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Department	Hearing Date	Q No.	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	1	Lidia Thorpe	East Timor	<p>Despite the policy of neither confirming nor denying claims, it is now internationally well-known that the Australian government bugged the East Timor government offices in 2004 under the guise of an AusAid project for financial advantage in the sharing of petrochemical resources in the Timor Sea.</p> <p>* Has taxpayers' money earmarked for overseas aid been used to fund spying on friendly nations or was the cost of the espionage against Timor-Leste taken from the ASIS budget, with AusAid merely providing cover?</p> <p>* Will the government and its agencies and departments rule out using Australian aid programs, funded by tax-payers, as a cover for espionage in future?</p> <p>* Has taxpayers' money in the Aid budget been used to fund spying on any other trading partners?</p> <p>* Will the government and its agencies and departments rule out espionage in trade negotiations against trading partners in the future?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	2	Janet Rice	Carbon tariffs	<p>In relation to the Department's meetings in relation to carbon tariffs, please outline:</p> <p>* What meetings have occurred;</p> <p>* On what dates;</p> <p>* At what levels;</p> <p>* Whether any minutes or other records were kept; and</p> <p>* The purpose of any meetings held (eg. OECD work, G7 preparation, other purposes, etc.).</p> <p>Please provide any analysis prepared by the Department on carbon tariffs or similar mechanisms ahead of OECD and WTO discussions.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	3	Janet Rice	Istanbul Convention	<p>Has the Australian government made any representations to the Turkish government urging it not to withdraw from the Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence, better known as the Istanbul Convention?</p> <p>Has the Australian government made any representations to the Greek government which has changed its Civil Code which would allow perpetrators of domestic violence or sexual offences to retain child custody until they are convicted by a first instance court, in contravention of the Istanbul Convention?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	4	Janet Rice	Mining laws in the Philippines	<p>In relation to Australia's position on the changes to mining laws in the Philippines (https://business.inquirer.net/322291/aussie-mining-firms-keen-on-doing-business-in-ph):</p> <p>* Who was the virtual briefing provided to?</p> <p>* What briefing did the embassy or other parts of DFAT provide to the Ambassador ahead of the briefing?</p> <p>* What meetings have the Ambassador or any staff had with mining companies with operations in the Philippines, including Oceana Gold? Please provide a list of meetings from 1 January 2020, including the date, purpose, and title of officials present.</p> <p>* What meetings has the Department had with Philippines government officials in relation to mining policy since 1 January 2020? Please provide a list of meetings including date, purpose, and titles of officials present.</p> <p>* What background checks has the Department undertaken in relation to Oceana Gold?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	5	Janet Rice	Sri Lanka country report	<p>In relation to the Sri Lanka country report:</p> <p>* Has work started to update the report? If not, when will it commence?</p> <p>* Which stakeholders will the Department consult in relation to updating that report?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	6	Janet Rice	AIFFP	<p>In relation to the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific, Budget Paper 1 mentions three projects, but the website for the AIFFP lists five.</p> <p>* Which are the projects that were included for Budget paper purposes? Why were only three projects included?</p>	Written	

					* Budget Paper 1 shows that no funding has been disbursed as at 31 March 2021. Has any funding been disbursed since then? If yes, what amounts? * Are any future disbursements expected or scheduled?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	7	Janet Rice	Bangladesh	In answering a previous QoN, the Department said: "In the context of Australia's representations on 1 March and 11 March 2021, Australia recommended the Government of Bangladesh enforce constitutional provisions safeguarding freedom of expression, including by amending relevant provisions of the Digital Security Act ..." * Has the Australian Government made subsequent representations? * Amnesty International has highlighted significant concerns around the detention of journalist Rozina Islam. What steps has the Australian Government taken to advocate for her rights and ensure journalistic freedoms are not undermined?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	8	Janet Rice	Colombia	Colombia has experienced an extended period of violent protests. * What representations has the Australian government made to urge Cambodian authorities to end the repression of demonstrations, cease the militarization of cities and ensure that respect for and guarantee of human rights are at the center of any public policy proposal? * How many Australians are currently in Colombia? How many are seeking to return to Australia? How many are classified as vulnerable? * Has DFAT provided assistance to any Australians affected by the government's response to the demonstrations?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	9	Janet Rice	Pakistan	The Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan is increasingly under threat after a surge in targeted killings since July 2020. Will Australia join an international strategy to stop the killings of the Ahmadi, and directly call on the Pakistani government to cease now?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	10	Janet Rice	Iran	What actions has the Australian Government taken following the so-called 'honour' killing of Alireza Fazeli Monfared? * In human rights discussion with Iran, has Australia called on Iran to stop using corporal punishment and the death penalty, to decriminalise same-sex sexual relations, and reverse laws that facilitate so-called 'honour' killings? * Has the Australian government made any representations to the Iranian government regarding the desecration of Baha'i graves at Khavaran cemetery? * What representations are the Australian government making regarding the general human rights situation of the Baha'i in Iran? * Iran executed at least 246 people in 2020. What efforts are the Australian government making to see Iran abolish the death penalty?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	11	Janet Rice	Aleksei Navalny	Has the Australian government made any representations to the Russian government to seek the freedom of Aleksei Navalny?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	12	Janet Rice	Egypt - death penalty	The number of recorded executions in Egypt tripled in 2020. Egypt is the third most frequent executioner internationally (following China and Iran), and executed 9 people on 26 April 2021. What efforts are the Australian government making to see Egypt abolish the death penalty?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	13	Penny Wong	Stranded Australians	On notice, I'd like the minister to tell us how many stranded Australians and their families she's spoken to over the last six months.	Hansard	12
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	14	Penny Wong	Registered Australians	Senator Wong: It is relevant to know how long people are on the register. If you want to add that as a caveat, you do that. Can you please tell me what the average wait time is? Senator Payne: We don't have an average wait time - Senator Wong: No, I bet you don't. Senator Payne: but we can analyse the data to provide you with some information, on notice.	Hansard	13

					<p>Senator Wong: Okay. What is the average wait time on the vulnerable component, the vulnerable list - I can't remember what the category -</p> <p>Ms Wood: Again, I'm happy to take that on notice and interrogate our data. People whom we have identified as vulnerable may or may not choose to take up the opportunity of a flight that is offered to them.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Okay, but that's a justification for wait time. You can say 'Of these people, we estimate that 10 per cent didn't take a flight.' It's not a response to the primary question.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Ms Wood did respond. She said she would analyse the data and provide you with a response.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Wong: I'd appreciate that. If you can only do vulnerable because the bigger list is too difficult to analyse, then I'd prefer just for the vulnerable. Can you do the same thing for the unaccompanied minors - what the average wait time is? And, if possible, what's the longest period of waiting that anyone's had?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	15	Penny Wong	Single traveller minors	<p>Senator WONG: In your single traveller minor category for the whole of the cohort—so not just India—how many are there now? Do you have that?</p> <p>Ms Wood: Globally—I'd need to ask my colleagues.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But you would track that, presumably?</p> <p>Ms Wood: It goes to the point the minister was making—that we work case by case. We've brought home over 500 children from around the world. They're not necessarily registered in a category like that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I understand that—</p> <p>Ms Wood: They're consular clients, so we work with them on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could you just tell us how many got home so every time I ask a question I don't get the same answer? I understand you've got a lot of people home; there are also a lot of people stranded. I'm not asking that question. You've given a number for India, which is 209. I'm asking what that number is globally.</p> <p>Ms Wood: I'll take it on notice</p>	Hansard	18
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	16	Penny Wong	Flights - India	<p>Senator WONG: But you told us previously that they were always going to happen. That's what I'm a bit confused about. That's part of what we were told, and what the Indian community were told, when the ban happened.</p> <p>Ms Wood: Senator, you're correct, and it's because two things happened. One was that we were in the process of the scale-up because of the additional capacity at Howard Springs and then there was the COVID situation in India. Then we had a pause and now we've resumed those flights at a heightened tempo. I would need to take on notice the intersect between those previous additional flights which had been planned and the additional tempo that we've now had since the flights resumed.</p>	Hansard	20

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	17	Penny Wong	Unaccompanied minors	<p>Senator WONG: Minister, you said Qantas doesn't accept unaccompanied minors, but they do for nonrepatriation flights. The rule obviously changes for government facilitated flights?</p> <p>Senator Payne: That's not my understanding, but I'm very happy to be corrected.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Why don't we check that over the break?</p>	Hansard	22
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	18	Janet Rice	Business advice	<p>Senator RICE: Has the government issued any business advice to Australian companies investing in Myanmar, advising them to review their investments?</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: In terms of business advice, Austrade has now closed its office in Yangon. But, prior to that, my understanding is that they had provided advice. A lot of it is based on consular and travel related issues but also they provided advice about business risk and about the consequences of the coup. I think our team there have been diligent about explaining to them, and of course businesses make their own decisions about their own particular circumstances, but I think we have provided advice to them.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Sorry, I should have been more specific. What I want to know is business advice as to whether those investments are directly or indirectly profiting the junta?</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: I'd have to take that on notice in terms of the exact, specific advice that Austrade may or may not have been given. I don't have that information on me.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Do you think that's an important advice that businesses should be issued, whether you have or haven't done that so far?</p> <p>Senator Payne: We certainly have engaged with business, and I know I have given evidence here before in relation to, for example, Woodside, but there may be more that Mr Jadwat can add on notice.</p>	Hansard	27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	19	Janet Rice	Forced labour	<p>Senator RICE: Of the Australian businesses that are operating in China and potentially could be benefitting from forced labour in Xinjiang, how many reach out to you? Is it a small proportion, or most of them?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: I would need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	28
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	20	Janet Rice	Consular - Xinjiang	<p>Senator RICE: Have you compiled a list of all Australian citizens and permanent residents and their relatives who have been prevented from leaving Xinjiang?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: We do not have any Australian citizens in Xinjiang at this time. That is my understanding, but I'll check that with my consular colleagues.</p>	Hansard	29
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	21	Penny Wong	Pre-flight testing	<p>Senator WONG: Okay. So you will come back on that. Then we were going to the pre-flight testing regime. Do you want to tell me about that?</p> <p>Ms Wood: There are two elements.</p> <p>Senator WONG: The negative PCR test and then the bespoke arrangement in the bubble. Yes, we heard that before.</p> <p>Ms Wood: And the rapid antigen test.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, which includes the antigen test. What is it—six hours prior? Ms Adamson: Eight hours prior to boarding.</p>	Hansard	33

					<p>That's the Australian government requirement. How it's delivered and implemented is determined by Qantas.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Where is this requirement included? Is it in the contract? Is it in public health advice? Where are those two requirements set out?</p> <p>Ms Wood: The two requirements, the PCR test and the rapid antigen test, are from the Australian government.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I understand that. Where are they set out? Where are the words on a document, a piece of paper, a website or a contract that identify these as a requirement?</p> <p>Ms Wood: I will come back to you on that.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	22	Penny Wong	Testing - India	<p>Senator WONG: That's fine. I understand from media reports that this laboratory had complaints of, a track record of, inaccurate testing and is no longer accredited. Did the department request that Qantas arrange a retest for those Australians who had their test processed by this unaccredited laboratory?</p> <p>Ms Wood: I would need to take on notice the procedure that was followed once we had a public health expert in New Delhi.</p>	Hansard	36
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	23	Penny Wong	Staff in Kabul	<p>Senator WONG: How many DFAT staff—direct employees—were in Kabul as at 25 May?</p> <p>Mr Cowan: Let me take that on notice. It would have been a fairly small number.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could you do that: how many will remain accredited to Afghanistan and where will they be located and how many will return to Canberra or be posted elsewhere?</p> <p>Senator Payne: We'll provide that to you.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We will provide that, but we don't have the answers yet because we're working them through.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, I'm just putting them on notice.</p>	Hansard	59
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	24	Penny Wong	Qantas flight	<p>Senator WONG: So when was the minister informed about the problems with the first flight?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I will check the record. My advisers and the department as, as Ms Wood said, are very regularly—constantly—in contact.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Before it came public?</p> <p>Senator Payne: That's my recollection but I'll check.</p>	Hansard	37
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	25	Penny Wong	India flight - positive COVID-19 tests	<p>Senator WONG: When did you contact those who received positive results?</p> <p>Ms Wood: My understanding is it was immediately. I could come back to you on the time frame.</p>	Hansard	39
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	26	Penny Wong	30 April Pause	<p>Senator WONG: When was the department consulted on the decision by the Minister for Health and Aged Care to invoke the Biosecurity Act on 30 April to ban Australian citizens from returning home to Australia?</p> <p>Ms Wood: I am aware that the department was consulted by Health on the morning of 30 April.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On the morning of the 30th. At which level was that, Secretary Adamson?</p>	Hansard	39

					<p>Ms Adamson: It was at the level of deputy secretary.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So who?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Deputy Secretary Sheehan.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was advised by whom?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I would have to check with him.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is the nature of the exchange consultation or advice? I'm inferring from the fact that it occurred on the day that it was being made that it wasn't particularly consultative.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I'm not sure whether or not he's listening, but my recollection is that we were advised of an intention.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Had you been previously asked for advice about this possibility, this option?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I'll have to check that.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	27	Dean Smith	Myanmar - consultations	<p>Senator DEAN SMITH: I would like to return to the matter of the military coup in Burma. In evidence to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, departmental officials referred to discussions they had with the Burmese diaspora, academia, civil society. Can you detail for me which organisations of the Burmese diaspora in Australia you have consulted with?</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: My colleagues in the South-East Asia division who work on the Myanmar taskforce have just recently held a series of meetings with community groups, including from the diaspora communities. I don't have the exact names of all the different community groups; I can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	45
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	28	Dean Smith	Diaspora groups	<p>Senator DEAN SMITH: Thanks very much. On the matter of the diaspora groups that the department has been speaking to, are you in a position to provide some information on that?</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: I will have to get advice from my colleagues in the task force. I may be able to get that to you later because I know they have been involved in some active engagement with a variety of community groups.</p> <p>Senator DEAN SMITH: My expectation would be that the Chin would be involved in that, the Karen would be involved in that, the Cochin, the Mon, et cetera.</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: My understanding is that the last meeting was with a Chin community group, but in terms of other groups, I can get you more details later.</p>	Hansard	47
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	29	Penny Wong	Child in India	<p>Senator WONG: Can I add to it: there's an additional case study which has also been in the media, which I have become aware of, about 2½-year-old Kiytan whose parents, Sheersh Srivastava and Shilpa Bhatnagar, have sought to bring him back. His grandmother is currently caring for him. She has been diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. One of the parents has applied three times, the father, for an exemption to leave Australia to go to India to collect his son but has been refused. I'm wondering if you can tell me if this case is known to you, and are you doing anything to assist this family?</p> <p>Ms Wood: I'll take that on notice too.</p>	Hansard	52

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	30	Penny Wong	Cyber cooperation program	<p>Senator WONG: Have any of the programs that we're funding been developed?</p> <p>Dr Feakin: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Are they with the minister for approval?</p> <p>Dr Feakin: I'll have to give you that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm just trying to work out where they are in the decision-making process. Can someone tell me?</p> <p>Dr Feakin: As I say, I can give it to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm just trying to understand. Is this funding for partner nations or for working with partner nations?</p> <p>Dr Feakin: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. So we have to engage with them.</p> <p>Dr Feakin: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is that the design of each of those programs? How many programs are there under the \$20.5 million? Is it just the one program?</p> <p>Dr Feakin: I genuinely don't have the detail in my pack. I can go away and get that from my team and come back to this.</p>	Hansard	112
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	31	Penny Wong	Myanmar engagement	<p>Senator WONG: When did you start engaging with the NUG at official level?</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: I would have to check on the exact date, but I think it was at least a couple of months ago.</p>	Hansard	67
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	32	Janet Rice	OECD working group	<p>Senator RICE: Is it correct that one of the participants of this OECD working group circulated a paper advocating a phase-out of finance for all new coal plants and associated infrastructure?</p> <p>Ms Stylianou: I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What is the position of Australia, and of that working group, in regard to funding for gas projects?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Senator, given the granularity of the group of which you are asking questions, will take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Presumably, the department is aware of moves from the US and the UK to restrict their export credit agencies from funding fossil fuel projects.</p> <p>Ms Stylianou: I'll take your word for it, Senator.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Have representatives of the US requested that Australia help it to end international financing of carbon intensive fossil fuel based energy, which is what they have said they want to do?</p> <p>Ms Stylianou: Not to my knowledge, but I can take that one on notice.</p>	Hansard	69

					<p>Senator RICE: Have US representatives raised concerns about any Australian government plans to subsidise fossil gas expansion?</p> <p>Ms Stylianou: I will take that on notice.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	33	Janet Rice	Representations	<p>Senator RICE: What representations has the Australian ambassador made to the Israeli government over the forced eviction of Palestinian families in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What representations has the ambassador made to the Israeli government regarding the attack on the Al-Jalal tower, housing and the Al Jazeera and Associated Press offices?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I will take that on notice. In relation to the Al Jazeera office, I recall issuing a statement which indicated that we were concerned about the impact on freedom of the press, to paraphrase that, but I will find the exact words for you.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What representations have we made to the Israeli government over the high rate of civilian casualties in Gaza, including the deaths of over 60 children?</p> <p>Senator Payne: If you would care to refer to our statements in the United Nations of 20 May and 16 May and the public statements which have been made and, indeed, the statement that you referred to of 12 May, you will see that we have commented on those issues in, if not every one, almost every one of those statements.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you take on notice what actual representations to the Israeli government you made? You said they were statements to the UN.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes.</p>	Hansard	70
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	34	Mehreen Faruqi	Gaza projects	<p>Senator FARUQI: Is DFAT consulting with accredited Australian NGO agencies implementing projects in Gaza about their emergency needs?</p> <p>Mr Hayes: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: Which agencies are you consulting with?</p> <p>Mr Hayes: If I can take that on notice, we can certainly get you that information. We have a representative office in Ramallah, and a fairly significant part of their role is that kind of engagement.</p>	Hansard	77
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	35	Mehreen Faruqi	TRIPS Waiver	<p>Senator WONG: Is it the position of the government, is there a cabinet decision in principle, to support a waiver?</p> <p>Senator Payne: There's not a cabinet decision that I'm aware of but it is the position of the government as enunciated by the Prime Minister to support this.</p> <p>Senator WONG: To support a waiver?</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: Sorry, are we lobbying the EU directly on this?</p> <p>Senator Payne: As I said, our mission in Geneva is having discussions every day on how to progress this; that includes lobbying</p>	Hansard	79

					and advocacy with key partners. I don't have the lobbying spreadsheet in front of me or the advocacy spreadsheet. I will take that on notice.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	36	Timothy Ayres	Biden Climate Summit	<p>Senator AYRES: What was the order that leaders spoke in?</p> <p>Mr Isbister: I haven't got the order in front of me.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Are you able to provide it? I'm sure it can be done.</p> <p>Senator Payne: We will take that on notice. I'm sure that, knowing your interest in it, you know the speaking order, but we'll provide it on notice.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Well, Mr Morrison spoke 21st out of 27 speakers, didn't he?</p> <p>Senator Payne: There you are; you do know. Mr Isbister: I think there were 41 speakers, Senator.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: He spoke 21st?</p> <p>Senator Payne: We said we would take it on notice, Senator.</p>	Hansard	83
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	37	Penny Wong	Budget assumptions	<p>Ms Adamson: It is. There are a number of other factors that, when we thought deeply about it, consular had become apparent to. They relate to travel patterns of Australians when they're travelling, to particular case loads, to the work that we're doing in relation to COVID over an extended period, and to the realisation that for a long time—too long—we've realised that we've been relying on—and this is the term I use—heroes who do our consular work.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, I think that's right.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We need to build for them better structures. Every element of this has to be taken or brought into the 21st century.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I agree with that. Given the demands on officers, I think that is a wise move. But I am also making the point you must be assuming that the kinds of demands we have seen on the network and officers in this area will remain elevated for some time.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We think this is something like a new normal, yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On notice, can you get me the assumptions about the FTEs, level et cetera?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: Yes.</p>	Hansard	97
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	38	Eric Abetz	Death penalty	I always forget the organisation, but we are part of an international grouping campaigning against the death penalty. On notice, can I be given an update as to the number of countries that are part of it and how the world is going in relation to the death penalty?	Hansard	99
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	39	Eric Abetz	Political prisoners	<p>CHAIR: Do we accept that there are about 137 political prisoners in Vietnam currently serving criminal sentences relating to human rights advocacy? And are we aware of the case of Trinh Ba Tu and Can Thi Theu?</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: I'd have to take that on notice and check those names. We do have information on arrests or sentencing of some journalists and activists. But I'll just check those names and we can get back to you.</p>	Hansard	99

					CHAIR: Alright, if you could, and just provide a brief summary on notice, I'd be much obliged.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	40	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	Christians in the Middle East	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Can I ask about the Christians in the Middle East and in particular Iraq? I want to ask about the continued issues that are faced by the Assyrians. We have a large community, particularly in south-western Sydney, and I really would appreciate an update on our efforts in that regard.</p> <p>Mr Hayes: Human rights more generally is a fairly consistent part of a lot of our representations across the Middle East. In terms of Syria, I think you asked about—</p> <p>Senator Payne: Assyria.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Assyria—Iraq.</p> <p>Mr Hayes: My apologies.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Recently His Holiness the Pope visited, and there seemed to be some hope, if I can put it that way, but not much seems to have followed, so I would be interested to hear your views.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Shall we take that on notice, Senator, and come back to you?</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Yes, please. I'd be very happy if you could do that. Thank you.</p>	Hansard	100
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	41	Eric Abetz	Belarus	<p>CHAIR: Are we aware of how many countries have made representations to Belarus? Is there any consideration, for example, that freedom-loving countries should not allow their flights to fly over Belarus or that Belarus should suffer some sort of penalty or consequence for this quite outrageous activity?</p> <p>Mr Geering: I would have to take on notice the exact number of countries that have made statements along the same lines as ours, but it is a large number. As you would be aware, Senator, some European countries and, indeed, individual organisations have chosen not to fly over, or close to, Belarus because of the risk that crossflight causes either to their operations or to their countries.</p>	Hansard	101
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	42	Penny Wong	Staffing numbers	<p>Senator WONG: What were the staff reductions until this budget—over the previous couple of years? What number was that?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: It would have been in the order of 70.</p> <p>Senator WONG: 70.</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So the two preceding financial years or just the one?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: No, this is over the period of the relevant forward estimates that I just talked about, which is from 2019-20 all the way to 2022-23. We worked out that we had to reduce the staffing footprint by around 70 staff.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. How much of that had actually occurred prior to the budget?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: I beg your pardon?</p>	Hansard	106-07

					<p>Senator WONG: In actuality, how many of those positions had been reduced before the budget?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: I'll have to take that on notice...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. So you were operating 120 to 130 below the cap?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: Below the cap.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you, on notice, give me the figures for the last few years of that—what the cap was and what your actual and FTE were?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: Sure, absolutely.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	43	Penny Wong	Countering disinformation	<p>Senator WONG: What engagement have you had with social media companies to address disinformation on their platforms?</p> <p>Ms Gorely: We have been working closely with social media companies—in particular, Facebook. We have been doing some good work with Facebook in respect of disinformation around vaccines in the PNG context. We have been providing Facebook with examples of disinformation around vaccines and Facebook, at our request, has proactively taken down those posts.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Are you able to provide me on notice a list of meetings with social media companies.</p> <p>Ms Gorely: Sure.</p>	Hansard	119
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	44	Anthony Sheldon	Vatican - Attendees of mass	<p>Senator SHELDON: With reference to the answer of question on notice 2346, attachment 58, asked by Senator Ayres on 12 November 2020, why can't the details of the attendees of the mass be provided, given the invitations were given by the Australian embassy?</p> <p>Mr Geering: We would respect the privacy of people who would attend services like that, given it was a closed invitation.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What is the reason for non-provision?</p> <p>Mr Geering: I've not seen us provide those sorts of details, not to a service like that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is it because it's a religious service or because it's an event?</p> <p>Mr Geering: No.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You are wrong that people at functions, that function lists are not provided. I have previously asked and received them for prime ministerial events through Prime Minister and Cabinet. So if you have a public interest immunity claim—</p> <p>Mr Geering: No.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Then you need to refer it to the minister appropriately.</p> <p>Mr Geering: I don't have a public interest immunity claim, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Then on what basis are you telling him he can't have one?</p> <p>Mr Geering: I can take it on notice and get back to you.</p>	Hansard	127

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	45	Anthony Sheldon	Holy See LES	<p>Senator SHELDON: Thanks for that clarity. I have some additional questions about a recently advertised local position in the Embassy to the Holy See. With reference to the answer to question on notice No. 3548 asked by Senator Kitching on 21 April 2021, why was the response to the question of the annual salary of the position in part J4, 'The department is unable to provide individual staff salary details due to employee privacy protections,' when the job advertisement provided in response to part H listed the annual gross salary as €32,998.98?</p> <p>Mr Geering: My understanding, and I will need to check with the people who know more about this than me, is that we advertise an indicative salary; the actual salary may differ from that.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Is it really a state secret? Is it something that we can't receive information about?</p> <p>Mr Geering: The answer that you have is that it's been a practice to keep individual staff salaries between the department and the individual. Obviously we have a workplace agreement when we talk about public service staff. That's been a position, Senator. I can't give you more detail than that. I would have to find the reasons why.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: You wouldn't be able to give it to us, which is what I am asking for. Can you give it to us on notice?</p> <p>Mr Geering: Let me take the question on notice for you. I'll get back to you.</p>	Hansard	127
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	46	Penny Wong	Holy See LES - Selection	<p>Senator WONG: I'll try it this way: can the committee be assured that the basis of selection was merit based?</p> <p>Mr Geering: Yes. It must necessarily be so.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, that's not an answer. That's like 'it would be'. Senator Payne: I understand your question.</p> <p>Mr Geering: I understand your question.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you. We want an assurance in relation to this specific appointment.</p> <p>Senator Payne: We'll provide you with that assurance.</p>	Hansard	129
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	47	Timothy Ayres	Briefings for Prime Minister	<p>Senator AYRES: There's an international component to this work. In a speech delivered at the United Nations, the Prime Minister commits the country to leading urgent action on this issue. I expect that there would be, you would hope, briefs from the Department of Agriculture, the environment department and Prime Minister and Cabinet to the Prime Minister's office on these questions. But, in order to follow through on the international component of that work, if that is occurring, there must be briefings from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to PM&C or to the Prime Minister's office on progress on delivering on that commitment. I just wonder how many times that has occurred since late 2019, when the speech was given.</p> <p>Mr Isbister: I will have to take it on notice. What I could say is that we do engage regularly with PM&C and the International Division around the work that's being done internationally. I mentioned the example about—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes, but I am asking specifically on the urgent action that the Prime Minister said Australia would be leading, on notice; I accept you won't be in a position to do that tonight.</p>	Hansard	131
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	48	Timothy Ayres	PM Speech on Oceans	<p>Senator AYRES: After the speech was given, the United Nation Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean was critical of the speech. He said that it failed to combat the real big enemy to the health of the world's oceans and the lives and economies that rely on it. I think it was reported on SBS. He said, 'Yes, plastic is harmful to fisheries. We must get those under control, but the real big enemy is greenhouse gas emissions and we've got to get that to net zero by 2050'. Is the department aware of Mr Thomson's statement? Were similar views expressed to Australia by other countries following the speech?</p> <p>Mr Isbister: As I said, that was before my time in the role as ambassador. I am not necessarily aware. I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Can you take it on notice and let me know which countries expressed those views?</p>	Hansard	133
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	49	Kimberley Kitching	Strategy on human trafficking - Treasury	<p>Ms Manton: Reporting on supply chains is something that sits under the Modern Slavery Act. That's in the purview of the Australian Border Force in the Home Affairs portfolio.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes, but I would be interested in whether you work closely with Treasury in regard to this.</p> <p>Ms Manton: I would have to take on notice whether or not the consultation process included Treasury.</p>	Hansard	136
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	50	Anthony Sheldon	Strategy on human trafficking - consultations	<p>Senator SHELDON: Are there any other departments where discussions have also taken place with regard to the strategy?</p> <p>Ms Manton: We have significant and ongoing conversations with Home Affairs, the Australian Border Force and the Attorney-General's Department, and there are others. But I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Would you be able to give us a list of how many meetings have taken place?</p> <p>Ms Manton: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	136

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	51	Anthony Sheldon	Strategy on human trafficking - submissions and consultations	<p>Senator SHELDON: I'm just wondering if I can get a list of the businesses you met with and of that 25 who you requested submissions from. I gather you got submissions from them? Could you list the ones who were reached out to, plus the ones who gave submissions? Is that possible?</p> <p>Ms Manton: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: How many meetings were there with academia, think tanks and universities?</p> <p>Senator Payne: We can provide all this information on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: So you don't have it here now?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I understand from the responses that Ms Manton has been providing to you that she doesn't have a list of all of the consultation processes by number, but she is taking it on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: You can take it on notice. I'm really trying to get a handle on who the organisations are—</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: who has been contacted, what's the participation and the consultation, what depth it has taken, the number of meetings that have taken place, the requests for submissions and the submissions that have been made so that we can get a handle on where we're up to on this particular matter.</p>	Hansard	137
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	52	Eric Abetz	UNOPS funding	<p>CHAIR: I understand part of the work of the United Nations Office for Project Services is to facilitate the passage of construction materials into Gaza, and to help rebuild homes destroyed during conflicts. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Hayes: I'll have to take on notice some of the detail. I think what UNOPS does is quite a wide range of things.</p> <p>CHAIR: It does, as I understand it.</p> <p>Mr Hayes: The focus of our funding, as I said, is the delivery and coordination of humanitarian supplies and personnel into Gaza.</p> <p>CHAIR: Well, what humanitarian supplies does that cover? Does that cover building materials, for example?</p> <p>Mr Hayes: I'll take that on notice and provide some further detail on precisely what our funding supports.</p>	Hansard	4
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	53	David Fawcett	UN characterisation of Hamas	<p>Senator FAWCETT: You said there that multilateral partners and others that we engage with have strict requirements around fraud, corruption and counterterror requirements. Does the UN recognise Hamas as a listed terrorist organisation or do they recognise Hamas as the government of the Gaza Strip? In that context, how do they treat their payments and interactions with Hamas?</p> <p>Mr Hayes: In terms of the United Nations characterisation of Hamas, I want to check that and come back to you.</p>	Hansard	5
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	54	Eric Abetz	AMENCA	<p>Mr Hayes: I will perhaps provide a little background and then explain the reasons for the decision that was taken. AMENCA is a long-running program. By the conclusion of its five-year term in September this year, it will have been running for some 15 years, through three different phases. AMENCA provides economic and livelihood opportunities for Palestinian farmers and has a focus on the engagement of women. It's implemented by three Australian and Palestinian NGOs. They are Oxfam, CARE and Union Aid Abroad APHEDA. It's also supported by Cardno technical advisers. AMENCA 3, the most recent phase of the program, uses a market systems development approach to help farmers adopt new farming practices, strengthen value chains for agricultural products and improve productivity and product.</p> <p>CHAIR: Mr Hayes, if I may, I will interrupt you there. If you can, provide that detail to me on notice, and, on notice as well, advise, then, why it was ended.</p>	Hansard	6
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	55	Eric Abetz	Iran	<p>Mr Hayes: What I was going to say is that there are quite a number of issues that we raise with Iran over various engagements and periods of time.</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes, but these specific ones are all I'm asking about—first of all, the elections disqualifying all the competitive candidates. That is No. 1.</p> <p>Mr Hayes: We haven't raised that issue with Iran.</p>	Hansard	7

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	56	Eric Abetz	Hezbollah	<p>Senator ABETZ: Whilst we have different frameworks for proscribing these organisations, the activities of this organisation remain exactly the same, irrespective of what our particular legislative regimes are. Can I cut to the chase: I understand the US Secretary of State, Mr Blinken, on 12 May announced new sanctions on Hezbollah members and called for countries around the world 'to take steps to restrict Hezbollah's activities and disrupt its facilitation networks'. Has DFAT spoken to their US counterparts about this request for allies to take firmer action against Hezbollah? Have we done that?</p> <p>Mr Hayes: I might defer to the counterterrorism member, now that he is at the table.</p> <p>Mr Noble: I haven't, but I will take it on notice and I will check, because—</p> <p>CHAIR: If we haven't could we do so? And could we then pass on any US recommendations to our own home affairs department, where decisions about prescription, as Mr Hayes indicated, are ultimately made? Thank you, very much.</p>	Hansard	9
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	57	Penny Wong	One China Policy	<p>Senator Payne: I have been clear that the Australia's One China policy has not changed.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I know that; I'm not putting that to you.</p> <p>Senator Payne: The Prime Minister's office released the statement that the senator has referred to which reinforced our long-held position.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Were you consulted on the clarification?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Not personally.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Your office was?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'm not sure. I will take it on notice, if you wish. Senator WONG: Was DFAT consulted on the clarification?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: No, we were not consulted.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So no-one at the table can tell me anything about the clarification which was issued. It is described as a formal clarification, but I couldn't find anything in writing. Do you have any knowledge of that?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll check. I was in London at the time.</p>	Hansard	11
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	58	Penny Wong	One China Policy	<p>Ms Lawson: We were not consulted about the clarification that was put on the website. My understanding is that the Prime Minister's office was aware of what the One China policy meant, and was clarifying that, when talking about 'one country, two systems', the Prime Minister was referring to Hong Kong and not Taiwan.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What was put on the website—which website?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: I'll need to check. I don't have a copy of it in front of me.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I've got text, but it doesn't tell me where it came from.</p> <p>Ms Lawson: Can I take that on notice? That's really for Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I get that. I just wanted to understand DFAT's involvement and the minister's position. Why don't you take on notice what involvement, if any, you had in relation to the clarification?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	11
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	59	Anthony Sheldon	Holy See LES - Qualifications	<p>Senator SHELDON: With reference to the refusal to answer what relevant qualifications and languages a successful candidate holds in part J1, why is it not in the public interest to assess whether the incumbent has qualifications relevant to the position and is suitably qualified to hold this position? It seems a quite reasonable question to ask.</p> <p>Mr Geering: Our position has been that we wouldn't normally have gone into the precise details of an individual. That was around privacy concerns of the individual.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Sorry, could you repeat that?</p> <p>Mr Geering: When we employ someone in these circumstances my understanding is that historically we have not made public the precise details of the individual, their specific qualifications and their background.</p>	Hansard	128

					Senator SHELDON: Can you provide that information to us? Are you taking public interest immunity? Mr Geering: No, I'm not taking public interest immunity.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	60	Penny Wong	GardaWorld contract	Senator WONG: I'll go to your probity advice, because I think it is, if I may say, very thin. At the time you gave the committee that evidence, had the contract with GardaWorld already been drafted? Ms Perera: Not to my knowledge, Senator. Senator WONG: Had they received any version of the contract by that date? Ms Perera: Version of the contract? I'm not sure, Senator. Senator WONG: They might have? Ms Perera: As at that point, as a preferred tenderer, we were obliged to go into more detailed negotiations with them about the services that we required and about the content of their tender which may have led to further discussions; perhaps—I don't know, and I can take it on notice—an exchange of documentation to ensure that— Senator WONG: Can you advise me—is there anyone that can tell me—whether or not they had already received a version of the contract at the time you gave the evidence? Ms Perera: I'd have to take it on notice, Senator.	Hansard	13
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	61	Penny Wong	Jakarta Embassy contract	Senator WONG: When I asked you how you became aware of it, whether you had a copy of the announcement, you said you had a screenshot. Ms Perera: Correct, Senator. Senator WONG: Which you declined to provide to the Senate. Ms Perera: No— Senator WONG: Yes, you did. You said: We would need to seek GardaWorld's permission to on-forward the screenshot. Ms Perera: That's right. Senator WONG: I'm asking for it today. Ms Perera: We'll endeavour to get it to you today, Senator.	Hansard	14
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	62	Penny Wong	Jakarta Embassy contract	Senator WONG: When you asked for advice from the probity adviser, did you provide them with any information about those interviews or what your staff had said? Ms Perera: I'd have to take that on notice, Senator, in terms of exactly what was provided to AGS. I know that they had a copy of— Senator WONG: Yes, I'd like to understand what material was provided to them, please. Ms Perera: Sure, I can come back to you on that. Senator WONG: Did you review communications between the department and GardaWorld—emails, messages? Ms Perera: Broadly, yes. Did I go through every piece of correspondence? No. Senator WONG: Was there anything that you found in your discussions, emails et cetera which would explain how it was that something a DFAT officer said caused the company to believe they had the contract with such certainty? Ms Perera: There was nothing that I was aware of or saw at that point that I would have interpreted as giving confirmation to AEGIS at that time that the tender process had concluded and that they were the successful tenderer. Senator WONG: On notice, you'll provide me with all of the material that was provided to the probity adviser? Ms Perera: Yes, Senator.	Hansard	15
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	63	Eric Abetz	Foreign arrangements legislation	Senator KITCHING: Four arrangements have been cancelled? Mr Newnham: That's correct. Could I clarify, though: four decisions have been taken to cancel four validly notified arrangements. There have actually been two additional arrangements that should have been notified by 10 March. They failed to be notified by 10 March and are therefore automatically invalidated under the act. So that's not a decision by the foreign minister as such, but it is an automaticity under the act. CHAIR: On that, if I may ask, are we allowed to know who with and what those two arrangements were? Mr Newnham: We're allowed to know one of them. It might actually be easier, Senator, if I come back to you with those details. Senator Payne: Provide them in an appropriate form.	Hansard	72

					Mr Newnham: One is confidential and one is not. CHAIR: Thank you.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	64	Penny Wong	Jakarta Embassy contract variation	Senator WONG: Can you on notice provide the details of that variation? Ms Perera: In terms of the cost? Senator WONG: Yes. We've got the AusTender contract, which is—is it three years? Ms Perera: Yes. Senator WONG: You can arithmetically work out what the monthly billing might be, assuming that it's basically linear, but if you can provide the details of the cost variation? Ms Perera: If we can, we will. Can I just clarify? Senator WONG: Yes, sure. Ms Perera: Just for that period we're talking about, from the commencement of the contract? Senator WONG: Have there been other variations? Ms Perera: Not to my knowledge. Senator WONG: I'm trying to understand— Ms Perera: I just want to be clear on what period, what time frame, you're looking at. Senator WONG: That's fair enough. I'm trying to understand when the billing has been altered to reflect a lesser provision of service than the contract contemplated, okay? Ms Perera: Thank you. Senator WONG: Were there any additional work orders for GardaWorld issued? Ms Perera: Not to my knowledge. Senator WONG: Do you want to take that on notice? Ms Perera: Sure.	Hansard	18
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	65	Janet Rice	Ethiopia	Senator RICE: Certainly, members of the Tigray and other communities here in Australia are very concerned that there isn't independence of the Ethiopian government Human Rights Commission inquiry, and they want to see a genuinely independent investigation led by the UN. Is the government backing the call for that independent investigation? Mr Hayes: As I said, we certainly backed the joint inquiry by the UN Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission. I'm not sure— Senator RICE: No, that's the joint inquiry; it's about having something that's fully independent of the Ethiopian government. Mr Hayes: We haven't called for an independent inquiry that doesn't involve the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission. Senator RICE: Will the government consider calling for an inquiry that doesn't involve the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission? Mr Hayes: I'll take that on notice, Senator.	Hansard	22
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	66	Janet Rice	Ethiopia - funding	Senator Payne: I might also ask Mr Gilling to talk about some of the challenges in relation to access and getting the supplies to those who need them most. This is a very significant challenge. Senator RICE: Perhaps that could be taken on notice. I acknowledge that, certainly, in places like Ethiopia, there are challenges. I'd be interested to know that, but I know that I have limited time this morning.	Hansard	22
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	67	Janet Rice	Ethiopia - political prisoners	Mr Hayes: We've made extensive representations to the Ethiopian government since approximately November last year, both in Addis Ababa and in Canberra. Senator Payne: This evidence was placed on the record yesterday as well, Senator. We can add to that or— Senator RICE: Okay, I'll go back to that evidence yesterday. Does that include raising the detention of political prisoners from Oromo opposition groups? Mr Hayes: I'd have to take on notice whether that specific issue, as narrowly defined as you've articulated it, was included.	Hansard	23
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	68	Janet Rice	Supporting the rights of LGBTIQ+ people	Senator RICE: I have just another question on notice, just to expand, Minister, on what you were saying about what we're doing with regard to LGBTIQ rights. Please take on notice further information about what actions we are taking globally in supporting LGBTI rights.	Hansard	26

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	69	Penny Wong;Anthony Sheldon	Refugee resettlement options	<p>Senator Payne: The outcome of these discussions, as I understand it, flows from the meeting earlier this week, if that's the case.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was there anything else though involved in those discussions—</p> <p>Senator Payne: Not that I'm aware of.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Or the taking of notes?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Not that I'm aware of but I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Manton: Not that I'm aware of either.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Are you working to the original offer? I just want to be clear about some of the detail. There's some knowledge?</p> <p>Senator Payne: They are not for us; they are questions for Home Affairs.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: I'm going to ask them and you can tell me whether you have the answer there. Are you working to the original offer from New Zealand for the resettlement of 150 refugees per year?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Minister, have you spoken directly to your counterpart in New Zealand about resettlement options?</p> <p>Senator Payne: No.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Has Minister Andrews had discussions with her New Zealand counterpart?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Did Prime Minister Morrison raise this matter with Prime Minister Ardern during their recent meeting?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: The same article from Wednesday this week, which I was referring to before, states that some within the government are optimistic the US will be willing to take the full quota and potentially more refugees, after President Joe Biden increased the annual humanitarian intake to 62,500. Are you confident the US will take more of the originally agreed 1,250 refugees?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'm not aware of that quote. I'll take the question on notice.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Rather than the quote, are you confident that the US will take more than the originally agreed 1,250 refugees?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Are all estimates like this? This is going very quickly and well.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Thank you, Chair.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: I did say that I'd do this in five minutes if we can get there in five minutes, but we will see how we go. How many extra refugees do you think the US will consider resettling?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: On the three last matters on notice, both the 1,250 refugees and the US maintaining that agreement, are you confident that they'll keep that agreement?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: So you don't have the answer now?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I said that I will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard	27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	70	Penny Wong	WHO report	<p>Senator WONG: There's no formal response or formal kind of position that we've articulated since the final report was handed down? Was there a statement at the assembly?</p> <p>Mr Hilton: There was a statement at the assembly, yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you want to give that to me on notice?</p> <p>Mr Hilton: Yes, I can.</p>	Hansard	29
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	71	Penny Wong	Per capita contribution - vaccines	<p>Senator WONG: The government's argument essentially is that our per capita contribution is a lot less because we're spending it bilaterally. Can you tell me whether those like-minded nations who are donating or contributing substantially more per capita—the UK, Canada and Germany—do not also have very significant bilateral programs?</p> <p>Mr Hilton: No; that is the point. We actually are quite an outlier.</p>	Hansard	32

					<p>Senator WONG: Could you provide on notice perhaps some comparisons on that front? Mr Hilton: Yes, we're very happy to provide that.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	72	Penny Wong	Global health funding	<p>Senator WONG: What I'm trying to get a picture of, and I understand how you've budgeted for it— Mr Hilton: Yes. Senator WONG: I accept, I think, the argument that the bilaterals haven't made their decisions; although you probably have got that, for planning purposes, but let's leave that argument aside. With the other bits, I want to get a sense, over the four years, of what you're budgeting to put in. Mr Hilton: I'm happy to take that on notice. I think I can provide you with— Senator WONG: Okay. Why don't you go away and work that out?</p>	Hansard	33
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	73	Penny Wong	Pacific COVID-19 response funding	<p>Ms Heinecke: Senator, we have fully allocated the \$200 million for this year. The \$52 million for PNG was always planned; we have negotiated that with PNG over the last few months. There is \$5 million that we have recently reallocated to Fiji from Samoa, given Samoa's caretaker situation, which didn't enable them to sign on to a direct financing agreement with Australia. I am happy to give you the allocations for this year if you are interested. Senator WONG: That would be good. So the \$304.7 million is only over two years, from what you have said? Ms Heinecke: The \$304.7 million is broken up into \$200 million for 2020-21; \$100 million for 2021-22; and the \$4.7 million is essentially to manage that. There is FTE associated with that— Senator WONG: Right. So the package includes both administered and operational or departmental funding? Ms Heinecke: Yes, that is correct. Would you like me to go through them? Senator WONG: Yes. On notice, could you disaggregate the \$200 million and the \$100 million? Ms Heinecke: Yes.</p>	Hansard	37
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	74	Penny Wong	Vaccines for PNG	<p>Senator WONG: I'm trying to get a sense of possible time frames that you think are likely. I think you used the term 'this year'. Is it your view that there's a prospect this year of one million of those AZ vaccines being provided to PNG? Senator Payne: Senator, to be clear, this is a difficult issue— Senator WONG: Of course. Senator Payne: and it is not being met with the response that we would have hoped for. Senator WONG: In terms of EU controls or in terms of the supplier? Senator Payne: Both, and there are significant issues, as you know, between AstraZeneca and the EU legally. I would be happy to provide an update, either on notice or through a briefing, on this process. Senator WONG: Sure; why don't you just do that on notice? Senator Payne: Alright.</p>	Hansard	40
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	75	Janet Rice	Philippines - mining	<p>Senator RICE: I'll move on. I want to turn to the Philippines. In May 2021, in a briefing, the Australian ambassador to the Philippines praised the lifting of a mining ban in the Philippines and promoted a number of Australian mining companies, including OceanaGold. This was despite a very concerning record of OceanaGold in terms of their human rights record. There had been a number of reports about human rights abuses, illegal demolition of houses and many violations of human rights. Can I ask first of all what meetings the ambassador may have had with OceanaGold? Mr Jadwat: I'd have to take on notice the terms of the meetings the ambassador had with that particular company. I don't have that information to hand. But we can check with the post and get back to you. Senator RICE: I'd also like to know, if those meetings occurred, what the purpose of those meeting was and whether they were minuted. Mr Jadwat: Sure. ... Senator RICE: Has there been any investigation by the Australian government into these alleged environmental and human rights abuses by OceanaGold? Mr Jadwat: I'm not aware of that but, as I said, we'll take that on notice and speak to the post to find out if there has been any engagement on that issue.</p>	Hansard	42

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	76	Janet Rice	Drones	Senator RICE: Does DFAT have any awareness of other situations where we are providing drones to authorities in other countries? Senator Payne: Senator, we will take that on notice.	Hansard	45
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	77	Janet Rice	Australians in Kashmir	Senator RICE: What actions has the Australian government taken to assist Australians who are currently stranded in Kashmir? Ms Wood: I will have to take that one on notice. Of course we are assisting Australians registered with us in India but I don't have with me the geographic breakdown.	Hansard	45
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	78	Nick McKim	DFAT Country Information Report	Please provide a list of the sources which were relied on for the preparation and drafting of the DFAT Country Information Report, Sri Lanka dated 4 November 2019? a. Please provide a breakdown by publicly and not publicly available sources.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	79	Penny Wong	Vaccines for the region	Senator WONG: I appreciate the balancing between the three nations, as you've said—actually, it's nine Pacific island countries and Timor-Leste; correct? I'm trying to get a sense of what you're working to in terms of the timetable for provision of vaccines to Timor-Leste. Mr Davies: We would hope to be in a position to fully support comprehensive vaccine coverage for all of these partner countries by the early part of next year, subject to their capacity to accelerate national rollouts. We are seeing strong capacity in Fiji and Timor-Leste in particular. We would expect the rollout to proceed more slowly in PNG, given the geography. Other countries are doing quite well with their COVAX doses and we would expect to see fairly rapid rollouts. Overall, we would hope to see most countries achieve comprehensive coverage. Senator WONG: Are they the nine Pacific island countries and Timor-Leste that are referenced in the Quad declaration? Mr Davies: Correct, yes. Senator WONG: Are you able, on notice, to give me, in a little more detail, on what you just said and where you're at? Senator Payne: Yes. Senator WONG: Thank you. Senator Payne: The partnership approach, where this is fully, deeply embedded within the health systems of the partner countries, is a very effective way of ensuring that we are fitting within their requirements and capacities. Senator WONG: With what you could give me, Mr Davies, will it give a bit of a sense of your best assessment of rollout, bearing in mind the constraints associated with rollout in each particular country? Mr Davies: Yes.	Hansard	48
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	80	Penny Wong	Vaccine coverage - SouthEast Asia	Senator WONG: So there's been nothing, this year, added for South-East Asia? On percentage of coverage: we don't have to do this laboriously, but do you have figures? There are some public figures. I think there was an article in Foreign Policy that had figures about percentage of vaccine coverage in a range of South-East Asian nations. Do you have any figures on that that you could provide me with? I'm happy for you to take it on notice. Mr Davies: I do have a list which I could read you, or we can give you those figures on— Senator WONG: On notice is fine, but if that could be sooner than later that would be useful.	Hansard	57
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	81	Penny Wong	Rollout targets	Senator WONG: I have asked you for your rollout targets from the three for the rest of the year, haven't I? CHAIR: If not, you have just now! Senator WONG: Do you have those? Senator Payne: We'll provide that to you. Mr Davies: We'll do that on notice, yes.	Hansard	58
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	82	Penny Wong	Pacific Islands Forum	Senator WONG: There has been no progress at this stage in terms of any engagements or discussions that we have had which has averted the PIF breaking apart in this way? Ms Peak: There has been some encouraging progress. Senator WONG: Okay. Ms Peak: Two substantial processes have been established—one at the political level, which is called the Troika Plus process. The troika is the previous, current and incoming chairs of the PIF, a representative of the Melanesian group and a representative of the Polynesian group. Those five leaders are tasked to engage with Micronesian countries to start a political dialogue, to allow all countries to have their say and to work towards a solution where the Pacific Islands Forum can continue to	Hansard	59

					<p>be unified.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Right. And what are we doing?</p> <p>Ms Peak: We've had a substantial engagement—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Some might also say that we contributed to it by our voting position, but the minister won't confirm that.</p> <p>Ms Peak: The Prime Minister, the Foreign Minister herself and the Minister for International Development and the Pacific have all been actively engaged in reaching out to their Pacific Islands Forum counterparts.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could I have the dates and details of each of those engagements, please, on notice?</p> <p>Ms Peak: Yes, we can do that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Obviously, you're not going to tell me what they discussed, but I want that Z rang X on this date or the PM spoke to Y on this date. I'd like that, please.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes, Senator.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	83	Timothy Ayres	AIFFP	<p>Senator AYRES: Secretary, I have some questions about the Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific. Senator Kitching asked some questions on notice following additional estimates. Question on notice 97 was about the Palau submarine cable project. Hello, Ms Peak. She asked for the duration of loans for the project and for the interest rates applying for the project. DFAT's response basically said that the duration and the interest rates were on comparable terms to the World Bank's International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, but the response doesn't give the actual duration or interest rates. Can you tell me, Ms Peak, what is the duration of the loan and what is the interest rate?</p> <p>Ms Peak: I don't have that detail with me. I'll take that one on notice if—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I was just interested to know whether the response reflected a decision to not reveal that or whether the response reflected that that answer would be sufficient? Senator Kitching put the question on notice. The answer that came back didn't really answer the question. I don't want to put the question on notice again and come back to a subsequent estimates with the same problem. Is there a decision to not reveal the duration and interest rate? It's a \$9 million loan.</p> <p>Ms Peak: Senator, I can look into that for you. Each of the loans associated with the Palau spur cable—as you know, there's one from the AIFFP as well as loans from two institutions in Japan as well as some grant components, so the full structure of the financing package is quite complicated. I'll have to get back to you on notice in terms of the details of that. So if I could get back to you, that would be—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Is it a \$9 million loan for the project or has the Australian government provided an amount of capital that is then put together with the other funds that you just talked about? Is the complexity because there are two layers to this?</p> <p>Ms Peak: There are multiple layers to this actually, Senator. As you say, there's a loan and a grant component from the AIFFP, so that's the Australian—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: That forms a component of a subsequent agreement, does it?</p> <p>Ms Peak: That is one component of the overall financing package. There are two separate loans from Japanese institutions. One is from JBIC, or the Japanese Bank for International Cooperation, and one is from a Mitsui bank. Those are \$4 million each. So there are those components from Japan, and then there is also a grant component of \$3.8 million from USAID. That's just the grant; there's no loan component from USAID. So, as you say, there are a mix of ways that we can express concessionality to Pacific islands partners. One is the interest rate itself, but the other is softening the loans with grants. So, when we're looking at the overall rate of concessionality, those two components need to be taken into account.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So, on notice, can you set out for the committee what the arrangement is? I really just want to understand whether there was some 'beyond complexity' rationale for the nonprovision of an answer, essentially. Is there some commercial reason that's been advanced, which I think would be hard to accept? Is there some immunity claim that's been made, or is it just that it's complicated?</p> <p>Ms Peak: Certainly, as we're in the negotiation phase for the loan, we aren't able to disclose that until we complete negotiations. But, once completed, we have the details.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Would you be able to set that out for me in a way that sets out what, if you like, the layers are and what the duration and interest rate are?</p> <p>Ms Peak: Yes, I will.</p>	Hansard	61

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	84	Timothy Ayres	Blu Dot Network	<p>Senator AYRES: The Prime Minister said, at the end of September 2019 'The United States and Australia agreed to develop a new mechanism to strengthen and align coordination of their Indo-Pacific strategies.' Is that the same as the Blue Dot Network? Or is there some other mechanism there that's in scope?</p> <p>Mr Chittick: I would have to take that on notice. I'm not familiar with that particular wording. I hadn't yet started in this position at that time.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: If you can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	65
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	85	Timothy Ayres	Trilateral Partnership	<p>Senator AYRES: How many DFAT staff are working on the trilateral partnership?</p> <p>Mr Chittick: It's spread in a number of areas across the department. I would have to take on notice the precise number.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: If you could. Can you tell me how many meetings the department has had with US and Japanese counterparts about the trilateral partnership?</p> <p>Mr Chittick: I can. I will take that on notice for the precise ones. There has been a combination of physical meetings in advance of COVID and since then regular telephone conferences, as well as three country visits— again a combination of physical and virtual—to Papua New Guinea, to Indonesia and to Vietnam.</p>	Hansard	66
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	86	Penny Wong	Funding to eliminate modern slavery	<p>Senator WONG: Secretary, I don't wish to spend a lot of time on this. The answer to the question of what spend in programs the government would point to to demonstrate its commitment to working to eliminate modern slavery, human trafficking and forced labour is, if I may say, not particularly precise. I understand that there is no common methodology determined by the DAC. This is an issue that I think across the parliament there is a lot of focus on. It is certainly an issue stakeholders on the NGO side but also on the business community side have been raising with parliamentarians across the political spectrum. I would suggest if there is a way that we can provide a little more clarity and transparency about what we as a nation are spending on trying to eliminate this—I'm making a partisan point—the stakeholders and the parliament would appreciate it. I understand why this has been written as it is. I was aware that drivers of modern slavery included poverty and gender inequality. The point I'm making is that this is not something that is simply coming from us. This is something that has been raised with us by stakeholders—as I said, both NGOs and business. I know you won't be there—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: That doesn't mean I can't—</p> <p>Senator WONG: This is an issue people care about. I still don't understand why the government voted against some of the amendments to the Modern Slavery Act, but there was a lot of support in the parliament a couple of years ago when this went through. I think the pandemic has heightened interest in it. It would be useful to be able to understand and interrogate and have some transparency about what the programs with funding are that we think are actually doing something about this.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We'll see what we can provide.</p>	Hansard	66
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	87	Penny Wong	Kiribati airstrip	<p>Senator WONG: Okay. On Kiribati, I've got a media report about the planned upgrade of an airstrip and a bridge on the island of Kiribati. Is there someone who's aware of this who might be able to tell me what we understand about these public reports? It's the Reuters report of 13 May entitled 'Kiribati says China-backed Pacific airstrip project for civilian use'.</p> <p>Mr Thomson: I am aware of this report. I'm just looking for the right brief—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you take it on notice? I want to know whether the department is able to verify or clarify this report. Are you able to tell us anything about the purpose of such construction, whether or not it was initiated by the government of Kiribati and whether or not the Australian government has ever been asked for any assistance associated with such a project?</p> <p>Mr Thomson: I have actually found the page that I was looking for—sorry! I can say that I'm aware of the reports that the government of Kiribati may be seeking donor support for rehabilitation of a runway and bridge on Kanton Island in Kiribati. We understand at this stage that the government of Kiribati has agreed only to commission a prefeasibility study and that a range of donors may be approached by Kiribati to support the construction works once Kiribati has fully developed a proposal.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Have we engaged in relation to this proposal?</p> <p>Mr Thomson: Our high commissioner has reaffirmed to Kiribati Australia's interest in supporting priority infrastructure projects, including through the AIFFP and in partnership with like-minded. The Kiribati government has advised us that no military use is being considered. The works are intended to help achieve the Kiribati government's objective of developing the tourism potential of the area.</p>	Hansard	66

					Senator WONG: Okay, and perhaps you could take on notice the other questions I articulated. Mr Thomson: Yes.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	88	Penny Wong	Incursion into Malaysian airspace	Senator WONG: I'm sorry—I had only seen some report on social media and also one Malaysian press English-language article. Has there been a formal response from the Malaysian government? Senator Payne: I think there were indications of steps they were intending to take. Ms Adamson: There was a statement by the CDF equivalent. Senator Payne: And the foreign minister. Senator WONG: That would have been—what, yesterday? Senator Payne: I think so. That's when I saw it. Senator WONG: Are you able to provide us with that? I'm sure I can find it, but it would just be useful. Senator Payne: No, it wasn't a statement; it was a report of a statement, if that makes sense. Sorry. Senator WONG: Right—a report of a statement. Senator Payne: We can see what we can provide you.	Hansard	67
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	89	Penny Wong	Palladium contract	Ms Heinecke: No, the value hasn't changed. We have done a deed amendment, in December last year, which did change some of the internal allocations between personnel cost, adviser cost, office cost, program cost et cetera. Senator WONG: Is that the only formal arrangement? Ms Heinecke: Yes. Senator WONG: Can I have the deed of amendment table, please? Ms Heinecke: Sure.	Hansard	70
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	90	Penny Wong	Generation Equality Forum	Senator WONG: I understand that there are six action coalitions that are envisaged for the forum: genderbased violence, economic justice and rights, sexual and reproductive health and rights, feminist action for climate justice, technological innovation for gender equality and leadership. Has the Australian government received an invitation to this opening event? Ms Guivarra: Yes. Two days ago we've received a formal notification from the French who are hosting the next event. Senator WONG: At which level was that invitation from? Would you like to take that on notice? Ms Guivarra: Yes, I would. Thank you.	Hansard	70
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	91	Penny Wong	Generation Equality Forum representation	Senator WONG: Is the government proposing, Senator Payne, to make a decision about whether we would be part of one of the action coalitions in the near future? Senator Payne: I'm not sure. If I can take that on notice, I will respond to you. Senator WONG: I infer from your earlier answer, Ambassador, that we do not have a speaking invitation but we have an attendance invitation. Ms Guivarra: I'll take that on notice. Senator WONG: So, as yet, there's no recommendation from the department and ministers about how Australia should be represented? Ms Guivarra: The whole of government coordination for our participation at the Generation Equality Forum is with the Office for Women at Prime Minister and Cabinet. We at DFAT, of course, are providing advice and support to the Office for Women in making that recommendation for the consideration of the minister and, if necessary, the Prime Minister. Senator Payne: Sorry. I just don't have it at front of mind. I will come back to you.	Hansard	71
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	92	Eric Abetz	Visit to Xinjiang	CHAIR: I turn to question on notice—public hearing. Answer No. 1 of that was about the inquiry into the Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Uyghur Forced Labour) Bill. The department gave some advice, as I understand it, in relation to that bill, and a question was taken on notice—001. It was about the last time Australian officials at our embassy in Beijing were able to visit Xinjiang, and I understand that was in June 2016—is that correct? Ms Lawson: I don't have that QON in front of me. The last formal high-level senior visit by the embassy was in 2016. That was a visit that was arranged by the Chinese government. They were responsible for the program. We have had working level visits at the more junior level, which was not organised by the Chinese government but which was done at councillor level by our	Hansard	72

					<p>embassy. That happened quite recently—last month.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you can then review the answer provided to the public hearing on 27 April 2021—</p> <p>Ms Lawson: But that visit was subsequent to that QON.</p> <p>CHAIR: Alright. If you can give us that date, then. We were told the last officially funded visit of the representative from the embassy was in November 2019 by second secretary.</p> <p>Ms Lawson: Yes, so this is subsequent to that.</p> <p>CHAIR: So since 2019 there haven't been any visits until the one to which you've just referred?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: Correct.</p> <p>CHAIR: It would be helpful to get that further information, so thank you for that.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	93	Eric Abetz	Supply chains	<p>CHAIR: Are we able in Australia to have a withhold release order or something like that to get the companies to be more open about their supply chains, with a modern slavery legislation?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: Our approach, as you know, at the moment is really around raising awareness with business around the issues but also around their commitments and their compliance with the Modern Slavery Act. So it is up to business to do their due diligence. We try to raise awareness. We will continue to do that, including on the issue of solar panels. We have outreach underway on that specific issue as well, but I can't comment on the particular question that you are asking; it's not really in my area. But at the moment—</p> <p>CHAIR: Are you able to take it on notice and find information?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: I think we would have to consult relevant agencies, but let me perhaps undertake to consult.</p> <p>CHAIR: Please take it on notice, because I'm told that Goldwind Australia is the Australian subsidiary of Goldwind that builds, owns and operates wind farms and solar farms in Australia. Its founder, Wu Gang, is a long-standing member of the communist party and was a deputy to the 12th National People's Congress. Last year, Goldwind Australia signed a commercial agreement with TransGrid for the connection and construction of connection assets for Coppabella Wind Farm located in the southern tablelands. So there seems to be a direct connection there with a company and with a potential supply of forced labour. It would be a matter of great regret if the products of forced labour were to find their way into the Australian economy.</p>	Hansard	73
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	94	Timothy Ayres	Jobs in the coal industry	<p>Senator AYRES: What about coal? Can you tell me how many jobs in the coal industry have been lost due to falling exports with China? I think 69.1 per cent collapsed.</p> <p>Dr Gordon: DISER would be looking at the impact of employment on coal.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Do you know whether they are doing that work?</p> <p>Dr Gordon: I'd have to take that on notice and ask them.</p>	Hansard	80
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	95	Timothy Ayres	JSCOT - submissions	<p>Senator AYRES: In the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties process—you have given evidence and we have had a couple of discussions there—one of the things that happened was that I put to you a range of the submissions from trade unions, particularly the nurses, the Electrical Trades Union and the AMWU, that went to—if I can try and summarise—concerns from the nurses about the fact that aged care was not on the negative list, and concerns from the Electrical Trades Union about the relationship between the agreement and skilled and temporary labour violations that they set out in their submission, and a range of other concerns from the AMWU. Are you going to be in a position to respond to the committee and to those submissions? I am very keen to see you put a response together for the concerns that have been raised by those organisations. I don't necessarily need you to detail that tonight but, on notice, could you please provide the same response to this committee? I'm keen to hear from you on those issues as soon as possible.</p> <p>Mr Baxter: I'm very happy to do that. I can say: we have looked at those submissions since the hearing and we have looked into the specifics of some of the concerns expressed on the part of the parties making those submissions and we will be in a position to respond to those and we can certainly table those in this committee as well. I have seen drafts of responses to those questions and they're in quite an advanced stage.</p>	Hansard	82
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	96	Bridget McKenzie	EU FTA consultations	<p>Senator McKENZIE: Yes, I know, Ms Burrows. I know about MLA's wonderful engagement. But I'm specifically talking about consultations on this chapter that the EU ambassador was speaking about, specifically on the trade and labour, and trade and environment pieces. Who, specifically, are we consulting with outside of government?</p>	Hansard	83

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	97	Janet Rice	Export credit agencies	<p>Senator RICE: Are you aware of any export credit agencies that are considering funding gas projects in Australia right now?</p> <p>Ms Stylianou: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Okay. Can you provide, on notice, a list of all communications between Australian ministers and foreign government representatives or export credit agencies regarding either the Barossa Darwin LNG project or the Scarborough Burrup Hub LNG project—</p> <p>Ms Stylianou: I can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	89
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	98	Janet Rice	Briefing for the Prime Minister	<p>Mr Baxter: We've certainly been talking to a range of agencies across government in recent months, particularly in light of the planned introduction of a carbon border adjustment mechanism by the European Union.</p> <p>Senator RICE: In terms of the Prime Minister's visit to the G7, has there been a briefing provided to PM&C specifically on carbon border tariffs?</p> <p>Mr Baxter: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	90
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	99	Janet Rice	FTA with Israel	<p>Senator RICE: My last question is on something completely different, and that's the feasibility study on the free trade agreement with Israel. How many submissions did the department receive on that feasibility study?</p> <p>Mr Hayes: I'm sorry, I don't have in front of me the total number of submissions, but I'm very happy to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	91
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	100	Eric Abetz	Manuka honey	<p>Senator KITCHING: We haven't given any money to manuka honey producers in Australia, have we, like the New Zealand government have done?</p> <p>Mr Thomson: No, we haven't. The position of successive governments in Australia has been that we don't provide that sort of financial support for legal costs in the pursuit of private property rights. This has been the consistent position.</p> <p>CHAIR: But is this the first time that a government of another country has sought to champion the private interests in their country against the private interests of Australian businesses? As a result, does that put this into a different category?</p> <p>Mr Langman: I fear it isn't the first example of that.</p> <p>CHAIR: Do we have other examples, Mr Langman?</p> <p>Mr Langman: Not off the top of my head.</p> <p>CHAIR: Please take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Langman: As Mr Thomson has said, it's been a bipartisan position for a long time that we don't—</p> <p>CHAIR: I understand that—but for the substantial involvement of the New Zealand government bankrolling through the backdoor with the sum of some \$6 million. That is no small fare, especially when you're asking Australian beekeepers to try to match that. I have some other questions I'll place on notice in relation to the Israel and Australia trade agreement and what we are doing to enhance that cooperation. I also have a question on what are we doing in promoting CANZUK, if at all, in relation to the trade space. I've spoken to the minister about that, and I understand he sought a briefing from the department. If you could provide me a brief response on notice, I'd be much obliged.</p>	Hansard	96

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	101	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	102	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expenses claim policy	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	103	Kimberley Kitching	Australia-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership	<p>The Australia-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, agreed by Prime Minister Morrison and Prime Minister Modi in June 2020 incorporates efforts outlines in the India Economic Strategy (Varghese Report).</p> <p>11. Can you provide an update on the India Economic Strategy?</p> <p>a) How many priority recommendations have now been implemented?</p> <p>b) How many priority recommendations are still outstanding?</p> <p>c) How many DFAT staff are working on implementing the strategy at Post and in Australia?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	104	Kimberley Kitching	Enhanced Trade and Strategic Capability Budget Measure	<p>The Government will provide \$198.2 million over four years from 2021 22 (and \$33.0 million per year ongoing) to support Australian exporters and businesses and advance Australia's international interests.</p> <p>1. What advice has the Department provided the Minister regarding opportunities to maximise economic opportunities to diversify export markets?</p> <p>a) What are the Department's priority markets for diversification?</p> <p>b) How were these markets decided?</p> <p>c) Is there are formal strategy of trade diversification?</p> <p>d) Are there any targets for trade diversification?</p> <p>2. What is the current percentage of exports that go to our single largest trading partner? (40%)</p> <p>a) Is the Department aware of any other country in the world whose economy relies more than Australia on China for its exports?</p> <p>3. What specific measures are in place to help diversify export markets?</p> <p>a) How much of \$198m announced in the budget will be for export diversification?</p> <p>b) Is the focus to diversify markets only? Are there any efforts to diversify what we export? If so, what steps has the department take to help Australian exporters diversify what they export?</p> <p>4. What advice has the Department provided the Minister regarding options or frameworks to reform the WTO?</p> <p>5. Can you outline the progress or undertakings of the interim WTO dispute settlement agreement Australia has entered into?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	105	Kimberley Kitching	UK FTA	<p>1. Can you please provide an update of the negotiations for the A-UK FTA?</p> <p>2. Will there be ISDS provisions in the agreement?</p> <p>3. Has there been any economic modelling of the agreement?</p> <p>4. Has the Department looked at "climate friendly farming" and any metric of such farming practices to assist negotiations?</p> <p>5. Does the Department perceive climate change to be a barrier to securing a deal?</p> <p>The ACTU have raised the following concerns with the Shadow Minister's office: "That the Department has confirmed it is still a possibility that labour market testing will be removed and that this is likely to be part of the negotiations at ministerial level."</p>	Written	

					<p>6. Can you please verify this claim?</p> <p>“That the Department have confirmed there will be the trade in services chapter, including provisions on the temporary movement of natural persons, and have text concerning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractual service providers • Independent professionals • Intra corporate transferees • Working Holiday Maker Visa allocations <p>which will all be linked to the TSS visa.”</p> <p>7. Can you please verify this claim?</p> <p>8. Can you please outline the framework for the proposed youth mobility scheme?</p> <p>a) Can you please explain how young workers will be protected from the current chronic issues of underpayment and modern slavery of vulnerable overseas workers?</p> <p>9. Will the treaty have provisions which limit the commonwealth’s right to regulate essential services?</p> <p>10. Will the treaty include procurement provisions over and above Australia’s existing WTO obligations?</p> <p>11. Will the treaty include an e-commerce chapter?</p> <p>12. Will the government be releasing the text prior to signing the treaty?</p> <p>13. When do you estimate the treaty will be signed?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	106	Kimberley Kitching	Manuka honey	<p>1. Is the Department aware that the New Zealand government has set a precedent and already provided \$1.4M in funding to the Manuka Charitable Trust with a further \$3.3M available that specifies the following use of funds:</p> <p>“The project is to ensure that the term "manuka honey" is protected around the world for all NZers, as a term representing manuka honey from New Zealand. The location is where manuka honey is produced, extracted, packed or sold”</p> <p>2. Does the Department agree that given the NZ government is stumping up the cash for exclusive use of the term manuka honey, that this is no longer a private commercial matter, and the Australian government should do the same?</p> <p>3. Has the Department considered providing similar financial support to Australian manuka honey producers to fight this case in the NZ courts; producers who are at risk of losing significant market access built up over decades worth hundreds of millions of dollars?</p> <p>4. What will you say to the local Australian manuka honey producers who are fighting hard to stop this action without any equivalent financial support from their government, and how will you respond to the loss of thousands of jobs if the NZ Maori Trust funded by the NZ government is successful in the court?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	107	Penny Wong	Kabul Embassy Closure	<p>When did DFAT first receive advice from any other agency that it would need to consider closing the Australian Embassy in Kabul due to the deteriorating security situation and ADF/international forces drawdowns?</p> <p>When did DFAT first recommend closing the Australian Embassy in Kabul to the Minister?</p> <p>How many locally engaged DFAT staff and DFAT-contracted staff were working for the Embassy as of 28 May?</p> <p>What is the average length of time it has taken for DFAT to certify locally engaged staff employment for the purposes of Australian humanitarian visa applications?</p>	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	108	Penny Wong	Secretary's Hot Topics	<p>Please provide the Secretary's Hot Topics list for the following hearings of the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Estimates March 2020 • Budget Estimates October 2020 • Additional Estimates March 2021 • Budget Estimates June 2021. 	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	109	Penny Wong	Consular Assistance	<p>Please provide the total number of Australians registered with DFAT overseas as wanting to return to Australia, and the top ten countries where they are located.</p> <p>Please provide the total number of Australian children overseas registered with DFAT who are not accompanied by a parent. Please provide a list of all government-facilitated flights to Australia since 18 March 2020, and departmental expenditure on each flight.</p> <p>Please provide the average wait time between an Australian overseas registered with DFAT as wanting to return home, and their date of arrival in Australia.</p> <p>Please provide the longest amount of time an Australian overseas registered with DFAT as wanting to return home, and their date of arrival in Australia.</p> <p>Please provide the date on which Australians overseas could first register with DFAT as wanting to return home.</p> <p>Please provide the total number of Australians that have been registered with DFAT since that date, and how many of that number still remain overseas.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	110	Penny Wong	COVID-19 Support to Southeast Asia - India	<p>Q. The Minister announced \$37.1m over two years for a COVID-19 support package to India in the budget. What has been provided to date?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many oxygen concentrators and ventilators have been sent to India since this announcement? • How much of this funding has been allocated already? • Was this assistance based on a request from the Indian Government? o If so, when was this request made? <p>Q. Noting the recent surge of Mucomycosis ('black fungus') disease across India in the wake of the latest COVID outbreak that has led to shortages of antifungal drugs across the country, does the Department have any plans to help India procure antifungal drugs, such as amphotericin?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Indian government requested any assistance related to anti-fungal drugs? • Is the Australian government providing any assistance related to anti-fungal drugs? 	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	111	Penny Wong	COVID-19 Support to Southeast Asia	<p>Q. Minister Payne and Minister Seselja issued a joint media release headed "Australia provides COVID-19 support to North East Indian Ocean neighbours" on 21 March 2021. The media release said Australia would provide \$17.5 million for emergency COVID relief in Bangladesh, in Nepal and Sri Lanka. Is this funding already included in the Budget estimates or is it new money?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where in the aid budget will these funds come from – will they come from DFAT's central humanitarian allocation or from country and regional program allocations? • If this is new money, is the \$17.5 million Official Development Assistance? • In which financial years will the \$17.5 million be spent? 	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	112	Penny Wong	COVID-19 Support to	<p>Q. When did the Minister/DFAT first receive a request for COVID-19 aid assistance from Nepal?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In regard to the \$7 million announced in aid to Nepal for the purchase of essential equipment through the UN and existing NGO partners, what exactly does the essential equipment constitute? 	Written	

				Southeast Asia - Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has any of the \$7 million reached the UN and existing aid partners? If so, how much? • On what date will the full sum of \$7m reach the UN and existing partners? • What existing partners will receive this funding? • How will the funding be distributed among these agencies? • Has the Government explored any further assistance to Nepal? If so, what further assistance and when will this be extended? • What is the cumulative dollar figure of COVID-19 aid Australia has provided to Nepal to date? 		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	113	Penny Wong	COVID-19 Support to Southeast Asia - Bangladesh	<p>Q. When and how did the Minister/DFAT first become aware of the additional need for COVID-19 aid assistance in Bangladesh?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the department confirm that \$5 million has been announced to go to partners in Bangladesh, and that this is in addition to \$5.7 million already provided? • Are there any conditions on what the \$5m should be spent on? If so, what are the conditions? On what date will this \$5m be delivered? <p>Q. Has the Government of Bangladesh ever requested COVID-19 assistance from Australia? If so, when?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Department explored avenues of further assistance to Bangladesh? If so, what further assistance and when? • What is the cumulative dollar figure of COVID-19 aid Australia has provided to Bangladesh to date? 	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	114	Penny Wong	COVID-19 Support to Southeast Asia - Sri Lanka	<p>Q. When and how did the Minister/DFAT first become aware of the additional need for COVID-19 aid assistance in Sri Lanka?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In regard to reports Sri Lanka is buying 15 million Sinopharm COVID vaccine doses from China, can the department confirm how many Sinopharm vaccines have arrived in Sri Lanka and how many have been administered? • Is any of the \$5.5 million the Minister announced on 21 May 2021 for Sri Lanka for the purpose of vaccine doses? • When will the \$5.5 million be delivered to Sri Lanka? • Will it be delivered to agencies on the ground or to the Government of Sri Lanka directly? • I note the Minister's media release refers to Australia already having provided over \$6.2 million in COVID-19 related support to Sri Lanka in 2020-21. How was this \$6.2 million spent? 	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	115	Penny Wong	Multilateral replenishments	<p>With reference to Table 3.7 on page 60 of the 2021-22 Portfolio Budget Statements for the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio and the line showing administered expenses for multilateral replenishments and other loans, for each year from 2020-21 to 2024-25 provide a breakdown of the amounts of replenishments or loans budgeted to be provided to each multilateral organisation, including details of how much, if any, of each of these amounts is eligible to be counted as Official Development Assistance.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	116	Penny Wong	Regional ODA	<p>Further to the Department's answer to 2020-21 Additional Estimates Question on Notice 80 (and noting that Table 4 of "Australian Official Development Assistance, Partner Country by Investment Priorities, 2019-20" does not include data for South East and East Asia Regional programs, does not include data for Core contributions to multilateral organisations and other ODA not attributable to countries and does not break down data for Latin America and the Caribbean between those two regions), please provide actual 2019-20 expenditure on ODA for the Caribbean, for Latin America, for South East and East Asia Regional programs and for Core contributions to multilateral organisations and other ODA not attributable to countries and regions, by investment priority, consistent with the use of those categories in the Department's answers to Question on Notice 75 from 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates and Question on Notice 47 from 2020-21 Budget Estimates.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	117	Penny Wong	Export Finance Australia	<p>With reference to the Australian Government's response to Recommendation 1 of the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee report on the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Support for Infrastructure Financing) Bill 2019 in which the Government agreed to conduct an independent review of Efic's overseas infrastructure financing functions starting within 18 to 24 months after the Bill's assent on 5 April 2019:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Government commenced the independent review. 2. If yes, <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When did the review commence b. Who is conducting the review 	Written	

					c. What are the terms of reference of the review d. When is the review scheduled to be completed 3. If no, why has the Government failed to comply with its commitment to undertake this review?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	118	Janet Rice	Protection and safety measures - LGBTIQ+ people	Senator RICE: If you could take on notice the question whether we would support that independent review of the UN refugee agency and the protection and safety measures? Mr Hayes: Yes. Senator RICE: You noted 'supporting the voluntary return to safe countries'. For many of those people in those camps that's not an option. So I'd also like to know what the government's view is on how we can work to improve their safety whilst they remain in Kenya. Mr Hayes: Indeed. I think 'voluntary returns' was one of three options for the management of them, and I think all three are in play. But we'll take on notice the question that you asked in relation to independent—	Hansard	26
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	119	Penny Wong	Contract Notice CN3679400	With respect to Contract Notice CN3679400 published on AusTender on 11 May 2020, and further to the Prime Minister's response to House of Representatives question in writing No. 361 which stated that this contract related to the provision of communications material: (1) What communications material is Apparent Communications Pty Ltd providing to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade under this contract. (2) To what program, measure, activity or function of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade does the communications material provided under this contract relate. (3) Why does Contract Notice CN3679400 state that the category of goods or services provided under this contract is personnel recruitment if the contract relates to communications material. (4) Why does Contract Notice CN3679400 state that the description of goods or services provided under this contract is personnel recruitment if the contract relates to communications material.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	120	Penny Wong	Contract Notice CN3717789	In respect of Contract Notice CN3717789 published on AusTender on 16 September 2020: (1) What information services is Newgate Communications Pty Ltd providing to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade under this contract. (2) To what program, measure, activity or function of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade do these information services relate. (3) On what date was this contract entered into. (4) How many days after entering into this contract did the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade report details of the contract on AusTender. (5) Did publication of this contract notice on AusTender on 16 September 2020 comply with paragraph 7.18 of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules which requires relevant entities to report contracts within 42 days of entering into them; if not, why did the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade fail to comply with paragraph 7.18.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	121	Penny Wong	Contract notice CN3728322	In respect of contract notice CN3728322 published on AusTender on 6 November 2020: (1) What management advisory services is Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu providing to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade under this contract. (2) To what program, measure, activity or function of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade do these management advisory services relate.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	122	Penny Wong	Contract Notice CN3730794	In respect of Contract Notice CN3730794 published on AusTender on 17 November 2020 by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT): (1) What services is Universal McCann providing to DFAT under this contract. (2) If the services involve media buying or advertising placement, can details be provided of the media buy and advertising placement being provided, including the media channels, the schedule and volume of advertising placement being provided. (3) What advertising campaign does this contract relate to. (4) On what date was this contract entered into.	Written	

					(5) How many days after this contract was entered into did DFAT report details of the contract on AusTender. (6) Did the publication of this Contract Notice on 17 November 2020 comply with the requirement under paragraph 7.18 of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules for relevant entities to report contracts on AusTender within 42 days of entering into a contract; if not, why not.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	123	Penny Wong	Temporary personnel	For each financial year from 2014-15 to 2019-20, how many temporary personnel worked for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on a head count basis and on a full-time equivalent basis (broken down by personnel working in Australia and those working overseas).	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	124	Penny Wong	Contract Notice CN3732413	In respect of Contract Notice CN3732413 published on AusTender on 25 November 2020 by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT): (1) What are the details of the request from Kiribati for urgent pharmaceutical products (including when was the request made and what types of pharmaceutical products were required). (2) What logistics support will Palladium International Pty Ltd provide to DFAT under this contract, (including types and numbers of personnel, equipment, pharmaceutical products and transport arrangements to be provided). (3) When and how did DFAT approach the market requesting tenders for this procurement. (4) How many tenders were received. (5) What were the tender evaluation criteria. (6) Did Palladium International Pty Ltd provide the lowest priced tender for this procurement; if not, why was Palladium International Pty Ltd selected. (7) On what date was this contract entered into. (8) Did publication of the Contract Notice on AusTender on 25 November 2020 comply with the requirement in paragraph 7.18 of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules for relevant entities to report contracts on AusTender within 42 days of entering into the contract; if not, why did the Department fail to comply with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules reporting requirements.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	125	Penny Wong	International Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement Strategy	1. DFAT describes "cyberspace and critical technology [as] a foreign policy priority". The Australian Cyber Security Centre describes ransomware as the 'highest threat' facing Australian businesses and government in cyberspace. Despite the seriousness of this issue, the word 'ransomware' appears only once in the government's International Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement Strategy. Why is the 'highest threat' facing Australian businesses and government in cyberspace effectively absent from the government's International Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement Strategy? 2. Why are there no targeted initiatives in the International Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement Strategy designed to address the threat of ransomware to Australian organisations? 3. What actions have DFAT undertaken to advance international cooperation to combat ransomware? 4. What resources has DFAT allocated to this work? 5. What results have these actions produced? 6. Action 21 of the International Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement Strategy commits the government to: Working with international partners to strengthen our collective efforts to prevent, detect, investigate and prosecute cybercrime, with a focus on the Indo-Pacific a. What tangible outcomes has DFAT achieved against this commitment? b. Given the vast bulk of the ransomware groups targeting Australian organisations operate out of Eastern Europe, particularly Russia, what actions have DFAT undertaken to advance Action 21 in that region?	Written	

					<p>c. What is DFAT’s strategy for strengthening efforts to prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute cybercrime in Russia and Eastern Europe?</p> <p>7. Action 22 of the International Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement Strategy commits the government to: Supporting the creation of a new model for international, cross-border lawful access to data</p> <p>a. What tangible outcomes has DFAT achieved against this commitment?</p> <p>8. Action 23 of the International Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement Strategy commits the government to: Promoting the existing international legal framework on cybercrime and opposing efforts to weaken existing cybercrime law and norms, agreements and methods of collaboration</p> <p>a. What tangible outcomes has DFAT achieved against this commitment?</p> <p>b. Given the vast bulk of the ransomware groups targeting Australian organisations operate out of Eastern Europe, particularly Russia, what actions have DFAT undertaken to advance Action 23 in that region?</p> <p>c. What is DFAT’s strategy for strengthening existing cybercrime law and norms, agreements, and methods of collaboration in Russia and Eastern Europe?</p> <p>9. At the White House daily press briefing on 7 June, United States National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said that “ransomware is a national security priority, particularly as it relates to ransomware attacks...and we will treat it as such in the G7”.</p> <p>Mr. Sullivan highlighted the importance of international cooperation on the enforcement of anti-money laundering regulations against cryptocurrency exchanges as priority in the fight against ransomware.</p> <p>What has DFAT done to advance international cooperation in anti-money laundering activities against ransomware?</p> <p>10. Mr Sullivan also said at the 7 June White House daily press briefing that the Administration would like to see addressed as part of an action plan on ransomware out of the G7 ‘...how we collectively speak with one voice to those countries, including Russia, that are harboring or permitting cyber criminals to operate from their territory.’</p> <p>What has DFAT done to seek to improve the level of law enforcement assistance provided to Australian law enforcement agencies from the Russian government on ransomware?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	126	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	127	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	128	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided: i. List of dates and types of meals. j. List of all attendees. k. Function venue. l. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). m. Details of any food served. n. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. o. Any available photographs of the function. p. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	129	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	130	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/07/2021	131	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	132	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	133	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	134	Kristina Keneally	FOI	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and;	Written	

					<p>f. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>2. For each year above, please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. <p>3. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). <p>4. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material. <p>5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and; g. 2020-21 to date. <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. <p>11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>		
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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	135	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	136	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister Arrangements	1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to 30 May 2021. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	137	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	138	Kristina Keneally	Market research	1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	139	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. 2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline. 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	140	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. 2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided. 3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	141	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31	Written	

					December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.		
					2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	142	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including: a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	143	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including: a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	144	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. 2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote. 3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided. 4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	145	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	146	Catryna Bilyk	Returning Australians	In relation to the answer to Question on Notice no. 3018, please elaborate on how the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade gives vulnerable Australians priority access to facilitated commercial flights. For example, is there a period of time during which only vulnerable Australians can make a booking on a facilitated commercial flight before bookings are made available to all Australians seeking to return home? If so, how long is that period?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	147	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel.</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	148	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to 31 May 2021.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid?</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors?</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	149	Kristina Keneally	Appointments - briefs prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member. b. The board or entity. c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office. d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	150	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	<p>1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	151	Kristina Keneally	Media Monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided?</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21?</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided?</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	152	Kristina Keneally	Communications staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	153	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Ministers' office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	154	Kristina Keneally	CDDA Payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p>	Written	

					b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	155	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. 2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	156	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021? 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	157	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, 31 May 2021? 2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing? 3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. How many were: a. voluntary b. involuntary? 4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies? 5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff? 6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021? 7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	158	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. 2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	159	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	160	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	161	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	162	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	163	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 31 May 2021.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	164	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 31 May 2021.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	165	Penny Wong	Single traveller minors	Senator WONG: How many single traveller minors were on the three flights that were just booked? Ms Wood: I don't know prospectively. I can find that out for you.	Hansard	18
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	166	Catryna Bilyk	Vulnerable Australians	Does the Department make any follow-up enquiries with vulnerable Australians that miss out on available seats in order to prioritise them in future? What is the longest period of time a vulnerable Australian has had to wait for a facilitated flight?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3/06/2021	167	Penny Wong	Reconciled costs	Senator WONG: Can you get me the reconciled cost to date? Ms Wood: Not for the India flights. It takes quite some time to actually get all the receipts from the hotel, from the testing, from freight and for all passengers. Senator WONG: Okay, whenever you are able to.	Hansard	92
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	168	Eric Abetz	Human shields	Mr Hayes: It does happen, and we have condemned it very, very clearly in a number of statements over the past several weeks. The use of schools as human shields, by Hamas or anyone else, is a flagrant disregard for the norms of international law and other conventions. DFAT will provide the Minister for Foreign Affairs a full brief on the matter which you raise and advice on any further actions Australia might take. What I can tell you in terms of what we've been— CHAIR: In that case, take it on notice. If you're preparing a brief for the minister which you can share with the committee, I'd appreciate that.	Hansard	6
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4/06/2021	169	Penny Wong	ODA comparison	Ms Adamson: Senator, can I also just flag for you, with the agreement of the chair: you asked to be notified when we had the human trafficking and modern slavery QONs. We've done the best we can in the time available to give you information. The thing that we have not been able to do, in any meaningful way really, is to compare Australia's ODA expenditure on these programs with those of the US, UK and Canada. But let me table, with your agreement— Senator WONG: Is that meaning that you will— Ms Adamson: Yes. Senator WONG: But you need more time? Ms Adamson: No. We will. We need more time. CHAIR: So this is a partial answer? Ms Adamson: It's a partial answer—that's what I am saying, yes. Senator Payne: We will take it on notice. Senator WONG: Yes. Thank you	Hansard	58

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Australian Trade and Investment Commission	1	Don Farrell	Tourism industry - Labour shortages	<p>Senator FARRELL: ... Minister, tourism peak bodies and businesses across Australia have been expressing concern for months about their inability to find staff to fill positions ... Minister, what is your government doing to address these concerns and, where possible, skill Australians to take on these vital roles?</p> <p>Senator Duniam: I am aware of very long-term concerns around capacity to provide access to, on the part of businesses, appropriate labour to be able to run these enterprises that you've just outlined. In Hobart alone, I remember the THA a couple of years ago telling me, well pre-COVID, that they were short 500 chefs.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Yes, but it's dramatically worse now, with due respect. There might have always been shortages—</p> <p>Senator Duniam: I am just reinforcing your point. You needn't give me due respect, but thank you anyway; I appreciate it all the same. In terms of training of appropriate staff, I know states and territories have primary responsibility for entities like TAFEs and equivalent institutions that provide those sorts of training for tourism and hospitality ventures. It is something that is very important. It's obviously something, I'm sure, that came up at the Education estimates around training for staff. Someone has joined us at the table. Perhaps you'd like to add to what I've said.</p> <p>Ms Palmer: Recent government measures to support skills and labour shortages in the visitor economy include the announcement in May 2021 that government would make it easier for international students to work in the tourism and hospitality sector by removing the cap of 40 hours per fortnight for working during study periods, and this has been greatly welcomed by a range of stakeholders. The government also introduced greater flexibility for working holiday-makers for those already in Australia who are not eligible for a further working holiday-maker visa so they could move to a pandemic event 408 visa and work up to 12 months in the tourism and hospitality sector. There are approximately 38,000 working holiday-makers in Australia at the moment, and this change added a flexible labour force to support the sector. There were other changes that government recently made in addressing skilling, and these aren't in Austrade. But I'm happy to provide that information if it's useful to you.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: I'd be happy to receive any information that you'd like to give me and the committee</p>	Hansard	97
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	2	Don Farrell	Claims still pending under Round One of the COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program.	<p>Senator FARRELL: ... [In relation to the 172 claims still pending under Round One of the COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support program at 19 May 2021] ... How many staff are currently working on these applications?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Okay. If you could also tell me, is it their only job or do they have other duties?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: Yes, we can take that on notice and some back to you, certainly.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: ... why is the figure so high? It's what, five per cent of the total?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: There are lots of questions with certain claims, for instance, the definition of a 'travel agent' or a 'tour operator'. There were some claims pending in relation to challenges with the information in the BAS, so there's a wide range of those sorts of queries. But I would have to take other advice on notice.</p>	Hansard	100-101
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	3	Don Farrell	Applications rejected under the COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program.	<p>Senator FARRELL: With the 172, is there another number who've actually already been declined? You've got your application in, which either has been accepted or is being reviewed. Is there another group that you've rejected?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: There'll be a group that's ineligible and will have been rejected. They may then go through the review process at Services Australia. If they're still not satisfied, they can put in an exceptional circumstances claim to Austrade, which we will consider. Of the exceptional circumstances claims we've considered to date, the majority of them are accepted.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: You don't happen know the figure for those who originally got rejected?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: No, we'd have to get that from Services Australia.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: You don't even have a ballpark figure?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: No, I'm sorry.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: But you can get that information for us?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: I can inquire as to whether I can. I can't guarantee that I can get it from Services Australia, but I can certainly ask for you.</p>	Hansard	101
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	4	Anthony Sheldon	Selection of destinations under the Tourism Aviation	<p>Senator SHELDON: ... [In relation to the selection of regions under the Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) program] ... I just want to have a look at the question of the second data set, which is linked to the Tourism Research Australia National Visitor Surveys ... The actual decline in those figures is not published in the table in the Tourism Research Australia National Visitor Surveys but, given the numbers for both 2019 and 2020, it's simple to calculate. By mass there were 11 regions which suffered declines of more than 50 per cent in tourist expenditure last year. I'm happy to hand up those calculations whilst I'm talking to them. I want to go through them, starting with the largest decline—</p>	Hansard	105

			Network Support (TANS) Program	<p>Melbourne, with 75.2 per cent; in that case, we are looking at Tullamarine. The next was Sydney, with a 64.1 per cent decline in tourist expenditure. The third was Darwin. Darwin was originally left off the TANS destinations. Why was it left off if it was third on the list of major decline in tourism?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: I don't know why. I'd have to take that on notice ... I'd have to come back to you in relation to Darwin and the communication of this measure. In general, as we've said consistently, information was cut in different ways. Data was compared in an iterative analysis provided to government for consideration as part of a cabinet consideration.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: It would be helpful if you could give me the reasons why Darwin wasn't included in that first round and why they were subsequently included ...</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: The fourth of those destinations was the high country, where I believe the major airport is Mount Hotham, at 61.8 per cent. Was that airport or any other airport in the high country included in the TANS program?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: The list of the TANS program regions is clear. What I would say here is that it was a combination of different datasets, not just a single dataset. So it wasn't just the reduction in overseas—</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: That particular dataset I am referring to was the fourth largest, and I appreciate that you said there were other reasons taken into account. Could you also give me the reasons why that wasn't included. You can take that on notice ... the fifth destination was Adelaide, which was among the original TANS destinations. Can you explain to me why, first of all, they were left off on the basis of using the dataset that you've provided to me.</p> <p>Ms Palmer: I've got to the end of the information I can give you, based on this being advice to government. I'm happy to take the questions on notice. I think we have taken the questions on notice in the past and said we would see what we can do. I don't have any additional advice I can give you on this matter this evening.</p>		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	5	Anthony Sheldon	Selection of destination under the Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) Program	<p>Senator SHELDON: As you're aware, I've pointed out four occasions in which at least one dataset shows more than a 50 per cent loss, including specifically regional areas. So the first dataset you provided doesn't actually break down to regional town specific data. I appreciate you've said that there's a breakdown of the third data set. The second dataset you provided directly contradicts selection of destinations that were actually made, which I've just outlined. The third and final set of data that informed this decision is the tourism satellite accounts. Given that we've just established the other two datasets were not reflected in the actual selection, I really hope that this next question might shed some light on where we're at. Unfortunately, the website doesn't provide a unified dataset of all regions, so I'm going to ask you if you can take this on notice if you're able to: could you compile the 75 different spreadsheets? I'm assuming Austrade has all the data in one file. Could this be provided on notice?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: The data was provided at different points in an iterative way over time.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: So would you be able to prepare a dataset that would be on one file?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: I don't believe we can, but I'll take it on notice and see if it's possible. Based on inquiries to date, I would say it's not possible.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Thank you for taking that on notice. In the meantime can you tell me if that set of data is going to match up with the destinations chosen?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: I'll take that on notice. Again, the TANS regions were a decision for government. We have seen international visitation dropping right around. With this measure, we've seen the airlines also show that this has contributed to a confidence in people travelling and indicated as well that, through their public statements, they're expecting their domestic scheduling will actually reach really strong capacity. Qantas projected that domestic capacity would reach 90 per cent of pre-COVID levels by the end of 2021 and that Jetstar would exceed pre-COVID capacity by the end of 2021, and Virgin projected that they would reach 80 per cent pre-COVID domestic capacity by mid-June. So this measure, we believe, has been quite a strong one in supporting and getting people in the skies again and driving domestic travel, along with the holiday at home campaign run by Tourism Australia.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: I'm not suggesting that the program shouldn't have gone ahead or should have gone ahead; I'm asking questions about how the selection process took place and the losers and why they were losers and why people were subsequently placed on the list. In the meantime, can you tell me if the dataset, as you said, won't match up to destinations chosen?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: I don't believe I said that exactly, Senator.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Sorry. My apologies, you did say that you're not able to give that information—</p> <p>Ms Palmer: Correct.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: and that you'll consider the third dataset in the context of destinations that were selected eventually by the government, where that dataset marries up with the selection that the government took.</p> <p>Ms Palmer: I'll take it on notice and see what we can do.</p>	Hansard	106-107
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	6	David Van	Impact of lockdowns on tourism	<p>Senator VAN: I'm going to be very quick. I will put a number of questions on notice. While we're talking about tourism, with regard to the effect of a lockdown like the current one in Victoria, where there are a small number of cases and the state government locks the state down, what impact is that going to have on tourism into the state of Victoria? Do you have any data on that, or has any forecasting been done?</p>	Hansard	108

				Ms Palmer: No, I don't have any data on that. Senator VAN: It would be interesting to see, if you do come up with any data. If you would take that on notice, it would be most welcomed.		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	7	Helen Polley	Tourism funding in Tasmania	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> When will the Government announce the remaining funding under the Recovery for Regional Tourism Program? How many applications have been submitted to this program so far? Does the Department have any data on the number of workers who left the tourism industry in Tasmania throughout COVID-19? Many tourism businesses who are benefitting from a surge in domestic demand are experiencing worker shortages. What is the department doing to recruit people back to the sector? From my understanding, there are two narratives currently occurring regarding Tasmania's tourism industry. Some businesses are doing well, thanks to a boost in domestic demand. While these businesses are doing well many are also being constrained by a skills and worker shortage/ However at the same time, some businesses have had to go into hibernation as they primarily rely on international tourists and their products are not suited to a domestic market. Will the Department consider a more targeted approach to funding towards tourism businesses who usually rely on international tourists? How does tourism expenditure for the year 2020 compare with 2019 in Tasmania? Can I have this broken down by international and domestic travel? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	8	Kimberley Kitching	International Freight Assistance Mechanism (IFAM)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How much of the budgeted \$1.2 billion is being directed towards continuing the IFAM scheme? Can you provide a breakdown of the take-up of the scheme? By: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Goods type Goods value Export markets Do you expect the scheme to extend beyond 30 September 2021? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	9	Kimberley Kitching	Nation Brand logo	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has a new logo been decided upon since August last year when the original one was abolished? Who is designing the new logo? What is the total cost to taxpayers of the Government's decision to scrap the original coronavirus design and coming up with a new one? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	10	Kimberley Kitching	Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) Scheme	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> If EMDG applicants don't have to supply expenditure projections, how will Austrade work out what reimbursement percentage to pay on applications, and manage its funding obligations? How is Austrade tracking with regard to claim processing? Will everything be in place to seamlessly transition to the new scheme in FY 2021-22? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	11	Kimberley Kitching	China	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many employees does Austrade have in China at the moment? Has this number increased, decreased or remained about the same over the past 18 months? Have the trade tensions with China affected the way Austrade has been able to do its job on the ground in China? Is Austrade considering diverting resources to markets with high potential for future growth in light of the problems being experienced in China? In which markets would Austrade like to increase its presence? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	12	Kimberley Kitching	Australia India Business Exchange (AIBX)	<p>The Australian Government has a range of initiatives to support Australian wine, agriculture and mining exporters to enter or increase their market share in India. Examples include: Australia's Australia India Business Exchange (AIBX), which aims to grow the two-way commercial relationship by helping exports access the latest opportunities, establish connections and success in the Indian market.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can you please describe the AIBX? Can you provide a framework, including targets or KPIs for the AIBX? How has Australia's trade to India grown since the creation of the AIBX? Can you outline the level of industry participation in the scheme? How many DFAT/Austrade staff work on the AIBX? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	13	Kimberley Kitching	Agribusiness Expansion Initiative	<p>The Agribusiness Expansion Initiative, which supports new one-on-one exporter support services, greater access to market intelligence and matched grants for government and industry associations to work together on market expansion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can you please describe the Agribusiness Expansion Initiative? Can you provide a framework, including targets or KPIs for the Agribusiness Expansion Initiative? How has Australia's trade to India grown since the creation of the Agribusiness Expansion Initiative? Can you outline the level of industry participation in the scheme? How many DFAT/Austrade staff work on the Agribusiness Expansion Initiative? 	Written	

Australian Trade and Investment Commission	14	Don Farrell	COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a breakdown of the outstanding exceptional circumstances claims for the both round one and two to date including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Either the value of each claim, or if not possible a break down of claims under tier b) What date the claim was lodged c) Whether the application is for round one or round two 2. Please provide a breakdown of all exceptional circumstance review claims for both round one and two, including those which have been resolved. In addition, please include <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Either the value of each claim, or if not possible a break down of claims under tier b) What date the claim was lodged c) What date the claim was finalised d) Whether the application is for round one or round two 3. As at the 8th of June, how many applications for businesses with G1 figures over the \$500,000 threshold are waiting to be assessed? 4. How many applications for businesses with G1 figures over the \$500,000 threshold are still waiting on a resolution? 5. How many applications for round one have been declined? If possible, please provide a breakdown of the reasons for the decline as well as the amount the claims were for. 6. How many applications for round two have been declined? If possible, please provide a breakdown of the reasons for the decline as well as the amount the claims were for. 7. What was the underspend in round one? 8. When the program was designed, how many claims were expected to be paid in round one? And what was the average payment expected to be paid in round one? What was the modelling for this program? 9. When reworking the program, how many claims were expected to be paid in round two? And what was the average payment expected to be paid in round two? What was the modelling for this program? 10. How many payments were made in round one and what was the average payment? 11. How many payments have been made to date in round two and what was the average payment? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	15	Don Farrell	COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When announcing the details of round two of the program, there was a commitment to looking at mid-sized agencies with multiple sites by single ABN's. What work has been undertaken to date? 2. What consultation has been undertaken with mid-sized agencies? 3. Will a process for mid-sized agencies require manually review like those applications over the \$500,000 threshold? If yes, will it be the same process or a different one? 4. Can you confirm if there was a glitch or technical issue for applications which were lodged on the 2nd of May? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, what happened? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many people were impacted? ii. What action has been taken as a result? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	16	Don Farrell	Business Events Grants Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please confirm how much has been spent to date out of the business events grant program? 2. How much has been committed but not yet spent? 3. Was the program closed for a period of time while the guidelines were tweaked? If yes, what date did it close and what date did it reopen? And were any decisions made around funding for participants while the fund was closed? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	17	Don Farrell	Supporting Australia's Exhibiting Zoos and Aquariums Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent from the \$94m allocated to the Zoos and Aquarium Grant Program? 2. How many rounds have been round? 3. Are any more planned? 4. How much has been spent in each round? 5. Has Austrade been in touch with previous applicants who haven't reapplied to find out why they haven't applied? If yes, what has been the feedback? 6. Have you made any recommendations to the Minister to wind up this program, either verbally or in writing? 7. Please provide a list of organisations which received funding and how much they received. 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	18	Don Farrell	Recovery for Regional Tourism program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide an update on what is happening with the Regional Tourism Recovery Program? 2. What activity has been undertaken in Tasmania? (a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available? 3. What activity has been undertaken in Western Australia? (a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available? 4. What activity has been undertaken in the Gold Coast? (a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available? (e) Has any work been undertaken with the Gold Coast to 	Written	

				<p>encourage applications given none had been received as of the previous round of Questions on Notice.</p> <p>5. What activity has been undertaken in Kangaroo Island? (a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>6. What activity has been undertaken in Lasseter and Alice Springs? (a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>7. What activity has been undertaken on the North Coast of NSW? (a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>8. What activity has been undertaken in the Phillip Island Region? (a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>9. What activity has been undertaken in Tropical North Queensland? (a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>10. What activity has been undertaken in the Whitsundays and Mackay Region? (a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>11. Which regions have received their full allocation of the funding?</p>		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	19	Don Farrell	Reimagining the Visitor Economy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide an update on the activity undertaken as a part of the Reimagining the Visitor Economy Strategy 2. How many submissions were received as a part of the public consultation? 3. If possible, please provide a list of who made submissions 4. Will the submissions be made public? If yes, when 5. When is the new strategy due? 6. What period will it cover? 7. How much funding has been provided to this strategy? 8. Will any of the Tourism 2030 work be utilised in this strategy? 9. Please detail what public consultations have been undertaken to date 10. Please provide details of any remuneration paid to panel members including amounts and contract length 11. What was the total cost of the Beyond 2020 strategy? 12. Please provide details of any remuneration paid to panel members / board members as a part of the Beyond 2020 strategy including amounts and contract length 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	20	Don Farrell	Tourism Research Australia - Publications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a timeline for all publications in 2020 and 2021 including day and month if possible. 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	21	Don Farrell	Tourism Research Australia - Administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can Tourism Research Australia please provide the following information in relation to Tourism Research Australia staffing numbers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many FTE b. A headcount c. A breakdown of APS salary bands and the number employed under each band 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	22	Don Farrell	Tourism Research Australia - Credit cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many department issued credit cards does Tourism Research Australia have? 2. How many department issued credit cards are allocated to staff within Tourism Research Australia? 3. As of 12 March 2020, how many staff within Tourism Research Australia have been provided with department issued credit cards? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a breakdown of the credit limits available on these cards 4. Of those credit cards issued to staff, have there been any instances of credit card fraud detected in the past financial year? If yes, how many? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	23	Don Farrell	Tourism Research Australia - Travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any international travel completed by Tourism Research Australia staff in the last financial year <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many individual staff travelled? b. What was the cost of this travel? c. Please provide as much detail as possible about the trips including outcomes 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	24	Don Farrell	Tourism staff - Travel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please detail any international travel completed by tourism staff within Austrade in the last financial year <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many individual staff travelled? b. What was the cost of this travel? c. Please provide as much detail as possible about the trips including outcomes 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	25	Don Farrell	Tourism - Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many dedicated tourism staff currently are employed within Austrade (separate from the Tourism Research Australia division)? Please provide both FTE and headcount. 	Written	

Australian Trade and Investment Commission	26	Don Farrell	Records Management	<p>1. Please provide an update on the progress to move Austrade to an electronic documents record management system</p> <p>i. What date will this be completed by?</p> <p>ii. How are records being kept in the interim</p> <p>iii. Is this on schedule?</p> <p>iv. What is the cost of this change?</p> <p>v. Why was the decision made to change the record management system?</p> <p>vi. Is the new system off the shelf or a custom build?</p> <p>vii. Who has been engaged to undertake this work?</p> <p>viii. Is this the same system used by Tourism Research Australia?</p>	Written
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	27	Don Farrell	Tourism Icons Program	<p>1. Please provide an update in relation to the work being completed as a part of the funding provided to Rottneest Island under the Tourism Icons program, including</p> <p>a) Has planning work been finalised? If not, when will it be complete? b) Has work commenced, if not when will it commence? c) How much has been spent to date? d) How much remains unspent? e) What is the expected completion date?</p> <p>2. Please provide an update in relation to the work being completed as a part of the funding provided to Sovereign Hill under the Tourism Icons program, including</p> <p>a) Has planning work been finalised? If not, when will it be complete? b) Has work commenced, if not when will it commence? c) How much has been spent to date? d) How much remains unspent? e) What is the expected completion date?</p> <p>3. Please provide an update in relation to the work being completed as a part of the funding provided to the Wangetti Trail under the Tourism Icons program, including</p> <p>a) Has planning work been finalised? If not, when will it be complete? b) Has work commenced, if not when will it commence? c) How much has been spent to date? d) How much remains unspent? e) What is the expected completion date?</p> <p>4. Please provide an update in relation to the work being completed as a part of the funding provided to the Northern Rivers Rail Trail under the Tourism Icons program, including a) Has planning work been finalised? If not, when will it be complete? b) Has work commenced, if not when will it commence? c) How much has been spent to date? d) How much remains unspent? e) What is the expected completion date?</p>	Written
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	28	Don Farrell	Cruise ships	<p>1. The Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment has advised there would be a mid June review of the ban of cruise ships (via the Human Biosecurity measures). Can you advise who is undertaking this work?</p> <p>2. What is the process for the review?</p> <p>3. What date is it expected to begin?</p> <p>4. What date is it due to be completed?</p> <p>5. Who is involved in the review?</p> <p>6. Will the review be made public? If so, when? If not, why not?</p>	Written
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	29	Sarah Hanson-Young	APPEA Conference - sponsorship / Business Events Grants	<p>1. Did the APPEA Conference 2021 receive funding from Austrade? If so, how much?</p> <p>If grants were provided to individual companies/conference attendees, who was a grant recipient and how much did they receive?</p>	Written
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	30	David Van	EMDG	<p>1. The First Tranche under the EMDG program for FY 2019-20 was set at \$100,000 to guarantee exporters their grant entitlement to that amount as response to COVID, what number in value and percentage terms of applicants were paid their grant entitlements in full or will be paid in full?</p> <p>2. Following up to the first question, what was the number of applicants, whose applications above \$100,000 in percentage terms, number and total value were not paid or will not be paid?</p> <p>3. When did the agency first become aware that all exporters for 2019/2020 would not be paid in full and why was choice made not to do so unlike the previous year?</p> <p>4. What proportion of 2019/20 claims will be assessed and finalised by the end of June?</p> <p>5. For FY 2020-21 the first tranche figure has been reduced from \$100,000 to \$30,000. In the prior 5 years it was \$40,000 - how was the \$30,000 figure determined?</p> <p>6. What would be the predicted impact on the EMDG budget if the initial grant payment ceiling was set at (say) \$50,000 or remained at \$100,000? Has Austrade undertaken modelling for the expected number of applicants for the 2020-21 year and the demand on the budget allocation?</p> <p>7. Why has the agency re-instated the Export Performance Test for the 2020/2021 year, when it was removed for the 2019/2020 year as a COVID response measure, and there is no export performance test for 2021/22 and beyond? Does the agency think it is business as usual for</p>	Written

				<p>SME exporters, that is back to pre-COVID levels?</p> <p>8. Is the introduction for 2020-21 of the Export Performance Test simply a cost cutting exercise to reduce the out flow of funds, with no regard to what is actually happening throughout the world?</p> <p>9. In future years if the new EMDG rules are simpler, why is the exporter required to undertake more steps to get their grant?</p> <p>10. The introduction of a 3-tiered system requires exporters to decide up to 3 years in advance how they plan to market overseas. In light of COVID, how can businesses be expected to do this? Getting this wrong could be a \$70k difference per year for 3 years between Tier 2 and Tier 3.</p> <p>11. How is entering into a funding agreement based on Tiers flexible for businesses?</p> <p>12. The draft guidelines suggest that applicants can only claim expenses in Tier 3 that relate to undertaking a strategic shift in their marketing. Does this mean that export marketing expenses in traditional markets that were eligible in Tiers 1 and 2 cannot be claimed in Tier 3?</p> <p>13. Will businesses be able to change Tiers throughout the financial year or the period of the funding agreement, if their circumstances change? Will they be able to alter their funding agreement to reflect their current situation or will they miss out on funding?</p> <p>14. To qualify under Tier 2 exporters need to be expanding their business overseas. What does "expanding" mean, as the draft guidelines do not provide</p>		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	31	Kristina Keneally	Executive management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	32	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	33	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>1. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	34	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p>	Written	

				g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	35	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	36	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	37	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	38	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	39	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 be provided including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	40	Kristina Keneally	Freedom of information	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and f. 2020-21 to date. 2. For each year above, please provide: a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 3. For each year above, please also provide: a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 4. For each year above, please also provide: a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the Oaic; and b. The number of times has the Oaic overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material. 5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and g. 2020-21 to date. 6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level. 8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office. 9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response. 10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and	Written	

				<p>b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	41	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	<p>1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</p> <p>b. The location and date of the briefing.</p> <p>c. Who proposed the briefing.</p> <p>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	42	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to 30 May 2021.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	43	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	44	Kristina Keneally	Market research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</p> <p>2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter</p> <p>b. Company</p> <p>c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p> <p>3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	45	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:</p> <p>a. When approval was first sought.</p> <p>b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</p> <p>c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</p> <p>3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	46	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	47	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	48	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any</p>	Written	

				<p>accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	49	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	50	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>	Written	
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Australian Trade and Investment Commission	52	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned reports and reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	53	Kristina Keneally	Board appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to 31 May 2021.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	54	Kristina Keneally	Appointments - briefs prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	

Australian Trade and Investment Commission	55	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	56	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	57	Kristina Keneally	Communications staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 2. By Department or agency: a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. d. How many are graphic designers. e. How many are media managers. f. How many organise events. 3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. a. If yes, why. b. When was it established. c. What is the set up cost. d. What is the ongoing cost. e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	58	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment. b. APS level. 2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	59	Kristina Keneally	CDDA payments	1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021? 2. How many claims were: a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. 3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	60	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. 2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	61	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021? 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.	Written	

Australian Trade and Investment Commission	62	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, 31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	63	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	64	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	65	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	66	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	67	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	68	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	<p>1 Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>2 Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	69	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	<p>1 Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2 Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 31 May 2021?</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	70	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	<p>1 Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2 Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 31 May 2021?</p>	Written	

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Agency	Q No	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page
Export Finance Australia	1	Kimberley Kitching	Budget 2019-2020	<p>Can you please clarify what type of expenditures make up the 'expense administered on behalf of the Government' for Export Finance Australia?</p> <p>Are you able to explain why the expense of EFA more than doubles from \$1,300,000 to \$3,677,000 within twelve months during the 2019-2020 financial year?</p> <p>Why does the expense of EFA increase from \$3,677,000 to \$5,250,000 within twelve months during the 2020-2021 year?</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	2	Kimberley Kitching	Budget 2020-2021	<p>Given the clear exponential growth in the expense of EFA over the last three years, are you able to explain why the expense has been estimated to drop next year and the years to come?</p> <p>The projection of the expense of EFA amounting to \$3,500,000 for the years from 2020-2025 was originally outlined in the 2020-2021 budget. Given that the 2021-2022 Budget provided the actual expense sum to be \$5,250,000 for the 2020-2021 financial year – why were these figures not re-evaluated in the 2021-2022 Federal Budget?</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	3	Kristina Keneally	Executive management	<p>In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The total number of executive management positions The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. The change in the number of executive manager positions. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. 	Written	
Export Finance Australia	4	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List of functions. List of all attendees. Function venue. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Details of any food served. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. Any available photographs of the function. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	
Export Finance Australia	5	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List of dates and types of meals. List of all attendees. Function venue. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Details of any food served. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. Any available photographs of the function. Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written	
Export Finance Australia	6	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> List of functions. List of all attendees. Function venue. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 	Written	

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Export Finance Australia	7	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
Export Finance Australia	8	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.	Written	
Export Finance Australia	9	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Export Finance Australia	10	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Export Finance Australia	11	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	12	Kristina Keneally	FOI	<p>Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14;</p> <p>b. 2014-15;</p> <p>c. 2015-16;</p> <p>d. 2016-17;</p> <p>e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and;</p> <p>f. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>For each year above, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full;</p> <p>b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part;</p> <p>c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and</p> <p>d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30-day statutory period; and</p> <p>b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and</p> <p>b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14;</p> <p>b. 2014-15;</p>	Written	

				<p>c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and; g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>		
Export Finance Australia	13	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	<p>Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	14	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to 30 May 2021. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	15	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	<p>Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	16	Kristina Keneally	Market research	<p>Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. d. Contract date period</p> <p>Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	17	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:</p> <p>a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</p> <p>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	18	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	<p>What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be</p>	Written	

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Export Finance Australia	20	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including: a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.	Written	
Export Finance Australia	21	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including: a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.	Written	
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Export Finance Australia	23	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Export Finance Australia	24	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned reports and reviews	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.	Written	

				<p>The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel.</p> <p>The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>		
Export Finance Australia	25	Kristina Keneally	Board appointments	<p>Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>a. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio.</p> <p>b. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to 31 May 2021.</p> <p>c. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>d. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>e. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	26	Kristina Keneally	Appointments - briefs prepared	<p>How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	27	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	<p>How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	28	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	29	Kristina Keneally	Communications staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	30	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	

Export Finance Australia	31	Kristina Keneally	CDDA payments	<p>How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration.</p> <p>Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	32	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	33	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<p>What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021? Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	34	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, 31 May 2021?</p> <p>How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary b. involuntary.</p> <p>How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	35	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	36	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	<p>For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	37	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	<p>For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	38	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<p>For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	39	Kristina Keneally	Public interest disclosures	<p>For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	40	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	<p>Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written	

Export Finance Australia	41	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 31 May 2021?	Written	
Export Finance Australia	42	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 31 May 2021?	Written	
Export Finance Australia	43	Don Farrell	Funding to Intrepid Travel	In relation to the \$30m provided to Intrepid Travel, can you please advise the following a. Where is this funding coming from? b. What work is being undertaken? c. When will the project begin? d. What is the timeline for the projects being undertaken? e. Are there KPI's or agreed milestones? If yes, please detail f. How were they selected?	Written	
Export Finance Australia	44	Janet Rice	Fossil Fuel Projects	What fossil fuel projects have you funded over the last decade? I note that there are two that are highlighted on your website, Senex and support for an LNG project in PNG.	Hansard	76
Export Finance Australia	45	Janet Rice	Fossil Fuel Projects	With that climate change risk assessment, are there projects that you don't fund because of their carbon emissions? Can you give me some examples—again, perhaps, take it on notice—where projects have been through your assessment and, because of their emissions intensity, you've decided not to help with financing them.	Hansard	76
Export Finance Australia	46	Janet Rice	Fossil Fuel Projects	I want to go back to what you took on notice in terms of the fossil fuel projects you've funded. Can you also include in that where there are projects that are actually supporting other fossil fuel based projects, so where we've got small contractors that are providing services to fossil fuel extraction projects?	Hansard	76
Export Finance Australia	47	Janet Rice	Fossil Fuel Projects	The other one I was interested in, more broadly than fossil fuels—and could you take it on notice—is projects where you've had mining projects and projects that support them in the Philippines, Sri Lanka and Indonesia.	Hansard	76

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Agency	Q No	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page
Tourism Australia	1	Don Farrell	CHE Proximity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What date was the contract signed with CHE Proximity? 2. Why were they selected for this contract? 3. Are there KPI's built into the contract? If yes, please detail 4. Has Tourism Australia engaged CHE Proximity previously? If yes, please detail previous contracts including date, duration, total cost, project name and outcomes 	Written	
Tourism Australia	2	Don Farrell	Youth market	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Tourism Australia undertaken or commissioned any research on how COVID has impacted the youth market? If yes, please provide summary of the impact. 2. Pre-COVID Australia was ranked fourth in desirability to visit, do we know what rank we have now? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	3	Don Farrell	Domestic Campaign Strategy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide the total number of staff by FTE and headcount who work exclusively on the domestic campaign? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	4	Don Farrell	Only in Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many unique listens has this podcast had now? 2. How is this tracking towards the target? 3. Has any further amplification been undertaken? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	5	Don Farrell	Administration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can Tourism Australia please provide the following information in relation to staffing numbers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many FTE b. A headcount c. A breakdown of APS salary bands and the number employed under each band 	Written	
Tourism Australia	6	Don Farrell	Credit Cards	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many department issued credit cards does Tourism Australia have? 2. How many department issued credit cards are allocated to staff within Tourism Australia? 3. As of 12th of March 2020, how many staff within Tourism Australia has been provided with department issued credit cards? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a breakdown of the credit limits available on these cards 4. Of those credit cards issued to staff, have there been any instances of credit card fraud detected in the past financial year? If yes, how many 	Written	
Tourism Australia	7	Don Farrell	Domestic Campaign	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide an overview of all domestic campaign elements underway, including those as a part of the Holiday Here This Year Campaign 2. Are you currently operating in every state and territory market? 3. On notice can you provide a breakdown of what activities are underway and the funding provided across each state and territory 4. Have any online influencers been engaged on domestic marketing activities? If yes, please provide details of who is it with, the value of the contract and what KPI's have been built into the contracts 	Written	
Tourism Australia	8	Don Farrell	International Marketing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide an overview of all current international marketing campaigns 2. What work is being undertaken in our largest market, China? 3. How do you measure pent up demand in our top five markets? 4. Have any online influencers been engaged on international marketing activities? If yes, please provide details of who is it with, the value of the contract and what KPI's have been built into the contracts 	Written	
Tourism Australia	9	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. 	Written	
Tourism Australia	10	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. 	Written	

				<p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
Tourism Australia	11	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>1. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	12	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	13	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	<p>1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	14	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment.</p> <p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	15	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	<p>1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	16	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	<p>1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	17	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	

Tourism Australia	18	Kristina Keneally	FOI	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and; f. 2020-21 to date. 2. For each year above, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>3. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>4. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material. 5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and; g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	19	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	<p>1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	

Tourism Australia	20	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to 30 May 2021.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	21	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	22	Kristina Keneally	Market research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</p> <p>2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter</p> <p>b. Company</p> <p>c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p> <p>3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	23	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:</p> <p>a. When approval was first sought.</p> <p>b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</p> <p>c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</p> <p>3. Can an itemised list of all AusTender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	24	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all AusTender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	25	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	26	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	27	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p>	Written	

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Tourism Australia	28	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	29	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	<p>1. What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	30	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	31	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to 31 May 2021.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	32	Kristina Keneally	Appointments – briefs prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	33	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	<p>1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	34	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the</p>	Written	

				<p>department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p>		
Tourism Australia	35	Kristina Keneally	Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	36	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	37	Kristina Keneally	CDDA Payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p> <p>b. The date payment was made</p> <p>c. The decision maker.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	38	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	39	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	40	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020, 31 May 2021?</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	

Tourism Australia	41	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	42	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	43	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	44	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	45	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	46	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	47	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 31 May 2021?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	48	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 31 May 2021?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	49	Don Farrell	CHE Proximity	<p>Ms Harrison : Yes. We appointed CHE Proximity to do a retail campaign for us to support the TANS program. The work that they came up with was 'half-price flights, full-on holiday'.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: How were they selected?</p> <p>Ms Harrison : They were selected through a tender process. I'd probably have to take the details of that on notice, but they were selected through a limited tender process.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Limited tender, what does that mean?</p> <p>Ms Harrison : I'll take the exact process on notice, but we did go through proper channels for that one.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: I'm just reading from their public website, where they say they 'uncover all traces of human data'. These are their words. I am just wondering—</p> <p>Ms Harrison : They're a marketing agency. What can I say?</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: You don't know how they acquire that?</p> <p>Ms Harrison : I would have to take it on notice and ask them.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: If you could. You don't seem to know a lot about this particular contract. Is there somebody here that does know more about it?</p> <p>Ms Harrison : I will take on notice that contract. It was tendered by our chief marketing officer, who is not here, and our head of procurement, who is also not here.</p>	Hansard	109-110
Tourism Australia	50	Don Farrell	BDA Marketing Planning	<p>Senator FARRELL:...I'd like to discuss your contract with BDA Marketing Planning, which was published on AusTender on 6 April. Can you explain why this contract, which began on 15 May 2020, wasn't published until April 2021?</p> <p>Ms Harrison : I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: You can't think of any reason why there was that length—</p> <p>Ms Harrison : BDA are a longstanding supplier of ours. They do our consumer demand project, which is a longitudinal study into consumer behaviour across all of our markets. So we have been working with them for a long time. We just went and retendered that business, and BDA Marketing won it again. The time between the contract being awarded and being published—I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: There is a requirement for it to be published within 42 days. Is there any particular reason you can think of why that rule wasn't complied with?</p> <p>Ms Harrison : I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: This contract was also listed as a limited tender because its system added value was under the procurement threshold of \$400,000. However, the contract value has been listed at \$900,000. Do you know why there's that difference?</p> <p>Ms Harrison : I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	110

Tourism Australia	51	Don Farrell	Partnerships	<p>Senator FARRELL: Of the 13 partnerships you undertook, which one had the highest return on investment?</p> <p>Ms Harrison : I'll take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Okay. Thank you.</p>	Hansard	111
Tourism Australia	52	Concetta Fierravanti- Wells	Domestic tourism	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Recently I was watching a program, and there was a person—I can't remember his name—who said that 60 per cent of Queensland's tourism, pre-COVID, was actually from domestic sources. Considering that a lot of noise has been made in relation to overseas tourism, could you give us some statistics, and, if you can't, could you give them to us on notice? I'd be most interested to see our total tourist numbers and, as a percentage, how much is domestic tourism.</p> <p>Ms Harrison : Domestic tourism is larger than international tourism. It's about 70 per cent across the board. It varies state by state. Some states have higher domestic tourism, like WA, which, I think, is up to something like 90 per cent. I will take it on notice so that I can give you the exact amount, but two-thirds of our visitor economy is domestic. That's correct.</p>	Hansard	112

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Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	1	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	2	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	3	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>1. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	4	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	5	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	<p>1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	6	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment.</p>	Written	

				<p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.</p>		
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	7	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	8	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	9	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	10	Kristina Keneally	FOI	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14;</p> <p>b. 2014-15;</p> <p>c. 2015-16;</p> <p>d. 2016-17;</p> <p>e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and;</p> <p>f. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>2. For each year above, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full;</p> <p>b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part;</p> <p>c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and</p> <p>d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>3. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and</p> <p>b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>4. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the Oaic; and</p> <p>b. The number of times has the Oaic overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14;</p> <p>b. 2014-15;</p> <p>c. 2015-16;</p> <p>d. 2016-17;</p> <p>e. 2018-19;</p> <p>f. 2019-20, and;</p> <p>g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these</p>	Written	

				requests that are currently overdue in response. 10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. 11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).		
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	11	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	12	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	13	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	14	Kristina Keneally	Market research	1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021 d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	15	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 May 2021. 2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline. 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	16	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. 2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided. 3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	17	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 May 2021. 2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	18	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including: a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.	Written	

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Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	19	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	20	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	21	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	<p>What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	22	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	23	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	24	Kristina Keneally	Appointments – briefs prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	25	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	26	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021., a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	27	Kristina Keneally	Communications staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 2. By Department or agency: a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. d. How many are graphic designers. e. How many are media managers. f. How many organise events. 3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. a. If yes, why. b. When was it established. c. What is the set up cost. d. What is the ongoing cost. e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	28	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment. b. APS level. 2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	29	Kristina Keneally	CDDA Payments	1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021,? 2. How many claims were: a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. 3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	30	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. 2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	31	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021., 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.	Written	

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	32	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020-31 December and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	33	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	34	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	35	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	36	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, , and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	37	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, and 1 January 2021-31 May 2021, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	38	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	39	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 31 May 2021</p>	Written	
Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research	40	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 31 May 2021</p>	Written	