

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
QUESTIONS ON NOTICE—ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, 1 MARCH 2017
Department of Defence

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| 1. | FARRELL | Middle East coalition – nature of contributions by countries | <p>Senator FARRELL: The minister mentioned additional countries. You have talked about the variety of contributions you can make. Have those new countries also been actually providing military forces or are they countries that are supplying financial contributions?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Some of them do; some of them don't. We will take on notice to provide, as is available publicly, a list for the committee. [Defence tabled a list of countries, but not the breakdown between military force and financial contribution]</p> | 12 | SP&I | 15/05/17 | |
| 2. | FAWCETT | Adequate funding for force and infrastructure in being | <p>Senator FAWCETT: Thank you. Can I also take you to table 12, which is for resources across the department. It is a fairly broad question. You obviously have an incremental increase in funding against each of the outcomes over the forward estimates. I take you back to the work done by Pappas, where he was trying to quantify cost growth pressures for existing assets, personnel and equipment as well as allowing for new acquisition. I am happy for you to take this on notice. I am just wondering if you can give the committee an understanding of how much of Pappas's work has been included in this to make sure that the force in being and the infrastructure in being is adequately funded in these increases to make sure they are sustained at a suitable level of readiness and capability as well as, obviously, funding for new measures that are coming in?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Just to clarify, Senator, are you in 1.5, table 12?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: This is page 33 of the budget statement, table 12.</p> <p>Senator Payne: There is actually a summary for program 1.4, Air Force capabilities.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: No, this is page 33, table 12. It is entitled, 'Total Budgeted Resources Available for Outcome 1'.</p> <p>Mr Prior: Of the additional estimates document?</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: No, this is the portfolio budget statement, not additional estimates.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I just wanted to make sure we were all working from the same table 12.</p> | 14 | CFO | 25/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>Senator FAWCETT: That is fine. This was not updated as part of the additional estimates.</p> <p>Mr Prior: We can have a look at that and take it on notice.</p> | | | | |
| 3. | CARR | APS Indigenous recruitment and retention | <p>Senator KIM CARR: That was the point I was going to. It has been put to me that while you are recruiting quite successfully, retention is a more complex problem.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: It is. But any suggestion that we are simply replacing the people who leave is sheer nonsense. Three years ago 0.7 per cent of the APS workforce were Indigenous. Today it is two per cent.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is there an exit interview process for people leaving the service?</p> <p>Ms Kelley: We are looking at a number of strategies for improving our retention. Some of that is looking at career development opportunities and progression, improving our supervisor awareness and support, and cultural awareness. I will let Justine clarify whether we are actually doing exit interviews at the moment.</p> <p>Ms Greig: With the increase in the number of Indigenous trainees, which has been particularly high in the last year or so, as the secretary mentioned, we certainly work very closely with the trainees. If we start to get any indicators with this group that they may not be comfortable, happy, challenged or enjoying the workplace, we take a close interest. For those in that group that we have unfortunately lost for whatever reason, we have worked closely with them all the way through from commencement right to when they decide or elect to leave the organisation. We do put particular focus on the trainee group. They are a young group. They have different driving factors to many other parts of the workforce. So whilst they are not formal exit interviews, we do it in a more individualised fashion.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So how many people who you have recruited have subsequently left?</p> <p>Ms Greig: I think we would rather come back to you with the exact numbers.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Okay.</p> <p>Ms Greig: It is important also to break that down in terms of who from that trainee group we have done a lot of work with, to try and really look at what it is that we can do further to support, versus other cohorts or groups in the department.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. I appreciate that.</p> | 16 | DPG | 20/04/17 | 11/05/17 |
| 4. | CARR | Funding cap for Defence | <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you for that. I will put a series of questions on notice to get a breakdown of the changes. That will cover the issue rather than go through that level of detail. The article reported that you were considering</p> | 17 | CFO | 20/04/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| | | contractors | <p>capping the amount of money Defence could spend on consultants after the numbers nearly doubled in less than a year.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: No, contractors nearly doubled. I did not say that consultants nearly doubled.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So that was just a mistake by the reporter?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Well, I did not talk to the reporter, so whoever spoke to the reporter made a mistake.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: They got it wrong. Okay. Is it the case that you are intending to cap the amount of money that is available for contractors?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: No, for consultants. We can control contractors through numbers. With consultants, the best way to control it is through money. The Defence committee took a decision earlier this week to reduce the money available to consultants from 1 July this year—that is, next financial year—by 10 per cent.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: About how much is that?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I would need to take that on notice.</p> | | | | |
| 5. | MOORE | PM&C and DFAT inter-Departmental committee on sustainable development goals | <p>Senator MOORE: Mr Richardson, I think this is a question for you. I am following up with various departments about the role that they are playing in the government's response of the sustainable development goals. I want to know whether your department is involved in the very large inter-departmental committee that has been set up by PM&C and DFAT, which is pulling together the whole cross-government response. I want to know whether Defence is part of that.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I am sorry. I do not know the answer to that. Is that domestically oriented?</p> <p>Senator MOORE: It is both. That is why I would have thought your department would have had a role.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: If it is domestically orientated, it could be that the estate and infrastructure area is involved.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I am happy to put it on notice, Mr Richardson. My understanding is that they have two committees at the deputy secretary level. Particularly with the wide ranging role of Defence, that would be great.</p> | 23 | SP&I | 21/04/17 | 11/05/17 |
| 6. | CARR | Number of Defence contracts with Aurecon Australia | <p>Senator KIM CARR: I might turn to the Aurecon tenders. There are 140 contracts with Aurecon Australasia. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: I am not aware of that. We will have to take that on notice. Even within my group we sign in excess of 16,000 contracts a year. To ask for a specific company and the breakdown, a lot of these companies do work across groups and across the whole of Defence. As you have seen with Serco they are working in the VCDF area, they are working in the estate area and they are</p> | 24 | CASG | 4/05/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| | | | working in my area. We are happy to take that on notice and get you a whole-of-Defence response. | | | | |
| 7. | CARR | Nature of employment and cost of naval architects in Defence | <p>Senator KIM CARR: We will come back to that. There might be more questions later in the day.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Senator, Mr Johnson is here if you want to go back to the naval architect.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, please.</p> <p>Mr Johnson: Defence has approximately six qualified naval architects working within the submarine group, though six architects are shared between the Future Submarine program and the Collins sustainment work. The need for naval architects and other submarine technical specialties including structural engineers and mechanical engineers is increasing as the design work for the Future Submarine program begins. A recruitment action is already underway to engage more naval architects and structural engineers. We do have a seventh person, who is an intern, but I do not think they would qualify in the context of your question. We have an intern, a recent graduate, who is working at ASC.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So there are six naval architects. Are they all contractors or are they employed through the APS?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: I think technically they are contractors. They are working on behalf of the government. I can give you a more precise answer if I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. In regard to the cost of these, it has been put to me that the reported cost is about \$25 million per annum. Would that be an accurate reflection of the cost?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: The cost for what?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: These particular contractors through the technical office.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Rather than guessing at that, I think I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: And I can certainly say it would not be \$25 million for six naval architects—no way.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I was surprised when I saw the figure, but you are saying that it cannot be right. So what is the cost and what do the costs relate to? Is it the cost for travel? What is the nature of the costs?</p> <p>Senator Payne: We will provide you with a detailed response on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. You will also tell me if the APS could actually employ them?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: Yes.</p> | 24-25 | CASG | 24/05/17 | |
| 8. | CARR | Nature of | Senator KIM CARR: I would have thought it was a capability that the | 25 | CASG | 4/05/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| | | Aurecon contracts and staff location | <p>defence department could actually use. If I can return to the Aurecon contracts. I am told that there are 140 of them worth \$33 million. Many of these contracts actually refer to project management. Is that the case?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: If you could. I would be interested in how many of the staff involved in that are Aurecon staff, departmental staff or ADF staff. What is the breakdown in terms of those arrangements? Can you provide this advice now?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: As Mr Gillis said earlier, Aurecon, a big engineering capable company, is used across Defence. Certainly in my world of estate and infrastructure, we use them in their capacity as an engineering management company for some of our infrastructure projects. If we are looking for a response from the department it will be a cross-departmental response.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Are they operating out of defence department facilities?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: I do not actually know. That could happen from time to time. But most of the time they would be, I think, operating from their own offices or indeed on sites.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: Yes.</p> | | w/E&IG | | |
| 9. | CARR | Ministerial media advisors | <p>Senator KIM CARR: Minister, how many media advisers do you have in your office?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Two.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you provide us with advice on what levels of classification they are at?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I will provide that on notice, yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How many media advisers does Minister Pyne have?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I will provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Again, can you provide level and classification?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: And Assistant Minister Tehan?</p> <p>Senator Payne: It is Minister Tehan—he is Minister for Defence Personnel.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: My apologies. Can you provide classification and levels for them?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is it the same as they had for [inaudible] as well?</p> <p>Senator Payne: No, I do not believe so, but I will check that.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Has there been any increase in the value relating to the numbers of media advisers meeting in ministerial offices?</p> | 26 | MECC | 24/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>Senator Payne: Increase in the value?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The value in the contracts.</p> <p>Senator Payne: They are very valuable people, if that is what you mean.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: They are—in terms of cost to service those people.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Not that I am aware of, Senator.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can we have the costs of the operations of those offices, please?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes.</p> | | | | |
| 10. | CARR | Defence comms branch staffing | <p>Senator KIM CARR: There is a question that has arisen in regard to the communications branch. I am wondering if you can tell me what the staffing levels are of the communications branch in the department.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Has there been any change since 1 July?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Since 1 July this year? No.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is it the case in this department that the communications branch is part of the executive coordination unit or are they a separate bunch?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: It is part of—it is a branch within Ms Crome's division, which is called Ministerial and Executive Coordination and Communication.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can I have the numbers, please?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Sure.</p> | 26 | MECC | 22/05/17 | |
| 11. | CARR | Media advisors | <p>Senator KIM CARR: I just want to make sure I get the right designation. In regard to the Defence media, the department has a separate unit entirely for Defence media?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We have a communications branch and there are some media advisers elsewhere in the organisation.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How many are there?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I will need to take that on notice.</p> | 27 | MECC | 4/05/17 | 11/05/17 |
| 12. | CARR | Media requests and ministerial correspondence return rates | <p>Senator KIM CARR: I want to go to this issue because there are substantive policy questions that arise from this. It is not just a question of whether or not journalists are happy with the treatment they get. It relates specifically to another aspect of the communications work and that is in regard to correspondence, which then can blow up into significant matters of public interest. Do you have a target time on the response to ministerial correspondence? In terms of responding, how long does it take? How does that work?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We do. Ms Crome will respond.</p> <p>Ms Crome: Routine correspondence we seek to turn around within 10 business days.</p> | 27-28 | MECC | 24/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>Senator KIM CARR: What do you regard as routine?</p> <p>Ms Crome: General correspondence from members of the public on routine matters. I am sorry; it is a bit vague.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What about non-routine? What is the benchmark there?</p> <p>Ms Crome: It will depend on the issue. If it is identified as urgent correspondence, we will seek to turn it around within 24 to 48 hours.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to tell me how often you have met the targets?</p> <p>Ms Crome: I would have to take that one on notice.</p> | | | | |
| 13. | CARR | CDF letter to Panglima | <p>Senator KIM CARR: So you are saying it did not happen?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: No, he wrote to me in response to a letter I had written to him when it became apparent that we had had an issue with the language training in WA. I will get the exact dates of the correspondence, but that was the general flow.</p> | 28 | SP&I | 15/05/17 | |
| 14. | FAWCETT | ADF workforce targets and skills | <p>Senator FAWCETT: On the ADF workforce, the comment in the PBS was that it was under the funded strength when the funded strength was 59,209. But now the workforce would grow to 62,400. I am just wanting to get an indication as to—it is early in that period, but are we on track to move toward that 62,400?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: I will get the exact details, but a lot of that growth is in relation to projects that come online as well and then also some growth in our cyber workforce. I can get you an update offline on that. I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I also have the same question I asked the secretary in terms of analysing where the actual skills requirement is versus an audit of where your skills capability currently sits and closing the gaps. Can we get an update on that as well?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: Okay. You remember from the white paper that there was a reinvestment of a number as well, where we did need to reskill to move them into new areas. That obviously will take a longer period as well.</p> | 29-30 | DPG | 12/05/17 | |
| 15. | LUDLAM | Palazzo report on Iraq war | <p>Senator LUDLAM: What strategic objectives did Australia achieve through its involvement in that war?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: I think if we go back into that we could be here all day. I am happy to take all of that on notice and provide those details to you.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay. If you are taking matters on notice, can you tell us what the total spend of Australian military operations in the Iraq War from 2003 to 2010 was?</p> | 36 | VCDF | 15/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: We can do that. We can give you a list.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: And the total number of casualties on all sides of that conflict.</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: On all sides?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes.</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: We will take that on notice.</p> | | | | |
| 16. | FARRELL | Power requirements at Osborne shipyard, including supplementary | <p>Senator FARRELL: So this was quite a general investigation into Osborne's capacity?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: There was a specific requirement to actually redesign a shipyard and to work with local South Australian companies and naval architecture firms to actually build a new infrastructure for South Australia.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Was one of the issues that they were looking at supplementary power generation at Osborne?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: A part of their design was to look at all of the infrastructure, a part of which is the power requirements.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Was that specifically mentioned in the tender?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Power requirements certainly were. I recall that.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: In particular a supplementary power source?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I do not know the answer to that.</p> | 39 | CASG | 24/05/17 | |
| 17. | FARRELL | Problems with power supply at Osborne | <p>Senator FARRELL: But nobody has mentioned to you that there has been a problem with power source at Osborne?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: Not directly to me, but that may have happened. I am not aware of it.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Could you make an inquiry?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: Yes, Senator.</p> | 39-40 | CASG | 25/05/17 | |
| 18. | FARRELL | Advice on power supply to ASC | <p>Senator FARRELL: Before you gave the minister some advice, did you contact ASC about their power issues if there were any?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: Personally not, but I know that I have a number of naval commodores who work very closely with ASC who would have had those sorts of discussions. But I am not aware of those specifics.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: They would have had those discussions on 8 February?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: The response came back from one of my navy commodores. I do not know whether he actually had a discussion with ASC directly on that date.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: So the request comes in from the minister. What was the specific question that the minister was asking?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: I actually do not have that specific question. I have the response.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Are you able to get that question for us?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: I can take that on notice.</p> | 40 | CASG | 25/05/17 | |

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| 19. | CARR | Leidos IT contract with Defence | <p>Senator KIM CARR: How many jobs in Australia will it support?</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: In terms of how many Leidos have within their operation?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes.</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: Much as the secretary explained earlier, within our service provision contracts we contract for a service. Leidos resource their contract to meet the service levels we require.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So how many, do you know?</p> <p>Senator Payne: We can find out for you.</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: We can get a more accurate number.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I would be interested to know how many are employed by Leidos onshore and how many offshore.</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: Yes, we can certainly help with that.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You are saying, though, that the department cannot undertake that work now?</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: We would no longer have the skills to do that.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: But you used to.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to tell me what areas of skill were identified through this contract which are crucial to the maintenance of this service?</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: I am sorry—can you clarify?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What categories of people do you actually need to run a service of this type?</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: A lot of the people we need are the deep, technical system engineering, database administrators et cetera to run services of that nature.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I presume you will be able to identify key personnel that are required?</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: In terms of on the contractor side?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes.</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you tell me what they are or who they are?</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: In terms of names or in terms of—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes. I would seek that information on notice.</p> <p>Dr Lawrence: I will take that on notice and see what we can provide.</p> | 42 | CIOG | 22/05/17 | |
| 20. | CARR | Employment of Mr Jack Walker by Leidos | <p>Senator KIM CARR: It is nothing to do with the department. Minister, are you able to advise what role Minister Pyne had in the employment of Mr Walker by this contractor?</p> <p>Senator Payne: None that I am aware of.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So no references were written?</p> <p>Senator Payne: None that I am aware of.</p> | 44 | OMDIND | 4/05/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| | | | <p>Senator KIM CARR: I ask the question of you. Are you able to make yourself aware of these matters—whether or not there had been any contact—</p> <p>Senator Payne: I can certainly take your questions on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Is it possible that you could make inquiries over the lunch break on that matter?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I will endeavour to.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I am particularly interested to know what contact there was with your colleague Minister Pyne and the contractor.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Thank you.</p> | | | | |
| 21. | XENOPHON | Australian industry and Australian steel development plan draft documents | <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am very happy to get that information. I want to tie it back into this important context. The contract has a couple of deliverables—an Australian industry capability plan and an Australian steel development plan. Interestingly, President Trump made all sorts of announcements just a few minutes ago about using steel on American projects. Drafts of these documents were due at the effective date of contract plus two months, with finals due at effective date of contract plus five months and effective date of contract six months respectively. That is for the industry capability plan and the steel development plan. Can you please advise what these documents say? Can you provide a copy of these to the committee in terms of Australian steel being used in these projects and the Australian industry capability plan?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: As you know, the Prime Minister announced that future submarines will be built with Australian steel. The specifications for that in terms of the future submarine are in development right now. We reviewed the status of the approach to qualifying vendors in Australia to provide steel of that nature as recently as last week. That work is going forward in a robust manner. Similarly, we are in the process of reviewing those deliverables for the Australian engagement with industry by both Lockheed Martin and DCNS. Those two are robust plans and they will come forth in due course.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I will just add to that. Given that the government's clear goal is to maximise Australian industry involvement, I wanted to, if I can, take you through what is underway. We have 452 companies who have registered interest with DCNS. They are working with 176 companies now to qualify them as potential suppliers. They have released over 726 requests for information to those companies. They have prequalified 39 Australian companies as potential suppliers. Mr Johnson referred earlier to the education sector engagement. They have collaborated with Australian universities and research institutions to establish a framework for centres of excellence in terms of submarine development. So a good example of that would be the Australian Maritime Innovation Centre in Victoria. They have established a</p> | 48-49 | CASG | 26/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>direct research and development collaboration framework with the University of New South Wales. The innovation seminars, which I think Mr Johnson also referred to, have been conducted, of course, in Adelaide but also in Melbourne and Fremantle. That is just in relation to the submarine. There is more to say in relation to the combat system with Lockheed Martin, if you want me to take you through that.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I am grateful for that. I asked a specific question. Drafts of these documents were due at the effective date of contract plus two months, and the finals were due at effective date of contract plus five months and effective date of contract plus six months respectively. Can the committee be provided with a copy of these documents appropriately redacted if there are any matters of commercial in confidence?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: But it goes to the level of Australian industry involvement. I would have thought that does not—</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I am simply saying that I would need to take on notice the answer to your question. I am not trying to prejudge an answer.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Right. I would have thought that these are matters that would be in the public interest and ought to be on the public record.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I simply need to take them on notice.</p> | | | | |
| 22. | XENOPHON | Australian and French jobs created through the design and mobilisation contract | <p>Senator XENOPHON: Just in relation to that, very quickly, how many new jobs will be created in Australia as a result of the signing of the design and mobilisation contract? In contrast, how many new jobs will be created in France as a result of the signing of the design and mobilisation contract? There are some rumours within defence circles that it is about a thousand jobs in France. Are there any figures that you can tell us about Australian jobs, and what is your knowledge of any French jobs created?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: French jobs we would need to take on notice.</p> <p>Mr Johnson: Our original estimates provided to this committee last year remain accurate. They are 1,100 direct support jobs and about 1,700 related to the submarine construction, its combat system and that sort of thing, for a total of 2,800. That is a peak number that we are building towards.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: I really want to go to an issue of power supplies at Techport. I just want to ask one more question.</p> <p>CHAIR: We have been dealing with power supplies.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Okay. You have been dealing with the issue. Could you tell us how many jobs were created in Australia as a result of the signing of the design and mobilisation contract at that stage?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: I will take that on notice and give you an accurate figure.</p> | 49 | CASG | 24/05/17 | |

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| 23. | XENOPHON | Submarine task ready days at sea | <p>Senator XENOPHON: Thank you. We heard from ASC yesterday that they are achieving the required goals in terms of mature ready days. In fact, it is going above the benchmarks, which is terrific. Can you advise me whether Navy is achieving its goals in terms of task ready days? That is, of those task ready days in percentage terms, how many of those are being spent at sea? If you need to take it on notice, Vice Admiral, I am happy for you to do so.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Barrett: To answer the first part of your question, yes. To actually clarify those specific dates, I will need to take that on notice.</p> | 50 | Navy | 20/04/17 | 11/05/17 |
| 24. | XENOPHON | Collins class sustainment costs | <p>Senator XENOPHON: In a question to the minister tabled in the Senate, question on notice 232, I asked what the current cost of Collins sustainment is. I know the Senate has been following these costs for a number of years. The costs of operating Collins rose steeply over the period 2008 to 2013. The Coles review resulted in the transformation, of course, of those Collins sustainment costs. The numbers provided to me for this year—\$979 million—in the next few years suggests that it is not the case. Are we actually on a trajectory of lower sustainment costs or increased sustainment costs? My assumption was that the costs would fall as a result of the Coles review. Why does it appear that the cost is not falling, or have I misinterpreted the figures?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I do not have a copy of that answer in front of me. Can I take that on notice and I will get back to you with some details?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Of course.</p> | 50 | CASG | 22/05/17 | |
| 25 | KITCHING | Jobs created in Australia and France from the DCNS contract | <p>Senator KITCHING: Could you look at the percentage of the jobs being created in Australia and those being created in France, particularly at Cherbourg? If you look at, I think, the Elysee Palace press releases, you will see that the job figures are slightly different from Minister Pyne's announcements. It certainly was widely reported in the French media that the jobs that would be created at the headquarters in Cherbourg are quite significant. So I would be interested in the percentage of those jobs.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Sure. We will provide the figures that have been asked for. I simply note that if an Australian company won a contract anywhere in the world worth tens of billions of dollars, I imagine you would also be concerned that there might be some jobs created in Australia. DCNS has won a contract worth some tens of billions of dollars. I would be amazed if they did not have some jobs created in France.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What they are saying about it—</p> <p>Mr Richardson: So inevitably you are going to have jobs created in both countries. We will provide answers to the questions that we have taken on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: In one of the Elysee Palace press releases, it says that</p> | 51 | CASG *note Q22 | 22/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>there are going to be thousands of jobs created. Of course, they were, as you say, equally as excited about the contract.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Sure.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: And I think the term they used is 'marriage', that they are married to the Australian Defence Force, which is very nice and very French in its romanticism. But I would be interested in the percentages of the jobs.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: And, shock horror, Senator, we are actually going to have some Australians moving to France—</p> <p>CHAIR: Oh, my God!</p> <p>Mr Richardson: to work on the future submarines. Now that is an interesting question. Should any Australians be allowed overseas to work in a foreign country? We are going to have French men and French women coming to Australia to work on the submarines. So we are going to have a lot of movement, and we will get the answer to your question.</p> | | | | |
| 26. | FARRELL | Director remuneration – Centre for Defence Industry Capability | <p>Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us what former senator Johnson's annual director's fee is?</p> <p>Senator Payne: It would be the same as everybody else's. I will take that on notice and we will come back to you.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Thank you. Can you tell us—</p> <p>Mr Richardson: It is set by the Remuneration Tribunal, so it is the same for all the directors.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: But there are different rates.</p> <p>Senator Payne: We will come back and tell you...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: ... Is former senator Johnson entitled to claim expenses as a director?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Mr Johnson, yes.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Only those that are allowable by the Remuneration Tribunal.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Do you happen to know what they are?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: If he is allowed any extra expenses, can you tell us how much he has claimed from the time of his appointment?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Sure.</p> | 54-55 | SP&I | 25/05/17 | |
| 27. | RHIANNON | Defence site PFOS/PFAS contamination – PR staff | <p>Senator RHIANNON: Minister, have you hired additional media or public relations staff or consultants who cover that area to manage the contamination at Williamstown and the contamination issue generally at other bases?</p> <p>Senator Payne: In my personal office?</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Within the department. The question was to manage the contamination issues at Williamstown.</p> | 57 | E&IG | 24/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>Senator Payne: I will ask the deputy secretary of the estate and infrastructure group to come to the table.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: The way we are managing public relations and the interactions we have with the community in the main is through our own people. We have a lot of community reference group meetings out at the various sites that we are engaged in. We do that ourselves. That is the main mechanism for our engagement. We do have some people back in the office who would be helping us with the messages we need to be getting across to people, as would other departments engaged in the process—for example, the Department of Health.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: You used the term 'in the main'. Does that mean that you have hired PR, or public relations, staff or consultants to help in that area?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: I would have to check. I would have to take that on notice in detail. We may have some people who have been helping us with messaging for that. It may be that other departments are doing that as well, but I would have to go and look in detail just to confirm.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: So you can take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: I can.</p> | | | | |
| 28. | RHIANNON | <p>Voluntary blood testing for contamination areas</p> <p>** For Dept of Health**</p> | <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. This is the Department of Health, but you have probably been involved. I am referring here to the voluntary blood testing program. I was hoping that you could also explain this. What it states in the first paragraph is that it is being offered to people who live or work, or who have lived or worked, in Williamstown and Oakey. Why only those two areas?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: It was a decision made at the time of the announcement that these were the areas we were heavily engaged with. So the current scope of blood testing is for Williamstown and Oakey areas. As you are aware, they are the areas in which we are the most advanced in terms of having concluded significant environmental studies, significant ecological studies and significant human health risk assessment studies. So that is the position at the moment. The blood tests are available, again, through the primary health care network.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: But that becomes illogical at that point. Just because you have conducted most of the tests there does not mean that that is where you should be giving the free tests to people who have lived or worked there.</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: Our blood test is something that has evolved throughout this process. It was not something that was at the beginning of the process. So the Department of Health has the lead on the blood tests.</p> | 58-59 | E&IG | 26/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>Senator RHIANNON: But it has only evolved because—let us be frank—the department has come under enormous pressure. At first there was a lot of resistance to doing it. Is it because Williamstown and Oakey have more active communities? At the moment, there is not a logical reason why you are only doing it for two communities and it is not happening in the other communities.</p> <p>Senator Payne: If you recall—and you have obviously been part of the inquiry on these issues—there were community requests for blood testing in those areas. It is important to note that in both those areas exposure pathways have been established and identified by the testing process that Mr Grzeskowiak refers to, which is a part of the health evidentiary process. It is being run by the Department of Health, but of course if the government is approached by other communities who are concerned and who wish to explore that, then that would be considered from the Department of Health's perspective. It is not being administered by the Department of Defence.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: But, even on that, the Department of Defence has admitted total liability here. You have never questioned that. That has been good, and we have thought we were getting somewhere at that point. You talk about exposure pathways, but how you have answered that question, Minister, is again putting the responsibility back on the local people to come forward to request. We have just heard evidence that often people are reluctant. They do not know about the chemicals. They are not sure. Some of them do not even know they are exposed. Should not the government, having admitted total responsibility, be proactive with these communities, at least providing them with the voluntary blood testing?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Well, it is a matter for the Department of Health. If you want me to take that on notice to seek the advice of the health minister, I will.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. Please take that on notice.</p> | | | | |
| 29. | KITCHING | Progress report on Defence contamination and remediation | <p>Senator KITCHING: Minister or Mr Richardson, could you commit to a progress report, perhaps, on the contamination and the remediation process? Is that possible?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Indeed. We have a lot of work that has been done by the defence department with regard to our own sites where remediation has commenced. We would be happy to provide an update on that on notice.</p> | 61 | E&IG | 24/05/17 | |
| 30. | KAKOSCHKE-MOORE | Unacceptable behaviour surveys | <p>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: In terms of the public perception and even Defence itself being comforted in the fact that Pathway to Change is working, having these surveys made public or at least a summary of the surveys being made public for the analysis of the plan would be helpful.</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: We do have an executive summary. It is a facts sheet; it is a couple of pages. That is made public. We can show you where</p> | 64 | DPG | 9/05/7 | 11/05/17 |

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| | | | that is on the system, if you like. Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: That would be great, thank you. | | | | |
| 31. | KAKOSCHKE-MOORE | ADF separations after allegations of sexual assault | Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: You may not have this information here, but I will be interested to know if you could provide it on notice. What is the number of people who have made allegations of serious sexual assault and who have left the ADF subsequent to making those allegations? Air Cdre Ehlers: I will look at that on notice, but it is incredibly complex as to when the allegation was made. Many of the folks who came through the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce were not still serving at the time or, as their matter was dealt with, had subsequently left. So I doubt I can give you a totally accurate number, but we will look at giving you an indication. | 65 | OCDF | 5/05/17 | 11/05/17 |
| 32. | CARR | Legal review of DCNS contract | Senator KIM CARR: Well, who is the independent pre-eminent counsel that you have referred to? Mr Johnson: I will have to take that on notice. We have done a number of reviews... Senator KIM CARR: ... You can skip through some of your talking points. I suggest to you that the minister has made a statement. I am particularly interested in (1) who the independent pre-eminent counsel is—you are going to take that on notice—and (2) the basis for the assertion, made by the minister and you today, of this being a commercially sound practice. What is the basis of that claim? Senator KIM CARR: ... What was the date on which you received this independent pre-eminent counsel's advice? Senator Payne: I do not have the date, but I will find out for you. Senator KIM CARR: What was the cost of getting this assessment? Mr Richardson: We will take that on notice. Senator KIM CARR: And what was the basis of the assessment itself? Stating that it was commercially sound is not going to be an adequate response here. What was the basis on which the judgement was made that it was commercially sound? What material was available to allow that assessment to be made? Senator Payne: We will take those questions on notice. | 70-72 | CASG | 24/05/17 | |
| 33. | XENOPHON | French veto rights for foreground IP – Future Submarines program | Senator XENOPHON: Well, what veto rights does the government of France have over the Commonwealth with respect to the foreground IP developed under the contract, including rights under the Wassenaar arrangement? Does the government of France have a veto right over the foreground IP referred to? Mr Johnson: My legal counsel is not available today, so I will take that question on notice. | 71 | CASG | 24/05/17 | |

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| 34. | XENOPHON | Tabling of QoNs | <p>Senator XENOPHON: Finally, in relation to that, I do not think question on notice 338 that I tabled on 12 January this year has been answered. Can you give me an idea when it may be answered?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I do not think we have any outstanding questions, but I will check that.</p> | 74 | MECC | 15/05/17 | |
| 35. | CARR | Ration packs | <p>Senator KIM CARR: And how much Australian content is in the New Zealand pack?</p> <p>Air Chief Marshal Binskin: I do not know. I will take that on notice, if you like.</p> | 74 | CASG | 15/05/17 | |
| 36. | FAWCETT | Woomera remediation project | <p>Senator FAWCETT: I will not ask you what ration pack you had for lunch today. Likewise, as with your other service chiefs, I want to take you back to the portfolio budget statements just to check on the progress of a number of things that were highlighted there. The Woomera range remediation Joint Project 3024 Phase 1, at the time of the PBS, was not under contract. My understanding is that is now under contract. Given the vital importance of that range not only to our legacy air systems but particularly to the Joint Strike Fighter in terms of its testing and training, can you just give us an update on where that project is at and how its timeline will interact with the introduction to service of the Joint Strike Fighter?</p> <p>Air Marshal Davies: The range remediation project is on time. We are looking at the first elements of that being initiated in 2017, with the bulk of the work being done through 2018 and mid-2019. So at this point, even with a little bit of contingency, we will have the bulk of the remediation done certainly before IOC but about the same time as we stand up 3 Squadron with AIR 35.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: Can you refresh the committee on the value of the project? At this stage, do you know whether Australian radar technology will be included?</p> <p>Air Marshal Davies: It is in two parts. I do not have the value.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: You can take that on notice; that is fine.</p> <p>Air Marshal Davies: I will take that on notice.</p> | 74-75 | E&IG | 25/05/17 | |
| 37. | FAWCETT | F-35 performance on Red Flag 17 | <p>Senator FAWCETT: Sure. I guess I would be interested, given we do not have the same spread of platforms that the US does, if there are any aspects of that that you can provide to the committee that look at the performance of the Joint Strike Fighter with comparable system elements that Australia may be using in terms of its performance against the kind of aggressive threat that was evident in Red Flag. That would be a useful benchmark, if you like, to have at this point in its development.</p> <p>Air Marshal Davies: Okay.</p> | 76 | CASG | 25/05/17 | |

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| 38. | CARR | Provision of uniform shoes to the ADF | <p>Senator KIM CARR: Frankly, if I had known, I would have said something at the time, as we did about the slouch hat and a few other items. The point is there are provisions even in the old guidelines to do something about this. Now we have new guidelines, I am interested to know what impact the new guidelines will have for these procurements.</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: In this procurement, it was a \$920,000 contract.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So it does not count?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: My current understanding is under \$4 million, but I would have to take advice.</p> | 85 | CASG | 24/05/17 | |
| 39. | LUDLAM | F-35 cost and sustainment | <p>Senator LUDLAM: I do not know whether you were listening in from the other room or not. There appears to be a cost reduction in the United States and Japan. Has that not flowed through to the Australian proposed purchase?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: The most recent negotiated price for an F-35A is \$94.6 million. That price is a reduction for lot 10 from the previous lots. That price, of course, has flowed through to Australia. We are estimating that there will be further reductions in the F-35 price. Indeed, yesterday at the Avalon air show, General Bogdan set the goal of an average price for an F-35A of \$80 million. Previously he had been aiming at \$85 million. So we do expect that those reductions will flow on to us.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: What does that amount to as the total capital cost or the total purchase price before we get into sustainment for the whole fleet?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: I am sorry, Senator, but I do not quite understand.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Total cost of the acquisition.</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: What is the total cost for the project?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: The total estimated cost.</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: The current approved project cost is \$17.2 billion.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: If the reductions all the way down to \$80 million come through, what would we be looking at then?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: I would have to calculate that, I am sorry.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: No dramas. Is that acquisition or is that sustainment over the life of the plane?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: They are the acquisition costs.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: What are the estimated total sustainment costs over the life of the aircraft?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: We do not have an estimate for the total life of sustainment at the moment. We have an approval for sustainment into the early 2020s and then we are due to come back to government with the figures</p> | 85-86 | CASG | 26/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>for the life.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: There are estimates floating around—I do not know how reliable they are—for the total sustainment cost of the submarines. How come you cannot even provide us with an estimate for the aircraft?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: We have an estimate as to what it will be, but I would not put that as a figure at a Senate estimate inquiry.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Why is it a secret? This is a budget estimates committee. This is what we need to do.</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: I will have to take it on notice what the figure is. At the moment, the approval from government was to the early 2020s.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: What is the estimated life of the aircraft? How far into the future will be they operating?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: We are estimating their life of type will be around 30 to 35 years.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: You do not even have an estimate of 90 per cent of the estimated life of the aircraft as to what they are going to cost. Can you take on notice to provide us with the figure? If you do not have it with you, that is okay.</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: Yes. Sure.</p> | | | | |
| 40. | LUDLAM | F-35 – physical build parameters yet to be determined | <p>Senator LUDLAM: But the hardware is identical to what will be the final build of the aircraft? The software weapons—</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: The hardware is largely identical. There are some minor elements that are still going through their final firming up of the design, but they are small elements. Over 95 per cent of the aircraft is physically set.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: In order to not tie us up any longer here, could you table a bit of detail about what is in that other five per cent, just in case it becomes important later?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Gordon: Certainly.</p> | 86 | CASG | 22/05/17 | |
| 41. | LUDLAM | F-35 obsolescence due to advances in radar technology | <p>Senator LUDLAM: I only recently came across this, but you guys do this for a living. Have you come across a Chinese radar system known as a quantum radar, which would completely make obsolete the stealth capabilities of the aircraft? They are not deployed, but it is just being written up in the defence process as something that exists.</p> <p>Air Marshal Davies: I read the same article. For as long as we have been fighting, we have had evolutions of different elements. That is range, accuracy and detection. This is a report that at this point we have no foundation and no substantiation of. Are there developments that will reduce the effect of low observable technologies over the next 20 or 30 years? It would be ridiculous to say there are not. But at this point, it is not simply a question of saying,</p> | 87 | CASG | 25/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>'There is a new radar; therefore, the F-35 is obsolete.'</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is not what this article says and it is not what I am putting to you.</p> <p>Air Marshal Davies: Okay. It is an effect of an entire kill chain. It is about being detected. Anyone who would want to, in this case, affect the F-35 or its mission would need to track it and would need to be able to hold it long enough to be able to have an effect on that aircraft. There are a set of circumstances that would go to the F-35 being obsolete in that context. Therefore, at this point, we are not concerned with the report in terms of the F-35 being ineffective.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I am getting the wind-up by the chair, so I might put these last two on notice, if I may. Firstly, in relation to what we are discussing here, could you provide us with any evidence that you have taken to validate that claim? You do not seem overly concerned?</p> <p>Air Marshal Davies: Not at this point, no.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: If you can provide us with the basis of your confidence that it is not going to render a \$17 billion investment obsolete within the life of the aircraft, I would appreciate it.</p> | | | | |
| 42. | GALLACHER | \$2 million credit cards in use as at 16 October 2016 | <p>Senator GALLACHER: I want to ask this very direct question to either Navy or finance; I am not really fussed which one. SONPAS is an eminently reasonable way of victualling ships around the world. How many exceptions would there be—if you have to take it on notice, that is fine—where you need to give someone a \$2 million credit card to buy some whatever?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We just said that there are no longer any \$2 million credit cards.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Was there on 16 October?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: It was just 10 minutes ago that the chief financial officer took you through that very specifically and explained that the maximum limit was now a half a million dollars and how that worked.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: On 16 October, when you gave that direct answer to my question—</p> <p>Mr Richardson: And that was a correct answer.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: were those credit cards in effect and were they being used? I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I am very happy to take it on notice.</p> | 89 | CFOG | 22/05/17 | |
| 43. | GALLACHER | Disposal of Defence facilities listed | <p>Senator GALLACHER: Have you made progress on three or five of the 17 identified, or are these components?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: I would have to check the bases that were listed in the 2012 report.</p> | 90 | E&IG | 22/05/17 | |

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| | | in the 2012 Future Defence Estate report | <p>Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps you could take that on notice. How many of the 17 identified in the 2012 report have you made progress on?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: Yes. I will take that on notice.</p> | | | | |
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| 44. | BURSTON | Defence of continental Australia | Senator BURSTON: I understand that Australia can field three all-arms brigades, only one of which is prepared for immediate deployment. Deploying the other two involves longer lead-times. In the event of a hostile power successfully landing forces on our shores, what sized beachhead does the Government believe our Armed Forces could drive into the sea? Please answer in terms of number of personnel for two scenarios, firstly an all-infantry enemy, and secondly, a conventional combined-arms enemy | Written | VCDF | 22/05/17 | |
| 45. | BURSTON | Air transport of troops within Australia during conflict | Senator BURSTON: In the event of a hostile landing – an invasion – in Australia’s far west or north coast, do the Armed Forces have sufficient air transport to rapidly move brigades to the battle front? | Written | VCDF | 9/05/7 | 11/05/17 |
| 46. | BURSTON | Supply of troops within Australia during conflict | Senator BURSTON: If Australian ground forces of brigade size or larger were fighting an invader in the far west or far north, do we possess sufficient transport – land, air or sea – to keep troops supplied? | Written | VCDF | 4/05/17 | 11/05/17 |
| 47. | REYNOLDS | Update on Defence Estate | Senator REYNOLDS: Please provide an update on Leeuwin Barracks and Artillery Barracks. | Written | E&IG | 24/05/17 | |
| 48. | CARR | ADF and APS Indigenous employment statistics | Senator CARR: Please provide statistics on gender, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment in civilian and uniformed services. | Written | DPG | 20/04/17 | 11/05/17 |
| 49. | CARR | Australian industry engagement over the Future Submarines program | Senator CARR: In October Estimates last year, Rear Adm. Sammut informed the committee that engagement with Australian industry over the Future Submarines program would commence in November 2016. Please outline the nature of the engagement with industry that has taken place since that time. a. How many industry days have taken place to date? b. How many companies have participated? c. In what locations have the industry days been held? Please provide a breakdown. d. How many of the 145 companies DCNS approached for information responded? | Written | CASG w/SP&I | 24/05/17 | |
| 50. | CARR | Australian companies participating in | Senator CARR: In October estimates last year, Rear Adm. Sammut informed the committee that 25 Australian companies had passed the first audit to be considered appropriate participants in the supply chain activities of the Future | Written | CASG w/SP&I | 24/05/17 | |

| | | the Future Submarines program | Submarines program. Please provide an update on these numbers. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 51. | Kakoschke -Moore | Defence abuse | <p>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE:</p> <p>1. During the Additional Estimates hearing Defence told the committee there are 8 currently serving members of the ADF who have been accused of sexual assault. Of those 8, how many are members of the Australian Regular Army, the Permanent Navy Force and the Permanent Air Force?</p> <p>2. Set out below are the numbers of still serving members of the ADF who had been accused of serious sexual assault as at June 2015 and November 2016:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>June 2015</th> <th>November 2016</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Navy</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Army</td> <td>9</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Airforce</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>APS</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>a. How long was the ADF investigation into the allegations against each of the alleged abusers listed in the table above?</p> <p>b. How long has the ADF investigation into the allegations against each of the 8 alleged abusers been on foot for?</p> <p>3. Of the 11 members of the Navy who had been accused of serious sexual assault in June 2015, how many of them account for the 12 who had been accused as at November 2016?</p> <p>4. Of the 9 members of the Army who had been accused of serious sexual assault in June 2015, how many of them account for the 9 who had been accused as at November 2016?</p> <p>5. Was the 1 member of the Airforce who had been accused of serious sexual assault in June 2015 the same as any of the 2 members of the Airforce who had been accused as at November 2016?</p> <p>6. Can you advise how many people who were serving members at the time they made allegations of sexual assault against another serving member have discharged from the ADF?</p> <p>7. In how many instances has administrative or disciplinary action been taken against members of the ADF where that administrative/disciplinary action relates to serious sexual assault?</p> <p>8. Can you provide the number of administrative and disciplinary actions taken against members of the ADF relating to serious sexual assault for</p> | | June 2015 | November 2016 | Navy | 11 | 12 | Army | 9 | 9 | Airforce | 1 | 2 | APS | 1 | 0 | Written | DPG w/VCDF | 9/05/7 | 11/05/17 |
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| | | | <p>each year starting from 2010?</p> <p>9. In how many instances has a person been discharged from the ADF as a result of administrative and/or disciplinary action relating to serious sexual assault? (Please provide figures for each year starting from 2010).</p> | | | | |
| 52. | Kakoschke -Moore | SeMPRO discrepancy | <p>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: The relevant Defence Instruction - DI(G) 35-4 - contains a list of situations when SeMPRO may not be able to accept a restricted disclosure. One of those situations is - Annex A, Clause 9b - 'there is evidence of serious or imminent threat to the life or health of you or others',</p> <p>However, the SeMPRO website http://www.defence.gov.au/sempro/reporting/restricted.asp goes beyond the list in DI(G) 35-4 by stating:</p> <p>In addition, when assessing whether a Restricted Disclosure can be accepted, SeMPRO will consider whether:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unrestricted Reporting could reduce the risk of further sexual misconduct to you or another person; • Unrestricted Reporting could reduce the risk of serious personal injury of you or another person; and/or • ... <p>By what authority does this statement on the SeMPRO site cut back on the right to make restricted reports which the DI(G) 35-4 gives to victims of abuse?</p> <p>These restrictions will usually apply whenever there has been a recent incident and the perpetrator is still in the ADF. Implementing these restrictions will mean that victims who do not wish to make an unrestricted report will not make any report at all.</p> <p>Question – Will the website instructions be changed to ensure that they are in line with the DI(G)?</p> | Written | DPG | 15/05/17 | |
| 53. | Kakoschke -Moore | Spent convictions | <p>Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: There are exemptions from spent convictions legislation for most occupations - such as teachers, prison warders - where there are opportunities to abuse others.</p> <p>The April 2012 Supplement to Volume 1 of the DLA Piper Review recommended consideration be given to seeking exemption for Defence from</p> | Written | DPG w/ HDL | 20/04/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| | | | <p>spent convictions legislation.</p> <p>1.1 Does Defence have any exemptions from Spent Convictions legislation?</p> <p>1.2 Has that issue been considered in Defence?</p> <p>a. If yes - what was the outcome of that consideration?</p> <p>b. If no - then does that mean that individuals with convictions for domestic violence or sexual assault can apply for entry to the Defence Forces without having to disclose that history?</p> | | | | |
| 54. | Gallacher | Ministerial, Executive Coordination and Communications - staffing | <p>Senator GALLACHER:</p> <p>1. Has there been any change to staffing levels in Ministerial and Executive Coordination and Communication since 1 July?</p> <p>2. Has there been any change to staffing levels in Communication Branch?</p> <p>3. Has there been any change to staffing levels in Defence media, the people responsible for responding to media queries?</p> | Written | MECC | 9/05/17 | 11/05/17 |
| 55. | Gallacher | Ministerial, Executive Coordination and Communications - media enquiries | <p>Senator GALLACHER:</p> <p>1. What is the average length of time taken to respond to a media query today? How does that compare to your target? How does that compare to a year ago, and to two years ago?</p> <p>2. What proportion of media responses need to be cleared by ministerial offices?</p> <p>a. What is the average time taken for those responses to be cleared?</p> <p>b. How does that compare to a year ago, and two years ago?</p> | Written | MECC | 9/05/17 | 11/05/17 |
| 56. | Gallacher | Ministerial, Executive Coordination and Communications - ministerial correspondence | <p>Senator GALLACHER:</p> <p>1. What is your target time for responding to ministerial correspondence?</p> <p>a. What proportion of correspondence meets that target?</p> <p>b. How does that compare to a year ago?</p> <p>2. Do you have a system in place to monitor correspondence that might be more urgent than others?</p> <p>a. What is the target for that correspondence, and how are you going about meeting it?</p> <p>b. How many urgent letters have been received since 1 July, and how many have been responded to within the target time?</p> | Written | MECC | 22/05/17 | |
| 57. | Gallacher | WA shipyards investment | <p>Senator GALLACHER:</p> <p>1. In February, The Prime Minister announced \$100 million for Defence facilities in Western Australia. What will that \$100 million buy?</p> | Written | CASG w/SP&I | 2/09/19 | |

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| | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much this \$100 million will be spent on private facilities? 2. When was the decision to spend this \$100 million made? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Where does the appropriation for the \$100 million appear in the budget papers? 3. Did the department provide advice on how this \$100 million could be best spent? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, when was this advice provided? 4. Who made the decision to spend this \$100 million? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which strategy or study or evidence was used to make this decision? 5. Did Defence provide any advice on a location to make this announcement? 6. Any of the facilities involved have a back-up electricity source or generation on site or available? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, will any of the \$100 million be used to upgrade those back ups, sources, or other forms of electricity reliability? | | | | |
| 58. | Gallacher | Land 400 – industry involvement | <p>Senator GALLACHER:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How have the government’s Australian Industry involvement requirements been specifically imbedded in this procurement process? 2. Has the Australian Industry involvement been articulated in any documents? 3. Is there a requirement for a percentage of projects to be delivered by Australian Industry? 4. What is the potential for Australian industry involvement in Land 400 - noting that maximum Australian Industry participation would have been included under bids already ruled out? 5. Why did the Government rule out the Sentinel bid which had a high degree of Australian participation? 6. What were the reasons why GDLS were not permitted to compete in the next steps Land 400? 7. Why have local companies like EOS not been afforded the opportunity to be a part of Land 400 with their fixed remote weapons stations? 8. Is the Government aware of Elphinstone’s metal bending and cutting capabilities? Do you see a role for them in Land 400? If not, why not? 9. Can you give an indication of what the likely geographical spread of work may be if there is Australian Industry involvement? | Written | CASG w/SP&I | 26/05/17 | |

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| 59. | Gallacher | Land 400 - capability | <p>Senator GALLACHER:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the size and weight of the Rheinmetall Boxer exclude it from a number of potential operational areas in our region? For example, would it be able to perform the task the ASLAV did in East Timor? 2. What circumstances and terrain would the Boxer be able to perform in? 3. Given the large size and weight, what are the potential transportation options for the Boxer? Would it fit within a C130 or a C17? 4. How many boxers could be transported by the landing craft which are part of the LHD capability? 5. Is it true that the Patria is an old design and there is a risk of acquiring an outdated platform that will have a limited use by date? 6. What is the estimated cost of Land 400? 7. What will be the process moving to phase 3 of Land 400? Given that the M113 are not deployable now, will this mean there is a capability cap? | Written | CASG | 11/05/17 | |
| 60. | Gallacher | Defence training area expansion | <p>Senator GALLACHER:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the MoU with Singapore provide that Australia would specifically offer training at the two identified locations, Townsville Field Training Area and Shoalwater Bay Training Area? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why were these two Defence Training Areas selected? b. Why were other Training Areas not considered suitable? 2. When was the strategy of compulsory land acquisition first considered and whose suggestion was it? 3. When was advice provided to the Minister that compulsory land acquisition was under consideration and who provided the advice? 4. Military planners and engineers were able to identify a smaller area of land in the master planning process than that originally proposed in the land acquisition process. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Why was such a large area considered in the first place? b. Had the analysis not been undertaken? 5. The Chief of Army considers expansion at the Townsville Field Training Area and the Shoalwater Bay Training Area to be necessary given the nature of weapons systems being used into the future and the fact they are being used to full capacity. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How is this expectation being managed – within Defence? Within the Department? Within the Minister’s Office? Within the communities? b. How many training areas does Defence have? c. How many of those Defence Training Areas are being used to their full capacity? | Written | SP&I w/E&IG , Army | 11/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>d. Where are they located?</p> <p>e. Why weren't these training areas considered suitable for the purposes of the MoU with Singapore?</p> <p>6. The Minister has stated that local businesses will be given priority to deliver on infrastructure investment relating to training area expansion and upgrades. How will this policy decision be implemented?</p> | | | | |
| 61. | Gallacher | Merchant fleet | <p>Senator GALLACHER:</p> <p>1. Does the ADF consider there is any strategic value in maintaining a minimal level of Australian flagged merchant fleet capability to support the Defence forces in time of crisis or conflict, noting this is a central part of the US Defence and security policy through the US Military Sealift Command and in the UK through its Royal Fleet Auxiliary?</p> <p>2. Australia has called on the merchant fleet in most conflict and humanitarian missions we have been involved in going back to WWII. Have the circumstances changed?</p> <p>3. Is Defence certain it will not require additional troop/equipment transport capacity or fuel replenishment capacity in a future conflict?</p> <p>4. With the rapid decline in Australian ship ownership, is it Defence's view that merchant fleet capability be given higher strategic consideration, including priority attention in the Australian Maritime Defence Council forum for advice to the Minister?</p> | Written | Navy | 22/05/17 | |
| 62. | Xenophon | Ration packs | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> <p>In respect of the Ration Pack tender:</p> <p>1. When were the tender document released?</p> <p>2. At what point were the project team made aware of pending changes to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules?</p> <p>3. Is there any requirement for Defence to make tenderers to Defence aware of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules or any changes to them?</p> <p>4. Was an addendum issued to participating tenders with regard to the new procurement rules?</p> <p>5. It is understood that the tender Responses closed on 28 February 2017. Is this correct?</p> <p>6. It is understood that part of the procurement processes is evaluation of the tender responses and that this evaluation will have commenced after the receipt of the tender responses? Is this correct?</p> <p>7. Noting the evaluation must occur in accordance with law, can the Department confirm that evaluation will occur in accordance with the</p> | Written | CASG | 24/05/17 | |

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| | | | Commonwealth Procurement Rules in place at the time of the evaluation (i.e. CPR 17). If not, why not? | | | | |
| 63. | Xenophon | Naval shipbuilding plan - staff | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did work on the Naval Shipbuilding Plan Commence? 2. How many Full Time Equivalent Personnel have been working on the Naval Shipbuilding plan: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In 2015/16 b. In 2016/17 3. Have any consultants or external advisors been involved in the naval shipbuilding plan? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please detail this involvement. b. Please provide details of the cost of that program? | Written | SP&I | 25/05/17 | |
| 64. | Xenophon | Naval shipbuilding plan - facilities | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> <p>In respect of the appointment of Mr. Jim McDowell, a director of Austal, to Government Advisor to the Naval Shipbuilding Plan?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will the Naval Shipbuilding Plan make recommendations/determinations in respect of the building locations of any ships/submarines, and if so, does the Department concede that Austal might benefit in any way from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The recommendation/determination of Henderson as a naval shipbuilding location? b. Advance knowledge of such a recommendation/determination? c. (Noting there is potential for Austal to invest in Techport), The recommendation/determination of Techport as a naval shipbuilding location? d. (Noting there is potential for Austal to invest in Techport) Advance knowledge of such a recommendation/determination? 2. Will the Naval Shipbuilding Plan make recommendations/determinations in respect of the sustainment locations of any ships/submarines, and if so, does the Department concede that Austal might benefit in any way from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The recommendation/determination of Henderson as a naval ship sustainment location? b. Advance knowledge of such a recommendation? c. (Noting there is potential for Austal to invest in Techport) The recommendation/determination of Techport as a naval ship sustainment location? d. (Noting there is potential for Austal to invest in Techport) Advance knowledge of such a recommendation/determination? | Written | SP&I w/CASG | 26/05/17 | |

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| | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Will the Naval Shipbuilding Plan make recommendations/determinations in respect of workforce requirements, and if so, does the Department concede that Austal might benefit in any way from an early understanding of the workforce requirements? 4. What access has Mr. McDowell been provided in respect of CASG submarine and shipbuilding documentation that are not otherwise available to other potential shipbuilders? 5. What access has Mr. McDowell been provided in respect of ASC capabilities and infrastructure that are not otherwise available to other potential shipbuilders? 6. What access has Mr. McDowell been provided to government policy documents that are not otherwise available to other potential shipbuilders? 7. Has Mr. McDowell been provided with Defence Restricted Network access in relation to his appointment as the Government Advisor to the Naval Shipbuilding Plan? 8. Has Mr. McDowell been provided with Defence Secret Network access in relation to his appointment as the Government Advisor to the Naval Shipbuilding Plan? 9. How many trips has Mr McDowell made to Canberra in relation to his role as the Government Advisor to the Naval Shipbuilding Plan? 10. In what class of travel have these trips been made? 11. Can Defence confirm that no Austral business was conducted on any Commonwealth funded trip to Canberra? 12. What is the total contract value for the appointment of Mr. Jim McDowell to Government Advisor to the Naval Shipbuilding Plan? 13. If the signatory on the contract is SES and above, please provide the name of the person that signed the contract? 14. Please provide details of the conflict-of-interest checks that were carried out in respect of Mr McDowell's appointment? 15. Please also provide the Committee relevant conflict-of-interest policy or guidance material for employees of companies to work as an advisor to Government? | | | | |
| 65. | Xenophon | Naval shipbuilding plan – civilian shipbuilding | <p>Senator XENOPHON: Is it the intention of Defence to encourage civilian shipbuilding at Techport to assist in continuity of build programs and amortization of infrastructure cost?</p> | Written | SP&I | 22/05/17 | |
| 66. | Xenophon | F-35 | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> | Written | CASG | 26/05/17 | |

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| | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What effect will the Defense Secretary’s review on the F-35 program will have on the program here in Australia? 2. The new US Administration has concerns over the price of the F-35 program. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. List each occasion in the past five years where Defence made expressed concern in writing to the Australian Government as to the price of the F-35? b. List each occasion in the past five years where Defence made expressed concern in writing to the US Government as to the price of the F-35? 3. It was reported on 05 March 2017 that the RAAF Joint Strike Fighters that appeared at Avalon were not able to leave for their destinations on account of the prediction of lightning present at their intended destination. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Are these reports correct? b. If so, why can’t the F-35 fly with in presence of lightning? 4. During the recent deployment of F-22A Raptors to Australia, did the RAAF undertake formal airborne fly-off comparisons, using the F-22A’s as the opposing force, with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Australian Super Hornets and b. The two F-35A JSF aircraft (AU-01 and AU-02) that were in Australia at the same time? c. If so, what were the results of such comparisons? d. If not, why not? 5. Following Red Flag 16-3 and the recently completed Red Flag 17-1, citations in the media indicate that in these exercises foreign threat emulation did not consider an enemy employing the following threats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 km range air defence missiles as deployed by the Russians in Syria; and, • Passive detection systems capable of tracking network terminals such as Link-16. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If not, please explain why the F-35A JSF is being flown in a benign environment with old threats. | | w/Air Force | | |
| 67. | Xenophon | P-8 aircraft | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide an update on the status of the P-8 Maritime Patrol Aircraft Program? (Cost, schedule, performance concerns etc.) 2. In what years will aircraft be delivered to Australia? 3. On what date will P-8 operational capability reach a comparable basis to the current P-3C Orion operational capability? | Written | CASG | 26/05/17 | |

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| 68. | Xenophon | Armidale patrol boats | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide details of the design flaw? 2. What is the current status of this design flaw in terms of remediation? 3. Where was this remediation work carried out? 4. How many Armidales have not had remediation work carried out? 5. How much has this remediation work cost so far? 6. What is the total remediation budget? 7. What financial contribution has Austal or any other commercial entity made towards the remediation cost? | Written | CASG w/VCDF | 26/05/17 | |
| 69. | Xenophon | Singapore | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> <p>There have been intergovernmental discussions in respect of the cost of hosting the US Marines in Australia. In that context:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the likely cost of the land acquisition for expansion of the training area at Shoalwater Bay? 2. Are discussions taking place in respect of Singapore contributing to the cost of land acquisition at Shoalwater bay? 3. If so, what arrangements have been agreed? 4. What area of the Defence budget will bear the cost of the land acquisition? | Written | SP&I | 9/05/7 | 11/05/17 |
| 70. | Xenophon | Combat Management System – 9LV | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which RAN ships classes are fitted with the 9LV Combat Management System 2. How many RAN ships are fitted the 9LV Combat Management System 3. How much has been spent on the procurement of 9LV Combat Management System 4. How much has been spent on the enhancement of 9LV Combat Management System over the past year, two years and five years 5. How much has been spent on the sustainment of the 9LV Combat Management System over the past year, two years and five years | Written | CASG w/Navy, VCDF | 24/05/17 | |

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| 71. | Xenophon | Combat Management System - AEGIS | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which RAN ships classes are fitted with the AEGIS Combat Management System 2. How total RAN ships are fitted the AEGIS Combat Management System 3. How much has been spent on the procurement of AEGIS Combat Management System 4. How much has been spent on the enhancement of AEGIS Combat Management System over the past year, two years and five years 5. How much has been spent on the sustainment of the AEGIS Combat Management System over the past year, two years and five years | Written | CASG w/Navy, VCDF | 22/05/17 | |
| 72. | Xenophon | Combat Management System – AN/BYG | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which RAN ships classes are fitted with the AN/BYG Combat Management System 2. How total RAN ships are fitted the AN/BYG Combat Management System 3. How much has been spent on the procurement of AN/BYG Combat Management System 4. How much has been spent on the enhancement of AN/BYG Combat Management System over the past year, two years and five years 5. How much has been spent on the sustainment of the AN/BYG Combat Management System over the past year, two years and five years | Written | CASG w/Navy, VCDF | 22/05/17 | |
| 73. | Xenophon | Hydrographic surveying | <p>Senator XENOPHON:</p> <p>Defence is in the process of replacing its hydrographic capability with an efficient combination of military and commercial hydrographic and oceanographic survey capabilities by having an Industry Day.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In respect of its internal capability (Hydrographic Ships, Survey Motor Launches and Survey Motor Boats, surveyors and support personnel and facilities) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the cost of running this capability over: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. FY 13/14 ii. FY 14/15 iii. FY 15/16 b. What was the total area surveys over each of those financial years <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. In square nautical miles ii. In percentage terms against the plan (i.e. Hydroscheme) 2. In respect of its commercial capability (e.g. LADS) | Written | Navy | 22/05/17 | |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the cost of running this capability over: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. FY 13/14 ii. FY 14/15 iii. FY 15/16 b. What was the total area surveys over each of those financial years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In square nautical miles ii. In percentage terms against planned contracted requirements <p>3. What is the time frame over which commercialization of the current Navy tasking will take place?</p> <p>4. What roles will be retained by the Navy?</p> <p>5. What vessels will be retained by the Navy?</p> | | | | |
| 74. | Xenophon | Waste – Department of Defence | <p>Senator XENOPHON: Given that government and opposition politicians have all raised concerns over time and had policies on government waste:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there a central government authority responsible for the elimination of waste? 2. If so: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is there a government wide definition on the meaning of ‘waste’, and if so, what is that definition? b. How does this central government authority monitor and manage waste within the Department? c. Is there a central government mechanism (e.g. phone number, email address, web site) for public servants or contractors to report Departmental waste? d. How much Departmental waste was identified by the central government authority in FY 13/14, FY 14/15 and FY 15/16? 3. If not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is there a departmental definition on the meaning of ‘waste’, and if so, what is that definition? b. What are the Department’s arrangements for monitoring and managing waste? c. Is there a central Departmental mechanism (e.g. phone number, email address, web site) for public servants or contractors to report Departmental waste? d. How much waste was identified by the Department in FY 13/14, FY 14/15 and FY 15/16? 4. In either case: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can Departmental officers or contractors report waste anonymously? b. Are they afforded a protection if they do so? | Written | E&IG | 22/05/17 | |

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| 75. | Xenophon | First Principles Review report | <p>Senator XENOPHON: In the First Principles Review the report [at page 16] stated: <i>“In any event, the current waste and inefficiency will continue if Defence remains in its current form, as it is neither equipped nor organised to make efficient use of whatever funding levels are available to it”.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can Defence please quantify the waste and inefficiency being referred to in this report (one presumes it was identified to Defence or Defence sought to understand the claim) 2. What has been done since this report was published? | Written | Assoc Sec | 15/05/17 | |
| 76. | Bilyk | Ministerial functions | <p>Senator BILYK: In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of functions; 2. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister’s family or personal staff; 3. Function venue; 4. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); 5. Details of any food served; 6. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and 7. Details of any entertainment provided. | Written | DLOs | | |
| 77. | Bilyk | Departmental functions | <p>Senator BILYK: In relation to expenditure on any departmental functions or official receptions etc since 1 October 2016, can the following please be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of functions; 2. List of attendees; 3. Function venue; 4. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); 5. Details of any food served; 6. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and 7. Details of any entertainment provided. | Written | Not to be tasked – UDoR | 22/05/17 | |
| 78. | Bilyk | Plants and | <p>Senator BILYK: 1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining</p> | Written | CFOG | 4/05/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| | | gardens - Department | indoor plants for all departmental premises in calendar year 2016? 2. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of external gardens and landscaping for all departmental premises in calendar year 2016? | | | | |
| 79. | | Plants and gardens - Ministers | What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of acquiring and maintaining indoor plants for ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide separate figures for each Minister's office in the portfolio, covering ministerial offices both at Parliament House and elsewhere. | Written | DLOs | 24/05/17 | |
| 80. | Bilyk | Subscriptions - Department | Senator BILYK: What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for the Department? Please provide a complete list of each service top which the Department subscribed. | Written | CFOG | 15/05/17 | |
| 81 | Bilyk | Subscriptions - Ministers | Senator BILYK: What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of subscriptions to print and online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals etc in calendar year 2016 for Ministers in the portfolio? Please provide a complete list of each service top which ministerial offices subscribed. | Written | DLOs | 26/05/17 | |
| 82. | Bilyk | Gifts – Department | Senator BILYK: 1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by departmental officials in calendar year 2016? 2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided? 3. Who was the recipient of each gift? 4. For what purpose was each gift given? | Written | CFOG | 22/05/17 | |
| 83 | Bilyk | Gifts - Ministers | Senator BILYK: 1. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of all gifts purchased for use by Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2016? 2. Can an itemised list of gifts and costs thereof (GST inclusive) please be provided? 3. Which Minister gave each gift? 4. Who was the recipient of each gift? 5. For what purpose was each gift given? | Written | DLOs | | |

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| 84. | Bilyk | Water coolers – Department | Senator BILYK: What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers at departmental premises in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers. | Written | CFOG | 15/05/17 | |
| 85. | Bilyk | Water coolers - Ministers | Senator BILYK: What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of providing water coolers to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of costs for acquiring and maintaining/resupplying water coolers. | Written | DLOs | 24/05/17 | |
| 86. | Bilyk | Snacks – Department | Senator BILYK: What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks at departmental premises in calendar year 2016? | Written | CFOG | 9/05/7 | 11/05/17 |
| 87. | Bilyk | Snacks - Ministers | Senator BILYK: What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of supplying fruit and other snacks to ministerial offices in calendar year 2016? Please provide a breakdown of the costs for each separate ministerial office, covering both offices at Parliament House and elsewhere. | Written | DLOs | 24/05/17 | |
| 88. | Bilyk | Coffee machines | Senator BILYK: Can an itemised list of coffee machines at departmental premises please be provided including: 1. make and model; 2. purchase or lease cost; 3. ongoing maintenance costs; 4. ongoing cost of supplying coffee and other consumables? | Written | CFOG | 15/05/17 | |
| 89. | Bilyk | Mobile devices | Senator BILYK: 1. How many mobile telephones are currently on issue to departmental to staff? 2. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 3. How many new mobile phones were purchased by the Department in calendar year 2016? 4. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing mobile telephones for departmental staff in calendar year 2016? 5. How many mobile telephones had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)? 6. How many mobile telephones were reported lost or stolen in calendar | Written | CIOG | 22/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>7. How many ipads/tablets are currently on issue to departmental staff?</p> <p>8. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided?</p> <p>9. How many new ipads/tablets were purchased by the Department in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>10. What was the total cost (GST inclusive) of purchasing ipads/tablets for departmental staff in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>11. How many ipads/tablets had to be replaced due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>12. How many ipads/tablets were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST inclusive)?</p> | | | | |
| 90. | Bilyk | Stationary and paper | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <p>1. How much did the Department spend on stationary and office supplies (excluding paper) in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>2. How much did the Department spend on paper in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> <p>3. What brand of paper does the Department use?</p> <p>4. Is this paper Australian made?</p> <p>5. If no, why doesn't the Department buy Australian made paper?</p> | Written | CFOG | 22/05/17 | |
| 91. | Bilyk | Executive office upgrades | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <p>Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 1 October 2016? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?</p> | Written | E&IG | 20/04/17 | 11/05/17 |
| 92. | Bilyk | Facilities upgrades | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <p>1. Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises been upgraded since 1 October 2016, for example, 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 upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?</p> | Written | E&IG | 22/05/17 | |
| 93. | Bilyk | Vacancies | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <p>Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length</p> | Written | MECC | 26/05/17 | |

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| | | | of time vacant and current acting arrangements. | | | | |
| 94. | Bilyk | Media and public relations | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)? 2. Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided? 3. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the Department? At what APS level (eg EL2, APS5) is each staff member employed? 4. Can an organisational chart for the relevant area of the Department please be provided? 5. What was the total cost of employing relevant staff in calendar year 2016 (please provide a global figure)? | Written | MECC | 26/05/17 | |
| 95. | Bilyk | Advertising and information campaigns | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 October 2016 (GST inclusive)? Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided? 2. How much did the Department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored Facebook posts in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 3. How much did the Department spend on Google adwords advertising in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? | Written | DPG w/CFOG | 22/05/17 | |
| 96. | Bilyk | Market research | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did the Department spend on market research in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? 2. Can a list of all market research contracts entered into please be provided, together with the Austender Contract Notice number? 3. What was the purpose of this market research? 4. Did it relate to an advertising or information campaign? If so, which campaign? | Written | DPG | 15/05/17 | |
| 97. | Bilyk | Legal costs | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the Department's total spend on external legal services (including services provided by the Australian Government Solicitor) (GST inclusive) for calendar year 2016? | Written | HDL w/CFOG | 22/05/17 | |

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| | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Can an itemised list of costs of each legal matter (GST inclusive) please be provided? 3. Can a list of relevant Contract Notices published on Austender please be provided? | | | | |
| 98. | Bilyk | Consultancies | <p>Senator BILYK: Please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive) for spending in calendar year 2016 on external consultants/service providers in the following categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. social media; 2. photography; 3. graphic design; 4. web design 5. electronic communications 6. acting or public speaking training; and 7. ergonomics. | Written | CFOG | 15/05/17 | |
| 99. | Bilyk | Redundancies | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff were made redundant in calendar year 2016? 2. How many were voluntary redundancies? 3. How many were forced redundancies? 4. What was the total cost of all redundancies (expressed as a single global figure)? 5. Have any staff made redundant in calendar year 2016 subsequently carried out work for the Department as a contractor? If so, please provide an itemised list of relevant contracts and related Austender Contract Notice numbers. | Written | DPG | 22/05/17 | |
| 100. | Bilyk | iTunes/Android - Department | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Department have an iTunes account? If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016? 2. Does the Department have an Android account? If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016? | Written | CIOG w/CFOG | 12/04/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| 101. | Bilyk | iTunes/Android - Ministers | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do any ministerial offices in the portfolio have an iTunes account? If so, what was the total expenditure on iTunes in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? Please provide separate figures for each Minister. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through iTunes in calendar year 2016? 2. Do any ministerial offices have an Android account? If so, what was the total expenditure on Android in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)? Please provide separate figures for each Minister. What applications/subscriptions/services purchased through Android in calendar year 2016? | Written | DLOs | 24/05/17 | |
| 102. | Bilyk | Websites | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by departmental staff in calendar year 2016? 2. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by departmental staff in calendar year 2016? | Written | CIOG | 24/05/17 | |
| 103. | Bilyk | Flights | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <p>What was the Department's total expenditure on flights for departmental staff in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive)?</p> | Written | CFOG | 22/05/17 | |
| 104. | Bilyk | Ground transport | <p>Senator BILYK:</p> <p>What was the Department's total expenditure on the following categories of ground transport in calendar year 2016 (GST inclusive):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taxi hire; 2. Limousine hire; 3. Private hire car; and 4. Ridesharing services. | Written | CFOG | 15/05/17 | |
| 105. | CARR | Number of engineers – Future Submarines Technical Office | <p>Senator KIM CARR: If I could return to the issue of contractors and consultants. Secretary, can you provide me with some advice as to the number of engineers currently working under Future Submarines Technical Office in Adelaide?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We have the general manager of submarines here. He can come to the table. He will be here in a minute.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I will go to another question.</p> | 23 | CASG | 22/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>Senator Payne: If we do not have the exact numbers with us, then we will obviously take them on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I accept that some of these questions do require further advice. I am not concerned about that.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Thank you.</p> | | | | |
| 106. | Gallacher | Contamination - compensation claims | <p>Senator GALLACHER: Can you, perhaps on notice or now, tell us which bases you have received claims for compensation from?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: Williamtown and Oakey are the two areas where we have received claims. Obviously, we would not want to give any details of those claims. They are confidential and private.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Fair enough. Do you know how many claims have been made?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: Around 15—of that sort of order. But I can confirm that.</p> | 3 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | E&IG | 24/05/17 | |
| 107. | Gallacher | Contamination – cancellation of community consultation | <p>Senator GALLACHER: And was the community consultation cancelled at short notice?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: We put a notice out for a community consultation that would have been last week, but we have delayed that until next week. It is now going to be 12 April.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: How did that go down? The feedback from our end is that the cancellation was not particularly well received.</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: I understand that people in the community were a bit confused. We spoke to some of the officials up in Katherine, and they were comfortable that, really, we had just deferred the date of the briefing.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I note that you are also holding a session on Tuesday, 11 April at Nowra Hill Public School. Is that the case?</p> <p>Mr Grzeskowiak: I will have to check, but, yes, I think it is.</p> | 4 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | E&IG | 24/05/17 | |
| 108. | Roberts | Political comments by members of the military | <p>Senator ROBERTS: My first series of questions is on political comments by members of the military. What are the current Defence Force regulations concerning Defence members making political statements on the internet or public comments critical of the</p> | 7 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | VCDF | 11/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>government, and what do they prohibit?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: We have a range of policy regarding public comment, which gives guidance on what is appropriate comment to be made in the public domain and that includes social media. We also have a particular policy around political activities of members of the Defence Force, so there is legislation surrounding ADF members who stand as political candidates and what they are required to do during that process. That is very clearly laid out. That involves either a transfer to the Reserve or discharge in certain cases. Should they be unsuccessful in standing as a candidate, they are able to re-enter without penalty, so we do have a range of policies covering these issues.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Are you able to send them to me on notice, please?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: Most certainly.</p> | | | | |
| 109. | Roberts | Submarines – Barracuda cost | <p>Senator ROBERTS: Out of interest, how much would it cost to buy 12 nuclear Barracuda subs, rather than insisting on a retrofit from early 20th century technology—diesel-electric propulsion?</p> <p>Mr Johnson: I might take that question for the record.</p> | 9 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | CASG | 22/05/17 | |
| 110. | Kitching | Submarines – cost of Canberra-class LHDs | <p>Senator KITCHING: What is the total cost of the Canberra-class LHDs? I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Barrett: We will take that on notice because I would like to confer.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I would like a breakdown per vessel and a breakdown of the ongoing maintenance costs per vessel.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Barrett: We can take that on notice.</p> | 12 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | CASG | 26/05/17 | |
| 111. | Gallacher | Central Processing Service Contract (Leidos) – due | <p>Senator GALLACHER: There have been reports that SAIC was ordered to pay New York City an amount estimated to be in the order of US\$500 million in restitution and penalties, and three of its employees were jailed for 20 years. Did you go back that far and have a look down this path? How did you do your due diligence?</p> | 14 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | CIOG | 24/05/17 | |

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| | | diligence | Dr Lawrence: My memory does not quite go back that far but if you want some details around that I can provide them. | | | | |
| 112. | Gallacher | Defence Community Organisation - hiring | <p>Senator GALLACHER: I would now like to ask a few questions around Defence family support. How many social workers does Defence Community Organisation employ across Australia?</p> <p>Rear Adm. Wolski: Defence Community Organisation does report to me. However, I will have to take it on notice to find out how many social workers we have. Of course, we do have a turnover rate of social workers; and we are regularly losing people and then re-recruiting to fill those positions. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I would like to know where they are located, how many FTEs there are and whether there are any vacancies. The line of questioning goes to the fact that there are probably more vacancies than people available. Could you clarify that for us?</p> <p>Rear Adm. Wolski: I can certainly take that on notice and get back to you. I would say that we have most of our positions for the social workers filled; there are not more vacancies than filled roles.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: But you do not know where they are located and how many you have got?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I might add that, over the last few years, we have had a deliberate policy that where there are vacancies for social workers, and for other people who are important to ADF members in terms of community welfare, we give priority to their filling.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So they have not been impacted by the APS freeze?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: No. We had some exemptions, which we did on an individual basis. Social workers were one of them. Medical workers were another. Engineers were another. Intelligence was another. So we had certain areas which we did not just plonk a freeze on and turn our back on but actually managed quite deliberately.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: How many military support officers does Defence Community Organisation employ, where are they located, how many FTEs are there and how many vacancies are there?</p> | 15-16 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | DPG | 4/05/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| | | | <p>Senator Payne: We will provide that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Just for my information, is it 100 or 50? Does every base have one? How does it work?</p> <p>Rear Adm. Wolski: For social workers the number is around 40. For military support officers the number is around the same. This is distributed around Australia.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Base driven, is it?</p> <p>Rear Adm. Wolski: The preponderance of people are located where out large bases are.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Can you tell us on notice where they are, how many FTEs there are, how many vacancies there are, how long have they been vacant and whether they been impacted by the APS freeze?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I might just add that we no longer have a freeze in the APS.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Can I get the same information in respect to regional education liaison officers?</p> <p>Rear Adm. Wolski: We will provide that.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I am happy to get this on notice, but it pertains to some of the inquiries we have done and it gives the committee the opportunity to have a look at what you are providing when we are talking about mental health and the like. Can you also tell us how many family liaison officers there are, where they are, how many FTEs there are, how many vacancies there are, how long have they been vacant and whether they been impacted by the APS freeze?</p> <p>Rear Adm. Wolski: Certainly.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Griggs: What we will do is give you a complete breakdown on Defence Community Organisation—all the specialist areas—and the answers to those exact questions that you have been asking.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Thanks very much for that.</p> | | | | |
| 113. | Gallacher | Projects of | Senator GALLACHER: Can we have a look at Projects of Concern. | 16 | MECC | 25/05/17 | |

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| | | Concern – delay in receiving documents | <p>From a protocol point of view, what was the delay in us getting notification on that? We actually got that on the morning of the last estimates, which I think is quite unusual. It is normally provided a little more in advance than on the morning of estimates. Was that just a clerical omission?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: I will follow that up for you and find out. We should have provided that to you earlier. I cannot see why—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Normally we would get it at least a few days or a week prior to the hearing. It is obviously a useful document—and we got it on—</p> <p>Mr Gillis: I agree. If we have been tardy, we have to make sure that we improve our performance.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: You can take that on notice; that is fine.</p> | Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | | | |
| 114. | Gallacher | JP2008 Satellite Communication enhancements | <p>Senator GALLACHER: I think this project would have gone through the public works committee, in terms of its appropriation for digging trenches and putting cables in, is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: I am not sure. It started some nine years ago, so I am not sure of the background. I can take that on notice to try to work out what that is.</p> | 17 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | CASG icw E&IG | 24/05/17 | |
| 115. | Gallacher | Project of Concern - spending | <p>Senator GALLACHER: Given that the total, I think, was \$32 billion in this Project of Concern, how do we put that into perspective in terms of the Defence spend in this area? What gets to Project of Concern—10 per cent?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Mr Gillis will have the precise number, but it started in 2008, so you would need to look at the capability spend between 2008 and 2017.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: It is a complex question, so if you were to take it on notice—</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Payne: We will have a look at that.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: It would be interesting to see how much you spend and how much falls to the projects of concern. That is a</p> | 19 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | CASG | 22/05/17 | |

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| | | | measure of your performance, I suppose, Secretary? Mr Richardson: Yes. | | | | |
| 116. | Kitching | Defence facilities in WA | <p>Senator KITCHING: So you have started spending that \$100 million?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: Some of that expenditure has been committed. I would have to take on notice the specific expenditure that we are doing on Collins sustainment and on the Garden Island west facility.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Was this driven by an evaluation of a need and costing proposals which added up to \$100 million and then the Prime Minister announced it? Or was there an announcement of spending and then you found a place to spend it?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: No, we were asked to provide an indicator of what we would be spending in that area and we provided that advice to government.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: When were you asked to provide that?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that at hand.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps on notice, can we get a list of the projects that the \$100 million is going to be applied to, for completeness?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: And possibly some estimate of the cost of each of these projects.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: We will provide the details we can.</p> | 21, 23 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | CASG icw E&IG, SP&I, Navy | 27/11/18 | |
| 117. | Kitching | Land 400 – EOS | <p>Senator KITCHING: I understand that EOS has not been afforded an opportunity to have their fixed remote weapons stations as part of Land 400. Is there a reason for that?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: Primarily because we are not after remote and unmanned—we after the capacity to have a manned capability. I would have to take that on notice in respect of the specifics of EOS from the brigadier who is actually running the program.</p> | 23 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | CASG | 4/05/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| 118. | Kitching | DI Direct newsletter | <p>Senator KITCHING: Could I ask about Minister Pyne's DI Direct newsletter. I read them and I found them very informative. What is the budget, either in funding or in FTEs, for DI Direct?</p> <p>Mr Gillis: I am not aware. I think that might be something he does in-house, within his office, but I am not sure.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: So there is no contribution from Defence to those newsletters?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I have never seen one, but I would assume that some of the factual information might come from Defence. However, we do not get involved in writing it or putting it together. I have not personally seen it. In fact, to be quite honest, I did not know what you were referring to.</p> <p>Ms Skinner: Industry policy is in my division. I have not heard of that. I will take it on notice and see if there is any input from my industry policy division, but I am unaware of that particular newsletter.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: If you could perhaps take on notice whether there is any contribution, either in funding or in people or FTEs—</p> <p>Mr Richardson: There would be none in funding—I can say that. It is possible that some of the facts contained therein would come directly from Defence, and that would be perfectly proper. However, we will come back to you on notice in respect of it.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I am interested. I am not saying I do not appreciate it. It is a very retail politics newsletter, and I am very admiring of that, but I would like to know if there is any contribution from Defence, especially if there are any people contributing or checking the information.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: The Department of Defence has no role in retail politics—full stop.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I understand that. I think it is serving that purpose. What I am asking is: is Defence contributing? I am happy to put those questions on notice.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Yes, sure.</p> | 25 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | SP&I | 24/05/17 | |
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| 119. | Kitching | Consultant and service provider - definitions | <p>Senator KITCHING: I am happy for you to take this on notice: I would like definitions of contractor, consultant and service provider. You have said that the Department of Finance provides those definitions.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I said that they provide the definition in respect of contractor.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: You are correct. Does the Department of Finance provide the other definitions?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I will take that on notice, and we will provide you with a definition. A service provider is fairly straightforward. We have some service providers in the IT and estate management areas where we enter into a contract with a firm to provide certain services. The number of people they employ to provide those services is their business. We enter into a moneyed amount contract with them and we stipulate the outcome we want and the service to be provided.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: And it is up to them how they provide that.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: That is right.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Those definitions would not differ from division to division.</p> <p>Mr Richardson: No.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Does Defence define these terms differently from other departments?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: No. For instance, the Department of Finance provides the definition of contractor across the public service.</p> | 35-36 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | CFOG icw DPG | 22/05/17 | |
| 120. | Kitching | Consultants and contractors – cost comparison | <p>Senator KITCHING: What is the monetary amount?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Last year we spent about \$36 million on consultants. We are reducing that by \$3.6 million, or 10 per cent, from 1 July this year.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: How does the monetary amount compare with 12 months ago?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I would need to take that on notice. \$36 million is</p> | 36 Spillover Hearing 30 March 2017 | CFOG icw DPG | 22/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>the amount allocated in this financial year. That was from 1 July 2016.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What was it in the previous financial year?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: I would need to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: That is fine. What is the current number of service providers?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Again, I mentioned that you enter into a contract with the service provider, and the number of people is determined by them, but it is around 18,000.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What is the monetary amount?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Again, I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Could you also take on notice, perhaps, how that compares with the last financial year?</p> <p>Mr Richardson: Sure. I would simply note that service providers range from IT specialists through to caterers on bases. There are a wide variety of skillsets there, from people who mow lawns through to people who do high level sustainment and maintenance.</p> | | | | |
| 121. | Gallacher | Centralised Processing Services | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did the Department learn that Lockheed Martin was looking to sell its Information Systems & Global Solutions channel? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Did the Department undertake any risk management activities around Lockheed Martin offloading its Information Systems & Global Solutions channel and the impact this would have on the Centralised Processing Services project? 2. When did the Department learn that the merger between Leidos and Lockheed Martin was taking place? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When did the Minister become aware of the merger? b. Which Minister specifically? | Written Provided 7 April 2017 | CIOG | 12/05/17 | |

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| | | | <p>3. What due diligence did the Department undertake regarding this merger?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Was the Minister involved in this process? b. Was any Ministerial staff involved in this process? <p>4. Is the Department aware of Leidos' history? Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. That it changed its name from SAIC to Leidos; b. The legal issues SAIC faced with New York City in 2012; and c. The US Army and US Government Audit Office determination that the merger between Lockheed Martin and Leidos was too risky for it to be awarded a contract with US Army Engineers in 2016? <p>5. How did the Department of Defence consider this information when conducting its due diligence around this merger?</p> <p>6. How many separate contracts are there between the Commonwealth and Leidos for the services provided by the Centralised Processing Services project?</p> <p>7. How is / are the contracts structured (i.e. is it a fixed price contract or is there flexibility for changes should they be required)?</p> <p>8. How does the department and Leidos manage all of the separate work packages for the project – Are they treated as separate contract?</p> <p>9. Have there been any changes to any of the contracted services or sub projects within the Centralised Processing Services project</p> | | | | |
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| | | | <p>since it was revised in September last year? Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Timings of contracted services; b. Schedule of contracted services; and/or c. Costs of contracted services? <p>10. How many of the projects within the centralised processing services contract have been delayed since the new contract, with Leidos, was signed in September last year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the duration of each delay? <p>11. How many of the projects within the centralised processing services contract have had their costs increased since the new contract was signed, with Leidos, in September 2014?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the cost of each increase? | | | | |
| 122. | Gallacher | Staffing – Employment Levels | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many people does your department employ? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees are ongoing? b. How many of these employees are non-ongoing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many of these have had their contract extended since 1 July 2016? c. How many of these employees are situated in the Australian Capital Territory? 2. How many people were employed by the department as at 30 June 2016? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? | Written Provided 7 April 2017 | DPG | 12/05/17 | |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>3. What is the number of staff employed in each state and Territory and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <p>4. What was the number of staff employed in each state and Territory as at 30 June 2016, and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> | | | | |
| 123. | Gallacher | Staffing - Contractors | <p>1. How many contractors does the department currently engage and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What functions are the contractors engaged in? <p>2. How many contractors did the Department have engaged as at 30 June 2016 and what is their age, gender and classification level?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What functions were the contractors engaged in? <p>3. How many contractors have had their contracts terminated, before their contracted expiry, since 1 July 2016?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What functions were the contractors engaged in? | Written Provided 7 April 2017 | DPG | 26/05/17 | |
| 124. | Gallacher | Staffing – Transfers | <p>1. What functions have been transferred from one state or territory to another since 1 July 2016?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can you please provide details by function of the, number of staff employed, the age, gender and classification of staff employed in the function that was transferred, where it was based prior to the | Written Provided 7 April 2017 | DPG | 5/05/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| | | | <p>transfer and where it was transferred to?</p> <p>2. How many of these people are employed in Canberra?</p> <p>3. For every transferred employee please provide and explanation for their transfer?</p> <p>4. For every transferred employee please provide any other cost incurred by the department because of that transfer?</p> <p>5. Please provide all relevant dates.</p> | | | | |
| 125. | Gallacher | Staffing – Redundancies | <p>1. How many positions have been made redundant in your department since 1 July 2016?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. How many of these positions were ongoing?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. How many of these positions were non-ongoing?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d. How many of these positions were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>2. How many of the employees filling these redundant positions were redeployed since 1 July 2016?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory?</p> <p>3. How many of these employees were offered voluntary redundancies since 1 July 2016?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. How many of these employees were ongoing?</p> | Written Provided 7 April 2017 | DPG | 4/05/17 | 11/05/17 |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>4. How many accepted voluntary redundancies since 1 July 2016?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? <p>5. How many employees were offered the choice between a voluntary redundancy and redeployment since 1 July 2016?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these employees were ongoing? b. How many of these employees were non-ongoing? c. How many of these employees were situated in the Australian Capital Territory? | | | | |
| 126. | Gallacher | DECA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the first vote for DECA succeeded, when would it have taken effect and what would it have cost the Department in additional pay and conditions 2. If the second vote for DECA succeeded, when would it have taken effect and what would it have cost the Department in additional pay and conditions? 3. If the third vote for DECA succeeded, when would it have taken effect and what would it have cost the Department in additional pay and conditions? 4. If the fourth vote for DECA succeeds, when will it take effect? | Written Provided 7 April 2017 | DPG | 22/05/17 | |

