

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Questions on Notice Additional Budget Estimates 2013-2014, Monday, 24 February 2014

Infrastructure and Regional Development Portfolio

Q no.	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written Q	Comments
1	CORP 01	O'SULLIVAN	Staffing Arrangements	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: My opening questions relate to staffing arrangements. Could you tell the committee how many officers were recruited by the department directly from ministerial offices during the last parliament, whether on a temporary or an ongoing basis?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will check, but I do not believe the department recruited any staff from ministerial offices. We had a number of staff such as departmental liaison officers working in ministerial offices who returned to the department, but we did not recruit any ministerial staff to the department.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Perhaps you could supply the number of those who converted back to the department after being on secondment to the minister's office.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly, I can do that. All of the departmental liaison officers reverted back to the department through the tenure of the government, or following the election.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: If I am to understand your answer, during the entire term of the last parliament there were no ministerial officers who left employment with ministers and took up employment with the department?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Not that I am aware of. I will take it on notice and check it. I think there were officers employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act, but they were departmental officers on leave from the department. There were no non-APS officers recruited by the department during the term of the former government.</p>	8 24/02/2014	
2	CORP 02	O'SULLIVAN	Grants	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: During the caretaker period, or on the cusp of the caretaker period, did your agency issue any correspondence containing offers or proposals of grants?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Not during the caretaker period. Once the caretaker period had commenced with the proroguing of the parliament, the department did not issue</p>	8-9 24/02/2014	

				<p>any offers for any grants from that period.</p> <p>CHAIR: Were there offers two or 10 days before that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to check how many. There would have been contract offers going out in the period before 5 pm, I think it was, on the day the parliament was prorogued. I can take on notice the question of how many were issued. But I am not aware that any were issued during the caretaker period, in accordance with the convention.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: I think the chair's question is to the heart of this. We are looking for those contracts that may have been issued as you approached the caretaker period?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice. If offers were made in the lead-up to the caretaker period they were then not continued on with during the caretaker period.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Please clarify that.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: If their offers or draft contracts were sent out they were not signed or completed during the caretaker period. So, if someone, say, had received a draft funding agreement for signature we did not conclude any of those agreements during the caretaker period.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: My question needs to extend, then, to offers made that were not adopted, and offers made that were adopted. Let's pick a period say of three months prior to the caretaker government coming into place.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice. There would have been a large number of regional grants being processed at that time. I will find out for you on notice how many exactly were made. Are you specifically targeting regional grants or are you looking across the whole portfolio?</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: I am looking across the whole portfolio. Whilst there may be—and you will need to ignore my ignorance for a moment on this question—seasonal fluctuations in when you issue contracts or offers over the year, I would be interested to see a comparison of offers made in that 12-week period versus the balance of the calendar year before.</p>		
3	CORP 03	O'SULLIVAN	Funding to Unions	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: How much funding has the agency provided to unions over the past three years, whether through grants, procurement or other mechanisms?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to check, but I am not aware of any grants or other payments made by the department to unions.</p>	9 24/02/2014	
4	CORP 04	O'SULLIVAN	Appointments	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Were there any appointments made by ministers to board positions or other senior or representative roles within your portfolio on the cusp of the caretaker period—and perhaps for practical purposes we can talk about that 12-week period, three months—or during the caretaker period?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: There were no appointments made during the caretaker period. I</p>	9 24/02/2014	

				will take on notice the three months leading up to caretaker, but I am not aware of any. The former minister took the view that he would, wherever possible, defer appointments. I am certainly familiar with a couple of portfolio boards, such as the National Transport Commission, where that was done. But I will take on notice to see if any appointments were made in that three-month period. We generally sought to only make appointments where there was a critical issue with boards, such as the lack of a quorum, if at all possible. There would have been appointments under the former Regional Development Australia arrangements—through the former Department of Regional Australia—to some of Regional Development Australia boards. I will take that on notice.		
5	CORP 05	O'SULLIVAN	Spending on Public Relations, Focus Groups, and Lobbyists.	Senator O'SULLIVAN: Could you also provide the committee with how much your agency has spent in the last 12 months on public relations, focus groups, lobbyists and external communication contracts or services? Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice.	9 24/02/2014	
6	CORP 06	O'SULLIVAN	Public Relations Panel	Senator O'SULLIVAN: My question was, I know, very broad—public relations firms, focus groups, external communication consultants and the like. I imagine each of these categories has their own panel? Mr Mrdak: Yes, they do. We tend to have one large panel which deals with all of our infrastructure and transport work. In relation to public relations, I will take it on notice, but I think we drew from the panel that is held by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Mr Wilson: The panel was actually from the Department of Finance. We utilised their panel because we do not normally utilise the services of firms that are doing community-attitude type work. So we utilised the panel of the Department of Finance. We would have to take on notice how often the Department of Finance refreshes that panel and the process that they go through to do so.	10 24/02/2014	
7	CORP 07	SESELJA	Staff Reductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are your current and forward plans for staff reductions, including redundancies? 2. How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to efficiency dividends applied over the last three years? 3. How many of these reductions and redundancies relate to decisions made in the 2013 Budget, or earlier, to cease or terminate programs? 4. If redundancies have been offered, when was the decision made to offer these redundancies? 	Written	
8	CORP 08	LUDWIG	Departmental Reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many new reviews (defined as review, inter-departmental group, inquiry, internal review or similar activity) have been commenced? Please list them including: 	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the date they were ordered; b. the date they commenced; c. the Minister responsible; d. the department responsible; e. the nature of the review; f. their terms of reference; g. the scope of the review; h. whom is conducting the review; i. the number of officers, and their classification level, involved in conducting the review; j. the expected report date; k. the budgeted, projected or expected costs; and l. if the report will be tabled in parliament or made public. <p>2. For any review commenced or ordered since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any external people, companies or contractors been engaged to assist or conduct the review?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please list them, including their name and/or trading name/s and any known alias or other trading names. b. If so, please list their managing director and the board of directors or equivalent. c. If yes, for each what are the costs associated with their involvement, broken down to each cost item. d. If yes, for each, what is the nature of their involvement? e. If yes, for each, are they on the lobbyist register? Provide details. f. If yes, for each, what contact has the Minister or their office had with them? g. If yes, for each, who selected them? h. If yes, for each, did the Minister or their office have any involvement in selecting them? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, please detail what involvement it was. ii. If yes, did they see or provided input to a short list. iii. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur. iv. If yes, did this involve any verbal discussions with the department. v. If yes, on what dates did this involvement occur. <p>3. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2014, what reviews are on-going? Please list them. What is the current cost to date expended on the reviews?</p> <p>4. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, have any reviews been stopped, paused or ceased? Please list them.</p>		
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9	CORP 09	LUDWIG	Commissioned Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013, how many Reports (including paid external advice) have been commissioned by the Minister, Department or Agency. Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental or external staff were involved in each report and at what level? 3. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports? 	Written	
10	CORP 10	LUDWIG	Briefings for Other Parties	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to non-Government parties other than the Australia Labor Party? If yes, please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How are briefings requests commissioned? b. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing. c. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information. d. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed. e. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification. f. Which non-Government parties or Independents, excluding the Australia Labor Party have requested briefings and/or 	Written	

				information.		
11	CORP 11	LUDWIG	Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any board appointments made from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio? 	Written	
12	CORP 12	LUDWIG	Stationary Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail the items provided to the Minister's office. 2. How much was spent on departmental stationary requirements from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. 	Written	
13	CORP 13	LUDWIG	Electronic Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Other than phones, ipads or computers, please list the electronic equipment provided to the Minister's office since 7 September 2013. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the items; b. List the items location or normal location; c. List if the item is in the possession of the office or an individual staff member of the minister. If with an individual list their employment classification level; d. List the total cost of the items; e. List an itemised cost breakdown of these items; f. List the date they were provided to the office; and g. Note if the items were requested by the office or proactively provided by the Department. 	Written	
14	CORP 14	LUDWIG	Media Subscriptions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What pay TV subscriptions does your Department/Agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each Channel. b. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 2. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each. b. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 3. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have? 	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each. b. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? <p>4. What publications does your department/agency purchase?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of publications purchased by the Department and the reason for each. b. What is the cost from 7 September 2013 to date? c. What is provided to the Minister or their office? d. What is the cost for this from 7 September 2013 to date? 		
15	CORP 15	LUDWIG	Media Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office from 7 September 2013 to date? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date? c. Itemise these expenses. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency from 7 September 2013 to date? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services? b. What has been spent providing these services from 7 September 2013 to date? c. Itemise these expenses. 	Written	
16	CORP 16	LUDWIG	Media Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information from 7 September 2013 to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Total spending on these services; b. An itemised cost breakdown of these services; c. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification; d. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification; e. The names of all service providers engaged; and f. The location that this training was provided. 2. For each service purchased from a provider listed under (1), please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased; b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based; 	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); e. The total amount spent on the service; and f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) <p>3. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used; b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion; c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); and d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location. 		
17	CORP 17	LUDWIG	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location d. How many are graphic designers? e. How many are media managers? f. How many organise events? 	Written	
18	CORP 18	LUDWIG	Provision of Equipment - Ministerial	<p>1. 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? Itemise equipment and cost broken down by staff or minister classification.</p> <p>2. 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 a list of what is provided across the Department or Agency, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives each item.</p>	Written	
19	CORP 19	LUDWIG	Provision of Equipment –	<p>1. Other than desktop computers, list all electronic equipment provided to Department/Agency staff.</p>	Written	

			Departmental	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the items; b. List the purchase cost; c. List the ongoing cost; d. List the staff and staff classification that receive the equipment. 		
20	CORP 20	LUDWIG	Computers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Minister's office as provided by the Department, listing the equipment cost and location and employment classification of the staff member that is allocated the equipment, or if the equipment is currently not being used. 2. List the current inventory of computers owned, leased, stored, or able to be accessed by the Department, listing the equipment cost and location. 3. Please detail the operating systems used by the Departments computers, the contractual arrangements for operating software and the on-going costs. 	Written	
21	CORP 21	LUDWIG	Travel Costs - Department	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From 7 September 2013, 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). 2. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel for departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 3. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel. 	Written	
22	CORP 22	LUDWIG	Travel Costs - Ministerial	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From 7 September 2013, detail all travel conducted by the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each location, method of travel, itinerary and purpose of trip; b. List the total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals), and c. List the number of staff that accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary, listing the total costs per staff member, the class of airplane travelled, the classification of staff accompanying the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary. 2. What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? 	Written	

				Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.		
23	CORP 23	LUDWIG	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants from the Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Provide the recipients, amount, intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those locations. 2. Update the status of each grant that was approved prior to 7 September 2013, but did not have financial contracts in place on 7 September 2013. Provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants, what locations have benefited from the grants and the electorate and state of those grants. 	Written	
24	CORP 24	LUDWIG	Government Payments of Accounts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, what has been the average time period for the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors, consultants or others? 2. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in under 30 days? 3. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 30 and 60 days? 4. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 60 and 90 days? 5. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in between 90 and 120 days? 6. How many payments owed (as a number and as a percentage of the total) have been paid in over 120 days? 7. 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 since 7 September 2013? 8. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined? 	Written	
25	CORP 25	LUDWIG	Consultancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many consultancies have been undertaken from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Also include total value for all consultancies. 2. 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	

				<p>3. Have any consultancies not gone out for tender? If so, which ones and why?</p>		
26	CORP 26	LUDWIG	Meeting Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs. 	Written	
27	CORP 27	LUDWIG	Hospitality and Entertainment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date including any catering and drinks costs. 2. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 3. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 4. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 5. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 6. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. 7. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs. h) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events 	Written	

				<p>including any catering and drinks costs.</p> <p>8. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved?</p>		
28	CORP 28	LUDWIG	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each Department/Agency, please provide the following information from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) 4. The names of all service providers engaged For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The name and nature of the service purchased b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based c. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification d. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) e. The total amount spent on the service f. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package) 5. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The location used b. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) c. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) d. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location 6. In relation to education/executive coaching and/or other leadership training services paid for by the department what agreements are made with employees in regards to continuing employment after training has been completed? 7. For graduate or post graduate study, please breakdown each approved study leave by staffing allocation and degree or program title. 	Written	
29	CORP 29	LUDWIG	Staffing Profile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the current staffing profile of the department/agency? 2. Provide a list of staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, division, home base location (including town/city and state) 	Written	

30	CORP 30	LUDWIG	Staffing Reductions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What was the reason for these reductions? 2. Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 3. Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut. 4. If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening. 5. Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details. 6. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? 7. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification were these staff? 	Written	
31	CORP 31	LUDWIG	Staffing Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ongoing staff recruited from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 2. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? What classification are these staff? 3. From Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period? 	Written	
32	CORP 32	LUDWIG	Coffee Machines	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased? b. Why were coffee machines purchased? c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d. Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from? e. Who has access? 	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? <p>2. Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased. b. Why are coffee machines rented? c. Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result? d. Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from? e. Who has access? f. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from? g. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee? 		
33	CORP 33	LUDWIG	Printing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online? 2. Did the Department/agency use external printing services for any print jobs since 7 September 2013? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, what companies were sued? b. How were they selected? c. What was the total cost of this printing? 	Written	
34	CORP 34	LUDWIG	Corporate Cars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How any cars are owned by each department/agency? 2. Where is the car/s located? 3. What is the car/s used for? 4. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? 5. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in 	Written	

				<p>November 2013 to date?</p> <p>6. How many cars are leased by each department/agency?</p> <p>7. Where are the cars located?</p> <p>8. What are the cars used for?</p> <p>9. What is the cost of each car from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p> <p>10. How far did each car travel from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date?</p>		
35	CORP 35	LUDWIG	Taxi Costs	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on taxis from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for taxi costs?</p>	Written	
36	CORP 36	LUDWIG	Hire Cars	<p>1. How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars from Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013 to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.</p> <p>2. What are the reasons for hire car costs?</p>	Written	
37	CORP 37	LUDWIG	Credit Cards	<p>1. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.</p> <p>2. Please update details of the following?</p> <p>a. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?</p> <p>b. How is corporate credit card use monitored?</p> <p>c. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?</p> <p>d. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered since Supplementary Budget Estimates in November 2013? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.</p> <p>e. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?</p>	Written	
38	CORP 38	LUDWIG	Senate Estimates Briefing	<p>1. How many officers were responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of senate estimates?</p> <p>2. How many officer hours were spent on preparing that information?</p> <p>a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification</p> <p>3. Were drafts shown to the Minister or their office before senate estimates?</p> <p>a. If so, when did this occur?</p> <p>b. How many versions of this information were shown to the</p>	Written	

				<p>minister or their office?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Did the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when did this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. c. When were the changes made? 5. Provide each of the contents page of the Department/Minister/representing Minister's Senate Estimates folder prepared by the department for the Additional Estimates hearings in February 2014. 		
39	CORP 39	LUDWIG	Question Time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many officers are responsible for preparing the department, agency, Minister or representing Minister's briefing pack for the purposes of Question Time? 2. How many officer hours are spent each sitting day on preparing that information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please break down the hours by officer APS classification 3. Are drafts shown to the Minister or their office before Question Time? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when does this occur? b. How many versions of this information are shown to the minister or their office? 4. Does the minister or their office make any contributions, edits or suggestions for departmental changes to this information? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when does this occur? b. What officer hours were spent on making these edits? Please break down the hours by officer APS classification. 5. Provide each of the contents page of the Minister and representing Minister's Question Time folder prepared by the department for the week of 11 February 2014. 	Written	
40	CORP 40	LUDWIG	Freedom of Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the department please outline the process it under goes to access Freedom of Information requests? 2. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? 3. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when it receives Freedom of Information requests? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur? 4. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when or before it 	Written	

				<p>makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when? b. If so, how does this occur? <p>5. Does the department consult or inform other departments or agencies when or before it makes a decision on a Freedom of Information request?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, which departments or agencies? b. If so, when? c. If so, how does this occur? <p>6. What resources does the department commit to its Freedom of Information team?</p> <p>7. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned solely to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>8. List the staffing resources by APS level assigned indirectly to Freedom of Information requests</p> <p>9. Does the department ever second additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, please detail those resources by APS level <p>10. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the department?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013? <p>11. How many officers are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How does this differ to the number of officers designated as at 6 September 2013? <p>12. Of the officers that are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Ministers office, how many are seconded officers from the department?</p> <p>13. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the department?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received formal training? b. Of the officers designated as decision makers within the department, how many have received informal training? c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? d. What did the training involve? e. How long was the training? f. By whom was the training conducted? <p>14. What training does the department provide to designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act who work within the</p>		
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				<p>Minister's office, excluding those officers on secondment from the department?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received formal training? b. Of the officers designated as decision makers, how many have received informal training? c. How long after each officers appointment as a designated decision maker did they receive formal training? d. What did the training involve? e. How long was the training? f. By whom was the training conducted? <p>15. Since 7 September 2013, how many Freedom of Information requests been shown or alerted to the Minister or their office?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List those notified request b. How many instances were each of this requests brought to the office or the Minister's attention? c. How many of these items resulted in a separate formal brief being provided to the Minister? d. How many of these items resulted in a separate informal briefing (including by email) being provided to the Minister? e. How many requests have resulted in multiple formal briefs being provided to the Minister or their office? f. How many requests have resulted in multiple informal briefs (including by email) being provided to the Minister or their office? <p>16. Does the department provide FOI PDFs for download on their website?</p> <p>17. If not, what is the cost associated with staffing to require monitor email and collate and forward requested FOI documents?</p> <p>18. How does the department test it is complying with accessibility standards for its websites?</p> <p>19. Does the department comply with accessibility standards for all its websites?</p> <p>20. What would be the effect on the accessibility rating of the department's website if FOI PDFs were provided on the department websites?</p> <p>21. What accessibility testing of the website was done and what were the points of failure prior to this change in access for FOI documents?</p> <p>22. Have the website accessibility standards been solely or partly responsible for not putting FOI PDF documents on the department websites?</p> <p>23. How does the department facilitate anonymous access to the FOI disclosure files?</p>		
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				<ol style="list-style-type: none">24. How many times were the last 20 FOI requests PDFs which were made available on the website downloaded? How often have the FOI requests only available by email request been sent?25. How long does it take to requests for disclosed FOI files to be processed? What was the average turn around from request to sending of files in the last 3 months?26. What was the content of communications with other departments about the website accessibility standards and FOI PDFs?27. Where did advice concerning the website accessibility certification and provision of PDFs come from and what was the content of that advice?28. Does the department consider that not providing direct download of PDFs is more accessible for people with disabilities and the general public than providing the links?29. What efforts have been made to make FOI PDFs accessible to members of the public who have disabilities?30. Has advice from the information commissioner been sought regarding providing FOI requests available by email request only?31. Has any disability advice group or consultant been contacted regarding making the FOI requests accessible to people with disabilities?32. Is this compatible with the information commissioners guidelines- specifically that “published information should be accessible — in particular, it should comply with an agency’s obligation to meet the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (Version 2)“33. How does email PDF provision meet the information commissioner’s requirement that “13.124 Information that forms part of the IPS must be published ‘to members of the public generally’”?34. Is not providing the FOI PDFs on the website a means of avoiding not conforming to the WCAG 2.0 or other guidelines?35. Does the department have a separate email address or inbox for receiving and responding to FOI requests?<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. If so, list each email accountb. List the officers who can assess and reply from those separate accounts, broken down by staffing classification level36. Do FOI officers ever receive or respond to applicants from their individual email account as opposed to from a central account?<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. If so, how does the officer distinguish between communication related to their task as a decision maker and their primary work task ?37. How do FOI decision makers that receive emails related to FOI decisions in their normal work capacity distinguish these emails from FOI decision emails?		
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41	CORP 41	LUDWIG	Functions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all formal functions or forms of hospitality conducted for the Minister. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order in the Minister's office 	Written	
42	CORP 42	LUDWIG	Red Tape Reduction	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail what structures, officials, offices, units, taskforce or other processes has the department dedicated to meeting the government's red tape reduction targets? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the progress of that red tape reduction target 2. How many officers have been placed in those units and at what level? 3. How have they been recruited? 4. What process was used for their appointment? 5. What is the total cost of this unit? 6. Do members of the unit have access to cabinet documents? 7. Please list the security classification and date the classification was issued for each officer, broken down by APS or SES level, in the red tape reduction unit or similar body. 8. What is the formal name given to this unit/taskforce/team/workgroup or agency within the department? 	Written	
43	CORP 43	LUDWIG	Official Residences	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a list of all formal functions conducted at any of the Official Residences, or for the Prime Minister's office or Prime Minister's Dining Room where it has been used in place of the official residences. Include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The guest list of each function, including if any ministerial staff attended b. The party or individual who initiated the request for the function c. The menu, program or list of proceedings of the function d. A list of drinks consumed at the function 2. Provide a list of the current wine, beer or other alcoholic beverages in stock or on order at any of the official residences, or venues or offices acting as official residences. 	Written	
44	CORP 44	LUDWIG	Land Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much land (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 2. Please list by each individual land holding, the size of the piece of land, the location of that piece of land and the latest valuation of that 	Written	

				<p>piece of land, where that land is owned or leased by the Department, or agency or authority or Government Corporation within that portfolio? <i>(In regards to this question please ignore land upon which Australian Defence force bases are located. Non Defence Force base land is to be included)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. List the current assets, items or purse (buildings, facilities or other) on the land identified above. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the current occupancy level and occupant of the items identified in (3)? b. What is the value of the items identified in (3)? c. What contractual or other arrangements are in place for the items identified in (3)? 4. How many buildings (if any) does the Department or agencies or authorities or Government Corporation within each portfolio own or lease? 5. Please list by each building owned, its name, the size of the building in terms of square metres, the location of that of that building and the latest valuation of that building, where that building is owned by the Department, or agency or authority or Government corporation within that portfolio? <i>(In regards to this question please ignore buildings that are situated on Australian Defence force bases. Non Defence Force base buildings are to be included).</i> 6. In regards to any building identified in Q4, please also detail, the occupancy rate as expressed as a percentage of the building size. If occupancy is identified as less than 100%, for what is the remaining space used? 		
45	CORP 45	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Code	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have there been any identified breaches of the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct by the Minister, their office or the department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, list the breaches identified, broken by staffing classification level b. If so, what remedy was put in place to manage the breach? If no remedy has been put in place, why not? c. If so, when was the breach identified? By whom? When was the Minister made aware? 2. Can the Minister confirm that all ministerial and electorate officers in their office comply fully with the ministerial staff code of conduct? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, how many staff don't comply, broken down by classification level? b. How long have they worked for the Minister? 3. Can you confirm they all complied with the code on the date of their employment? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, on what date did they comply? 	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Can you confirm that all disclosures as required by the code were made to the government staffing committee? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, on what date were those disclosure made? 5. By position title list the date each staff member was approved by government staff committee 6. Can you confirm all staff have divested themselves of any and all relevant shares as of the date of their appointment 7. Can you list by number if any staff have been granted exception by the SMOS to remain a director of a company as allowed by the Ministerial Staff Code of Conduct, break down by position level. 		
46	CORP 46	LUDWIG	Boards	<p>Since September 7th 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How often has each board met, break down by board name; 2. What travel expenses are provided; 3. What is the average attendance at board meetings; 4. How does the board deal with conflict of interest; 5. What conflicts of interest have been registered; 6. What remuneration is provided to board members; 7. How does the board dismiss board members who do not meet attendance standards? 8. Have any requests been made to ministers to dismiss board members since September 7, 2013? 9. Please list board members who have attended less than 51% of meetings. 10. What have catering costs been for the board meetings held this year; is alcohol served. 	Written	
47	CORP 47	LUDWIG	Shared Resources following MOG Changes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Following the Machinery of Government changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments? 2. What resources/services does the department share with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services? 3. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements? 	Written	
48	CORP 48	LUDWIG	Ministerial Leave	<p>Was the minister on leave at any point during the Christmas break (between the last sitting of parliament in 2013 and the first sitting in 2014)? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please table a schedule of the ministers leave. Please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The dates the minister was on leave. b. The dates the minister was out of the country (if applicable). 2. Who was acting in the minister's place? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What date was it decided to have this person act in the 	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> minister's place? b. What was the process for selecting this person? c. Who was involved in making this decision? <p>3. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the minister during this time? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred b. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and the department during this time. c. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the minister? d. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the minister but were unable? <p>4. Were there any matters with which the department needed to make contact with the acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred b. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the acting minister and the department during this time. c. Were there any times that the department was aware that it would be unable to communicate with the acting minister? d. Were there any times that the department tried to contact the acting minister but were unable? e. but were unable? <p>5. Did the department contact the Minister or acting minister during this time? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of these matters and the date they occurred b. Please provide a copy of any correspondence, emails, notes etc between the minister and or acting minister and the department during this time. 		
49	CORP 49	LUDWIG	Departmental Rebranding	<p>Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since September 7, 2013? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. 2. Please provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Signage. b. Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). c. Logos d. Consultancy e. Any relevant IT changes. 	Written	

				<p>f. Office reconfiguration.</p> <p>3. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <p>a. Who was involved in reaching this decision?</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding.</p>		
50	CORP 50	LUDWIG	Ministerial Motor Vehicle	<p>Has the minister been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine if a minister is entitled to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a minister is to use a motor vehicle they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written	
51	CORP 51	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Vehicles (non-MoPS)	<p>Outside of MoPS Act entitlements, have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 	Written	

				<p>8. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p> <p>9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses.</p> <p>10. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail.</p>		
52	CORP 52	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Vehicles	<p>Have any of the Minister's staff been provided with a motor vehicle under the MoPS Act entitlements? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the make and model? 2. How much did it cost? 3. When was it provided? 4. Was the entire cost met by the department? If not, how was the cost met? 5. What, if any, have been the ongoing costs associated with this motor vehicle? Please include costs such as maintenance and fuel. 6. Are these costs met by the department? If not, how are these costs met? 7. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine this entitlement to a motor vehicle. 8. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 9. Please provide a copy of the guidelines that determine how a motor vehicle is to be used that they have been provided with. Please include details such as whether the motor vehicle can be used for personal uses. 10. Have these guidelines changed since September 7, 2013? If so, please detail. 	Written	
53	CORP 53	LUDWIG	Building Lease Costs	<p>What has been the total cost of building leases for the agency / department since September 7, 2013?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is currently leased. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date the lease agreement is active from. b. Date the lease agreement ends. c. Is the lease expected to be renewed? If not, why not? d. Location of the building (City and state). e. Cost of the lease. f. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 2. Please provide a detailed list of each building that had a lease that was 	Written	

				<p>not renewed since September 7, 2013. Please detail by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date from which the lease agreement was active. b. Date the lease agreement ended. c. Why was the lease not renewed? d. Location of the building (City and state). e. Cost of the lease. f. Why the building was necessary for the operations of the agency / department. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Please provide a detailed list of each building that is expected to be leased in the next 12 months. Please detail by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date the lease agreement is expected to become active. b. Date the lease agreement is expected to end. c. Expected location of the building (City and state). d. Expected cost of the lease. Has this cost been allocated into the budget? e. Why the building is necessary for the operations of the agency / department. 4. For each building owned or leased by the department: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the current occupancy rate for the building? b. If the rate is less than 100%, detail what the remaining being used for. 		
54	CORP 54	LUDWIG	Diner's Club Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the arrangement with diners club for provision of credit cards for the Whole of Government Travel arrangements? 2. What is the cost of using diners club to the government, listed by government and agency in fees and other charges? 3. What are the criteria for staff receiving credit cards? Does the criteria vary between SES and other levels; do they require pre-approval for certain classes of expenses? 4. Please detail the limits of the credit cards issued to departmental staff; the types of cards; the card issuers; 5. Have any credit cards been issued to ministers or minister's staff? 	Written	
55	CORP 55	LUDWIG	Government Advertising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on government advertising (including job ads) since 7 September 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each item of expenditure and cost b. List the approving officer for each item c. Detail the outlets that were paid for the advertising 2. What government advertising is planned for the rest of the financial year? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List the total expected cost b. List each item of expenditure and cost c. List the approving officer for each item 	Written	

				d. Detail the outlets that have been or will be paid for the advertising		
56	CORP 56	LUDWIG	Workplace Assessments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on workplace ergonomic assessments since 7 September 2013? List each item of expenditure and cost. 2. Have any assessments, not related to an existing disability, resulted in changes to workplace equipment or set up? If so, list each item of expenditure and cost related to those changes. 	Written	
57	CORP 57	LUDWIG	Ministerial Website	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on the Minister's website since 7 September 2013? List each item of expenditure and cost. 2. Who is responsible for uploading information to the Minister's website? Are any departmental staff required to work outside regular hours to maintain the Minister's website? 	Written	
58	CORP 58	LUDWIG	Ministerial Pay Outs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on redundancy payments to staff employed by members of the Liberal or National Parties since 7 September 2013? List each item of expenditure, staffing level, employing member and cost. 	Written	
59	CORP 59	LUDWIG	Ministerial Staff Turnover	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the current staffing allocation for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary 2. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff recruited, broken down by their staffing classification 3. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have resigned, broken down by their staffing classification 4. For each Minister or Parliamentary Secretary list the number of staff that have been terminated, broken down by their staffing classification 5. For each Ministerial staff position, please provide a table of how many individual people have been engaged against each position since the swearing in of the Abbott Government, broken down by employing member and the dates of their employment 	Written	
60	CORP 60	LUDWIG	Christmas Party Costs	<p>List what functions were held by the department/agency for either Christmas or end of calendar year since 7 September 2013:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the cost of each of these functions? 2. How was the money identified? 3. What was the location of these functions? 4. Provide a table of food and alcohol purchased for the function 	Written	
61	CORP 61	LUDWIG	Multiple Tenders	<p>List any tenders that were re-issued or issued multiple times since 7 September 2013:</p>	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why were they re-issued or issued multiple times? 2. Were any applicants received for the tenders before they were re-issued or repeatedly issued? 3. Were those applicants asked to resubmit their tender proposal? 		
62	CORP 62	LUDWIG	Market Research	<p>List any market research conducted by the department/agency since 7 September 2013.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the total cost of this research 2. List each item of expenditure and cost, broken down by division and program 3. Who conducted the research? 4. How were they identified? 5. Where was the research conducted? 6. In what way was the research conducted? 7. Were focus groups, round tables or other forms of research tools used? 8. How were participants for these focus groups et al selected? 	Written	
63	CORP 63	LUDWIG	Departmental Upgrades	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency engaged in any new refurbishments, upgrades or changes to their building or facilities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these changes 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, who conducted the works? 5. If so, list the process for identifying who would conduct these works 6. If so, when are the works expected to be completed? 	Written	
64	CORP 64	LUDWIG	Wine Coolers / Fridges	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new wine coolers, or wine fridges or other devices for the purpose of housing alcohol beverages, including Eskies?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current stocking level for each of these items? 	Written	
65	CORP 65	LUDWIG	Office Plants	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased any new office plants?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 		
66	CORP 66	LUDWIG	Office Recreation Facilities	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or constructed any office recreation facilities, activities or games (including but not limited to pool tables, table tennis tables or others)?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written	
67	CORP 67	LUDWIG	Vending Machines	<p>Since 7 September 2013 has the department/agency purchased or leased or taken under contract any vending machine facilities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If so, list these 2. If so, list the total cost for these items 3. If so, list the itemised cost for each item of expenditure 4. If so, where were these purchased 5. If so, list the process for identifying how they would be purchased 6. If so, what is the current location for these items? 7. If so, what is the current usage for each of these items? 	Written	
68	CORP 68	LUDWIG	Legal Costs	<p>List all legal costs incurred by the department or agency since 7 September 2013</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List the total cost for these items, broken down by source of legal advice, hours retained or taken to prepare the advice and the level of counsel used in preparing the advice, whether the advice was internal or external 2. List cost spend briefing Counsel, broken down by hours spend briefing, whether it was direct or indirect briefing, the gender ratio of Counsel, how each Counsel was engaged (departmental, ministerial) 3. How was each piece of advice procured? Detail the method of identifying legal advice 	Written	
69	CORP 69	LUDWIG	Australian Public Affairs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List all interactions between the department/agency with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting 2. List all interactions between the Minister/parliamentary Secretary and/or their offices with Australian Public Affairs since 7 September 2013. List the participants in the meeting, the topic of the discussion, 	Written	

				who arranged or requested the meeting, the location of the meeting.		
70	CORP 70	STERLE	\$60 Million Savings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail the specific actions that are being taken by the Department to meet the savings target of \$60 million. 2. Please detail the specific actions aimed at reducing compliance costs to industry, and the estimated saving for each action in the current financial year and next three financial years. 3. Please detail the specific actions aimed at reducing regulatory burden to industry, and the estimated saving for each action in the current financial year and next three financial years. 4. Please indicate how the proposed \$60 million savings will specifically impact on the Department for each Division, how those savings will be made, and the size of the estimated savings for the current and next three financial years. 5. Please indicate if the proposed \$60 million savings specifically impact on the following industries, how those savings will be made, and the size of the estimated savings for the current and next three financial years: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Road safety; b. Vehicle safety; c. Maritime and Shipping; d. Aviation; e. Airports; f. Civil construction; g. Tasmanian Freight Equalisation Scheme; h. Bass Strait Passenger Vehicle Equalisation Scheme. 6 Can you indicate the savings that will be achieved within portfolio agencies, and the targets you have set each, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. AMSA; b. OTS; c. Airservices Australia; d. CASA; e. ATSB; f. ARTC; g. NCA h. Any other agencies. 	Written	
71	CORP 71	STERLE	MyRegion Website	<p>The following message is on the My Region website (as of 6.3.2014) “Currently the MyRegion site is being reviewed and we apologise for the limited updates”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the MyRegion website continue? 2. What content on the site is being reviewed? 	Written	

				<p>3. Are there any plans to add additional content?</p> <p>4. Do you foresee any changes to the content that the change in Government could affect?</p> <p>5. Does the department monitor access to the website?</p> <p>6. If so, how many hits has the website had in the last six months?</p> <p>7. If so, what content is most viewed by users of the site?</p>		
72	II 01	CONROY	Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013	<p>Senator CONROY: So Mr Eddington see a draft of the bill?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Not a draft of the bill; there were certainly discussions, and the minister wrote to the chair of Infrastructure Australia setting out the key elements which would be contained in the legislation.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Is that letter available?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to take that on notice. It is a letter from the minister to the chair of Infrastructure Australia. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And can you take on notice whether, if it is available, it could be tabled.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>	4 24/02/2014	
73	II 02	CONROY	Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill 2013	<p>Senator CONROY: Mr Deegan, in his submission to the Senate, has indicated that he believes that there were more than 20 drafts prepared before the final one was tabled. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will have to take that on notice. I do not know how many drafts there were.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: But, from the sound of it, you could confirm that there were many?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: As with any drafting process, there are obviously iterations between the Office of Parliamentary Counsel and the department. I cannot confirm the exact number, but there would have been multiple drafts of legislation prepared.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So the bill had much iteration between the Office of Parliamentary Counsel, yourself and the Minister's Office.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Largely between ourselves and the Office of Parliamentary Counsel. I would have to check how many drafts were provided to the Minister's Office. I think relatively few, until such time that the department had finalised the drafting. We were guided by some very clear decisions that had been set out by the government in their election commitment and also the cabinet decision in terms of how the legislation was to be framed.</p>	6 24/02/2014	
74	II 03	CONROY	Proposed Funding	<p>Senator CONROY: ...Could you provide a list of current road projects and proposed funding splits between the Commonwealth and territories? I think</p>	27	

			Splits for Current Road Projects	<p>you said the government has a settled list of roads. Could we get that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And could we get an indication of the government's proposals, given that none have been signed—though you did indicate that some of them have had indications of acceptance. Could we get a list of who has accepted and what the splits are on the ones that have not been accepted?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We can take that on notice and provide you with what detail we can.</p>	24/02/2014	
75	II 04	CONROY	Australian Rural Roads Group	<p>Senator CONROY: Has the department provided any advice to the minister on the work of the Australian Rural Roads Group?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not think that we have provided advice since September. I will take that on notice.</p>	29 24/02/2014	
76	II 05	PRATT	Correspondence from State Government about Public Transport Projects	<p>Senator PRATT: Senator Sterle put some questions on notice last year. There was an answer current from 5 February with regard to public transport infrastructure funding for Western Australia. I would like to refer the division to the response dated 5 February in which you stated there have been no representations or correspondence with the WA government with regard to public transport projects in Western Australia. Have you had any such correspondence with other state governments?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: Which question on notice are you referring to? Does it have a question number?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: It is 123.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Could you advise us which project that answer referred to? I do not have it in front of me at the moment?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: The request of the original question was in relation to WA transport projects and whether you had received representations from Western Australia. I am asking if you have received representations from other states regarding their public transport.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: It might help if I indicated it was the MAX light rail and the airport rail. Does that help?</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Certainly our answer was no to that question.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I understand.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: In relation to other projects across the country, I will need to take that on notice to check whether there has been any correspondence from other jurisdictions.</p>	35-36 24/02/2014	
77	II 06	LUDLAM	Perth Airport Link	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Was there any such commitment or visibility for an airport surface or subsurface rail proposal?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Wood: At the last budget, the then government announced a funding</p>	37-38 24/02/2014	

				<p>commitment for the Perth airport link for early planning works. From memory, it was a \$5 million commitment that was subsequently overturned by events with the current government's policy. With that announcement, the department joined the steering committee for that project.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: ... Are you getting any money back from the Western Australian government, unspent, out of that \$5 million?</p> <p>Mr Wood: No spending had been entered into. The funding agreement had not been finalised and no spending was provided.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Not of the \$500 million of the \$5 million?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I will have to check the number to clarify, but no funding was transferred to the West Australian government for the airport study.</p>		
78	II 07	McLUCAS	Cape York Infrastructure - Consultations	<p>Senator McLUCAS: What are the criteria that you are assessing projects, including the PDR, and the optimal application of money against?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: At this stage, we are awaiting initial advice from the Queensland government, particularly in relation to PDR, to determine whether that is the most effective application. There is a strong view from some in the region that the PDR should be the priority. There are obviously competing views about that. We are awaiting further advice from Queensland in relation to their position.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Are you conducting your own consultations? You have clearly identified that there are competing views, and that is true. What consultation is your department undertaking—or are you simply taking advice from the Queensland government?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will await the advice from Queensland initially and then we will start a process. I think the government's intention is to seek the views of the RDA and some of the other key bodies in the region.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: May I have a list of the people you intend to consult?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: It is also worth noting that we have been working with the Indigenous affairs area of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet on how the package comes together to ensure that we are taking a whole-of-government perspective to the program.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: When will I be able to get the list of entities that you will consult following receiving a request from the Queensland government?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take it on notice and get it as soon as I can.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Mr Mrdak, you indicated that there would be consultations with political leaders in the north. Who would they be?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again, I will seek advice from the government, but certainly elected representatives in the region would, I imagine, be consulted.</p>	40-42 24/02/2014	

79	II 08	EDWARDS	Project Funding that was not on IA's Priority List	<p>Senator EDWARDS: Can the department provide a list of all projects that received funding, since 2008, that were not on Infrastructure Australia's priority list?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will take that on notice.</p>	46 24/02/2014	
80	II 09	CHAIR	Bridge in Taree	<p>CHAIR: The Mayor of Taree is pretty concerned about \$12 million that was promised for a bridge up there. When would be the appropriate time to ask what happened to the money? It has disappeared.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think it would have been under infrastructure this morning. I am happy to take it on notice.</p>	80 24/02/2014	
81	II 10	PERIS	Central Arnhem Highway	<p>Senator PERIS: —are you considering committing to the national building infrastructure development of upgrading the Central Arnhem Highway to an all-weather road and thus opening up economic opportunities to the region and the communities within the region? This would give the people of the region access to Australia should air services decline with population declining.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We have two major projects in that part. The government is providing a total of \$54 million for the upgrading of Central Arnhem's roads major streams crossing at a number of locations, and then also providing \$11 million towards the upgrading of the Arnhem link roads. Those two projects are proceeding as part of our infrastructure package in the Northern Territory.</p> <p>Senator PERIS: Are you able to give me a breakdown of where you are at with that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I can take that on notice, if you do not mind? We can give you a description of each of the projects and the timetable for those.</p> <p>Senator PERIS: Yes, thank you.</p>	110 24/02/2014	
82	II 11	HEFFERNAN	Regional Development Australia Fund	<p>The Abbott government gave an undertaking in early December 2013 to honour all uncontracted projects approved under RDAF rounds 2, 3 and 4 and the Community Infrastructure Grants program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please explain why the uncontracted \$11.4 million provided for Stage 2 of the \$12.5 million roads and bridges project for Greater Taree City Council and approved through the CIG Program was apparently excluded from this undertaking. 2. How did this occur and were any instructions received regarding specific local government areas? 3. Did any other council also lose funding for uncontracted projects? 	Written	
83	II 12	STERLE	Regional Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you confirm for the Committee that grants Round 5 and 5A of RDAF was approved by the last Government prior to caretaker mode? 2. Can you advise the Committee of when and by whom the decision was 	Written	

			Australia Fund	<p>made to not fund these grants that were previously approved?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Can you advise if the \$350 million from Round 5 and 5A is still with RDAF or your Department? 4. Has any decision been made yet on what is being funded with the \$350 million? 5. Is the Government using these funds for its new Strong Regions Fund? 6. What process will be used or was used for allocating this funding? 7. If no decision on what is happening with it – when do you expect a decision to be made in relation to the remaining \$350 million? 		
84	II 13	STERLE	Community Development Grants Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minister Truss announced the new Community Development Grants program on 4 December 2013 through a media release; can you advise if there has been a process for allocating this \$342 million? 2. In what financial years is the \$342 million being made available? 3. Can you confirm if any Coalition election commitments will be funded from this program? If yes, what projects and how much. If so, will all of the funding be used to fund Coalition election commitments? If not, how much funding will be unallocated? 4. Can you identify which projects were part of the Regional Development Australia Fund and Community Infrastructure Grant program? 5. Is Minister Truss or Assistant Minister Briggs responsible for funding decision for this program? 6. How have projects been identified? 7. Are Regional Development Australia bodies being consulted in the development of the projects? If not, which projects have not had involvement from the RDA? 	Written	
85	II 14	STERLE	Community Development Grants Program	<p>Regarding 2013-14 MYEFO measure Community Development Grants Program – establishment can the department provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A list of all projects (including State, location and proponent) included in the program 2. The forward estimate profile for each project 3. The amount of uncommitted funding remaining (if any), and the forward estimate profile of that funding 	Written	
86	II 15	STERLE	Community Development Grants Program	<p>Can the Department confirm that the guidelines for the Community Development Grants program (CDGP) met the requirements of the Commonwealth Grant Guidelines?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the Department seek the approval of the Department of Finance prior to the release of the CDGP guidelines? 2. Did the Finance Minister approve the CDGP guidelines? 3. Did Finance discuss, or provide comment on the CDGP guidelines to 	Written	

				the Department?		
87	II 16	STERLE	Stronger Regions Fund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The scrapping of RDAF Round 5 and 5B would have put a total of \$350 million back into the Department's budget. Has the Department reallocated these funds? Will these funds be used for the National Stronger Regions Fund? 2. The announcement of the 'National Stronger Regions Fund' was made during the federal election campaign. Has the Department provided advice as to the suitability and effectiveness of the new fund versus the RDAF? 3. Can you confirm the total number of projects announced under RDAF Round 5 and 5b? 4. Will any of these projects be funded by the new fund, or any other fund the Department controls? If so, which funds? 5. Can you outline the development process for the guidelines and criteria of this fund? I understand that it's a 50/50 co-investment fund, but can you tell me the guidelines that are in place around which projects will and won't be funded? 6. Will each Local Government across Australia get a minimum allocation from this fund? 7. Given this fund is targeted at communities with a poor socio-economic indicators and high unemployment, it could be expected that many small community groups may not have the resources to raise 50% of the funding for an otherwise worthy project. Is it anticipated there'll be any exemptions for the 50/50 guideline? 8. What are the costs associated with both setting up this new fund, and shutting down the Regional Development Australia Fund? 9. Will the advice of Regional Development Australia committees be considered and recommendations taken into consideration in determining the successful projects under the National Stronger Regions Fund? 10. Can you outline the assessment process for the National Stronger Regions Fund, specifically will projects be independently assessed? 	Written	
88	II 17	STERLE	Grant to Cadbury	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referring to the Coalition's election commitment to provide \$16 million to Cadbury's Hobart manufacturing plan, from which department, and which budget is this funding coming from? 2. What is the total project value? How much funding is Cadbury contributing? 3. Just to be clear, is this a Regional Development budgetary commitment or is this a Tourism budgetary commitment? 4. Can you provide information on how many jobs this funding will create? 	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Drawing comparisons between the Hobart Airport redevelopment, and this Cadbury funding, is there any information available on the ROI (jobs, economic activity) per dollar spent? 6. The Government's media release on the Cadbury funding states that it will partly fund growing Cocoa Trees in the Ord River area of Western Australia. Does the department have information on how this will benefit Tourism in Tasmania? 7. Is the Department aware if the Cadbury project was reliant on Federal funding? To be clear, would this project have gone ahead without federal funding? 8. Has the Department provided any advice on the Cadbury project? 		
89	II 18	STERLE	Grant to Cadbury	<p>Given the following statement by the Prime Minister:</p> <p>It is the job of government to ensure that as far as is humanly possible essential services are delivered, but it is not the job of government to play favourites between particular businesses – that is certainly not the job of government. TONY ABBOTT - BOLT REPORT – 2 MARCH 2014</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is Cadbury receiving a grant when Holden, SPC Ardmona 2. Which other companies have been given the opportunity to receive a grant from the Department of Infrastructure 3. If not, why not 	Written	
90	II 19	STERLE	Grant to Cadbury	<p>Given the following evidence provided on 27 February 2014:</p> <p>BROWN: Is the Department aware of the \$16 million grant Mr Abbott committed to Cadbury's Hobart plant? OFFICIAL: Yes Senator, we are. BROWN: And is Austrade handling this grant? OFFICIAL: No Senator, we are not. BROWN: Who is handling the grant? OFFICIAL: That would be the Department of Infrastructure Senator. [...] BROWN: Does your department have any involvement in assisting with the assessment or the delivery of the grant or any involvement with this grant? OFFICIAL: No involvement at all. No involvement at all Senator. BROWN: You haven't seen a copy of the application, the proposal from Cadbury's at all? OFFICIAL: Not that I'm aware of Senator. (DFAT ESTIMATES – 27 FEBRUARY 2014)</p> <p>Please confirm:</p>	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Department of Infrastructure administering this grant? 2. Will the department work with Austrade to ensure the outcomes 3. If yes, why, given that the Prime Minister has repeatedly stated that this is a tourism grant? <p>ABBOTT: But this - the Cadbury's chocolate tour wasn't about Cadbury's and its profit and its business; it was about tourism to Tasmania. (ABBOTT – 7:30 – 3 FEBRUARY 2014)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Under what program is this grant being funded? 5. What was the process by which this grant was approved? 6. What documentation has Cadbury provided to the government in relation to the grant? 7. Please provide copies of any correspondence between the department and Cadbury in relation to the grant. 8. What assessment process is in place to ensure value-for-money for the taxpayer? 9. Has the department ever been contacted in any form by Mr Alistair Furnival or any associate of his in relation to Cadbury? If so, what was the time, date and nature of the communication. 10. Who in the department did he contact, and did officials at any time discuss Cadbury. Could the department table copies of the communications. 11. Has the department had any communications whatsoever with Cadbury in the last 24 months? If yes, what is the nature of those communications including time, date, and who the communications were between. If yes, please provide copies of any written correspondence or records of phone conversations that exist. 12. What documentation has Cadbury provided to the government in support of the grant? 13. Has the funding been delivered to Cadbury? If not, when will it be delivered? 14. Will the money be delivered in stages? If so, what are the requirements for each stage of delivery? 15. What are the reporting requirements? 16. Will this information be made public? 17. Please provide copies of any agreements entered into between Cadbury and the Department. 18. How many tourism jobs will this project create? 19. Has a cost-benefit analysis of this project been completed? 20. Could the department provide a copy of the CBA or any other project assessment it has conducted. 21. At the time the grant was announced (28 August 2013) Tony Abbott 		
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				<p>said in his media release that ‘a portion of this commitment will go towards a trial to grow cocoa trees in northern Australia.’</p> <p>22. What portion of the grant will go toward this cost.</p> <p>23. Will your department administer and manage this portion. If not, then who?</p> <p>24. How does growing cocoa trees in Queensland assist tourism in Tasmania?</p> <p>25. Has the department been approached by any other company or organisation seeking tourism funding?</p>		
91	II 20	STERLE	Grant to Cadbury	<p>Given the statement by the now Prime Minister Tony Abbott that the grant will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - create a unique visitor tour offering a chocolate manufacturing experience (suspended in 2008), restoring a famous tourist attraction for Tasmania and the local economy; - help create 200 new direct jobs and 120 indirect jobs by 2017; - help secure 600 existing direct jobs and 340 existing indirect jobs; - be the first step toward producing a 100 per cent Australian-made chocolate bar; - help cause fresh milk supply to increase 83 million litres to 120 million litres, meaning an extra 6,000 cattle in the local dairy industry; - boost the existing \$550 million contribution of the operation to the Tasmanian economy; - increase chocolate production to 70,000 tonnes a year, representing a 30 per cent increase and generating a \$1 billion contribution to the economy; and - provide a trial to grow cocoa in the Ord River, opening up major new agricultural opportunities and growth in that area. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When will the tours recommence for the visiting public? 2. Has the department conducted any analysis into the potential employment created by this project? If yes, how many jobs does the department expect the project to create? If yes, please provide a list of jobs created separated by financial year and job title. 3. Does the department have any evidence that the grant will ‘help cause fresh milk supply to increase 83 million litres to 120 million litres, meaning an extra 6,000 cattle in the local dairy industry’? If so, please provide details. 4. Does the department have any evidence that the grant will ‘boost the existing \$550 million contribution of the operation to the Tasmanian economy?’ If so, please provide details. 	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Who will manage the trial of cocoa trees in the Ord River? 6. When will the trial commence? 7. When will the trial conclude? 8. What is the purpose of the trial? 		
92	II 21	STERLE	Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Plan Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The \$100 million Tasmanian Jobs and Growth Package, announced by the former Government, is this still going ahead? 2. Can you confirm that the breakdown of the funding has not changed under the new Government? That is, can you confirm that none of the announced projects and funding allocations has changed? 3. How many of the projects remain uncontracted? 4. It has been said that some projects are still undergoing 'due process' and cost-benefit tests. Can you outline the current process that the department is undertaking for each project? 5. For the projects that remain uncontracted, what is the current process being undertaken to move these to a signed contract? 6. Is the Department aware of any projects which could, for any reason, be knocked back? 7. Is the \$100m amount unchanged, and can you confirm it will still flow over 4 years? Which years? 8. Which Minister has the final responsibility for this program? 	Written	
93	II 22	STERLE	WestConnex	<p>I refer to IA's answer to Senator Sterle's question on Westconnex dated February 5 (Estimates November 2013 QON 54) and I ask:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given IA's concerns that alternative options were not fully addressed, what action has the Department taken to ensure that alternative options were properly assessed? 2. Given the Federal Government has pledged an unconditional \$1.5 billion in taxpayers' funds to this project without a full Infrastructure Australia evaluation, what steps has the Department taken to ensure that this money is being spent in the most effective manner? 3. Given IA's concern that the project is "priced lower than other similar projects", what action has the Department taken to assure itself that the Commonwealth is getting what the Government is paying for? 	Written	
94	II 23	STERLE	Great Ocean Road Project	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much does the Department now anticipate it will spend by June 30 on improving the Great Ocean Road in Victoria? 2. Will the project have commenced in construction by then? 3. What representations has the Department received from the Government of Victoria on this project in 2014? 	Written	
95	II 24	STERLE	Ravenswood Interchange	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much does the Department anticipate it will spend by June 30 on the Ravenswood interchange project in Victoria? 	Written	

			Project			
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Will the project have commenced in construction by then? 3. What representations has the Department received from the Government of Victoria on this project in 2014? 		
96	II 25	STERLE	Condah-Hotspur Road Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much does the Department anticipate it will spend by June 30 on the Condah-Hotspur Rd project in Victoria? 2. Will the project have commenced in construction by then? 3. What representations has the Department received from the Government of Victoria on this project in 2014? 	Written	
97	II 26	STERLE	Princes Highway East Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much does the Department anticipate it will spend by June 30, on the Princes Highway East project in Victoria? 2. Will the project have commenced in construction by then? 3. What representations has the Department received from the Government of Victoria on this project in 2014? 	Written	
98	II 27	STERLE	Duplication of Princes Highway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What progress has been made on full duplication of the Princes Highway between Melbourne and Adelaide? 2. Has the Department had any discussions with the Victorian Government or any of its agencies about the scope or timing of this project? If yes, what were the discussions? 3. Has the Department had any discussions with the Minister, Assistant Minister or their offices about the scope of the Princes Highway duplication between Melbourne and Adelaide, or part thereof? 4. Are there dates for commencing construction? 5. When will the duplication be complete? 6. Are you aware of a 2+1 lane project, rather than 2+2 full duplication at any part of the Princes Highway? 	Written	
99	II 28	STERLE	Manly Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On Sunday 18th August 2013 the Liberal Party made an election commitment to fund \$10 million towards an upgrade of Brookvale Oval, home to the Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles Rugby League Football Club. What is the status of that funding? 2. Was the funding contained in the MYEFO document or forward infrastructure planning? In what years will this money be spent, and when is the project scheduled for completion? 3. When will the funding be delivered? 	Written	
100	II 29	STERLE	Liveable Cities	<p>This program will cease at the end of 2013-4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you advise on whether the Department has provided advice on a cities based program that will continue after 2013-4? 2. Or will this matter revert to the States? 	Written	

101	II 30	STERLE	80/20 Agreements	Please update on all infrastructure projects where the Commonwealth has agreed to provide a proportion of funding, and the percentage split between Commonwealth and States.	Written	
102	II 31	STERLE	Bingara Accord	Please indicate whether the Department had provided a brief or advice to the Minister that includes reference to "Bingara Accord". If yes, when was this brief or advice provided. If no, is the Department aware of any comments of the Minister on the "Bingara Accord"?	Written	
103	II 32	STERLE	Roads Funding	Please outline specific initiatives that the Department is implementing to improve decision-making on off-National Network roads funding.	Written	
104	II 33	STERLE	AusLink Programme	Can the Department provide six year estimate profiles for all the projects listed in the 2013-14 MYEFO measure AusLink Programme – National Land Transport Projects including amounts being redirected from the cancelled projects?	Written	
105	II 34	STERLE	Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland NQ Inc	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Department aware of a proposal by the Mental Illness Fellowship of Queensland NQ Inc to establish a clubhouse in Cairns? 2. Has the Department executive a funding agreement with the organisation? 3. What is the value (\$) of the grant? 4. Is it capital or operational funding? 5. Which budget does it come from? 2013-14? 	Written	
106	II 35	STERLE	Tasmania Infrastructure Projects - Rail	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you confirm the amount of funding currently allocated to Rail projects in Tasmania over the forward estimates? Which years will this funding fall in? 2. What are the specific Rail projects in Tasmania to be funded? 3. Are there any changes to Rail project funding in Tasmania since the Coalition came to Government? Are you expecting that all planned projects will go ahead on the same annual funding profile? 4. That is, against the allocation in the 2013-14 Budget forward Estimates, what is the current variance for each of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2013-14 b. 2014-15 c. 2015-16 d. 2016-17 e. 2017-18 5. Do you have any figures on job creation and employment associated with these projects? 	Written	
107	II 36	STERLE	Tasmania Midland	Upgrades to Tasmania's Midlands Highway have been promised by the new	Written	

			Highway	<p>Government. There has been an announcement of \$400 million towards this project. The previous Government had announced a figure of \$500 million.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you confirm if the extra \$100 million was in the budget and forward estimates? 2. Now that this extra \$100 million has been cut, where will these funds be diverted to? Are there plans to spend these funds on other infrastructure within Tasmania? 3. Will this extra \$100 million be allocated within the Department, or will it be returned as surplus funds to be allocated within other portfolios? 4. Who made the final decision to proceed with the \$400 million allocation? Did the Department provide advice to the Government on this? 5. Can you outline the role the Tasmanian State Government plays in the upgrade of the Midlands Highway? Do they allocate the projects that get funded? 6. Have the Tasmanian Government requested that the original commitment of \$500 million be met? 7. Does the Department have information relating to which projects in this upgrade would not be able to go ahead as a result of the \$100 million change to funding allocation? 8. Can the Department outline the projects that will be funded with the \$400 million. 9. Are you expecting that all planned Midland projects will go ahead on the same annual funding profile as anticipated at the time of the 2013-14 Budget? 10. That is, against the allocation in the 2013-14 Budget forward Estimates, what is the current variance for each of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2013-14 b. 2014-15 c. 2015-16 d. 2016-17 e. 2017-18 11. Does the Department have information on how many jobs would be created during the construction of the upgrade projects? Would there have been a difference in employment created with the original allocation of \$500 million? 		
108	II 37	STERLE	Tasmania Infrastructure Projects - Ports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you confirm the amount of funding currently allocated to Ports and Port upgrade projects in Tasmania over the forward estimates? Which years will this funding fall in? 2. What are the specific Ports projects in Tasmania to be funded? 3. Are there any changes to Ports projects in Tasmania since the 	Written	

				<p>Coalition came to Government? Are you expecting that all planned projects will go ahead on the same annual funding profile?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. That is, against the allocation in the 2013-14 Budget forward Estimates, what is the current variance for each of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2013-14 b. 2014-15 c. 2015-16 d. 2016-17 e. 2017-18 5. Will the PCs review of shipping and freight in Tasmania, or any State Government policies alter planned Ports projects in Tasmania? 6. Do you have any figures on job creation and employment associated with these projects? 		
109	II 38	EDWARDS	Ministerial Powers – Directional Power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under current legislation, what directional powers does the Minister have with regard to Infrastructure Australia? 2. Under proposed amendments, what directional powers would the Minister receive? 3. How will these new powers effect the day to day operations of Infrastructure Australia? 	Written	
110	II 39	EDWARDS	Consultation Process for Infrastructure Australia Bill Amendments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the consultation process on the development of the Infrastructure Australia Bill? 2. Was the Chair of Infrastructure Australia, Sir Rod Eddington, consulted? What was his input? When was he consulted? 	Written	
111	II 40	EDWARDS	IA's Assessment of Subjects like Climate Change	Under the proposed changes, would Infrastructure Australia still be able to provide advice on issues such as climate change?	Written	
112	II 41	CARR	Funding for Cadbury	<p>In the Education and Employment Legislation Committee estimates hearing on 27 February 2014 Senator Abetz suggested that the funding for the Government's \$16 million grant to Cadbury is coming from the Industry Portfolio (refer Hansard extract below).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is this correct? 2. If so, from which program? 3. Senator Abetz also confirmed that the grant goes through a 'value for money assessment'. Has this assessment taken place? 4. If yes, please give details of the nature of the assessment and by whom it was conducted. <p>Senator WHISH-WILSON: Does the Tasmanian jobs program officially</p>	Written	

				<p>include the funding for Cadbury? Senator Abetz: No. Senator WHISH-WILSON: That is separate? Senator Abetz: Yes. Senator WHISH-WILSON: That goes through a value for money assessment like all federal funding allocations? Senator Abetz: Yes. Senator WHISH-WILSON: Am I allowed to ask questions on that in this forum? Is that possible, Chair? Senator Abetz: It is not in the employment portfolio. I daresay it would be in industry.</p>		
113	IA 01	RHIANNON	WestConnex	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Moving on to WestConnex, can you confirm that the document <i>West Sydney's Next Motorway Priority</i>, dated October 2012, that was tabled in the Senate on 23 December last year in response to an order for the production of documents is the only document that has been received by Infrastructure Australia in relation to the WestConnex project? Mr Brennan: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	14 24/02/2014	
114	IA 02	RHIANNON	WestConnex	<p>Senator RHIANNON: ... Has Infrastructure completed its own economic analysis in terms of the cost-benefit ratio of WestConnex, or do you rely entirely on those figures presented to the New South Wales government submission? Mr Brennan: Our process is to analyse the cost-benefit analysis that the project sponsor provides to us, so we engage analysts to test the assumptions and the parameters that are used in cost-benefit analyses to give ourselves confidence that the cost-benefit analysis is robust. Senator RHIANNON: Does that mean that you have tested their cost-benefit ratio which comes in at 1.5 to 1—is that what you have done? Mr Brennan: My understanding is that we have not received a detailed cost-benefit analysis on the WestConnex project, but I will take that on notice to confirm that is the case. Senator RHIANNON: Do you know if that ratio, the 1.5 to 1, is based on wider economic benefits or not? Mr Brennan: I don't know, Senator. Senator RHIANNON: Do you mean that you were not provided that by the New South Wales government or you need to take it on notice? Mr Brennan: I need to take that on notice and see what we have been provided with. Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Do you have any information from the New South Wales government pertaining to the modelling of the benefit-cost</p>	14 24/02/2014	

				ratio? Mr Brennan: I will take that on notice, senator.		
115	IA 03	RHIANNON	WestConnex	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. What is the difference between the methodology and the stock-standard methodology used to arrive at the lower figure? If I could ask it in a more general sense: could you outline the methodology that is used here to arrive at this cost-benefit analysis?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: It is a very technical process. We bring in skilled economists to test the analysis that is provided. I would not like to hold out to the Senate that I could outline the technical details but, in general terms, it is the direct cost and benefits of the project that apply to users of the project and people who are directly impacted by the project; whereas the wider economic benefits tend to relate, as the name suggests, broader economic costs and benefits that are associated, but not directly associated, with the project.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Are you confident that the New South Wales government and the Victorian government follow that methodology when they are preparing their cases for these respective motorways?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I could only be confident if I had underlying information which formed the basis for their calculations, and we do not have that.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You do not have it in the case of WestConnex or East-West?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I am not sure about WestConnex. I am confident about East West.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So can you take it on notice about WestConnex?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Yes.</p>	14 24/02/2014	
116	IA 04	RHIANNON	Advice Sought from the Commonwealth Government	<p>Senator RHIANNON: ... Since the last Senate estimates, has the federal government sought Infrastructure Australia's advice on either the East West Link or WestConnex?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: The Commonwealth government?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Yes, please.</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Not to my knowledge, although I will take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: If they have sought information from Infrastructure Australia, has that been since Mr Deegan took leave in February this year? So I am looking for a date on seeking that advice.</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I am not sure whether we have received it, so I will take that on notice as well.</p>	14-15 24/02/2014	
117	IA 05	RHIANNON	Analysis of Traffic Projections provided by	<p>Senator RHIANNON: ... Coming back to this issue about the traffic projections, there is a company called AECOM. So, as AECOM is undertaking traffic projection figures for WestConnex, it is facing legal action over flawed traffic projections for Brisbane's Clem7 motorway. Does Infrastructure</p>	15 24/02/2014	

			AECOM	<p>Australia have any concerns about the traffic projections that have been put forward for WestConnex?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: We would only be able to determine whether we do have concerns if we saw the information that they had produced.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: And that is what you going to take on notice to determine—if you have been provided with it. Could you take this on notice: has there been any independent analysis undertaken by Infrastructure Australia of any traffic projections provided by AECOM?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will take that on notice.</p>		
118	IA 06	CHAIR	IA Budget – Travel, Office and Staff Costs	<p>CHAIR: ... How much of the IA budget was used on travel, office and staff costs to the end of 2013?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not have that information.</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	16	24/02/2014
119	IA 07	CHAIR	IA Budget - Consultancies	<p>CHAIR: How much of the budget was used on consultancies to the end of 2013?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will have to get back to you on the detail on budgets.</p>	17	24/02/2014
120	IA 08	CHAIR	Approval of Travel	<p>CHAIR: ... Who approves travel by members of Infrastructure Australia, particularly international travel?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: The offices of Infrastructure Australia—so in the office of the infrastructure coordinator, the infrastructure coordinator approves that travel.</p> <p>CHAIR: And that happens to be you?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I am acting in that position.</p> <p>CHAIR: It happened to be Mr Deegan.</p> <p>Mr Brennan: That is right.</p> <p>CHAIR: So, he would have ticked off all international travel?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: That is right.</p> <p>CHAIR: Including his own?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I am not sure about his own.</p> <p>CHAIR: Will you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: If he doesn't, then who does? Who do you think?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: My understanding is that under the arrangements with the former government, approval of travel by the infrastructure coordinator was undertaken by the former minister.</p> <p>CHAIR: We had better get that confirmed...</p>	17	24/02/2014
121	IA 09	CHAIR	Travel Expenses	<p>CHAIR: ... we might get the amount that was spent on international travel approved by the minister for the coordinator.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p> <p>CHAIR: So that would be for the last two years.</p>	17	24/02/2014

				<p>Mr Mrdak: We can go back to whatever period you would like; we will chase that information. If you would like it for the last two financial years, we could get that.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: It is properly better to go to three years so that we can capture the cycle.</p> <p>CHAIR: We can tidy it up and go for three.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: The detail of what those trips were for and the destinations that were visited—and, if there is a report from those tours, could you table them. If there is not a report, just indicate that.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: The question on notice is: can you provide a list of travel—domestic and international—including accommodation expenses of all members of Infrastructure Australia, including the coordinator.</p>		
122	IA 10	CHAIR	Credit Cards	<p>CHAIR: ... are any members of Infrastructure Australia issued with credit cards by the department?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Yes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Brennan: ... There are currently 12 officers in Infrastructure Australia and certainly the senior executives have credit cards, and some of the administrative officers also have credit cards.</p> <p>CHAIR: So, to the best of your knowledge, has anyone ever had to repay because of a mistake in what they charged on the card?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>CHAIR: You will take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Yes.</p>	18 24/02/2014	
123	IA 11	CHAIR	Travel Budget and Guidelines	<p>CHAIR: What is the annual travel budget for Infrastructure Australia?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Are there guidelines for travel, particularly overseas travel?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: There are.</p> <p>CHAIR: Can you table those?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: We certainly can.</p>	18 24/02/2014	
124	IA 12	STERLE	Costings of Congestion to Economy in Major Cities.	<p>Senator STERLE: Has Infrastructure Australia done any costings on the cost of congestion to our economy in our major cities?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: We have relied heavily on the research that has been done by the Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics in the department. We think that research is robust and we rely quite heavily on it. We have not done any independent research.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: They are coming later and we can ask them, but would you be able to table the figures that have been given to you and the research you have used?</p>	22 24/02/2014	

				Mr Brennan: Yes		
125	IA 13	CONROY	Contract with ACIL Allen	<p>Senator CONROY: What is the duration of that contract with ACIL Allen?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: It runs to the end of this calendar year.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Has the minister or his office spoken to IA about this contract?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I am not aware.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I can.</p>	24 24/02/2014	
126	IA 14	CONROY	Infrastructure Audit of Northern Australia	<p>Senator CONROY: ... I refer to IA's announcement that it has engaged PricewaterhouseCoopers in partnership with GHD to audit infrastructure in northern Australia. Can you explain the reason for calling this tender?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: It is the same reason for the national audit. The minister and the Deputy Prime Minister requested us to proceed apace with the audit of northern Australia to feed into the government's white paper process.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: What is the duration of that contract?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: It is a similar time frame, I think, but I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Has the minister or his office spoken to IA about that contract?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Not that I am aware. I will take that on notice.</p>	24 24/02/2014	
127	IA 15	CONROY	Westlink Proposals	<p>Senator CONROY: How many different submissions or packages has IA received?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: We received initially a proposal for what was called Westlink back in 2010. We received another submission in 2011. The Victorian government subsequently submitted the East West Link, which was substantially the Westlink as well as the eastern part.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Okay. This is perhaps a confusion of the name of the description of the proposals. Could you take us through the chronology. The Victorian government started off by providing Westlink?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: That is right.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: How many pages was Westlink?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: When in 2013 did you receive the third iteration?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Roughly? I will not hold you to the exact date? The middle of the year?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Midyear.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If you could come back with a date, that would be great, but mid-2013. How many pages was that?</p>	27-28 24/02/2014	

				<p>Mr Brennan: That is the one I am thinking of.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: That is the 40 pager you are talking about. You have seen the early ones from 2012 and 2010-11?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Were they as detailed?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: My memory is not that reliable.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If you could take on notice how many pages the 2012 and 2010 ones were so we can make sure we are on the same page.</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Okay.</p>		
128	IA 16	CONROY	Australian Rural Roads Group	<p>Senator CONROY: Has Infrastructure Australia had any interactions with the department around the work of the Australian Rural Roads Group?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I am not sure.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Could you take on notice if you have and, if you have, the nature of the interaction and who was involved?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Yes.</p>	28 24/02/2014	
129	IA 17	CONROY	Pilbara Integrated Power Solution	<p>Senator CONROY: ... Can Infrastructure Australia confirm that the Pilbara integrated power solution was submitted for consideration by the Western Australian government in 2008?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I would have to take that on notice. We have certainly received submissions about a network to connect operations in the Pilbara. I cannot recall who submitted it and when.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I would ask you to take that on notice and come back to us. And can you confirm that this submission was consequently withdrawn by the Western Australian government?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will take that on notice, too.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Could you also take on notice when was the submission withdrawn, and can Infrastructure Australia confirm that an application in respect of the same project was launched by a private sector entity?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: And what action was taken by Infrastructure Australia on that application?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: What assessment was made by Infrastructure Australia with respect to that application?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Can Infrastructure Australia release all documents related to its actions and assessments taken in relation to the Pilbara integrated power solution project?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I will take that on notice.</p>	30 24/02/2014	

130	IA 18	O'SULLIVAN	Infrastructure Australia's Submission to the Senate Inquiry	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: In relation to the recent Senate inquiry into the Infrastructure Australia Amendment Bill, could you advise the committee if Infrastructure Australia's submission to the inquiry was approved by the IA board?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The Infrastructure Coordinator's submission is under his letterhead. I do not have any knowledge of whether or not it was approved by the Infrastructure Australia council. I do not know if Mr Brennan has more information.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Mr Brennan, are you able to shed any light on this?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I would have to take that on notice. I am not aware whether or not it was approved by the council.</p>	31 24/02/2014	
131	IA 19	O'SULLIVAN	Infrastructure Australia's Submission to the Senate Inquiry	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Who was the responsible author of the Senate submission?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: It would have been the Infrastructure Coordinator.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Mr Deegan.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Would it be fair to assume that that was a collaborative work by people within the coordinator's staff and executive.</p> <p>Mr Brennan: That is right.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Who else would have contributed to that submission?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I am not aware of who contributed, but I know that the intention to make a submission was certainly known amongst the senior executive officers.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Will you let us know on notice?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Yes.</p>	31 24/02/2014	
132	IA 20	O'SULLIVAN	Regional Development Australia Fund – Round 5	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Can you also update the committee on what measures have been undertaken on the former government's Regional Development Australia Fund, and what communications have been provided to the proponents of these projects, where they are not proceeding?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: The government has made a commitment to continue with Regional Development Australia Fund projects committed for rounds 2, 3 and 4, but not to continue to fund projects identified in RDAF rounds 5 and 5B. All of the proponents of those rounds have been notified of that government decision.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: In relation to round 5, at any stage has Infrastructure Australia been involved in giving advice to the former government with respect to those projects—the viability, cost-benefit analyses et cetera?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I am not aware. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	32 24/02/2014	
133	IA 21	O'SULLIVAN	Infrastructure Australia's Submission to the	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Mr Brennan, I imagine that at the level you are within Infrastructure Australia there would be executive meetings that occur with some regularity?</p>	33 24/02/2014	

			Senate Inquiry	<p>Mr Brennan: That is right.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Did the fact that the organisation was making a submission to the Senate make its way onto the agenda of those meetings, from your memory?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: I am asking did you participate in executive meetings where on the agenda there were discussions in relation to the preparation of the Senate submission?</p> <p>Mr Brennan: Whether the item was on the formal agenda for the meeting, I would have to take that on notice. Certainly, making a submission was discussed at executive meetings.</p>		
134	IA 22	EDWARDS	Ministerial Powers – Termination of Infrastructure Australia Members	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Under current legislation, can a member of Infrastructure Australia be terminated for “misbehaviour”? 2. If so, what is the definition of “misbehaviour”? 3. Has a member of Infrastructure Australia been terminated for “misbehaviour” If so, what was the action that caused the termination? 4. Are there any proposed amendments that change Ministerial powers to dismiss members of Infrastructure Australia? 5. If so, what are they? 	Written	
135	IA 23	STERLE	Urban Transport Strategy	<p>In its Urban Transport Strategy (page 9) , Infrastructure Australia says:</p> <p>A further risk of Australian Government funding ... certain types of infrastructure projects include that states and territories may unduly focus on such projects at the expense of wider perspectives, or without fully considering alternative or smaller projects.</p> <p>Could IA explain that what is meant by that comment in greater detail?</p>	Written	
136	IA 24	STERLE	ACIL Tasman Contract	Please provide the scope of the ACIL Tasman contract, and any other extracts from the contract which outline the key tasks to be undertaken.	Written	
137	IA 25	STERLE	PWC/GHD Northern Australia Contract	Please provide the scope of this contract, and any other extracts from the contract which outline the key tasks to be undertaken.	Written	
138	IA 26	STERLE	Road Funding	<p>At page 25 of the transcript of February 24 estimates, Mr Brennan (IA) said on roads funding:</p> <p>“We are also progressing a number of pilot projects to promote the sorts of efficiency gains that can be achieved through reforms of existing transport</p>	Written	

				arrangements”.		
				Please outline the specific pilot projects and when they are due to be concluded.		
139	IA 27	STERLE	East West Link – Stage 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Has a business case been put to Infrastructure Australia for the East-West Link Stage Two? If so, what is the cost estimate for construction of the East-West Link Stage Two? 3. What is the identified problem, solution analysis and BCR in this business case? 4. Is IA aware of any land reservations been made for East-West Link Stage Two? If so, what are the details of these land reservations and where are they located? 5. How much money has been allocated for acquiring this land? 6. Is IA aware of any community consultation taken place for East-West Link Stage Two? 7. Have stakeholders or residents been contacted by the Government on this issue? If so, who has been contacted and what was the method of contact? 8. What meetings have taken place between community groups or residents and Commonwealth Governments on East-West Link Stage Two? If so, what time were these meetings and what was discussed? 9. Is IA aware of any drilling or testing of land taken place for East-West Links Stage Two? If so, what tests have been conducted? 10. At what addresses did these tests take place? 11. What date did these tests take place? 12. What were the results of these tests? 13. Is IA aware of whether a project proposal been submitted by the Linking Melbourne Authority to the Victorian Minister for Planning? If so, what are the details of this project proposal? 14. Is IA aware of whether a Comprehensive Impact Statement been prepared for East-West Link Stage Two by the Linking Melbourne Authority? If not, is a Comprehensive Impact Statement currently being prepared? If so, what are the details of this Comprehensive Impact Statement? 	Written	
140	IA 28	EDWARDS	Infrastructure Australia Budget/Travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much of the Infrastructure Australia budget was used on travel, office and staff costs to the end of 2013? 2. How much of the Infrastructure Australia budget was used for consultancies to the end of 2013? 3. In terms of travel, who approves travel by members of Infrastructure Australia, particularly international travel? 4. Does the Minister approve international travel for members of 	Written	

				<p>Infrastructure Australia, or the department?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Are there any guidelines for travel, particularly overseas travel? 6. How is travel by members of Infrastructure Australia reported? And what is the process for reporting outcomes? 7. What is the annual travel budget for Infrastructure Australia members? 8. Can you provide a list of travel, domestic and international (including accommodation expenses) of all members of Infrastructure Australia, including the Infrastructure Australia coordinator? 9. Are any members of Infrastructure Australia issued with credit cards by the department? If so, who, and can you provide a breakdown of costs for each card? 		
141	STP 01	GALLACHER	Appointment of a National Independent Expert Panel	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Last year, the Standing Council on Transport and Infrastructure was chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister. In response to an absolutely terrible crash in Mona Vale, which was the second multiple fatality involving a fuel tanker in New South Wales in only a couple of years, the council determined that the National Transport Commission would bring forward its work to review the inconsistent state and territory laws that deal with roadworthiness inspections—or the lack of them—for heavy vehicles. So the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator will undertake a review of the National Heavy Vehicle Accreditation Scheme, and the Australian government will examine the possibility of future mandating of electronic stability control on new dangerous goods tankers in Australia. Are you familiar with that?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: Yes, Senator.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Can you advise the committee if it is the case that a national independent expert panel was appointed some years ago to resolve the inconsistencies between states for roadworthiness so that a consistent rule could be applied under the new national law? I am just asking the question: has there been a precursor to this latest effort?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: Not that I am aware of. I would need to come back and confirm that on notice.</p>	113 24/02/2014	
142	STP 02	GALLACHER	Registration of Trailers	<p>Senator GALLACHER: I have a heavy vehicle licence for Australia, as does Senator Sterle, but we can only renew it in our place of residence, if you like, even if we are operating anywhere in Australia on it. What is the situation with respect to trailers? Can you only register them in the state of operation or of the ownership of the business, or can you choose to register them wherever you like?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would have to check. I think it varies with the jurisdiction as to whether it has to be in the state of the business registration. But of course a</p>	114 24/02/2014	

				number of companies are registered across jurisdictions.		
143	STP 03	GALLACHER	Mandating ESC	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Mr Mrdak, I read some of the industry media. ESC is mandated in a number of countries. Are you aware which ones?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not have that information with me. I am happy to take that on notice, if you do not mind.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: The United States, Europe?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will get you a comprehensive list.</p>	115 24/02/2014	
144	STP 04	XENOPHON	National Heavy Vehicle Regulator – Permits for Over-Dimensional Loads	<p>Federal legislation has given the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator responsibility for issuing permits for over-dimensional loads. Since the legislation came into effect on 10 February 2014, I understand the regulator has been unable to cope with the number of permits, having a major effect on the mining industry and the renewable energy industry where they often need permits for over-dimensional loads to transport parts and equipment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you advise me of how many permit requests the NHVR has received since the legislation came into effect? <p>Recently in South Australia we had the issue arise that there was no movement of over-dimensional loads for some 7 days due to the delay in processing permits.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. What are the NHVR's KPIs in regards to the processing of permits? 3. What is the average time frame for the processing of permits? 4. What measures are in place to give state Governments delegated authority to issue permits if situations arise when there are delays in the issuing of permits? 5. Will the Department provide compensation for businesses that are unable to operate due to the delay? 6. What measures is the Department taking to speed up processing of permits? <p>I also understand that in addition to the delay in issuing of permits, a number of transport officers have been involved in issuing expiration notices for non-compliance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Can the Department provide the number of expiration notices for non-compliance issued after February 10, 2014? 8. Can the Department provide the number of expiration notices for non-compliance issued in the month prior to February 10, 2014? 	Written	
145	STP 05	STERLE	Road Safety	Has the Department provided advice on reform to the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal as an area for deregulatory action? If yes, can you	Written	

				provide the advice (or an outline of the advice)?		
146	STP 06	STERLE	Coastal Shipping	Has the Department provided advice on reform to coastal shipping regulation as an area for deregulatory action? If yes, can you provide the advice (or an outline of the advice)?	Written	
147	AMSA 01	CONROY	Operation Sovereign Borders Briefing	<p>Senator CONROY: Has Operation Sovereign Borders provided you with a brief? Have they said, 'Here are the contact details. Here is what to do. Here is what we need from you'? Have you had any paperwork from them at all?</p> <p>Mr Young: I would be surprised if there was nothing. Nothing came to front of mind.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I would be surprised if there was nothing. I am happy for you to take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Young: If I could, yes.</p>	93-94 24/02/2014	
148	AMSA 02	CONROY	Operation Sovereign Borders – On-water Incidents	<p>Mr Young: Yes. I need to amplify evidence I gave to the committee earlier. Senator Conroy asked a question about AMSA's involvement in search and rescue incidents since Operation Sovereign Borders commenced. What came to the front of my mind was incidents in which there were deaths or nearly so. I have now found the correct brief. There were other incidents, and I would like to advise you about them on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: No. Let us just clear this up. ...Could you amplify by explaining the dates and the information on the others?</p> <p>Mr Young: There were 21 incidents in which we have had some level of involvement.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Since when?</p> <p>Mr Young: Since 18 September 2013.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Twenty-one incidents in which someone has contacted you?</p> <p>Mr Young: There has been some level of AMSA involvement. I do not have the details in front of me. There were 21 incidents in which we have allocated an incident number and been engaged in some form.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Since 19 December? I am just trying to break down a time scale here.</p> <p>Mr Young: My briefing says '2'.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Two since the 19th, which would include the one in</p>	103 24/02/2014	

				<p>January we had a conversation on earlier or that is on top of the one in January?</p> <p>Mr Young: I think that is on top of that one. I would like to take that on notice to confirm.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: If you can take on notice that we would like the incident reports for those ones as well.</p> <p>Mr Young: I will take that on notice.</p>		
149	AMSA 03	WILLIAMS	STCW Endorsements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it not the case that AMSA has now done exactly what I asked of Mr Kinley on 29 May 2013, by resuming the issue of STCW Endorsements on State-issued Class 3 certificates on the basis that they do the same courses on pollution prevention and awareness of security procedures, as already provided for holders of AMSA-issued Certificates? 2. If ultimately it was found to be possible to do that which I asked AMSA on 29 May 2013 to do, why then did AMSA on 29 May 2013 tell me this was not possible? 3. If it is correct that ultimately it was found to be possible to do that which I asked AMSA on 29 May 2013 to do, then surely AMSA's unilateral decision in December 2012, without consultation with industry, to cease issuing such STCW Endorsements, was a mistake? 	Written	
150	AMSA 04	WILLIAMS	Marine Orders 70, 71, 72 & 73 - Definitions	<p>Why did AMSA consider it necessary that Section 4 DEFINITIONS of Marine Order 70 (Seafarer Certification) define the following three terms?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ECDIS. 2. Length, particularly given that s.20 of the Navigation Act 2012 defines length overall. 3. Marine cook duties or functions. 	Written	
151	AMSA 05	WILLIAMS	Marine Orders 70, 71, 72 & 73 - Definitions	<p>Is it correct that in addition to the defined terms in Section 4 DEFINITIONS of Marine Order 70 (Seafarer Certification) it also at NOTE 4 provides that: "... other terms used in this Order have the same meaning that they have in the Navigation Act 2012 ..."?</p>	Written	
152	AMSA 06	WILLIAMS	Marine Orders 70, 71, 72 & 73 - Tonnage	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it correct that a definition of tonnage is necessary when determining whether an applicant for a Deck Officer Certificate meets the requirements of Marine Order 71 (Masters & Deck Officers)? 2. Is it correct that that the Navigation Act 2012 contains an entire Chapter, from s.150 to s.160 on the meanings of the term tonnage? 	Written	
153	AMSA 07	WILLIAMS	Marine Orders 70, 71, 72 & 73 – Propulsion Power	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Is it correct that a definition of the term propulsion power is necessary when determining whether an applicant for an Engineer Certificate meets the requirements of Marine Order 72 (Engineer Officers)? 	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Is it correct that the Navigation Act 2012 contains no definition of the term propulsion power? 4. If the answer to (2) above is no, can AMSA point out precisely where within the Navigation Act is a provision that provides a definition of the term propulsion power, and in particular defining whether the kW-power ratings of a ship's propulsion engines are to be counted singly or in-aggregate when determining whether an applicant for an Engineer Certificate meets the requirements of this Act and its Regulations? 5. If AMSA contends that the STCW definition of propulsion power is applicable to Marine Order 72 (Engineer Officers), can AMSA please point out precisely where within any Marine Order or the Navigation Act 2012 where there is a legally enforceable regulatory statement to that effect? 		
154	AMSA 08	WILLIAMS	Marine Orders 70, 71, 72 & 73 – First Engineer	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it correct that in Australia the current practice is for the next engineer in responsibility after the Chief Engineer to be known as the “First Engineer”? 2. Is it correct that section 2 of the current regulation, Marine Orders Part 3, contains the following definition? “...First Engineer means the engineer officer next in rank to the Chief Engineer and is the same position as that referred to in the STCW Convention as Second Engineer...” 3. Is it correct that Section 4 DEFINITIONS of Marine Order 72 (Engineer Officers) does not maintain/reproduce that Marine Orders Part 3 definition of First Engineer and instead replaces it with a definition of Second Engineer? 4. In which Consultation-Draft Marine Order did AMSA signal to industry, for consultation, its intention to not maintain/reproduce the Australian-industry-specific definition of First Engineer and instead replace it with a definition of Second Engineer? 5. Without such consultation how could AMSA be assured it was not making a mistake that would have adverse consequences for First Engineers in the Australian industry? 	Written	
155	AMSA 09	WILLIAMS	Marine Orders 70, 71, 72 & 73 – Definitions First Engineer, Integrated Rating, Chief Integrated Rating	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the reason that AMSA chose to not maintain/reproduce the Australian-industry-specific definition of First Engineer and instead replace it with a definition of Second Engineer? 2. What was the reason that AMSA chose to maintain/reproduce the Australian-industry-specific definition of Integrated Rating, despite this terminology not being supported by the STCW? 3. What was the reason that AMSA chose to maintain/reproduce the Australian-industry-specific definition of Chief Integrated Rating, 	Written	

				despite this terminology, or even certification, not being supported by the STCW?		
156	AMSA 10	WILLIAMS	Marine Orders 70, 71, 72 & 73 – Engineer Experience	Why is the Class 3 engineer experience ‘bridge’ to watchkeeper in Marine Order 72 (Engineer Officers) drafted in such a way that it is not available to anyone granted an Engineer Class 3 Certificate after 1 July 2013.	Written	
157	AMSA 11	WILLIAMS	Marine Orders 70, 71, 72 & 73 – Trainee Engineers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In which Consultation-Draft Marine Order did AMSA signal to industry, for consultation, its intention to abandon the existing Marine Order 3 trade-entry standard for entry as a Trainee Engineer? 2. Why did AMSA not consult with the Marine Engineers Institute (AIMPE) regarding AMSA’s intention to delete the trade-entry requirement for entry as a Trainee Engineer and replace it with a lesser requirement of ‘workshop skills training’? 	Written	
158	AMSA 12	WILLIAMS	Marine Orders 70, 71, 72 & 73 – Workshop Skills	In which Consultation-Draft Marine Order did AMSA signal to industry, for consultation, its intention in Marine Order 72 (Engineer Officers) to abandon the AMSA determination of ‘approved trades’ and ‘equivalents’ and confer on colleges the power to determine entry standards and to adjudicate compliance on ‘workshop skills’?	Written	
159	AMSA 13	WILLIAMS	Marine Orders 70, 71, 72 & 73 – Certificates of Competency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it correct that AMSA’s drafting of Marine Orders 3 (now 70, 71, 72 and 73) pursuant to the Navigation Act 2012 on the one hand and AMSA’s drafting of Marine Orders 505 pursuant to the Marine Safety (Domestic commercial Vessels) National Law Act 2012 on the other hand, so that they are totally separate from each other, produced the mistake that each does not recognise the Certificates issued by the other? 2. D Is it correct that the Marine Engineer’s Institute (AIMPE) made written submissions to AMSA that AMSA was making a mistake in the drafting Marine Orders 3 (now 70, 71, 72 and 73) and Marine Orders 505 so that they are totally separate from each other produced the mistake that each does not recognise the Certificates issued by the other? 3. In particular did AIMPE’s submission dated 22 August 2013 contain the following warning:- “...AMSA’s proposal to delete the above Tables will disadvantage Engineers by preventing qualified persons from working in lesser positions (e.g. a Class 2 Engineer working in a job that requires a MED certificate) because nowhere in this Draft is the relationship between those certificates prescribed...” 4. Is it correct that on 18 September 2013 AIMPE wrote a submission to 	Written	

				<p>AMSA that nowhere in Marine Orders 505 (Certificates of Competency—National Law) or in Marine Orders 3 is the relationship between “...these two legally separate and distinct groups of Certificates of Competency ...” set out.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Were these statements by the Marine Engineer’s Institute (AIMPE) at 29 and 30 correct as to this major drafting mistake by AMSA? 6. Was it then necessary for AMSA to correct these mistakes by issuing an Order exempting/correcting those mistakes called the Marine Safety (Navigation Act seafarer qualifications) Exemption 2013? 7. If AMSA was warned of this mistake in 2013 why did AMSA persist with the mistake and not resolve it by drafting MO 72 (Engineer Officers) so as to specify the relationship between all engineering certificates, those under the Marine Safety (Domestic commercial Vessels) National Law Act 2012 as well as those under the Navigation Act 2012? 		
160	AMSA 14	CONROY	<p>Operation Sovereign Borders – On-water Incidents</p>	<p>Senator CONROY: ... Is AMSA aware of any on-water incidents in relation to Operation Sovereign Borders?</p> <p>Mr Young: In the early days of Operation Sovereign Borders—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Can you give me a definition of 'early days'?</p> <p>Mr Young: Forgive me as I look up the details. On 27 September, there was a search and rescue operation, which was widely reported. That occurred during the period of Operation Sovereign Borders. AMSA was briefly engaged in an operation in January which turned out to be a potential issue, but it was not a real one.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CONROY: So they are the only two incidents that AMSA has been involved in?</p> <p>Mr Young: To the best of my recollection, but I would have to take that on notice.</p>	94-95 24/02/2014	
161	AMSA 15	CONROY	<p>Operation Sovereign Borders – On-water Incidents</p>	<p>Senator CONROY: ... Do you have incident reports for those two and any others?</p> <p>Mr Young: We have the Rescue Coordination Centre's records.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Can we have a copy of the records of those two plus any others that you have?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Peachey: I think the issue about privacy is a real one. We are dealing with people and their particular circumstances under distress.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Feel free to black the names out.</p>	96 24/02/2014	

				<p>Mr Peachey: It would be preferable if we went back and had a look at those.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: I am happy for that. We do not want any details of any individuals involved.</p> <p>CHAIR: You have agreed to take it on notice?</p> <p>Mr Peachey: Yes.</p>		
162	AMSA 16	CONROY	Lifeboats	<p>Senator CONROY: If I can just make this point. It is clear from video evidence available to you on YouTube that these orange lifeboats are being deployed without the requisite gear to safely be deployed by the Customs boats, which are potentially within your jurisdiction. Will you undertake to inspect those Customs ships?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: Just going back to your first point, nothing is clear at all. The only YouTube I have seen—</p> <p>Senator CONROY: That is why I am asking you to investigate</p> <p>Mr Kinley: —is taken from a lifeboat, which is floating.</p> <p>CHAIR: I am sure you will take that on board. Thank you very much.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: How did it get into the water, Mr Kinley? Will you undertake for this committee to investigate the facts?</p> <p>Mr Kinley: I will undertake to do my job under my jurisdiction.</p>	103 24/02/2014	
163	PAR 01	McLUCAS	Office of Northern Australia	<p>Senator McLUCAS: In the remainder of the department that you are managing, what other work is happening in the department?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: In relation to northern Australia, we have the Office of Northern Australia continuing their work. In relation to completing their studies, you may be aware that in January we were issued the work of CSIRO in relation to a number of the Flinders and Gilbert catchments. We have got work continuing in relation to a number of projects such as a Pentland Power Project and a range of other analysis being undertaken within the department in relation to economic development in northern Australia.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: And that work is happening in what section of your department?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is happening in the Office of Northern Australia, which sits inside my policy and research group.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Working out of the Townsville and Darwin offices?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Townsville, Darwin and a small number here in Canberra.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: How many in Canberra?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I could take it on notice, but I think it is of the order of about five or six people.</p>	10-11 24/02/2014	

164	PAR 02	McLUCAS	Indigenous Communities and Economic Advancement	<p>Senator McLUCAS: Have you done any work—and, if so, what—on Indigenous communities and their economic advancement and how this process may assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I could take it on notice. I am not aware that we directly, in our portfolio, have undertaken that work, but I will take that on notice and come back to you, if I may, just to identify what if any work we have undertaken in that area.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: Have you done any work on contract management—say, for road building—and how, through different contract management, you would get an economic benefit for remote Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am not familiar with it. Again, I will take it on notice. There may have been work undertaken by our team, with the RDAs in northern Australia, but I am not familiar with it. I will take that on notice, if you do not mind.</p>	11 24/02/2014	
165	PAR 03	McLUCAS	Regional Cost Disadvantage	<p>Senator McLUCAS: ... What research has the department provided to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet for the white paper on freight costs across the top end?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again, I think we have provided some information based on some work the bureau has done. Again, I will take that on notice. The bureau has done extensive analysis of regional cost disadvantage, and I would presume that information and some of the datasets are available to the task force.</p> <p>Senator McLUCAS: If the committee could see that data, that would be very interesting.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It has been published. I will get you the reference. The bureau published about two years ago some studies in regional cost disadvantage, which I can direct you to.</p>	11 24/02/2014	
166	PAR 04	ACTING CHAIR	Heavy Vehicle Accidents	<p>ACTING CHAIR: Would you be able to break down state by state the amount of heavy vehicle accidents?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: Yes, I can. Would you like me to provide that now?</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Yes, if you could provide that to us that would be good, thanks. When is this from?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: As I said, we publish a quarterly heavy vehicle report and this covers the period January to March 2013. I have those state totals.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Because they are probably very informative and there are probably a lot of stats in there, could you table that for the committee?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: I think that is probably the best thing.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: But that only goes to March 2013, does it?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: Sorry, I might not have brought the most recent one. I could table the most recent statements.</p>	104-105 24/02/2014	

				<p>Mr Mrdak: We will provide the most recent one for you.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Is that information also available on your website or not?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: It is. The quarterly reports that we produce are placed on our website.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Well, maybe if you could provide for the last couple of years that would be helpful.</p> <p>Dr Dolman: Yes.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Also, crashes that involve heavy vehicles on their own and also with heavy vehicles and other categories of vehicles; is that all in that same document?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: Sorry, it has just been taken away. We can definitely provide a breakdown of heavy vehicles. If it is not in that publication, we can provide that separately.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: It is a lot that we ask for the information, we do not expect you to have it sitting at the table right in front of you at this very stage. So, if you could do that for us that would be very good.</p>		
167	PAR 05	ACTING CHAIR	Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal	<p>ACTING CHAIR: Are you working alongside the statistics provided and the expertise with the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal?</p> <p>Dr Dolman: We have had meetings with that tribunal and have provided them with data.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Are you able to table for the committee the amount of meetings, when you met and the information that was released to the tribunal, or provided? If you are not sure or if it gives you a hiccup, I understand.</p> <p>Dr Dolman: As far as I am aware, we have only had one specific meeting with them, but I can look back through the records and provide that information.</p>	105 24/02/2014	
168	PAR 06	GALLACHER	Age of the Australia Fleet	<p>Senator GALLACHER: What is the age of the Australian fleet? Because that will put the ABS and the ESC into some sort of context. I know in my home state of South Australia that that is a critical point.</p> <p>Dr Dolman: I have not got that. I think the Australian fleet is roughly about 10 years old on average, but on notice I can give you a more accurate figure.</p>	106 24/02/2014	
169	PAR 07	CONROY	Port Metrics	<p>Senator CONROY: Can you inform the committee of progress the department has made on implementing the National Ports Strategy? I know you have had a little bit of discussion about it earlier, but I wanted to be a bit more precise.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: Certainly. In terms of the National Ports Strategy there were some key initiatives the department was to progress. One of those was better metrics on port data. The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics has taken the lead on that and undertaken some significant work looking at port metrics. We also hold regular consultations with Ports Australia</p>	32 24/02/2014	

				<p>on work that they are doing. They have recently issued a significantly important document on port master planning and some guidance on port master planning.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: You indicated that the bureau was doing some work. Is that finished? Is there anything the committee could have access to? I am particularly interested in the metrics.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: Certainly. We can make the metrics available in terms of the work the bureau has done. With regard to the other areas, our surface transport policy area does support the work of the National Ports Strategy and assists with the engagement work with Ports Australia.</p>		
170	PAR 08	CONROY	Road Infrastructure Spending	<p>Senator CONROY: The Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics indicates we have spent about \$19.5 billion on our roads; however, we only raised \$18 billion in road-user revenue. Is that accurate?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: I would have to double-check the figures.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Does that sound accurate?</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: That more is spent than revenue is raised?</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Yes. There is a gap of about \$1.5 billion.</p> <p>Ms O'Connell: I would have to check the figures.</p>	35 24/02/2014	
171	PAR 09	GALLACHER	Age of the Fuel Tanker Fleets	<p>Senator GALLACHER: If we were to hone in on the fuel tankers which fill our service stations 24 hours a day in the major cities, and they are B-doubles, could we get on notice an indication of the age of that fleet?</p> <p>Ms Zielke: I will take that on notice and try. I know numbers of those vehicles are difficult to calculate, in the first instance. That is a question I have taken previously. I will come back and confirm whether we can get the age.</p>	115 24/02/2014	
172	PAR 10	LUDLAM	Health Benefits and Roads	<p>Senator LUDLAM: The now Prime Minister from opposition made the comment that roads have strong environmental, social, physical and mental health benefits. To me it sounds completely off the wall, like he might be hallucinating at the time. But, if there is any evidence or anything at all to back that up, you would be the people who would have that.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: ... Within that large research community of which there is substantial expertise within the Commonwealth, can you point me to any paper, any research project or anything at all that would back up the Prime Minister's statement?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take that on notice and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That would be very much appreciated. Thank you.</p> <p>CHAIR: Could we get some guidance please, Senator Ludlam, on when he made this statement?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: 8 January, last year, I believe.</p>	38-39 24/02/2014	

173	PAR 11	STERLE	Office of Northern Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In 2009 and 2011 the Office of Northern Australia published a Northern Australia Statistical Compendium, is there an intention to update this document? 2. As at 7 March 2014, how many current Ministers had visited and conducted Ministerial Business in Northern Australia [in this term of Government]? 3. Can you outline the consultation process that lead to the release of the terms of reference for the white paper on Northern Australia? 4. Did this consultation, if any, include discussions with Senator Ian Macdonald? 	Written	
174	PAR 12	STERLE	Closure of the Gove Alumina Refinery in East Arnhem Land	<p>Prior to the election last year, the now Minister for Industry Ian Macfarlane was adamant that a Coalition Government would do anything possible to keep the Gove refinery open.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What measures did the Government undertake to prevent closure of the alumina refinery at Gove? 2. What practical difference did any of these measures make to the ultimate announcement of its closure? 3. After Rio Tinto made the announcement to close the refinery, what commitments were sought from the company with regard to the long term (more than two years) well-being of north-eastern Arnhem Land? 4. What work has been commissioned to understand the social and regional impact of the decision by Rio Tinto at Gove? <p>The impact of losing 1000 jobs in a community with a population of 4000 will be massive. What measures does the Government plan to put in place to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide additional assistance to Centrelink and Job Services providers to cope with the numbers of unemployed? 2. Support local small businesses cope with the down turn in employment, and possibly reduced population? 3. Support local workers to retrain to gain employment in either Gove or elsewhere as required? 	Written	
175	PAR 13	STERLE	Congestion	<p>Senator STERLE: With all your costings, and we have been asking questions about the cost to Australia's productivity—environmental, social, the whole lot—if public transport rail projects are not funded by the Commonwealth and not funded by the state, where the heck is our country going to be in terms of congestion in the next foreseeable few years? Have you done all that? You do not have to answer it all now, but if you can take it on notice and provide us with any figures, it would be an interesting read. Does the Chair agree with me?</p>	108 24/02/2014	

176	OTS 01	CHAIR	Security Screening Arrangements out of Indonesia	<p>CHAIR: A passenger was found to have carried fireworks in his carry-on luggage on a flight from Bali, according to a 13 December ATSB incident report. The incident will not be investigated and an aviation expert has commented that it was unusual, because an incident of this nature should be investigated to uncover how the breach occurred...</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Dolan: The normal provisions for occurrence notification provide for us to pass on for security assessment as necessary matters that have a security implication.</p> <p>CHAIR: Perhaps I will go to the second question, which may fill it in. Could more be done to improve the cooperation of Indonesian authorities ensuring passenger safety and security, particularly given the high number of Australians travelling to Indonesia every year as well as their propensity to purchase items that are otherwise not sold in Australia and could pose a risk on flights?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: It is an incident which I am advised we have taken up. The AFP has been involved in relation to that incident. We are also taking that up with our Indonesian colleagues in terms of security screening arrangements out of Indonesia.</p> <p>CHAIR: Could you come back with what you find?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will come back with some details of what the follow-up is.</p>	64-65 24/02/2014	
177	AAA 01	CONROY	Airservices Australia Waypoint Conference – Speech by Assistant Minister Briggs	<p>Senator CONROY: Apologies, Mr Mrdak, this might be slightly out of left field: are you familiar with a speech given by assistant minister Briggs in November where he said—and I am quoting him, I think: 'When you look at GFC infrastructure spending by the then Labor government, only 14 per cent was focussed on improving the economic infrastructure'? I think he said that at the Airservices Australia Waypoint Conference on 6 November. Are you familiar with this speech?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am familiar with that speech.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: What was the department's involvement in verifying that claim?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The department would have verified the figures used by the minister.</p>	29 24/02/2014	

				<p>Senator CONROY: So you did calculate the firm sign-off or have involvement in this assertion?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I think the speech was certainly prepared. If not, the figures would have been checked by the department pre-delivery. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: You stand by them? You think they are an accurate statement?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I will take it on notice. Normally with the minister's speeches, we do have the opportunity to look at figures to make sure that they are verifiable. I will take notice the process that was gone through and also the veracity of that number.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Do you know if the department created that number, or is that just a number that the minister sought your assistance on confirming?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Again, I will take it on notice, if you do not mind, Senator. I am not familiar with the details of how that number was arrived at.</p> <p>Senator CONROY: Also, when you are taking that on notice, could your department provide the working assumptions that underpin such a calculation?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly, I will take that on notice.</p>		
178	AAA 02	XENOPHON	CASA and Regulatory Oversight	<p>Senator XENOPHON: ... Given Mr McCormick's answer in relation to that, does the department acknowledge that the information given, the provision of weather information to pilots, is an important aspect of aviation safety and the fact that CASA does not have an jurisdictional or any regulatory oversight of that is something that ought to be looked at?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I agree. I think everyone would agree that the provision of accurate weather information to the airlines and to the operating authorities is critical.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I should preface it and say 'accurate'.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The issue that you have raised and I think is emerging from the ATSB analysis of that incident would lead to some significant questions about the nature of the regulatory requirements being imposed. That is a short answer to say that I think we do need to look at it. We will probably take that—</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps, take on notice whether the government is actually looking at a process of providing CASA with some regulatory oversight or authority. Relying on goodwill, as Mr McCormack said, is all well and good but it is not quite the same as having regulatory oversight.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: As I said, I think the ATSB work on this—and Mr Dolan spoke about it in November—leads one to have a serious look at this issue.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: So, perhaps if I can get something more on notice from you on that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Yes.</p>	57 24/02/2014	

179	AAA 03	FAWCETT	ALOP Deeds	<p>Senator FAWCETT: So, for a leaseholder on an airport that was in local government ownership under the deed and has now transferred to a third party, if a GA operator who has signed a lease for—I think it was 258 square metres of land—is told by the owner that they cannot renew it unless they now include unusable land around them to increase it to nearly 800 metres, and hence a significant increase in their cost because they are paying per square metre, or they will be evicted, is that kind of conduct something that the department is comfortable with or is that something that, as the holder of the original head of power of that deed, you would be seeking to protect those leaseholders given that they have no other option to go and run an aviation business.</p> <p>Mr Doherty: The example you are talking about is not within the Airports Act structure, but under the ALOP deeds. In that case, our area of intervention has been much more limited and has been preserved at maintaining the operation of the site as an airport. In relation to behaviour by the airport operator, which could be abuse of its position of power as the operator about the terms of commercial arrangements on the lease, we would see that more as a matter for the ACCC to operate and not something that we would regularly be involved in under the deed arrangements.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: My understanding is that the deed required owners to continue to provide fair and equitable access to the business and their operations as long as they met their payments and they complied with all regulations. If an airport owner said that somebody who wanted to start up a flying school in a region where there was no ability to learn to fly, is it your expectation that the company should be able to do that or is it your expectation that the owner could say, 'No, we do not want a flying school at the airport.'</p> <p>Mr Doherty: I am not sure that that is an area that we could get into under the provisions of the deed, to that level of detail.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Could you take that on notice? Because my reading of the deed indicates that if they are compliant with the aviation regulations and they are meeting the terms of payment for their lease that they should be able to run a bona fide aviation operation at an airfield.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: We will take on notice the issue associated with our powers associated with the deed in a specific case as you have indicated. I would not like to answer it without actually going back and looking at the deed.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I am happy to take that on notice. What I am also putting on notice is that I am concerned about the future viability of the GA sector at a number of airports where, for commercial reasons, they are being squeezed by the owners and, given that, unlike any other business where you cannot just relocate down the block, the airport is the only place you can run your business, that appears to be unconscionable conduct in flying against the head lease or deed under which those airports were actually devolved from Commonwealth ownership.</p>	81 24/02/2014	
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180	AA 01	CHAIR	Richmond Incident – November 2011	<p>CHAIR: ... In November 2011 a Virgin Boeing 737 took evasive action to avoid a military parachute exercise. The final report into the incident on 16 December 2013 of the ATSB found that the AA had no standard documented procedure to ensure that planes that had taken off from Sydney Airport did not fly too closely to aircraft carrying out parachute drops near Richmond Airport where the incident occurred. Airservices has since made changes to ensure coordination when parachuting operations are happening at Richmond. Has Airservices Australia looked into the potential for similar instances to occur near other airports around Australia close to military training areas?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I will have Mr Hood work our way through the detail on the procedures. That was the incident at Richmond that you are referring to.</p> <p>CHAIR: How close did he get?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I will have to refer to my notes.</p> <p>Mr Hood: I think it is fair to say that the incident was of significant concern to us in relation to the fact that there were some procedural issues in relation to the display, for example, on the air traffic controller's screen. She did not have the appropriate map as a visual cue. We have addressed that issue nationally, across the country. Basically, the 737 aircraft started to head towards the active parachuting area and a fellow controller alerted the controller to the fact that that area was active. We took some action for the aircraft to be vectored clear of that area, but it came close to an area in which active parachuting was taking place.</p> <p>CHAIR: 'Close' being?</p> <p>Mr Hood: I believe it was 0.2 nautical miles, but I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: That is pretty close, is it not?</p> <p>Mr Hood: Yes.</p>	71-72 24/02/2014	
181	AA 02	CHAIR	Richmond Incident – November 2011	<p>CHAIR: ... Are there sufficient procedures at the other airports? Obviously you have taken some procedural action.</p> <p>Mr Hood: We have looked nationally at about 38 sites now at which the parachuting takes place. We have standardised the letters of agreement and the procedures that we utilise to separate jet traffic with parachuting airspace.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Does that point to when it was diverted or was that its proximity?</p> <p>Mr Hood: That was the lateral proximity. My understanding is that it was active to a much higher degree than the aeroplane, so the aeroplane would have</p>	72 24/02/2014	

				<p>penetrated the area in which potentially parachuters were operating.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: What I am getting at is whether it was notified when it was 0.2 and hence its turn radius would have taken it through or was 0.2 the final separation achieved?</p> <p>Mr Hood: I will take that on notice.</p>		
182	AA 03	FAWCETT	Mildura Incident	<p>Senator FAWCETT: ... My only question of substance goes to the incident at Mildura with the two 737s that had the met forecasting issue and then ran short on fuel. We have spoken to ATSB about their internal inquiries. I would be interested to know from Airservices's perspective, as the provider of that information, what you are doing internally to learn from that incident to prevent it occurring.</p> <p>Mr Hood: I will clarify the last point first. The lateral proximity of the 737 to the parachuting area reduced to 2,100 metres. With regard to the Mildura incident, I think I answered a question last estimates from Senator Xenophon in relation to the fact that our inquiries were continuing into the diversion of two aircraft, a Qantas and a Virgin aircraft, from being inbound to Adelaide, where unforecast fog eventuated, to Mildura. We have undertaken our own internal investigation and we are also an active participant in the ATSB's investigation into that incident.</p> <p>...</p> <p>CHAIR: So, was the Qantas aircraft landing legal? Did it have sight?</p> <p>Mr Hood: ...In our investigation we had 10 findings and two recommendations. We are certainly acting on the two recommendations, and we are also participating with the ATSB, next month I believe, in the meeting with CASA, the airlines and the ATSB in relation to the clarification of who was responsible. The other thing that we do not have access to is what they received from their own company in terms of ACARS messages from Qantas and/or Virgin.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Are you able to table those findings and recommendations for the committee?</p> <p>Mr Hood: Certainly, but not today. I am happy to provide the Senate a copy with our internal investigation.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Thank you.</p>	72-73 24/02/2014	
183	AA 04	XENOPHON	Mildura Incident	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I have some supplementary questions directly on the Mildura incident. The ATSB, in its interim report into this incident, state in part that information about the actual weather conditions at Mildura was not available to the crew from the Automated Weather Information Service, AWIS, as the aircraft approached Mildura'. It goes on to say that the AWIS link from the automated weather station is a very high frequency omnidirectional radio</p>	73 24/02/2014	

				<p>range, which was operated by Airservices Australia, was unserviceable. Does Airservices agree with this statement by the ATSB?</p> <p>Mr Hood: As I said, the ownership of the AWIS sits with three parties. The Weather Information Service itself sits with the Bureau of Meteorology. The line that takes it from the bureau to the navigation aid belongs to the airport and we own the navigation aid which broadcasts the information. The navigation aid, the NDB, was out of service and had been NOTAMed five days prior.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: What was unserviceable? Was it the automatic weather station or the omnidirectional radio range link?</p> <p>Mr Hood: My understanding is that the non-directional beacon, the navigation aid which broadcasts the weather, was out of service.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: That is the responsibility of Airservices?</p> <p>Mr Hood: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: How long had that link at Mildura been non-operational?</p> <p>Mr Hood: My understanding is that it was NOTAMed five days prior to the incident. Whether it was previously NOTAMed I would have to take on notice.</p>		
184	AA 05	EDWARDS	Airservices Forecast Profit	<p>Senator EDWARDS: ...What is your forecast profit?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I will just go to the figures for that. We are tracking for a full-year profit of about \$41.645 million.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Which is down from?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Last year we made a profit of \$63 million.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: So, why are you down a third in your profit on your forecast?</p> <p>Ms Staib: A number of adjustments had to be made around superannuation and the way that was recorded. Some of our operating expenses are higher, and certainly our staff costs are higher.</p> <p>CHAIR: Can you table what you have just told us?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Yes, I can do that.</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: Why would your staff costs be higher?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Increase in wages and also increase in numbers.</p> <p>CHAIR: Increase in salary or increase in the number of people on salary?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Both.</p> <p>CHAIR: Can we see that as well?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Yes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator EDWARDS: ... If you could provide a fulsome report in a timely</p>	74-75 24/02/2014	

				<p>manner and not just prior to the next estimates as to what it is, we will have a discussion. It will be very evident to you if there is some line item in there that is going to create a problem, and I am sure you will be able to address it. But obviously now that we have tackled the issue, let us get the answers as to why that is showing up the way it is. A 30 per cent fall in profit without an explanation out there in private land would be a significant event.</p>		
185	AA 06	STERLE	<p>Official Title – CEO Airservices Australia</p>	<p>Senator STERLE: Okay, but you should have 'retired' behind your position, and you do not, although Air Chief Marshal Houston does have 'retired'. Ms Staib: Yes. Senator STERLE: Can you explain how a mistake like this has made it all the way through to the published version of the annual report? Ms Staib: It is an omission which needs to be corrected. Senator STERLE: How long ago was it put out? Ms Staib: The annual report? Senator STERLE: Yes. Ms Staib: I think it was September. CHAIR: It begs the question of when— Senator STERLE: When was your website done? Do you know when was the website put out with the wrong information on it? Ms Staib: No. I would have to check. Senator STERLE: Okay, if you can check that and come back for us. In that case, what steps have you taken to correct the record? Ms Staib: Now that it has been brought to my attention I will go back to the office and make sure it is corrected. ... Senator STERLE: When will that be corrected, Ms Staib? Ms Staib: As I said, I am going back to the office this afternoon and I will have that fixed. Senator STERLE: Okay, and you can let the committee know as soon as that is done. Ms Staib: Certainly.</p>	76 24/02/2014	
186	AA 07	STERLE	<p>Staff Costings</p>	<p>Senator STERLE: Could you give us the cost to Airservices Australia, Ms Staib? Or, firstly, the three positions that are filled by Sydney based people and, of course, Ms Keenan from Brisbane, who has only been with you for three months, how often are they required here in Canberra? Ms Staib: It is variable, but in the main three to four days a week. I can take</p>	78-79 24/02/2014	

				<p>that question on notice if you want?</p> <p>Senator STERLE: I am going to, because I am also going to ask you to come back for the committee's benefit for the costs associated in airfares.</p> <p>Ms Staib: Yes.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: And of course taxis to the airport; we do not expect people to walk, but if you could get us all associated costs for the travel and accommodation.</p> <p>Ms Staib: Certainly.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator STERLE: If you could do that for us, thank you. So, Ms Keenan, you said you actually travel outside of office hours as well?</p> <p>Ms Keenan: I myself choose to do that, yes.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: Do the others do that as well?</p> <p>Ms Staib: Once again, it is variable. They might drive their own vehicle depending on the requirement. So, yes.</p> <p>Senator STERLE: We do sympathise with you giving up your Sunday. There are a few from WA who know exactly what that means. I have a number of questions relating to pricing and finances which I will wait for in the May budget round, so what I would ask, if you could take it on notice now, could you ensure that we have the appropriate officials attend so that we could get through those questions?</p>		
187	AA 08	GALLACHER	Adelaide Airport – Noise Complaints	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Adelaide Airport is increasingly attracting more carriers and very recently it attracted an exemption to the curfew. I notice on Airservices Australia that you actually monitor noise complaints at all airports. In the Deputy Prime Minister making the decision that the flights needed to land in Adelaide at 5 am to accommodate available slots in Hong Kong and allow connections to Asia and Europe, was he advised by you of the level of existing complaints? Do you have a role there to advise the minister in that he is virtually altering a curfew that has been in place, unchanged, for 12 years? Who tells him what is actually happening before he makes the decision?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: The advice in relation to the matter was provided by the department, not Airservices.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: But Airservices is responsible for complete monitoring of noise complaints.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: They are responsible for that, yes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Does Airservices Australia have any information about any potential increase in the noise complaints since this decision?</p> <p>Ms Staib: I can take that on notice. I do not have that detail at hand.</p>	79-80 24/02/2014	

188	AA 09	STERLE	Recruitment of Head of Corporate Affairs	<p>I notice you have recently advertised for the position of Executive General Manager Corporate Affairs, to be based in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane. I'm aware of the market pay scale for such a position.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you advise the Committee of the salary range you propose for this position? 2. What would be the additional costs associated with someone based in Sydney, Melbourne or Brisbane? 3. Would they be met entirely by AirServices? 4. How many other of your direct reports have similar employment arrangements - i.e. being Sydney based for example? 5. What are the costs associated with each of them? 6. Does AirServices ensure that all of their commuting is undertaken outside of office hours? 	Written	
189	AA 10	STERLE	Financial Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you assure the Committee that AirServices intends to meet the forecast dividend payment to the Government as outlined in your corporate plan? <p>I notice from recent press releases, AirServices is in the process of building a number of new fire stations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Will there be additional charges to AirServices customers to cover the cost of these stations? 3. Can you advise the Committee of any negotiations/discussions you have had with the airlines to date about any increased charges to cover the costs of these fire stations and any other capitals works being undertaken? 	Written	
190	AA 11	STERLE	CEOs Involvement with Air Force	<p>It is noted from the website and annual report that Ms Staib titles herself, Air Vice Marshall (unlike the Chair who uses Air Chief Marshall retired). I assume this means she is still on the active list for the Air Force?</p>	Written	
191	ATSB 01	CHAIR	ATSB Investigation – 13 December	<p>CHAIR: A passenger was found to have carried fireworks in his carry-on luggage on a flight from Bali, according to a 13 December ATSB incident report. The incident will not be investigated and an aviation expert has commented that it was unusual, because an incident of this nature should be investigated to uncover how the breach occurred. Why does the ATSB believe no further investigation is required into the incident given the possible catastrophic outcomes, if they were up to mischief, should such a breach occur?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: Our assessment was on two points: the origin of the aircraft and therefore where the point of control was for the loading of the fireworks.</p>	64 24/02/2014	

				<p>Secondly, the issue as we saw it was essentially a security rather than a safety issue.</p> <p>CHAIR: Whose plane was it?</p> <p>Mr Dolan: We will have to take that one on notice. I apologise.</p>		
192	ATSB 02	XENOPHON	Pel-Air Incident	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Mr Mrdak, you may want to take on notice whether other parties involved in the Pel-Air incident, particularly those that gave evidence to the Senate inquiry, have been contacted by the TSB. Or will it be apparent from their report as to whom the TSB actually contacted?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I would presume the TSB will set out in their report, as they would with any other investigator's report, who they have spoken to and the circumstances of the review, but I am happy to take that on notice. I would imagine they would set out in detail who they are contacting in relation to the review.</p>	66	24/02/2014
193	ATSB 03	XENOPHON	Canadian Transport Safety Board Report	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Insofar as the ATSB, quite appropriately, will be able to comment on that draft report, will other interested stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on that draft report?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I am not familiar with the process. I think Mr Dolan has indicated that the ATSB will make matters of fact comments, but essentially the report is a matter for the Canadian Transport Safety Board.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I can understand completely that it is entirely appropriate for the ATSB to comment on any draft, but would it not also be appropriate for interested parties, the pilot, the co-pilot and some of the witnesses who gave evidence in relation to their views, and indeed the Senate committee itself that spent an enormous amount of time dealing with the evidence and considering the evidence, that they would be part of that? Presumably if the TSB is going to be making comment on the Senate committee's report and its processes would we not have an interest as a stakeholder to comment on any draft?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I can certainly see an interest. I think I would need to come back to you in terms of the process of whether that is best done after the TSB has lodged a report.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: That does not seem to address the issue. If the ATSB will have an opportunity to comment on a draft report, which I acknowledge is entirely proper and appropriate, is it not also entirely proper and appropriate for other interested parties such as this committee itself and the other parties directly involved in the ditching of the Pel-Air aircraft to also have an opportunity to comment on it?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: That is something that I would have to take on notice in terms of the next steps once the ATSB has had an opportunity to provide any factual</p>	70-71	24/02/2014

				<p>comment as to whether the TSB would then be looking for a further comment. It may be the case; I think the intention of the ATSB was always that the TSB report would be publicly released.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am sorry. That is not addressing the issue. The issue is one of fairness of process. The issue is one of due process. It is clearly due process for the ATSB to comment on the TSB draft. It is entirely appropriate, but do you not think it is also appropriate for other interested stakeholders, particularly as it seems to me that the trigger for the TSB's inquiry or report into the Pel-Air incident and the ATSB's report was highly critical comments by this references committee that looked into it? I would have thought that in terms of procedural fairness a Senate committee ought to have an opportunity to comment to the TSB if the very basis of the inquiry by the Canadian TSB, the trigger for it, was this committee's report.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I can see the point you are making. I will need to take that on notice and discuss that with the Canadian TSB about what their handling approach is.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Could you get back to this committee as a matter of urgency in respect of that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: Certainly.</p>		
194	ATSB 04	XENOPHON	Canadian Transport Safety Board Report	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Further to Senator Fawcett's line of questioning, is the review by the Canadian TSB one on the documents or are they actually seeking to interview people involved in that incident and in the investigation?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: I do not know the full circumstances of what they are reviewing. I will take that on notice and come back to you.</p>	69 24/02/2014	
195	CASA 01	FAWCETT	Colour Assessment Diagnosis Test	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I have a letter dated 24 January this year from CASA to a gentleman saying, 'CASA has determined the colour assessment diagnosis test to be an appropriate test for the purposes of the regulation' and it appears to be the test that CASA is now using to apply. My question is, in accordance with your letter, who made the decision that it is an appropriate test and on what basis did they make that decision?</p> <p>Mr Fereday: It would have been for an individual occurrence; it's not across the board. All testing for colour vision is on a case-by-case basis; in terms of that decision it would have been our principal medical officer.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Clearly at some point in time somebody has decided that the test has a degree of efficacy that makes it worthwhile to use. My question is: who made that decision and on what basis?</p>	54 24/02/2014	

				<p>Mr Fereday: It would be the basis of medical evidence of the test's validity. We could provide on notice the actual details of why that approach was the appropriate one.</p>		
196	CASA 02	FAWCETT	Safety – Colour Vision Deficiency	<p>Senator FAWCETT: One of the concerns that I have is that since the Denison case here in Australia some two decades ago we now have pilots with over 10,000 hours of flying, many of them single pilot night IFR who have conducted countless night approaches using PAPIs as they have come on line, as well as the TVASI and there have been no safety incidents. We confirmed that last estimates between ATSB and CASA, that there have been no incidents recorded. So, my question is: if we have 20 years of experience versus the UK where it is essentially an academic development that proves that somebody has a colour vision deficiency, where is the safety case that justifies the adoption of this test?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: You mean changing the initial test to this CAD test?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Any of the tests that are essentially an academic determination that you have a colour vision deficiency as opposed to the intent of 67.150 which looks at what are the operational ways of testing whether this deficiency in fact affects your ability to safely operate an aircraft.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I think you will find that there has been a 727 crash in the United States which was attributed to the colour blindness of the co-pilot.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: There is one incident and that attribution has been disputed, particularly since the captain of the aircraft was not colour vision deficient, who was also on the flight deck at the time, and the fact that PAPIs are well known to have distortion under certain atmospheric conditions which is off-quoted as the real cause of that accident.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Yes. The academic literature does tend to cite that. There are numerous maritime accidents, of course, with colour vision deficiency that we are not particular concerned about at this moment. The colour vision testing on the 67.1506C—CASA is empowered to determine the type of third level testing to be applied. My notes say that the colour assessment and diagnosis, CAD, test was developed by City University in London, with research funding assistance from both the UK CAA and the US FAA. It has been officially adopted, as you say, for use in the UK and we believe that aviation specific tests, such as that test, are better suited than the previous use practical tests for detecting colour vision deficiency due to their direct relevance to aviation specific tasks.</p> <p>As far as the safety case goes around changing from the Ishihara, or the colour plate test, to some other test, we will have to take that on notice.</p>	55 24/02/2014	
197	CASA 03	FAWCETT	Safety – Colour	<p>Senator FAWCETT: My point is that in an environment where the industry is struggling to attract and retain pilots we have a whole cohort now in Australia</p>	55-56	

			<p>Vision Deficiency</p> <p>who have been flying safely with no incidents, which has been confirmed by ATSB and yourself, for the past two decades in Australia, yet since the introduction of this CAD test we are now seeing CASA withdrawing the privileges of pilots who have been flying for thousands of hours quite safely on the basis of a test that has been academically derived. My question to you is: what is the safety case for withdrawing the privileges of a licence for somebody who has demonstrated over a number of years and thousands of hours of flying that they can competently operate the aircraft?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I am not aware of any specific cases and assuming, as you say, there have been cases where we have withdrawn privileges, I am not aware of that myself. The issue about the eyesight test is, of course, that there is a standard which is applied by ICAO. We are already much more liberal than that standard anywhere in the world and necessarily saying 20,000 hours or 10,000 hours represents therefore a valid safety case because it has been 10,000 times is not necessarily the same thing as saying it is either one hour experienced 10,000 times or it is 10,000 hours experience as far as the events go themselves.</p> <p>I think we are looking now at carefully moving forward, or in some cases if this test has been adopted by the UK CAA and is obviously under consideration by the FAA, we would look at moving, as it says, to where the appropriate and sophisticated medical research methodologies have led. It is the mere fact of updating things. As for actually the removing the issues, I will take that on notice. I do not know who we have removed privileges from.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I can give you the letter afterwards. I have it sitting right here in front of me from your organisation dated 24 January doing exactly that. I will put it to you that with due respect this is not moving forward, despite the evidence that you gave here at estimates in November that CASA had no agenda or no plans to wind back the gains of the Denison case. This is, in fact, a very deliberate effort to adopt a standard which might medically ascertain that somebody does have a colour vision deficiency, but clearly as evidenced by multiple pilots that have flown for over two decades, it is not an accurate or effective measure of their ability to safely operate an aircraft. This is going backwards and not, in fact, forwards.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: As I said, what has happened between November when I was here and that letter, this is the first that I know of it. We were, of course, expecting to be in the AAT to respond to a Mr O'Brien in February 2012, however, those proceedings are currently not listed for hearing as the previous hearing to commence on 31 March was vacated at the applicant's request. So we have not had the opportunity to test these things. As I said, that is news to me. I will take it on notice and find out what we have been doing.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: If you want to come back to experts, your organisation's</p>	24/02/2014	
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198	CASA 04	FAWCETT	Safety – Colour Vision Deficiency	<p>Senator FAWCETT: ... I will also be seeking further information about CASA's plans in terms of the adoption of the CAD test. I would also like an answer on notice on whether you will consider an equivalent to the audio test, an inflight or a simulator based test, for people who have a recognised CVD. I am sure the CAD test is an absolutely thorough, 100 per cent accurate test to prove that someone has a CVD. The critical question for industry and for individuals' careers is whether that has an impact on their ability to safely operate the aircraft. I look forward to your answer on notice as to whether you will adopt an approach that will give an equivalent avenue for those pilots with a practical test versus just the theoretical one.</p>	56 24/02/2014	
199	CASA 05	XENOPHON	Report on Aviation Accident Investigations	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I would like to go back to Senate estimates on 18 November last year. I asked you, Mr McCormick, questions in relation to the ditching of aircraft VHNGA off Norfolk Island. That was on 18 November 2009. It has now been over 10 months since the references committee issued its report on aviation accident investigations. Have you provided your position in relation to the Senate committee report to the government?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: That is correct.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: How long ago was that? Can you give an approximate time frame?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We may have answered that in a question on notice.</p>	56-57 24/02/2014	
200	CASA 06	XENOPHON	Flight Training Budget	<p>Senator XENOPHON: ... how many FOIs would have been trained for that \$2.3 million, could you take that on notice? I would be happy with that.</p>	60 24/02/2014	
201	CASA 07	FAWCETT	Training Budget	<p>Senator FAWCETT: ... Just clarifying that answer then that the \$2.3 million that was allocated was all for FOIs; there was no other funding spent for other people in training within CASA?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: Yes, we do have other funds expended on training overall. If you like, I could take that on notice?</p>	60 24/02/2014	

				<p>Mr McCormick: We will take that on notice and give you both a detailed reply on that.</p>		
202	CASA 08	FAWCETT	Training by Commercial Organisations	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I would also be interested to know, do commercial organisations, whether they be airlines, charter operations or others, ever see it in their interests to provide training, whether it be endorsement training, currency or training for engineers on essentially a pro bono basis to help facilitate the oversight of their operations?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: That is a practice of overseas countries. That is true of jurisdictions to our north of here. If an airline was introducing an aircraft it would be responsible for paying for the entire training for a number of flight operations inspectors, normally at least one if we have none, but normally no more than two. That is an ongoing commitment in that if the regulator decided to move the flight operations inspectors who are oversighting that aeroplane then the organisation that you are oversighting would pay the costs of the conversion course for that flight operations inspector.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Does that occur in Australia? Has that occurred recently with any member of CASA?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I will take that on notice because I have not checked every body, but to my knowledge the answer would be no, it has not occurred. But, as I say, I will take that on notice if I could.</p>	60 24/02/2014	
203	CASA 09	FAWCETT	People Endorsed on the A380	<p>Senator FAWCETT: How many people do you have endorsed on the A380?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We have at least one, but stand by. It may only be two. We will take that on notice, if we could.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Sure, if you could give us a list of their names that would be great.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We will.</p>	61 24/02/2014	
204	CASA 10	GALLACHER	AOC Holders	<p>Senator GALLACHER: So, the AOC holder is a person, not an entity?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: That is correct.</p> <p>Dr Aleck: It could be an entity or a person.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Sorry?</p> <p>CHAIR: What he means is that it has got one head and two legs.</p> <p>Dr Aleck: There will be individuals. The CEO, normally, is regarded as the accountable person for the AOC organisation. But it is the corporate entity that CASA deals with through the individual.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So, for argument's sake, we will use Qantas. So, the CEO, being Alan Joyce, he would also be the AOC holder and the responsible person for that?</p>	61-62 24/02/2014	

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205	CASA 11	FAWCETT	206-1(b)	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I guess the elements are: did the transitional regulation 202 expire last year? And do the definitions actually list 206-1(b), which is charter ops, to be a transport which would then require an in-house CAMO?</p> <p>Mr Boyd: I am not aware of the detail of that particular exemption, but as the director has said, the intention at the moment is that only regular public transport operations are covered by that CASAR 42 for the CAMO.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: So, a charter operator or anyone else operating an AOC would be able to continue what they have done in the past, whereby their maintenance organisation would actually provide not only the hands-on maintenance, but also the continuing airworthiness management for the aircraft?</p> <p>Mr Boyd: It is my understanding that regulation 42 does not apply to them, so they would be on the older regulations to do with the requirements for the AOC, the responsibility for maintenance.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Is that a permanent situation or is that a transitional arrangement?</p> <p>Mr Boyd: It is a transitional arrangement because at the moment we issued five discussion papers last year to do with the application of the maintenance regulations to general aviation, or operations that are not of regular public transport. That included aspects such as the maintenance control, the maintenance organisation, the airworthiness review requirements, the maintenance programs, those sorts of aspects of each of the regulations. Currently we are working through the responses to these discussions papers to look at the next stages of where that regulatory reform should go.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Does that imply that they are still, in effect, under an</p>	62 24/02/2014	

				<p>exemption to part 42 and, should that exemption expire, whether as a result of those five discussion papers or otherwise, that they will then be subject to those same requirements?</p> <p>Mr Boyd: They will not be the same requirements as a regular public transport operation necessarily because there are different sectors that we will be looking at. Obviously, the general aviation will be treated differently from passenger transport, for example. As aerial work would be as well. So, we will be looking at different gradations of requirements depending on the operation.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Would you be able to take on notice then, just to clarify, whether 206-1(b) has in fact been included in that definition in error, or what your plan going forward is with that?</p> <p>Mr Boyd: Yes.</p>		
206	CASA 12	FAWCETT	CAMO	<p>Senator FAWCETT: In terms of the CAMO, the requirements for the ARC, is that in the same boat that you are not planning to apply to a GA or a charter operator the requirement to have an ARC for their aircraft?</p> <p>Mr Boyd: Charter, under the proposals, would come under the part 121, if it is large, or part 135, which is air transport operations. So, currently we are looking at the application of the review for that, but that review would also be looked at in terms of aerial work, and again, general aviation or private operations. At the moment, looking at the feedback we got from the discussion papers, there is, again, a graduated response to that airworthiness review.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: So, just to clarify then, you indicated that you are not intending to apply the CAMO to GA at all. When I asked you the question about the ACR, you seemed to indicate that would apply to a charter operator, who may be operating a GA aircraft?</p> <p>Mr Boyd: It depends on the size of the aircraft, but also the operations it would be in. We do not necessarily intend—</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: So, anything less than a 5,700 kilo or a transport category aircraft, would you argue that would not be covered; is that a fair assumption?</p> <p>Mr Boyd: It may not be if it is just in part 91, general operations.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Sure; if you could take those on notice.</p> <p>Mr Boyd: Certainly.</p>	62-63 24/02/2014	
207	CASA 13	XENOPHON	Flight Training Budget	<p>Senator XENOPHON: I can see the sense of having some CASA officers being current. Could you just, on notice, let me know what budget is being allocated and what sort of currency it is? I take it that CASA does not have its own fleet of aircraft like the FAA?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: No, and I believe some of the FAA aircraft are confiscated</p>	59 24/02/2014	

				<p>from drug enforcement action, so they would probably have a better supply of airframes than perhaps we have.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Perhaps you should talk to the AFP about that.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Yes. We can give you those budget numbers now on flying training, if you would like?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Sure.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: I will just ask the chief financial officer, Mr Jordan, to come to the table.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Basically, neither yourself nor the director have had any training for current endorsements of aircraft?</p> <p>Mr McCormick: Not on large aeroplanes. I have flown light aeroplanes of recent times, but not the commercial operations.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Yes, I understand.</p> <p>Mr Jordan: In response to your question, for our flight training budget for the previous financial year, we actually spent \$2.3 million.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: How many personnel within CASA was that spent for?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: I do not have that information with me. I would have to take that on notice. But overall, the bucket of money we spent was \$2.3 million, purely for our technical staff.</p>		
208	CASA 14	XENOPHON	Flight Training	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Does that mean that Mr Jordan's answer, that \$2.3 million bucket of money for flight training for CASA, there might be some other funds available for flight training of CASA personnel?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: Not necessarily flying training; there are other training monies available; for example, myself, as an accountant, to attend a training course. So there is more money than the \$2.3 million.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am more—</p> <p>Mr McCormick: You are talking more about the flying side of things.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Jordan: So the \$2.3 million is purely for flying.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: So, it is not a requirement of your job to have an endorsement on an A380 or anything like that to be CFO?</p> <p>Mr Jordan: No.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: No.</p> <p>Mr McCormick: We will give you a detailed breakdown on notice because I am not sure of all the facts.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: That is fine.</p>	60-61 24/02/2014	

209	LGT 01	LUNDY	Etched in Stone Report	<p>Senator LUNDY: ...I would like to start with just asking some general questions about the National Capital Authority's work program and in particular the response to a number of reports that were done, including the report <i>Etched in stone</i>. Could you tell the committee about the response to that particular report? It was an inquiry into the administration of the National Memorial's ordinance and tabled back in November 2011.</p> <p>Mr Wilson: The government is still considering a response to that report.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Mr Wilson, are you able to shed any light on when we can expect a government response to that particular report?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: I do not believe I can add to that, other than the government is considering it at the moment.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak: We will take that on notice and come back to you hopefully this evening.</p>	82-83 24/02/2014	
210	LGT 02	LUNDY	An Estate for the Future Report	<p>Senator LUNDY: ... I would also like to ask about the report titled, <i>An estate for the future</i>. This particular report was tabled in March 2013 and there was a partial response provided on 17 April by the National Capital Authority. Could you update the committee on the status of that particular response and report and whether there will be a more fulsome response sometime soon?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: There will be. The government is still considering a full response and, as Mr Mrdak has indicated, I will take it on notice in terms of the timeframe for when the government may be considering releasing a response.</p>	83 24/02/2014	
211	LGT 03	LUNDY	The Inquiry into the Provisions of Amenity within the Parliamentary Triangle Report	<p>Senator LUNDY: I have one more, being <i>The inquiry into the provisions of amenity within the parliamentary triangle</i>, tabled in June 2013. What is the current status of the government response to that report?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: The government is still considering the response to that report.</p> <p>Senator LUNDY: Are you able to shed any light on when that could be?</p> <p>Mr Wilson: I will take that on notice in terms of a timeframe for that consideration.</p>	83 24/02/2014	
212	LGT 04	LUDWIG	Betterment Fund	<p>Since the last report to this Senate Estimates Committee:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many projects have been approved for funding by the Queensland Government (jointly funded with the Commonwealth) for the Betterment Fund announced on 28 February 2013? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list those projects by type and cost. b. What consultation did the Queensland Government make with 	Written	

				<p>the Federal Government on the decision of these projects?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Has the Government been requested to increase the size of the Commonwealth's contribution to the Betterment Fund? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, by whom? b. If so, when? c. If so, what action or actions has the Government taken to respond to this request? Please detail. 3. Has the Government considered increasing the size of the Commonwealth's contribution to the Betterment Fund? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, by whom is this being considered? b. If so, when was this considered? c. If so, who has been consulted? d. If so, what Departments or Agencies are involved in the decision? e. If so, what Ministers have been consulted in the decision? f. If so, what action or actions has the Government taken to progress this consideration? Please detail. g. If not, why not? h. If not, who has been consulted on the decision not to adopt this as policy? i. If not, when was this considered? j. If not, who has been consulted? k. If not, what Departments or Agencies were involved in the decision not to adopt the policy? l. If not, what Ministers have been consulted in the decision not to adopt the policy? m. If not, what action or actions has the Government taken in the decision not to progress this? Please detail. 4. Has the Deputy Prime Minister made any requests or consideration of request to the Minister, Prime Minister or any other Minister seeking to increase the size of the Betterment Fund? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, how has the Deputy Prime Minister made that request? b. If so, when was this considered? c. If so, who has been consulted? d. If so, what Departments or Agencies are involved in the request? e. If so, what Ministers have been consulted in the request? f. If so, what action or actions has the Government taken to progress this? g. If not, why not? 		
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213	LGT 05	STERLE	Regional Development Australia	<p>I refer to the Minister's speech to the Local Government Association of South Australia 2013 Conference in which he says 'we are considering the current arrangements (for RDAs) and how the RDA structure aligns with the RDA structure aligns with our vision for regional Australia'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What issues are being considered in the review of RDAs? 2. Who is conducting this review? 3. Are the RDA Committee's being consulted as part of this consideration? 4. Are RDAs to continue being funded on 3-year terms? 5. Can you provide details of any appointments to RDA Committee boards in the last six months? 6. Can you outline the process for appointments to RDA Committee boards? 7. Is gender being considered as part of the selection of new RDA Committee members? 	Written	
214	LGT 06	LUDWIG	Brisbane Ferry Terminals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide an update on the reconstruction of the Brisbane Ferry Terminal platforms? 2. What is the total amount allocated to the project for the reconstruction of the Brisbane Ferry Terminals by the Commonwealth, State and Local Governments? 3. What is the status of the Dutton Park ferry terminal? 4. What is the current completion date of the project? 5. When is funding required to have been expended by the State and Local Governments for this project? 6. Have the State or Local Governments sought to extend the project completion date at all? 	Written	
215	LGT 07	LUDWIG	Riverwalk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide an update on the reconstruction of the Brisbane riverwalk? 2. What is the total amount allocated to the project for the reconstruction of the Brisbane riverwalk by the Commonwealth, State and Local 	Written	

				<p>Governments?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What is the current completion date of the project? 4. When is funding required to have been expended by the State and Local Governments for this project? 5. Have the State or Local Governments sought to extend the project completion date at all? 		
216	LGT 08	STERLE	Regional Development Australia Boards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you explain the change in the role of RDAs following the change of Government? 2. Has the Minister/s written to or visited the RDAs? 3. Will the RDAs be asked to review their regional development plans in light of the change of Government? 4. Has the Department been asked to provide advice to the Government on RDAs? 5. What advice was provided to the Government on RDAs? 6. Will the RDA National Forums continue? 7. Has the Government or the Department flagged any changes to the RDA national charter or purpose? 8. Will the RDA's be consulted or asked for advice on funding from the 'National Stronger Regions Fund' in their community? 9. Will the RDA developed 'Regional Development Plan' for a specific area act as a guide to allocating funding from the 'National Stronger Regions Fund'? Will the Regional Dev Plan be disregarded? 10. How many vacancies in RDA committees are there? 11. How many of these vacancies are Chairperson roles? 12. Have there been any resignations from RDA committees since the change of Government? 13. Has the Government asked any RDA committee members to tender their resignations? 	Written	