8/12

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75.	Ombudsman	Rhiannon	AFP IDG complaints – process for handling	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> What is the process for investigating a complaint against AFP officers in the International Deployment Group?</p> <p><b>Ms Larkins:</b> We have two roles. We provide an oversight of AFP's own complaints handling processes. An audit is probably the best way of doing that, where we look on a regular basis at how well the AFP is managing its own complaints. We also do consider some complaints ourselves. The major view that we have is through that auditing of how the AFP manages its own complaints.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> How do you decide on which complaints that you will look at?</p> <p><b>Ms Larkins:</b> I will take that on notice. I just want to be completely clear about it.</p>	FPA P70, 22 May 2012	28/6/12	23/8/12
76.	Ombudsman	Rhiannon	AFP IDG complaints – number since July 2010	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you. I am still trying to get some figures and understanding of this. Is it true that the Ombudsman's office has sought information on only one complaint against a member of the International Deployment Group since July 2010?</p> <p><b>Ms Larkins:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> You can take that on notice and also tell me the details of the complaint. If there was only one complaint, why, considering there are other reports of more complaints.</p> <p><b>Ms Larkins:</b> Okay.</p>	FPA P71, 22 May 2012	28/6/12	23/8/12
77.	Ombudsman	Rhiannon	CSIRO Membership of industry organisations	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes, Chair. Just so I can understand the process, Ms Larkins, in terms of how the Ombudsman's office handled this, did you establish if CSIRO was a member of other industry organisations and, if so, what they are?</p> <p><b>Ms Larkins:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that information with me.</p>	FPA P72, 22 May 2012	28/6/12	23/8/12
78.	PM&C	Abetz	Alternative policy costings	Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings? If yes, provide details of what these costings were, including provision of costings documents, and who made the request and when.	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
79.	All	Ryan	Staffing – new staff	<p>How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?</p> <p>How many non ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC	23/8/12



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				year to date? What classification are these staff?  This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?		5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	
80.	All	Ryan	Staffing - departures	How many ongoing staff left in the year 2010-11? What classification were these staff?  How many non ongoing staff left in the year 2001-11? What classification were these staff?	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
81.	All	Ryan	Staffing – reduction	Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.  If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
82.	All	Ryan	Staffing – SES positions	Please list the SES positions have you in your department/agency this financial year to date. Identify the different levels and how many are permanent positions?	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
83.	All	Ryan	Staffing - training	Will there be any training after the 2012 Calendar year for 2012 Graduates? If there is, please detail cost and what the training is.	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC	23/8/12

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84.	All	Ryan	Staffing – graduate recruitment	What was the cost for recruiting 2012 Graduates? Please itemise and detail costs.	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
85.	All	Ryan	Government Advertising	<p>What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?</p> <p>Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.</p> <p>Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.</p> <p>Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.</p> <p>Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.</p> <p>What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12

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86.	All	Ryan	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
87.	All	Ryan	Board Appointments	List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 PMC (including	23/8/12

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				<p>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.</p>		<p>ONA, OCO, APSC) 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OIGIS</p>	
88.	All	Ryan	Freedom of Information	<p>Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests? What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p> <p>How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?</p> <p>How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	<p>6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS</p>	23/8/12
89.	All	Ryan	Community Cabinet Meetings	<p>What was the cost of Ministers and travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this financial year to date?</p> <p>How many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended? List date and location.</p> <p>How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Ministerial Staff attend? List date and location.</p> <p>How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental</p>	Written	<p>6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS</p>	23/8/12

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				Officers attend? List date and location.  What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?			
90.	All	Ryan	Reviews	For this financial year to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many Reviews are being undertaken?</li> <li>• What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded</li> <li>• Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</li> <li>• When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</li> <li>• What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</li> <li>• What reviews are planned?</li> <li>• When will each of these reviews be concluded?</li> </ul>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 PMC (including ONA, OCO, APSC) 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
91.	All	Ryan	Consultancies	How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year 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.  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.	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
92.	All	Ryan	Media Monitoring	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>• What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?</li> <li>• What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ul>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12

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				<p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>• What is the estimated budget to provide this same services for the year 2011-12?</li> <li>• What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?</li> </ul>			
93.	All	Ryan	Social Media	<p>Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since publication of the Australian Public Service Commission's Circular 2012/1: Revisions to the Commission's guidance on making public comment and participating online? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue. If no, please explain why not.</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
94.	All	Ryan	Contractors	<p>For this financial year to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting &amp; UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the</li> </ul>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12

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				<p>cost).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> <li>• Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey &amp; Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey &amp; Company? If yes, provide details.</li> <li>• What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).</li> </ul>			
95.	All	Ryan	Discretionary Grants	Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO	23/8/12

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				Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?		29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	
96.	All	Ryan	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio this financial year to date? 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</li> <li>• What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</li> </ul>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC (including APSC) 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
97.	All	Ryan	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>For this financial year 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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)</li> <li>• 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?</li> <li>• Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</li> </ul>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
98.	All	Ryan	Stationery requirements	<p>How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?</p> <p>What is the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?</p> <p>What is the department/agency's stationery costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12



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99.	All	Ryan	Legal costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
100.	All	Ryan	Education expenses	<p>What are the department/agency's guidelines on study? Please provide details.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
101.	All	Ryan	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>a) In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:</p> <p>Total spending on these services The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12

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				<p>a breakdown for each employment classification) The names of all service providers engaged</p> <p>b) For each service purchased form a provider listed under (4), please provide:</p> <p>The name and nature of the service purchased Whether the service is one-on-one or group based The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total amount spent on the service A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>The location used The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
102.	All	Ryan	Media Training	<p>The name and nature of the service purchased Whether the service is one-on-one or group based The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)</p> <p>The total amount spent on the service</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12

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				<p>A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)</p> <p>c) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <p>The location used  The number of employees who took part on each occasion  The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)  Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location</p>			
103.	All	Ryan	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
104.	All	Ryan	Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries	<p>For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.</p> <p>For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12

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105.	All	Ryan	Corporate Cars	Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): How cars are owned by each department and agency in your portfolio? Where is the car/s located? What is the car/s used for? What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date? How far did each car travel this financial year to date?	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
106.	All	Ryan	Taxi Costs	How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.  What are the reasons for taxi costs?	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
107.	All	Ryan	Credit Cards	Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.  Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</li> <li>• How is corporate credit card use monitored?</li> <li>• What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</li> <li>• Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</li> <li>• What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</li> </ul>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
108.	All	Ryan	Printing of Documents	Does the department/agency print any hard copies of reports/statements/papers they produce? If yes, please list how many copies, where they are delivered and the cost	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC	23/8/12

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109.	All	Ryan	Provision of Equipment	<p>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>For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date? What were the running costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>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>Please update if there have been any changes since Additional Estimates 2011-12 (February 2012):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
110.	All	Ryan	Electricity Purchasing	<p>Provide an update of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement. Provide details of when this was entered into and the length of the agreement.</p> <p>What were the department/agency electricity costs for 2009-10 and 2010-11?</p> <p>What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
111.	All	Abetz	Purchase of shredders	<p>Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders in the last 12 months? If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC	23/8/12

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				purpose for which the shredder is to be used.		5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	
112.	All	Ryan	Media Subscriptions	<p>Has there been any change to your pay TV subscription since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.</li> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>Has there been any change to your newspaper subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</li> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul> <p>Has there been any change to your magazine subscriptions since the 2011-12 Additional Estimates (February 2012)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.</li> <li>• What is the cost for this financial year to date?</li> </ul>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 NMHC 5/7/12 OOSGG 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12
113.	All	Ryan	Travel Costs	<p>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>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).</p> <p>Are the Government's Lowest Practical Fare travel policy for Domestic Air Travel</p>	Written	6/7/12 ANAO 6/7/12 ONA 6/7/12 PMC 5/7/12 OOSGG 5/7/12 NMHC 28/6/12 OCO 29/6/12 APSC 28/6/12 OIGIS	23/8/12

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				(Finance Circular No. 2009/10) and Best Fare of the Day for International Air Travel (Finance Circular No. 2009/11) guidelines being followed? How is this monitored? If the guidelines are not being followed, please explain why.			
114.	OOSGG	Kroger	Delayed gazettal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stephen Brady, Official Secretary to the Governor-General, advised in estimates that the gazettal of changes involving the position of Foreign Affairs Minister had been overlooked and did not occur until April 10. Mr Brady said the oversight was brought to his attention by his executive assistant. How and when did Mr Brady's executive assistant become aware of the oversight?</li> <li>2. If someone advised Mr Brady's executive assistant of the oversight, who was that person?</li> </ol>		5/7/12	23/8/12
115.	1.1.3	Kroger	Senator Bob Carr's appointment as Foreign Affairs Minister	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Official Secretary to the Governor-General Stephen Brady advised in estimates that there had been an "unsatisfactory oversight" with changes involving the position of Foreign Affairs Minister not being gazetted until April 10. Mr Brady said he did not believe there were legal consequences to this. Are ministerial changes legally required to be gazetted? If not, why is this process required? Is the process under review?</li> <li>2. When did Kevin Rudd's appointment as Foreign Affairs Minister officially end?</li> <li>3. The Governor-General's gazette lists February 26 as the date on which Kevin Rudd's appointment as Foreign Affairs Minister was terminated. On the parliamentary website under Mr Rudd's profile, the termination date is listed as March 5. Why are these dates different? Which date is the accurate one?</li> <li>4. When did Kevin Rudd cease to receive the entitlements associated with the position of Foreign Affairs Minister?</li> </ol>		6/7/12	23/8/12
116.	1.1.1	Payne	Development Assessment Forum - current status	Can you please update the committee on the current status of the Development Assessment Forum, including how regularly it meets and where any reports it has can be found?	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12

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117.	1.1.1	Payne	Development Assessment Forum – funding and staffing	Can you please outline the level of dedicated Commonwealth funding in relation to the DAF, including staffing allocated to supporting the DAF?	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
118.	1.1.1	Payne	Hawke Review - consolidated ministerial council structure	What arrangements has COAG or the government made to ensure that the consolidated ministerial council structure, after the Hawke Review, will not lose the benefits the now abolished Local Government and Planning Ministers' Council brought to development assessment?	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
119.	1.1.1	Payne	COAG extension of code assessment	What efforts are being made by COAG to extend code assessment to commercial and industrial developments, stated by the PC to be required for the achievement of available benefits from development assessment reforms?	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
120.	1.1.1	Payne	development assessment reforms - major project development assessment approval processes	Will reforms around major project development assessment approval processes impact on the current (and apparently completed) DA reforms?	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
121.	1.1.1	Payne	Business Advisory Forum – COAG taskforce	With respect to the Taskforce established at the last COAG meeting to progress issues proposed by the Business Advisory Forum, can you please outline to the committee the process by which the Taskforce will progress the matters referred to it, in particular the reports and advice it will be presenting to COAG at its next meeting?	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
122.	1.1.1	Payne	Business Advisory Forum - reporting	What consultation mechanisms and timeframes are in place and will the reports of the Taskforce be publicly released in light of these reforms being suggested by, and being for the benefit of, business?	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
123.	1.1.1	Payne	COAG - reducing duplication of double-handling of assessment and approval processes for environmental standards	With respect to COAG's announcement around reducing duplication of double-handling of assessment and approval processes for environmental standards, can you please provide further details about this proposal and outline the process that will be undertaken, including expected timeframes?	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12



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124.	1.1.1	Payne	harmonised directors' liability legislation - timeframe	Can you please outline the timeframe for the finalisation of harmonised directors' liability legislation, including planned introduction to parliaments?	Written	Transferred to Treasury	n/a
125.	1.1.1	Payne	directors' liability reform - Corrs Chambers Westgarth report	With respect to directors' liability reform, has the report from Corrs Chambers Westgarth that the COAG Reform Council recommended be used to advance the remaining 2011-12 work been taken into account, and what measures, analyses or recommendations contained in the report have been acted on or are being acted on?	Written	Transferred to Treasury	n/a
126.	1.1.1	Payne	Hawke Review - COAG committee structure	Can you please outline in relation to the COAG committee structure since the Hawke Review recommendations were implemented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the costs involved in the setting up and ongoing administration of the new committee structure;</li> <li>• the numbers of meetings held and the attendees, locations, details of the chair arrangements, and numbers of staff attending</li> </ul>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
127.	1.1.3	Rhiannon	Lobbying Code of Conduct	Under 'support services for govt operations' 1.1.3 (p36) a deliverable is "Administration of the Register of Lobbyists and the Lobbying Code of Conduct". Budget papers say that no additional funding has been provided for govt support services. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Of almost \$29 million going to support services for govt operations in 13/14, what is the portion going to administering the register and lobbying code of conduct?</li> <li>2. Has there been an increase in the number of applications to be on the register in the last financial year?</li> <li>3. If yes, does that demand additional resources?</li> <li>4. If no, are you confident that the code is being adequately administered, monitored and enforced?</li> </ol>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
128.	1.1.3	Rhiannon	regulation of lobbyists –OECD framework compliance	The Senate inquiry into the federal regulation of lobbyists which reported in March failed to make any recommendations for reform despite clear evidence that Australia lags behind countries like Canada and the US and widespread calls for the regulation of in-house lobbyists and the lobbying of all MPs. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is there any of your budget quarantined to ensure policy work to ensure Australian is complying with the framework the OECD has provided for the regulation of lobbying, considering Australia is a</li> </ol>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>party to the OECD?</p> <p>2. Is it of concern that the Commonwealth lobbyist scheme does not presently comply with OECD principles, which state, for example: “Where transparency and integrity are the principal goals of legislation, effectiveness is best achieved if definitions are broad and inclusive, and the theatre of lobby activities is also defined broadly and inclusively.”?</p>			
129.	1.1.3	Rhiannon	regulation of lobbyists – effectiveness of code	<p>In October 2011 Senate Estimates a representative of PM&amp;C argued the code was effective because there had only one reported breach.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have there been subsequent breaches?</li> <li>2. Are breaches the only criterion against which you measure the effectiveness of the scheme?</li> <li>3. Have any lobbyists been refused registration or de-registered during the operation of the Code?</li> <li>4. Have any Government Representatives been found to have breached section 4 of the Code, which deals with govt representatives knowingly and intentionally being party to lobbying activities by an unregistered lobbyist?</li> <li>5. If so, what disciplinary measures were applied?</li> </ol>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
130.	1.1.3	Rhiannon	regulation of lobbyists – recommendations to government	<p>Prime Minister Gillard on gaining office said, “People do want to see us more open, more accountable, more transparent. I am going to be held to higher standards of accountability than any Prime Minister in the modern age. I'm well aware of that, and I'm going to focus on being up to that challenge.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have you made any recommendations to the government that disclosure requirements in relation to lobbyists be more strenuous?</li> <li>2. If so what were those recommendations?</li> <li>3. What was the response?</li> </ol>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
131.	National Security Legislation Monitor	Rhiannon	National Security Legislation Monitor	<p>Deliverables on <i>budget papers p33 (1.1.2)</i> include support to the office of the Independent Sec Legn Monitor. At last estimates Brett Walker advised his work would focus on “first of all and particularly on the only one of the extraordinary powers to have been used—namely, the ASIO questioning warrants—and the bracketing of powers that it is sensible to consider alongside them. There will also be questioning and detention warrants, which have never been issued; control orders, which, with two well-known</p>	Written	20/06/12	26/06/12

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				<p>exceptions, have not been used; and preventative detention orders, which have not been used.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The office’s budget is not broken down in the budget papers. What budget does ISLM have this year?</li> <li>2. In February, Brett Walker said he had one staff for 3 days that does research, but indicated he would like someone for four days and some additional admin assistance. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have you been provided with additional assistance?</li> <li>b. For what tasks?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. I understand that the Prime Minister has power to refer particular cases to you for advice. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Have any such ad hoc referrals been made since last estimates session in February of this year?</li> <li>b. If so, on what matters?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Will you have any role – as advisor or otherwise – in the proposed inquiry into certain aspects of Australia’s anti-terrorism laws to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security?</li> <li>5. You would be aware that the COAG review of counter-terrorism legislation is now 11 months overdue. In February you confirmed that you had not been approached about this review. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Is that still the case?</li> <li>b. Have you had any correspondence, meetings or any request to contribute to the review?</li> <li>c. Are you aware of its current status?</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. Noting that the annual report does not make any recommendations; will the next annual report make recommendations?</li> </ol>			
132.	1.1.2	Rhiannon	National Security Legislation Monitor - annual report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brett Walker’s annual report does not make any recommendations and govt has said in press release that there will be no formal response. Why not?</li> <li>2. Has PM asked for advice from Nat Sec and Int Policy group following on from the annual report or has the group given a response to the PM?</li> <li>3. If not, what is the purpose of the annual report and having the role of</li> </ol>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>Nat Security Legn Monitor?</p> <p>4. How does it feed into govt policy making?</p> <p>5. At p31 of the annual report, there is reference to questioning warrants under the ASIO Act. Law allows 168 hours as the maximum period for a person to be detained continuously. Walker says that "so far and on incomplete inquiries this year, no operation justification for regarding such a long period of detention as reasonably necessary in order for useful intelligence to be gained." What is the government response to this?</p>			
133.	1.1.3	Di Natale	Equity strategy	<p>1. How does the Department ensure that the Government's Access and Equity Strategy is implemented in its entirety and in relation to all Departmental activities?</p> <p>a. How does the Department acknowledge the multicultural character of the Australian society, in terms of the services and programs you provide?</p> <p>2. How do you measure your success against Access and Equity goals? What evidence do you that the Department is actively implementing the Government's Access &amp; Equity policy?</p> <p>3. What changes will you implement over the next financial year to ensure your programs and services are more accessible to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities?</p> <p>4. What is your Department doing to ensure it has a culturally competent workforce?</p>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
134.	1.1.2	Xenophon	Border Protection Task Force - terms of reference	What are the terms of reference of the Border Protection Task Force?	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
135.	1.1.2	Xenophon	Border Protection Task Force - members	What agencies are permanent members of the Task Force and what agencies are ad hoc members?	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
136.	1.1.2	Xenophon	Border Protection Task Force - migration law and the	Currently, the Fair Work Ombudsman has proceedings on foot against Jetstar Airways Pty Ltd in relation to the employment of cadet pilots and foreign cabin crew on particular flight within Australia. While the headline activity involves DEEWR agencies, the underlying issues relate to migration law and	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12

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			categorisation of flights	<p>the categorisation of flights. It appears that DIT, CASA, DEEWR, ACBPS, AQIS and DIAC have differing views on the distinction between international and domestic flights.</p> <p>Is the Task Force the coordinating group for a 'whole of Government' approach or is it another body or is there no such coordination?</p>			
137.	1.1.2	Xenophon	Border Protection Task Force - Jetstar	<p>Has the Border Protection Taskforce been involved in any way in relation to the issue of Jetstar using overseas-based cabin crew on domestic legs of international flights?</p> <p>If so, what involvement has the Taskforce had? Can you provide notes/minutes/recommendations from any meetings or discussions What future involvement will the Taskforce have?</p>	Written	6/7/12	23/8/12
138.	1.1.1	Fifield	Select Council on Disability Reform	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How many times has the Select Council met to discuss the NDIS, since 19 August 2011?</li> <li>2) What dates did they meet?</li> <li>3) Who was in attendance?</li> <li>4) Are communiqués released following each meeting? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) If no agreement is reached, is that communicated to PM&amp;C?</li> <li>B) When is the next scheduled meeting of the Select Council?</li> </ol> </li> <li>5) Has the Select Council has briefings from external bodies? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Which meetings received external input?</li> <li>b) Which stakeholders were consulted?</li> </ol> </li> <li>6) Has the Select Council on Disability Reform consulted with, or received input from the NDIS Advisory Group?</li> <li>7) Has the Select Council on Disability Reform met with the NDIS Advisory Group? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many times have the two groups met?</li> <li>b) What dates did they meet?</li> <li>c) Where did they meet?</li> </ol> </li> <li>8) What were the specific agenda items at the meetings between the Select Council on Disability Reform and the NDIS Advisory group?</li> <li>9) What are the reporting requirements of the Select Council on Disability Reform?</li> </ol>		6/7/12	23/8/12

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				<p>10) Has the Select Council on Disability Reform provided any reports or feedback to COAG, based on meetings with stakeholders, or interested parties?</p> <p>11) Has the Select Council on Disability Reform provided any reports or feedback to COAG based on meetings with stakeholders, or interested parties?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) What was the feedback received?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) Are the reports available to the public? Where?</p> <p>12) Did the Select Council on Disability Reform report to COAG prior to the COAG Meeting on 13 April 2012?</p> <p>13) Will the Select Council on Disability Reform still be delivering its report on 31 July 2012?</p>			