

QON No	PDR No	Spoken / Written	Question Submitted By	Question Date	Hansard Page	Outcome	Subject	Full Question Text
1	SQ20-000037	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	6	Cross Portfolio	Overdue Questions on Notice	<p>Senator PRATT: I understand that, but I asked for an explanation as to why they were late. It's fairly clear from that evidence that they were with the minister, particularly in relation to 14 November for a 13 December due date. That would explain-</p> <p>Senator Cash: I've got 208 responses to questions submitted to the committee secretariat by the due date, and I think that left out about 22. So in excess of 95 per cent were actually provided and they have all been provided now.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I'm assuming that, therefore, you had some back and forward in relation to those outstanding-</p> <p>Senator Cash: I'd need to take that on notice to see. I'm happy to do that for you. For the additional December hearing, 22 responses were submitted by the due date, but all have now been provided. But I can take it on notice for the additional few.</p>
2	SQ20-000038	Spoken	Faruqi, Mehreen	5/3/20	9	Higher Education Research and International	Modelling on the 3.4 degrees of rise	<p>Senator FARUQI: No, I am particularly asking about the impact on schools in your jurisdiction or skills or training, that is, the impact on education of this drastic climate crisis that is coming?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: No, we won't have done any modelling around that.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: Why not? When scientists have been warning us for years, when we know that kids are sweltering in classrooms, when we know that apprentices have had to leave worksites due to heatwaves, why aren't you looking at it?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: When I first started to talk I referred to the functions that we have within education, skills and employment. We would rely on information that we would get from the Department of Environment. We do fund through the Australian Research Council research that goes to that area-</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: But nothing particularly on education? You have said nothing on 3.4 degrees.</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: I'd have to take that on notice. I don't have a list of the current competitive research grants.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: I suggest that you should.</p>
3	SQ20-000039	Spoken	Faruqi, Mehreen	5/3/20	9	Schools	Schools affected by the bushfires	<p>Senator FARUQI: I understand that. But the federal government does lead and has a responsibility. How many schools were closed and for how many days across Australia because of the smoke and the bushfires?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: Because the major part of the bushfire occurred in January, during the school holidays, it would only be when schools returned in late February.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: I know that in New South Wales more than 600 schools had to shut down for a couple of days. Could you take these on notice, please?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: How many schools across Australia closed? How many students were impacted because of bushfire and smoke?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: I'd have to go to my state and territory colleagues for that information. I'm happy to take that on notice for you.</p>
4	SQ20-000040	Spoken	Faruqi, Mehreen	5/3/20	9	Schools	Four degrees of warming for education	<p>Senator FARUQI: I want to reiterate that the climate crisis is upon us. Students are already being affected. It is a Commonwealth responsibility to look at those impacts and prepare for them. Have you had any discussions with the Bureau of Meteorology, for instance, on the implications of four degrees of warming for education?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: No, I personally haven't.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: Are you planning on having any?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: What I can tell you is that, next Friday, all of my counterparts from each of the states and territories will meet in Melbourne to discuss some of the implications and, at that point, as a whole group of directors-general responsible for education across every state and territory in the Commonwealth, we will come together and have that conversation in relation to both the coronavirus and the bushfires. I'm happy to take your question on notice on the school closures.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: I'm talking particularly about climate and the implications of four degrees-</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: No, we haven't been that explicit at all.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: Could I suggest that you do, please?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: I'm happy to take that on notice, and raise it next Friday.</p>
5	SQ20-000041	Spoken	Faruqi, Mehreen	5/3/20	10	Higher Education Research and International	Course Seeker website	<p>Senator FARUQI: I'll move on to another line of questioning. Last year the department paid \$48,785 for research name testing to come up with the name of the Course Seeker website that was launched in November 2018. How many unique visitors did the site have in its first year?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: Could you repeat the name of the website?</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: Course Seeker.</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: Can I take that on notice? I think it's in outcome 2 in our higher education area. We will have the relevant officials in outcome 2 here for that.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: This was for school students moving on to higher education.</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: Yes, I do know the website.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: Some of the questions are about the website. Would it be a similar situation for the ComparED website? Would it be higher education as well?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: Yes, it would be. I'm hoping our officers heard those questions so they can come with answers for you.</p>
6	SQ20-000042	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	11	Skills and Training	Mr Cam video congratulating the finalists of the 2019 Australian Training Awards	<p>Mr Hardy: And departmental social media posts of the event, which reached a further 12,000 followers. Mr Cam has also featured in a video congratulating the finalists of the 2019 Australian Training Awards. That video was played at the event on 21 November 2019 to more than-</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That's because he couldn't attend the event himself; that is right?</p> <p>Mr Hardy: That's correct, yes. That went to around 800 people. That particular video was also then shared to a further audience of more than 12,000 followers through the department's social media platforms. Mr Cam promoted career development and the impact that influencers-people like teachers, parents or others-have on career decisions through two videos that we've played at job fairs. Those particular job fairs were on 19 November at Homebush, to more than 5,600 people, and on 7 February 2020 at Penrith, to around 2,400 people.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: How long were the videos?</p> <p>Mr Hardy: They're relatively short. I'd have to take on notice the exact length.</p> <p>Senator Cash: We could provide the committee with the videos, if you like?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Yes, just send us a link.</p>
7	SQ20-000043	Spoken	Keneally, Kristina	5/3/20	13	Skills and Training	Mr Cam face-to-face events	<p>Senator KENEALLY: How many face-to-face events are planned for the rest of his contractual period? You just said he has a number planned. What is the number?</p> <p>Ms Williams: We might need to take that on notice. We have a range of events that we're working through with Mr Cam.</p>

8	SQ20-000044	Spoken	Faruqi, Mehreen	5/3/20	16-17	Skills and Training	TAFE students affected by the bushfires	<p>Senator FARUQI: You keep coming back to facilities. My question was very specific in relation to the impact on students from having to miss out because of closures, heat and smoke from the bushfires. If there's no impact that you've looked at, just give me that answer.</p> <p>Ms Williams: No, from my understanding there was no impact.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: There has been no impact on students whatsoever?</p> <p>Ms Williams: Not of that nature. We're happy to provide some further advice on that and to talk to our state and territory counterparts around whether there were specific closures, particularly with respect to smoke, that may have impacted students. Similar to the school context, remembering that vocational education and training only starts at a particular point in the year, there may have been some students who found it challenging with respect to smoke.</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: The school context was that 600 schools in New South Wales had to close down. That's a pretty big impact on students.</p> <p>Ms Williams: I understand that. But the advice from our state counterparts-and we will get some advice on that specific question-was that there were no specific facilities that had to close. But we will find out further and we will get back to you.</p>
9	SQ20-000339	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	1/4/20	18	Cross Portfolio	Reports and Reviews commissioned	<p>Senator O'NEILL: ... Firstly, can I just ask for the department to provide the details of all reports or reviews commissioned since 24 August 2018, including the date commissioned, the date the report was handed to the government, the date of public release, the terms of reference, committee members and/or reviewers and how much did each report cost or is it estimated to cost?</p> <p>Senator Cash: Was that on notice?</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Yes. I don't think we'll have enough time to cover that off live.</p>
10	SQ20-000045	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	20	Skills and Training	Vocational education and training programs	<p>Senator O'NEILL: They don't have to. Just give me the number. What is the number that was not expended? Over the period for vocational education and training programs between 2014-15 and 2018-19, what is the amount that was not spent?</p> <p>Ms Williams: So, the gap between estimated budget and actual expenditure varies each year, as was set out in the QON. In some years-for example, 2014-15-it's in the vicinity of 180,000. In other years, such as 2017-18, it rises to 228,000, et cetera.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: And up to-</p> <p>CHAIR: Can we let the witness answer the question without talking over her, please.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: It's \$180 million, not \$180,000.</p> <p>Ms Williams: My apologies; you are quite correct, yes. When you work through the differences for those five years, you're looking at in the vicinity of \$1.4 billion as the difference between estimated and actual expenditure.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: That's a lot of money. Could you please provide on notice how the figures in each financial year were calculated? And in that question on notice please detail included programs, estimated budgets, actual expenditure, and differences between any of those things for 2014-15 and 2018-19?</p> <p>Ms Williams: We're more than happy to do that</p>
11	SQ20-000046	Spoken	Keneally, Kristina	5/3/20	25-28	Skills and Training	10 training hubs	<p>Senator KENEALLY: At some point between the budget and caretaker, which was nine precious days, apparently 10 industry hubs were identified and signed off by the minister. I would like to know what date and I'd like to know if she had any emails between her office and the Prime Minister's office. She can take that on notice, if she likes. I'd would like to know if there are colour coded spreadsheets involved. I would like to know why these particular seats were targeted when other areas had higher youth unemployment.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cash: I am happy to take all of that on notice.</p>
12	SQ20-000052	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	30-31	Employment	Youth Jobs PaTH evaluation	<p>Senator PRATT: Right. My question today is about the Youth Jobs PaTH evaluation. Can you take on notice an analysis of the difference between employment outcomes of Youth Jobs PaTH participants and similar unemployed people? I know, Ms Shannon, you said there were some differences in being able to compare data. Can you compare data in terms of the characteristics of those young and draw our attention to any other information? How many placements have been made this financial year? Is the government confident it will meet its 30,000 placements?</p>
13	SQ20-000054	Spoken	Siewert, Rachel	5/3/20	33-35	Employment	Newstart warning zone	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes. I'm not asking about the penalty zone. I'm asking about the warning zone. I want to know how many of those haven't re-engaged. I am specifically asking about the warning zone.</p> <p>Senator Cash: So the warning zone we're responsible for before they move into-</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Before they go into the penalty area.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: Can we take that on notice? When they are in the warning zone, they receive a suspension, a demerit and then they exit but don't come back.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Mr Smyth: In the warning zone?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That had not re-engaged.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: Can we take that on notice-</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes, please.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: and come back to you? These are the figures I have in front of me that indicates people in the green zone, warning zone, penalty zone and then the overall total from July 2018 to the end of December 2019.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Well, you gave me a different number last estimates.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: So some people have disengaged from the green zone as well?</p> <p>Ms Pitt: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Why would they?</p> <p>Ms Pitt: They might get a job.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: They might have got a job. They might have moved overseas. There could be a variety of reasons. They could have moved on to another payment.</p> <p>Senator Cash: How about we get this information for you?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Yes, please. I want it, please, disaggregated into the different demographics.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: We have that information.</p> <p>Senator Cash: Yes. We can do that for you now.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: If you can provide all that, it would be very much appreciated.</p>
14	SQ20-000593	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	35	Employment	Targeted Compliance Framework	<p>Senator PRATT: I need to clarify who had earned income across those demographics as well.</p> <p>Senator Cash: Okay.</p>

15	SQ20-000056	Spoken	Siewert, Rachel	5/3/20	35	Employment	Job Plans	<p>Senator SIEWERT: I heard what you said. I know you have a connecting person in Centrelink offices. I've seen it. I've been to a Centrelink very recently. Can you take on notice whether people's vulnerabilities are coming through when you get the information from Centrelink? I'm going to be asking the same question of them. So they are flagged already. I'm very concerned about what I hear about them actually not necessarily popping up. I want to understand what has happened.</p> <p>Ms Pitt: Okay.</p> <p>Senator Cash: We can do that.</p>
16	SQ20-000057	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	36	Employment	Youth Jobs PaTH - Maximum 25 hours breaches	<p>Senator PRATT: Okay. How many breaches of the maximum 25 hours a week have there been?</p> <p>Mr Stiller: As Mr Smyth has indicated, we have a rigorous assurance process. If we notice ourselves through our data analytics and targeted assurance processes or it's brought to our attention through a complaint or feedback, we investigate those matters. Your question, I think, Senator, was how many businesses had been breached?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Breached the 25 hours.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: And for more than 50 hours. That comes under the category of other program requirements in terms of how we construct our reviews. Of the reviews that we have undertaken for that reason, two host businesses have been excluded relating to hours potentially in excess of the required hours.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: And how many interns?</p> <p>Mr Stiller: I don't have the number of interns relating to those businesses.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Can you take that on notice?</p>
17	SQ20-000058	Spoken	Urquhart, Anne	5/3/20	37	Employment	Seasonal Worker Programme Deed	<p>Senator URQUHART: My understanding is that an employer approved and licenced under the program signed a deed with the Commonwealth represented by the Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business. I also understand that the deed outlines the responsibility of the employer when it comes to housing, work or welfare, wages, health and safety and so forth. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: That's correct. The accommodation must be fit for occupation and provided at cost. It has to be safe, fit and secure. It must meet council requirements as well-local government requirements.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Sure. What are the penalties if the employer breaches that deed of agreement?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: We have a number of, I suppose, arrangements in place whereby we can impose additional conditions on the approved employer. We can cap the number of workers they have. We can restrict them from operating in certain regions. We can place conditions on accommodation, welfare and wellbeing arrangements. We can also issue directions to move workers or amend existing arrangements. We can enact a suspension of recruitment or we can terminate the approved employer from the program.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: So there are a number?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: There is a hierarchy that we can-</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Can you provide that detail on notice?</p> <p>Senator Cash: Yes. Absolutely.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: No problem.</p>
18	SQ20-000059	Spoken	Urquhart, Anne	5/3/20	38	Employment	Seasonal Worker Programme - Accommodation in Tasmania	<p>Senator URQUHART: I understand that one of the buildings is a house with five bedrooms. What are the other buildings?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: The primary residence, as I understand it, has eight bedrooms with two bunks per room. That is for 32 people. One bedroom has eight bunks in it for 16. There is a cottage that has two bedrooms furnished with two bunks suitable for eight people.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: How big is the cottage, Mr Smyth?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: I don't have those details on me. When the approved employer submits an application for the accommodation, they provide us with photographs of the building and photographs of the kitchen and toilet facilities, recreational facilities and bedrooms et cetera. I'll take that on notice in terms of the actual size of the property. There's also a bungalow, which has a single room with eight bunks in it.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Do the bungalow and the cottage have shower and kitchen facilities?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: Yes, they do. I'll take it on notice exactly on that. We requested additional kitchen facilities and toilet facilities be provided.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: And were they?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: That accommodation is now no longer in use. The workers have been moved to-</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I understand that. I live in that area. I'm trying to establish whether or not there were kitchen and bathroom facilities within those other two small places.</p>
19	SQ20-000061	Spoken	Urquhart, Anne	5/3/20	39	Employment	Seasonal Worker Programme - Investigation results	<p>Senator URQUHART: Will the results of the investigation be publicly released as it's completed?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: That will be a decision that we'll take based on the information once we've gone through an investigation of the outcome. We haven't made a determination of that.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: What sort of information would stop you releasing that publicly?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: It could be related to privacy information and the like.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Could that be redacted? Are you talking about the privacy of the people or the privacy of the employer?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: The privacy of the workers. Our primary concern here is for the workers.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: Absolutely. I would think that the investigation doesn't necessarily have to name the employees or have pictures of them.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: Some of the issues that we will go to will potentially look at interviews with potential employees or their views in relation to the accommodation and the like. I will take that on notice. We'll work through that as a process.</p> <p>Senator URQUHART: I would certainly be very interested if it's going to be made public, and if it's not, in the reasons why not.</p> <p>Mr Smyth: Certainly.</p>

20	SQ20-000063	Spoken	Siewert, Rachel	5/3/20	40	Employment	Online employment services trial	<p>Senator SIEWERT: .... I want to go to the online employment services trial. It has been going for a while now. Can we have a look at some of the outcomes? I first want to address the rates of employment placements and outcomes. How did they compare through the trial with those not in the trial?</p> <p>Ms Ryan: .... The preliminary results are that it's still achieving similar results to what would have been achieved in the [job]active program. The data I've got as at 23 February 2020 is that the number of jobseekers who have exited the online employment services trial and jobactive is 12,511....</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: How are you measuring whether you've actually enabled people to find work through the trial? How effective is the online strategy if all you can do is tell us how many people have exited?</p> <p>Ms Shannon: That is something we are looking at in the evaluation. We are constructing a comparison group. We are looking at jobseekers in stream A with similar characteristics to participants in the online employment services trial. The trial has been established to be as randomised as possible so that we've got that comfort. Because it is operating nationally, we've got quite a large sample. So we're looking at factors such as exit from income support and exit from employment services. They are the two primary measures to determine whether people are moving into employment.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you provide a breakdown of that 12,511 by dividing it up and telling me how many of those were exited from income support and how many were exited from employment services?</p> <p>Ms Shannon: I think we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Ryan: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: And how that compares to a similar cohort.</p> <p>Ms Ryan: We can-</p> <p>Mr Smyth: To the comparative cohort in stream A.</p> <p>Ms Shannon: That's in our system, so we'll see what we can provide.</p>
21	SQ20-000065	Spoken	Siewert, Rachel	5/3/20	42	Employment	Reasons why jobseeker elect to opt out of services	<p>Ms Ryan: When a jobseeker elects to opt out of digital services or the online employment services trial, we do capture the reasons for that. We're just trying to unpack a bit more where a participant may have previously had a relationship with an employment services provider and they want to maintain that relationship or where someone is brand new to the system and they are quite capable and confident about self-managing in the digital channel. But we do record those reasons and we have data on that as well.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take it on notice to provide that?</p>
22	SQ20-000066	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	42	Employment	Procedures for new jobseekers	<p>Senator PRATT: Can you put on notice for me the procedures for new jobseekers coming into the system?</p> <p>Ms Ryan: Into the trial?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: In relation to how they are screened and what face-to-face contact they have.</p>
23	SQ20-000067	Spoken	Ciccione, Raff	5/3/20	43	Employment	Employers currently approved to participate in the Seasonal Worker Programme	<p>Senator CICCONE: I will take that as a yes. I have a couple of questions that you may wish to take on notice. I know we're pressed for time. Can the department provide me with a list of employers currently approved to participate in the Seasonal Worker Program?</p> <p>Ms McCormack: The list of approved employers is up on our website. There are currently 156.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: That is the most up-to-date list as of today?</p> <p>Ms McCormack: It should be.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: That is why I asked the question.</p> <p>Ms McCormack: I will take it on notice.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: I don't know on that list whether you're able to identify who is a labour hire versus who is an employer who directly employs employees?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: We'll take that on notice.</p>
24	SQ20-000068	Spoken	Ciccione, Raff	5/3/20	44	Employment	Prospective employer application for the Seasonal Worker Programme	<p>Senator CICCONE: Are there any fees in terms of the application?</p> <p>Ms McCormack: I think there's a fee to become a temporary activity sponsor. If they are operating in one of those states that requires labour hire licensing, that's a fee as well. But that state based.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: Are you able to provide me with any of that information on notice?</p> <p>Ms McCormack: I'll take it on notice.</p>
25	SQ20-000069	Spoken	Ciccione, Raff	5/3/20	44	Employment	Seasonal Worker Programme - Site visits	<p>Senator CICCONE: Can you provide me with any statistics on how many site visits you've done in the current financial year and the year before?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: Yes. We did 112 last financial year in 2018-19, which is about 20 per cent, as I understand it, of the recruitments that were undertaken. As at 31 December this year, out of 479 recruitments, we visited 73, which is around 15 per cent.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: Are you able to provide on notice a breakdown by state as well?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: We can do that.</p>
26	SQ20-000070	Spoken	Ciccione, Raff	5/3/20	44	Employment	Seasonal Worker Programme - Audits	<p>Senator CICCONE: Thank you. Once the employer has been approved, does the department take any action to confirm that the employer is adhering to the rules of the program? You talk about these audits. Are these ongoing audits? How do you do that? Do you actually then make contact with the employer via phone or in person and speak to workers and other authorities?</p> <p>Ms McCormack: As part of any investigation, we can and will talk to other authorities as the need arises. Some requirements we can place upon approved employers will be additional reporting requirements. An example is sending in payslips or financial reports every six months. We will check up to make sure those reports are being received. We do check up on action taken if it is on the ground as part of the monitoring schedule.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: I don't know if you're able to provide the committee with any documentation you might have as part of a checklist or process.</p> <p>Ms McCormack: I will take that on notice.</p>
27	SQ20-000071	Spoken	Ciccione, Raff	5/3/20	45	Employment	Seasonal Worker Programme - Approved employers not visited	<p>Senator CICCONE: I have two questions. I follow on from the questions of my colleagues and what Senator O'Neill has talked about. It's all well and good to say: 'We've ticked the box. We've given all this material.' To be fair, even people here in Australia don't understand our industrial relations system sometimes, yet we expect someone from a foreign country to come here and understand how the laws work. Are there any approved employers who haven't been visited?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: We probably don't have that information here.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: If you provide me with those statistics, I would like them, as well as a breakdown by state.</p>
28	SQ20-000072	Spoken	Ciccione, Raff	5/3/20	45-46	Employment	Seasonal Worker Programme - Standards required for accommodation	<p>Senator CICCONE: This is my last question. What are the standards required for accommodation? I know we talked about the Tasmanian case. What are the basics that are required to be provided to individuals? Does it include internet access? We give all this information to people yet they may not have essentials, such as, for instance, internet access. How do we expect them to access that information? Can you provide me and the committee with a breakdown of what the department expects are absolute essentials when accommodation is offered? I would appreciate that.</p> <p>Ms McCormack: That's also on our website. There is a minimum accommodation requirement checklist. But we'll provide it on notice.</p>

29	SQ20-000073	Spoken	Ciccione, Raff	5/3/20	46	Employment	Seasonal Worker Programme - Employees restricted in terms of their movements	<p>Senator CICCONE: Twenty seconds. Is it the case as part of the deed that Seasonal Worker Program employees could potentially be restricted in terms of their movements after certain hours? It's been put to me that that might be the case-that, as part of the deed, the host could potentially restrict the movement of some of these workers.</p> <p>Ms McCormack: No.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: They can only work between certain hours of the day. At certain times of the day, they're not allowed to leave the house or can't go out. No?</p> <p>Ms McCormack: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Cash: Offline-not part of this process, for privacy reasons-if you want to provide me with the details, I'll follow that up.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: Happy to. Thank you, Minister. I appreciate that.</p>
30	SQ20-000074	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	46	Employment	Work for the Dole Report Regarding Neato	<p>Senator O'NEILL: You would be familiar with the reported death of Josh Park-Fing. I want to briefly discuss that matter once again. Interest remains, and it's important, particularly for Mr Park-Fing's family and others who will not forget that Josh died while he was working for the dole with a recruitment specialist at the showgrounds in Toowoomba. The report about this incident was into the employment provider Neato, which oversaw the program that Mr Josh Park-Fing was engaged in. It was reported to the department. Can you confirm that there is a document totalling 84 pages reporting the management of Work for the Dole by Neato?</p> <p>Ms Shannon: I don't know the exact number of pages of the report, but I can confirm, as I think the department has provided on notice on a number of previous occasions, that there is a departmental report that looked into Neato's management of the Work for the Dole program.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: I'm advised that it's 84 pages. That sounds about right, does it not?</p> <p>Ms Shannon: I would have to take that on notice.</p>
31	SQ20-000075	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	48	Employment	Release of the Neato Report	<p>Senator O'NEILL: about the engagement the department has had with the minister or the minister's office about the release of the report into Neato. Can I confirm now that the department still maintains Ms Leon's original comments in favour of releasing the report? Is that still your stance?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: I think while there are legal proceedings underway, we would not release the report. But I'm happy to consider that and take it on notice once those legal proceedings are finished.</p>
32	SQ20-000076	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	48	Employment	Seasonal Worker Programme - Transfer of management	<p>Senator O'NEILL: I will go back to the Seasonal Worker Program. Is the department of foreign affairs at all involved with this exploitation of participants? It impacts significantly on our relationship with the Pacific. Has the employment department been involved in briefings or other work to facilitate the transfer of the management of the Seasonal Worker Program to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade?</p> <p>CHAIR: Are you happy to take that on notice, because we need to move on?</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Are they involved?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: We're involved on a daily basis with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to this entire program.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: So there have been briefings and there is a transfer underway. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Smyth: No. There's no transfer underway.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: So you will retain-</p> <p>Mr Smyth: We retain the Seasonal Worker Program within the portfolio. We talk to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade because it's coordinated with the Pacific Labour Scheme. It's a larger program. My team actually talks to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade pretty much on an almost daily basis about the interaction of the two programs and how it works.</p> <p>CHAIR: We need to move on.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: On notice, could you provide any details or documentation around that? Thank you for clarifying that it is still under the management of this agency.</p>
33	SQ20-000077	Spoken	Davey, Perin	5/3/20	49	Employment	Harvest Labour Services - uptake by Harvest Area	<p>Senator DAVEY: How has that trial been going? I have had feedback from horticulturalists as far away as Alice Springs, who really want that trial to succeed. They want to be able to share workers between Mildura and Alice Springs and around the Swan Hill, Mildura and Griffith regions. They've all got slightly different but very close harvest times and could really benefit from that migration package.</p> <p>Ms Kidd: It's very early days in terms of the pilot. Certainly the model makes good sense in terms of facilitating the movement of labour. The pilot extension has only just occurred, so it's too early for that. One of the features that we've put in place is regional coordinators, which will again help on the ground and help to link up all of the players, because that seems to be one of the biggest difficulties. To complete our answer to your question, I should mention that we also have a harvest labour service, which is separate to the Seasonal Worker Program. It links workers with seasonal harvest jobs in 11 harvest areas across Australia. We provide that, again, matching of jobseekers with jobs in harvest season. We also have a harvest labour trail information service and a website.</p> <p>Senator DAVEY: Could you provide, possibly on notice, details of the uptake of these programs and some numbers?</p> <p>Ms Kidd: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator DAVEY: Potentially broken down to regions or states would be really beneficial.</p> <p>Ms Kidd: Yes.</p>
34	SQ20-000078	Spoken	O'Sullivan, Matt	5/3/20	50	Employment	Digital literacy training	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: I want to wrap up my questions. Has there been much a demand for digital literacy training? I am happy for you to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Ryan: I might have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Come back with the numbers of that.</p> <p>Ms Ryan: Of course.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: That would be good.</p>
35	SQ20-000079	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	54	Skills and Training	Joyce review recommendations	<p>Senator PRATT: Can I ask the department, please, if all of the Joyce review recommendations in relation to ASQA are also going to be implemented?</p> <p>Ms Williams: That is a matter for government. The government has made clear that this piece of work that we are doing at the moment sets out the focus of its reform agenda.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: So you don't yet know the answer?</p> <p>Senator Cash: We're awaiting the findings of the rapid review.</p> <p>Ms Williams: The rapid review will look very carefully at a number of issues that were raised in the Joyce review. It's important to do a deeper look into the issues that Mr Joyce raised and the things he heard from the sector. It will look at the effectiveness of ASQA's internal regulatory practices and processes, including the ways in which it undertakes its audits et cetera, which were a key focus of Mr Joyce's recommendations.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: If you can take on notice which recommendations have been implemented, which ones are not being implemented and which ones are yet to be determined, that would be terrific.</p> <p>Ms Williams: With respect to the recommendations related to ASQA?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: The Joyce review.</p> <p>Ms Williams: The overall Joyce review. Certainly.</p>

36	SQ20-000475	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/19	54-55	Skills and Training	Recommendations of the Joyce review of Australia's Vocational Education and Training System	<p>Senator PRATT: Thank you. The Joyce review said that you needed more resources to be directly funded by government in order to play that role. You've moved in recent legislation to full cost recovery approach. Minister Cash, why has the position put by the Joyce review been ignored? Is the department adequately resourced to educate RTOs on their regulatory requirements?</p> <p>Senator Cash: What position by the Joyce review are you referring to?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: The Joyce review noted that: It is important that ASQA be adequately resourced to perform the guidance and educative role to perform its role more generally...In the opinion of the Review, this broader range of activities should be directly funded by government.</p> <p>Senator Cash: On 30 October 2019, I announced a new \$18.1 million investment in a range of measures to improve regulation of Australia's VET sector.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I note, though, that ASQA itself is being moved to a full cost recovery approach.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I am happy for those answers to be provided on notice I will put them on notice so that the questions are clear.</p> <p>Senator Cash: That's fine. Thank you.</p>
37	SQ20-000080	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	63-64	Skills and Training	Skills package - States funding	<p>Senator PRATT: So it's fair enough for this committee to work out what the commitment to VET from the Commonwealth is in its overall figures. On my calculations, in 2018, there was \$268.4 million left to the states and territories in cuts to the Skilling Australia Fund. Is that right?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: There were two states that didn't join.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: They didn't re-join?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: Yes.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That was redirected to pay for the skills package. Is that right?</p> <p>Ms Williams: The funding that was declined by Victoria and Queensland was redirected in the last budget-that's correct-to a range of measures under the skills package, yes.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: So the state and territory funding was the block funding to the states, or is that separate?</p> <p>Ms Williams: No. That was a separate national partnership agreement; that's right. So the block funding to the states stays stable. It's legislated. It doesn't change other than to increase as the secretary said, via indexation each year.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That's good. If that's stable, you should be able to explain reasonably transparently the difference in funding that the states get previously as to what they get now. That figure is \$268 million less for 2018. Is that correct?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: I think we'll have to take that on notice.</p>
38	SQ20-000081	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	67	Skills and Training	Trade certificate completion rates	<p>Senator PRATT: I want to understand that data in terms of someone, for example, who does the first year of a trade certificate and doesn't go any further. You must have some analysis behind this if you've got any intention of boosting completion rates. You must understand where the drivers are.</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: I will take that on notice and see what we can produce for you</p>
39	SQ20-000082	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	67	Skills and Training	Trade Support Loan	<p>Senator O'NEILL: ... I would really like to get a sense of is how many students who were unable to ever get tools for their trade but needed them took up the government's offer of a loan. How many of those who have a loan have not got a qualification?</p> <p>Ms Williams: We can provide you with that data. We'll look into that, Senator.</p>
40	SQ20-000083	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	67-68	Early Childhood and Child Care	Child Care subsidy - Reconciliation process	<p>Senator PRATT: I would like to begin with some questions in relation to the number of families who have undergone their childcare subsidy reconciliation for the 2018-19 financial year. If it's possible, I would like the total number as well as the total number of customers registered to the child care subsidy by state and territory. So that is the total number of customers registered for the child care subsidy, the number who have had their reconciliation and the number who have had their reconciliation by state and territory.</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: I might start. We've got about an expected 1.2 million families altogether that would participate in the reconciliation process. Out of that, as of February, around 892,000 have been through the reconciliation process.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Eight hundred and?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: It is 892,890, so about 70 per cent of families.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: How does that vary among states?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: We don't have a breakdown by state with us, but we can take that on notice for you.</p>
41	SQ20-000084	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	68	Early Childhood and Child Care	Child Care Subsidy - Debt	<p>Senator PRATT: Thank you. The number of families that have a debt outcome and received a child care subsidy debt notice?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: So the number of customers who have a debt outcome as at 28 February is 117,513 families.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: So one thousand?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: It is 117,513 families.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: So that's 117,000 out of 892,000 that have been reconciled?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: If you can take on notice, please, the numbers of those customers by state and territory.</p> <p>Dr Baxter: Yes.</p>
42	SQ20-000086	Spoken	O'Sullivan, Matt	5/3/20	70	Early Childhood and Child Care	Services Australia debt notice	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: So in the event that someone does receive a notice, is there clear advice on the notice that they can actually, if they want to dispute it, deal with someone and talk about it?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: Thank you. People shouldn't receive a notice, because there has been this clear approach to the activity test. But should they, they can contact Services Australia. We can check on notice what will be provided on the notification. We can tell you that we are working really closely with the sector, child care centres and our state and territory counterparts to make sure that they understand these special provisions that are in place. If families do go to them and say, 'We're concerned. We've had this debt.', they are able to let them know what provisions are in place.</p>
43	SQ20-000087	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	71	Early Childhood and Child Care	Community child care fund - Bushfire affected learning centres	<p>Senator PRATT: What is that funding for? Is it to keep staff on while enrolments have dropped or while parents aren't working but they still need to put their children in care? What is it for?</p> <p>Ms Pearce: The primary focus is on the viability of the service. This is a special circumstance for the service. It could be a range of things occurring. It may well be that they had to close for a while and still pay staff; there had been a drop-off in enrolments. It is really for a range of things and it goes on a case by case basis.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I am sure those centres won't mind. If you are able to give us as much of that information on notice, that would be terrific.</p>

44	SQ20-000088	Spoken	Keneally, Kristina	5/3/20	71-74	Early Childhood and Child Care	Jobs for Families package - Modelling	<p>Senator KENEALLY: I have some questions about child care system funding. In a press release from 21 October 2015, when Scott Morrison was Treasurer, they announced the Jobs for Families package, saying it would fund \$3.5 billion in child care investment. In July 2018, when the new system was launched by Prime Minister Turnbull, he said it would inject an additional \$2.5 billion into the system. So there's a few numbers floating around here. What are the current projections of how much extra funding will be injected into early learning over the 2018-22 period?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Dr Hart: ... In terms of actually calculating the difference, we probably do have to take that on notice. In terms of our modelling, we've started a brand new system, the child care subsidy, from 2 July 2018. So we are modelling future investments. I can tell you that there's \$37 billion going into the system from 2019-20 to 2022-23. But we don't go back and retrospectively look at what things were under CCB and CCR and compare the difference. We could probably do that on notice, though.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Dr Baxter: ... We need to look at when those assertions were made, what the baseline was and remodel it from there.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Dr Baxter: There are some numbers that we can give you today. We do know that from 2017-18, where the total expenditure was \$7.35 billion through to 2022-23, when the total child care—</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Could you go back and repeat that first part of that? I apologise.</p> <p>Dr Baxter: The total expenditure in billions in 2017-18 was \$7.35 billion. Total child care funding in 2022-23 in the forward estimates is \$10 billion. That is a difference of \$2.65 billion roughly over that period of time. I think what we were offering to take on notice was the modelling you were talking about in relation to the \$2.5 billion. The discussion we were having at the time was around the impact of the compliance measure. We can certainly tell you what has been spent and what is projected to be spent. There's more than \$2.5 billion in that over that period. We're also happy to take on notice this issue about the wash through effect on those numbers of our compliance measures.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Thank you.</p>
45	SQ20-000089	Spoken	Keneally, Kristina	5/3/20	72	Early Childhood and Child Care	Fictitious children in FDC	<p>Senator KENEALLY: I will come back to the compliance activity in a moment. Before I do that, Dr Hart, are you able to outline for us in either specific or broad terms how many of these family day care providers were claiming fictitious children and how many were displaced children?</p> <p>Dr Hart: I would have to take the details of that on notice. There were a variety of scenarios. We do know there were a number of cases where there were fictitious children, where parents were colluding with the educators and the service providers as well. Quite a number of services were cancelled under two different dedicated measures to address the fraud and non-compliance issues. I think, under the first measure, 165 services were cancelled. Under the second, 35. In order to actually give you a breakdown of the different types of scenarios I would need to take that on notice.</p>
46	SQ20-000090	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	78	Early Childhood and Child Care	Evaluation Framework	<p>Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide on notice as much detail as you can about what is going on in that evaluation space and ways in which submissions and public submissions and public scrutiny of that process might be applied?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I'm very happy to take that on notice. I also note that the evaluation framework is public on the AIFS website. So it's all there. It's very comprehensive. It covers the various steps-what the review will be looking at-and some of those data gathering mechanisms. I am happy to provide that to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: And your review structure, plans and opportunities for engagement. Thank you.</p>
47	SQ20-000047	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	80	Schools	Prime Minister's Spelling Bee Website - Delegated Legislation	<p>Senator O'NEILL: Thank you. That's great. I loved spelling when I was at school. It was one of my happy days when we got to do spelling. But I just do want to interrogate this one. The grant has been provided through delegated legislation. Where is it provided for in delegated legislation?</p> <p>Mr Pattie: Under outcome 1.5 there's a quality outcomes program, which has an amount of funding that is available for small initiatives such as this one.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: That's the funding source. My question was: what's the delegated legislation?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: For the outcome, Senator, or are you referring to the grant rules?</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: The grant has been provided through delegated legislation. Where is it provided for in delegated legislation?</p> <p>Mr Pattie: We might take that on notice to make sure we get it right. It's the financial supplementary regulations-I'll get the right name for you.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: The Financial Framework (Supplementary Powers) Act?</p> <p>Mr Pattie: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: This regulation doesn't specify which constitutional head of power allows the Commonwealth to provide this. Could you explain which section of the Constitution the government believes gives it power to provide funding for a spelling bee website?</p> <p>Ms Gordon: Perhaps we could take that one on notice. The legislative authority in which we provide funding is very specific. We do get the relevant legislative authority before we're able to pay a grant. We have a number of grants. As I mentioned earlier, we support a lot of different activities that we provide funding for that are similar in nature to a spelling bee, or a music program, or other activities that we support.</p>
48	SQ20-000048	Spoken	McGrath, James	5/3/20	82	Schools	Prime Minister's Spelling Bee Website - age of code	<p>CHAIR: I just want to understand this. It is a website that uses old code. How old would this website be, or the code-I don't really understand code?</p> <p>Ms Gordon: We would need to take it on notice. As we explained earlier, this is something that has only just come to our attention, so we have not had an opportunity to explore a lot of these questions at this stage.</p> <p>CHAIR: I want to understand this. It's not a departmental website?</p> <p>Ms Gordon: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: It is only paid for by the department.</p> <p>CHAIR: It is a website that News Ltd have that has code that has come from a contractor from some time ago. Is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Gordon: That is as we understand it.</p> <p>CHAIR: And there is that symbol that is in the code?</p> <p>Ms Gordon: That is as we understand it.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: But it is in the Prime Minister's name.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you could find out how long ago, that would assist.</p>
49	SQ20-000049	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	82-83	Schools	Prime Minister's Spelling Bee Website - terms of the grant agreement	<p>Senator O'NEILL: All in all, this definitely looks like a debacle. We've had the problem of the right-wing extremist symbol. The rules and regulations can't be found. You can't reassure me about data security, although you are going to follow it up. Exactly what is the government receiving from News Corp as part of this \$345,000 gift, upon request? Apparently, probing the website's maintenance costs, it is cited that WordPress's most expensive plan is \$59 a month. The website costs \$59 a month. I wonder what on earth could possibly be worth \$345,000 in the name of the Prime Minister when it appears to be completely underdone.</p> <p>Ms Gordon: Perhaps we can take it on notice and come back to you with the terms of the grant agreement.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: And a detailed breakdown of services being provided and the costs for each of those.</p> <p>Ms Gordon: Sure, we'd be happy to do that.</p>

50	SQ20-000050	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	83	Schools	Capacity to Contribute - breakdown by score	<p>Senator PRATT: My question was in relation to the school's CTC score. Are you able to give me similar figures based on that score?</p> <p>Mr Sawade: I don't have those figures with me for the breakdown by score but certainly can provide those aggregate figures on notice.</p>
51	SQ20-000564	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	85	Schools	Direct income measure for school funding	<p>Senator PRATT: If a school has a particular equity program within it, will it have a particularly meaningful impact on its score? And it's not necessarily a bad thing if that were to increase its level of Commonwealth funding in exchange for those equity outcomes. I've just wondering if it had been looked at.</p> <p>Mr Sawade: What we've looked at is ensuring that, for each school population, the methodology takes account of, and matches, the highest number possible that we are able to match using the ABS multi-agency data integration project datasets. So for those who were offered the scholarships, assuming they were at the lower end of the income scale as part of that school population distribution, depending on the percentage, it would absolutely have the potential to have the impact of moving the median score for that school lower and therefore potentially have an impact on that school—</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I would be interested in you modelling that for us in terms of taking some schools that might currently be seeking to be more ambitious in terms of their scholarships et cetera.</p> <p>Ms Gordon: Just to clarify on that: it really will depend on the circumstances of individual schools, so it is actually a very difficult thing to model. It very much depends on the distribution of the actual score and the incomes of the families of the students who are attending that school. So it is very difficult to give you an average or general response to that. But the distribution of income within schools is an issue that we have been working with the sector on and, as part of the technical working group, we've been exploring that particular issue.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I'm just wondering whether there might be policy outcomes—for example, boarding schools recruiting more regional Indigenous students. Frankly, I would be keen to see them employ strategies like that if there was actually a meaningful outcome on their score and in terms of a change in revenue. If you could provide me some advice on that on notice, that would be terrific.</p>
52	SQ20-000051	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	85-86	Schools	School Funding	<p>Senator PRATT: That's why I'm asking the question. Can you please provide a list of the 59 schools that will lose funding? I see it that way but, in order to get the answer from you, I need to say 'will decrease in their score and not grow at the same rate'.</p> <p>Ms Gordon: So can I just check that you're talking about with an average annual growth less than zero?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: So you said that there would be—</p> <p>Ms Gordon: Yes, 59 schools.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That have growth less than zero, yes.</p> <p>Mr Sawade: No, did I say 59? I am not sure I mentioned the number 59.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: What I haven't done is ask the previous question properly. There was an article in The Age that indicated 810 independent schools would have their annual recurrent funding increased by 2.5 per cent; 133 schools would have little or no change; and 59 would lose funding. So that's in relation to the 810 schools in the independent sector, which, I think, roughly matches the figures that you've given me in the proportional breakdown. Are you aware of those numbers from The Age?</p> <p>Mr Sawade: Yes.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Are you able to provide a list of those schools that will be in that cohort?</p> <p>Mr Sawade: Yes. We have to take that on notice. Just to be clear, so that's the 59 schools where the per student average annual growth is less than zero in the independent sector 2020 to 2029, excluding the capacity to contribute exempt schools.</p>
53	SQ20-000053	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	86	Schools	Legislation regarding school funding	<p>Senator PRATT: As a legislator I'm concerned about the loss of transparency and accountability of that because, at the same time as you can use it for that good accountable transparency to fix those issues, we have seen instances where the government writes itself a blank cheque to fix a problem in an electorate. How do we know this can't be used to two legislation whenever a particular school in a particular location isn't happy with the outcome?</p> <p>Ms Gordon: Any changes to regulation are obviously disallowable by parliament, so there is parliamentary oversight of those. It's really a matter of what's the appropriate level of detail to be prescribed in the legislation or the regulation. And if you look at the other loadings in the act, a lot of the detail is actually prescribed in the regulation. There are also requirements on the government to consult with the states and territories and also the non-government sector on any changes as well.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Can the regulation be used to vary between states or can it change the overall formula or can it be tweaked for different regions or anything like that?</p> <p>Ms Gordon: This is really about stipulating the methodology that's used.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Will it allow the methodology to vary in different regions, as opposed to applying that methodology universally?</p> <p>Ms Gordon: The methodology is really around the calculation of the SRS, which is then applied to individual schools across Australia. In setting a methodology for this particular element, it wouldn't differentiate between states and territories.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: But could the regulation be amended to allow it to differentiate between states and territories?</p> <p>Ms Gordon: I'd need to take that on notice.</p>
54	SQ20-000055	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	92	Higher Education Research and International	Travel restrictions for other countries	<p>Ms Sandercock: As at 1 March we have 1,842 from South Korea outside Australia and 132 from Iran. Were there other specific countries that you're interested in?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Do you have figures for any other countries? Maybe you could table the numbers of students by country.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Sorry, Senator: we just need to be careful about what we provide to the committee so as not to mislead its deliberations. There may well be students from other countries who are outside Australia and who are intending to come here, but who decided not to come for another reason. So, at any point in time, I'm sure there will be extra visas issued when student for family circumstances, or who might want to go to another country or put off university or whatever it may be—are you after, in particular, students who can't come to Australia because of a travel restriction?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That's right.</p> <p>Mr Heferen: We'll take that question on notice.</p>

55	SQ20-000060	Spoken	Stoker, Amanda	5/3/20	95	Higher Education Research and International	The French Review - implementing the model code	<p>Mr English: Sydney and La Trobe. Twelve have indicated they've finalised implementing the model code into their policies as a matter of progressive adoption into the various range of policies.</p> <p>Senator STOKER: Does that mean that they will do it but haven't yet?</p> <p>Mr English: They have done it, but they've done it by way of taking the principles and applying them within a range of policy documents rather than-</p> <p>Senator STOKER: Rather than adding a new policy. Which universities are in that category?</p> <p>Mr English: I'll need to take that on notice, sorry.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator STOKER: Is the department doing any analysis of the extent to which the universities that fall within that 14 have adopted the model code in full versus those who have diverged from the terms of the model code?</p> <p>Mr English: We are analysing the responses as they come in, yes.</p> <p>Senator STOKER: What have the analyses you've done so far revealed about the extent to which the model code has been adopted in full?</p> <p>Mr English: Again, I'd need to take on notice the precise details of that. The majority of universities have done what we would call substantively complied with the code—or applied the code, I should say. It's not a compliance process, as you know. There are some that we're still in discussion with about the way they are going about their work.</p> <p>Senator STOKER: If you could take that on notice, I would appreciate it. If you could itemise which universities you regard as having substantially complied and which ones you do not, I would appreciate that too.</p> <p>Mr English: Yes.</p>
56	SQ20-000062	Spoken	Stoker, Amanda	5/3/20	96		The Model Code - substantial compliance	<p>Senator STOKER: I suspect you'll also have to take this on notice, but you can give it a crack if you feel able. One thing I have noticed about two universities who have published stand-alone policies that are their response to the model code is that they deviate substantially from the model code itself and, in particular, in what I regard as the most important section—that is, how it is to operate, the way that it interacts with existing policies, that the obligation for free speech and intellectual freedom should prevail over other policies wherever it is possible to do so.</p> <p>Your initial impression that there is substantial compliance—in circumstances where the two universities' policies I have seen disregard the operation terms of the model code, which are core to its effectiveness, is something that deeply concerns me. So if you could have a good look at that, please, and get back to me I would be most grateful.</p> <p>Mr English: Do you have the two universities?</p> <p>Senator STOKER: I've got The University of Sydney and The University of Melbourne.</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: Thank you. We'll take that and have a look at it.</p> <p>Senator STOKER: Thank you very much. Much appreciated.</p>
57	SQ20-000064	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	96-97	Higher Education Research and International	Costello Baby Boom	<p>Senator PRATT: Can you explain what the looming Costello baby boom actually is, in terms of future demographic trends and demand for university places?</p> <p>Mr English: There is a well-documented bubble, you could describe it, in the age cohort coming through, which will be at school leaving age in about 2022-23, from memory, which lifts the growth rate of students coming through from about one to two per cent per annum to about three to four per cent per annum.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That translates to an impact of demand of—so you're talking about annual growth of one to two per cent before the peak in this boom, and you expect demand will grow by—did you say four per cent, relative to what it is now?</p> <p>Mr English: Three to four per cent, from memory. I will take the details on notice, but that's the order of the impact.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Mr English: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: So what is the gap in the growth between forecast population for 2022-23 and the Costello baby boom growth? You would have been forecasting the growth and demand. Is it about one to two per cent?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: Mr English covered that in the initial proposition that for 64-year-olds it is about one to two per cent and for 18- to 22-year-olds it grows more at three to four per cent. So the committee is properly informed, Mr English took that on notice to get the actual numbers, whether it is 3.something or 4.whatever it is.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That's right. So take on notice the rate of growth in the baby boom cohort, and can you forecast for us how long that cohort lasts for in terms of when the trend starts to come back down again.</p> <p>Mr English: Just to be clear: we won't forecast that for you; we will get the ABS data and provide that.</p>
58	SQ20-000094	Spoken	Pratt, Louise	5/3/20	101	Higher Education Research and International	Performance plans	<p>Senator PRATT: ...How have universities been consulted throughout the process about the performance plans in terms of that feedback loop? Can you tell me what measures there are that might highlight any transparency in this process?</p> <p>Mr Heferen: You'd like us to take those on notice?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Yes, that would be fine.</p>
59	SQ20-000095	Spoken	Abetz, Eric	5/3/20	101	Agency: ARC	ARC   Research grants in relation to patents	<p>Senator ABETZ: So the ARC does not have oversight in relation to patents and therefore does not have any requirements in its research grants in relation to patents—would that be fair?</p> <p>Ms Emery: I think there are some general provisions around intellectual property that require institutions to put in place intellectual property provisions.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Is that an ARC requirement?</p> <p>Ms Emery: It's under our funding agreement, I do believe, but I'll need to take the detail on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If you could and then provide me with that detail, I would be much obliged.</p>
60	SQ20-000097	Spoken	Abetz, Eric	5/3/20	102	Agency: ARC	ARC   Chinese doctrine of civil military fusion	<p>Senator ABETZ: What I'd draw your attention to and ask you to consider and come back to me on notice is the Chinese doctrine of civil military fusion—that is, basically anything of a civilian nature that might be researched or discovered or whatever will become part and parcel of their military considerations. Therefore, when we have joint funding arrangements with Chinese researchers, Australian IP may find its way to China, which might then be used for military purposes. I'll leave that with you; if you could get back to me on notice on that, I'd be much obliged.</p> <p>Ms Emery: Certainly.</p>
61	SQ20-000100	Spoken	Abetz, Eric	5/3/20	102	Agency: ARC	ARC   Funding to Laureate Fellowships and DECRA	<p>Senator ABETZ: Are you able to give me advice as to funding in relation to those two categories as well on the basis of the question that I placed on notice previously? Are you able to adapt that so we can find out what funding the ARC has provided to Laureate Fellowships and DECRA, which may have Chinese connections?</p> <p>Prof. Thomas: We can certainly take on notice the number of awards to researchers who are coming onshore from internationally. I'm not sure we will necessarily have all of the information in the way you would like it, but we will do our best and take it on notice.</p>

62	SQ20-000109	Spoken	Carr, Kim	5/3/20	103	Agency: ARC	ARC   Correspondence from the University of Queensland	<p>Senator KIM CARR: .... I want to come to something very specific here, because the university also investigated it, and I'm wondering if you can recall correspondence that was actually sent by the university, from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). As I understand it, Professor Bronwyn Harch wrote to you indicating that the university's inquiries could find no breaches-no breaches whatsoever. Do you recall that correspondence?</p> <p>Prof. Thomas: Yes, I do.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can you recall the date on which you replied to the university?</p> <p>Prof. Thomas: Not offhand, Senator, no.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I'll come back to that, if you can find the date, and presumably you can find the correspondence. Is that possible?</p> <p>Prof. Thomas: We'll certainly try, Senator.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I see. Alright. Now, have you been able to find that letter for me?</p> <p>Prof. Thomas: We may have to come back to you on that.</p> <p>Ms Emery: I think we're having some technological issues.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Okay. You can assure me that there was a reply, can you?</p> <p>Prof. Thomas: I honestly can't recall, but we will come back to you with that information.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: .... If the university have written to you, they're entitled to a reply. I'm asking you: have you replied? If you haven't, why not?</p> <p>Prof. Thomas: We will follow that up. I will ascertain whether or not a reply has been sent. If a reply has not been sent, we'll rectify that. We certainly understand the issue about people's reputations.</p>
63	SQ20-000563	Spoken	Carr, Kim	5/3/20	106	Higher Education Research and International	University Foreign Interference Taskforce guidelines	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I'm just surprised that the ARC wasn't consulted in [the development of the University Foreign Interference Taskforce guidelines].</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: I can take it on notice, but I take the word of the ARC.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: We know the answer. The question is, why were they not consulted?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you.</p>
64	SQ20-000119	Spoken	Carr, Kim	5/3/20	109	Agency: ARC	ARC   Guidelines - requirements under linkages program	<p>Senator KIM CARR: You say it's a permissible use. Okay. I hope the Auditor-General sees it that way. You have some backup for that position, have you? You've actually checked that? You don't need to have a partner in the linkage program?</p> <p>Ms Emery: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You have?</p> <p>Ms Emery: No.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Could you take that on notice and actually ask what the legal basis is for that claim?</p> <p>Ms Emery: Yes.</p>
65	SQ20-000122	Spoken	Carr, Kim	5/3/20	109	Agency: ARC	ARC   Obligations under continuous disclosure	<p>Ms Emery: They would be able to declare, as I understand it, to the stock exchange that they had entered into an arrangement; if they needed to, they could advise they entered into an arrangement. They just would not need to identify where that funding was coming from.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: And you think that meets their obligations under continuous disclosure for the stock exchange?</p> <p>Ms Emery: As far as I'm aware.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Have you taken legal advice on that?</p> <p>Ms Emery: It certainly has not been raised with the ARC whether there's been an issue in this area.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I'm raising it with you now. It's been raised with me. I'm raising it with you. You're saying no-one else has raised this with you?</p> <p>Ms Emery: No institution has raised it with us.</p> <p>Prof. Thomas: No, it hasn't been raised with us.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I'm wondering if you could check that.</p> <p>Prof. Thomas: Certainly.</p>
66	SQ20-000126	Spoken	Carr, Kim	5/3/20	113	Agency: ARC	ARC   Main international partners	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Can I get an up-to-date chart on our main international partners in terms of our funding profiles historically-the European breakdown, China, the United States-and, if it's possible, the main discipline areas for each?</p> <p>Prof. Thomas: We can give you that on notice.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, the top five would be good.</p> <p>Ms Emery: And the main areas? We can do that.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, the main areas of research.</p>
67	SQ20-000129	Spoken	Stoker, Amanda	5/3/20	118	Higher Education Research and International	French review - departmental analysis	<p>Senator STOKER: Can I expect you to be prepared to do that in relation to those universities that already have their policies locked in by the time of, say, the budget estimates?</p> <p>Dr Bruniges: What we'd want to do is provide the minister with advice on all the universities, rather than partially doing it. But I'm happy to take on notice what analysis we can do by the budget estimates at the beginning of June, which is not that far away. I also point out that it was the minister's intention when he wrote to the vice-chancellors that they consider the adoption of the model code on a voluntary basis by institution, regulation or policy. Picking up on what Professor Saunders said about the original French statement about the voluntary basis, I think that's something we're going to have to navigate as we go through our analysis.</p>

68	SQ20-000130	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	119	Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Complaints received against the University of Queensland	Senator O'NEILL: How many other complaints of this nature has TEQSA received against the University of Queensland? Mr McClaran: How many complaints against the University of Queensland? Senator O'NEILL: Yes. Mr McClaran: I believe it is two, but I'd like to take that on notice and confirm that. Overall we've received 17 complaints since September 2017 across the entire higher education sector. That is to give you a sense of the volume of the complaints that are being referred to us.
69	SQ20-000131	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	120	Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Scrutiny of sexual assault and sexual harassment across the sector	Senator O'NEILL: Do you consider that TEQSA is providing sufficient scrutiny of this across the sector? Mr McClaran: What we did was take a decision that we would add the specific area of sexual assault and sexual harassment to every reregistration that we conduct for a period going forward until we decide that actually we think we have enough of an evidence base. So far that has involved over 50 providers. Every time there is scrutiny for a reregistration, an additional part of that scrutiny will be an examination of how the provider is dealing with complaints in that area. Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide on notice any details, numerical or in other forms, that give me a sense, across those 50, of points where you had to suggest changes et cetera? Mr McClaran: Certainly.
70	SQ20-000132	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	120	Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Complaints dispersed across universities	Senator O'NEILL: In terms of the 17, across how many universities is that dispersed? Mr McClaran: I don't have that figure. Senator O'NEILL: You can take that on notice. Mr McClaran: I can take that on notice.
71	SQ20-000133	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	120	Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Providing information to a complainant	Senator O'NEILL: .... The TEQSA Amendment Bill 2019 passed both houses last year. It allows you to disclose information for research purposes to a complainant in relation to a complaint without the consent of the body to which the information applies. Since the amendment bill passed in 2019, has TEQSA provided information to a complainant about their investigations and/or the outcome of a complaint against a higher education provider? Mr McClaran: Yes, we have. Senator O'NEILL: On how many occasions? Mr McClaran: I would need to take the number on notice.
72	SQ20-000134	Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	121	Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Compliance and investigation team	Senator O'NEILL: Could you give me a sense of the scale of their work, on notice, how much of the dedicated compliance and- Mr McClaran: Compliance and investigation. Senator O'NEILL: investigations team's time is spent on these particular matters? Mr McClaran: Relating to sexual assault and sexual harassment? Senator O'NEILL: Yes. Any breakdown of other areas of complaint would be also helpful. Mr McClaran: We'll take that on notice. Senator O'NEILL: Thank you very much.
73	SQ20-000002	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Job Seeker Payment -Sickness Allowance	1. Following the introduction of job seeker payment in June 2020, how will people who were previously eligible for Sickness Allowance be treated under jobactive? 2. Will people who were previously eligible for Sickness Allowance be required to undertake mutual obligation requirements? 3. What is the exemption process for this cohort? 4. How long will exemptions last for and will this cohort need to reapply for exemptions?
74	SQ20-000003	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Online Employment Services Trial	1. When and where will the expanded Online Employment Services Trial program be rolled out? 2. What evidence have you gathered to support expanding the Online Employment Services Trial? 3. How does this measure generate savings? 4. To which policy areas will the savings generated from this measure be redirected to?
75	SQ20-000004	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	ParentsNext	1. Please provide the percentage of ParentsNext participants who have exited the PN program into paid employment - disaggregate on the basis of First Nations status, gender and region. 2. Please provide the percentage of ParentsNext participants who have been able to access: - financial support for child care - financial support for study - access to a wage subsidy - and, disaggregated on the basis of First Nations status, gender and region. 3. Please provide the percentage of participants who were not connected to other services prior to entering the Parentsnext program and who were subsequently connected to services as a result of the program - disaggregated on the basis of First Nations status, gender and region.
76	SQ20-000005	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Intensive Stream funding	What is the amount and percentage of total program funding that has been directed towards Intensive Stream participants since 1 July 2018, disaggregated on the basis of First Nations status and region.
77	SQ20-000006	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Impact of the recent bushfires on employment	1. Have you done an assessment on the impact of the recent bushfires on jobs for local people in affected regions? If so please provide the findings. 2. How is the Government taking action to support local businesses to stay open and keep people employed and to ensure that local people facing unemployment benefit from employment opportunities associated with the clean-up and reconstruction? 3. How is the Government taking into account the impact of the fires upon the capacity for income support recipients to meet the mutual obligation requirements, and upon the finances and performance of employment services providers?
78	SQ20-000007	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Career Transition Assistance	How many job seekers have been referred to the Career Transition Assistance program since commencement of the national rollout in July 2019?
79	SQ20-000008	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	jobactive Star Ratings	On average, jobactive Star Ratings are lower in regional areas than in non-regional employment regions. How can the Star Ratings more adequately take account of labour market factors in regional areas, particularly drought affected areas?
80	SQ20-000009	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Eligibility of access to Transition to Work	Has the Department considered widening the eligibility of access to Transition to Work so that young people across Australia aged under 17 who are not in education and not on income support can access support to re-engage with education and/or employment?

81	SQ20-000010	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	People with partial capacity to work in jobactive	Please provide the following breakdown of people with partial capacity to work in jobactive; 1. Total number. 2. By hours of partial work capacity (0-15 hours, 15-30 hours). 3. By age. 4. The following broken down by hours of partial work capacity: - number with activity test exemptions - number with jobactive suspensions - number with job search requirements (none, 1-10 per month, 11-19 per month, 20 per month) - number with part time employment - number in Work for the Dole - number in vocational training - number in other training - other main activities in employment plan. 5. The following broken down by hours of partial work capacity: - employment outcomes 3 months later (fulltime, part time, permanent, casual).
82	SQ20-000011	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	jobactive providers who cancelled all their appointments	Is the Department aware of Jobactive Providers who cancelled all their appointments in January 2020? If so, which providers, in which areas and for what reasons?
83	SQ20-000012	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Fully eligible Job Seekers who exit Jobactive	Please provide the number and percentages of fully eligible job seekers who exit Jobactive, by Stream, after achieving a 26 week employment outcome and then return to the caseload 26 weeks after the outcome was claimed.
84	SQ20-000013	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Unemployed Job Seekers	Please provide the most recently available breakdown by job seekers in each of the Streams, in total, and caseload who have been unemployed for less than 12 months; 1 to 2 years; 2 to 3 years; 3 to 4 years; 4 to 5 years; 5 to 10 years, and over 10 years. Please provide the data by age, gender and Indigenous status.
85	SQ20-000014	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Update to Question on Notice: EM10191_14	Please provide an update to Department of Employment Question No. EM10191_14 for the most recent data available.
86	SQ20-000015	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	13 week or 26 week employment outcome	How many long-term and very long-term unemployed people obtained a 13 week or 26 week employment outcome according to the Departments latest figures over the past 12 months? Please provide the data by numbers, percentages and by First Nation/non-Indigenous status and by state and territory.
87	SQ20-000016	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Update to Question on Notice: EMSQ16-000183	Please update Department of Employment question number EMSQ16-000183 using the latest available data/period.
88	SQ20-000017	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Update to Question on Notice: EMSQ16-000189	Please update Department of Employment question number EMSQ16-000189 using the latest available data/period.
89	SQ20-000018	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Update to Question on Notice: EMSQ16-000182	Please update Department of Employment Question Number EMSQ16-000182. Using the latest available data/period.
90	SQ20-000019	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Job Seekers - 10 most common barriers	With respect to the 10 most common barriers identified in ESAT/JCA/JSCI, please identify how many job seekers experience that barrier, both as a total and as a percentage of all job seekers in each stream. Please provide breakdowns by First Nations status.
91	SQ20-000020	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	jobactive providers - Job plans	1. How many jobactive providers have provided job plans or participation plans that have had errors in them? 2. How many jobactive providers have provided job plans or participation plans that are inappropriate? 3. Are you monitoring how often jobactive providers are providing job plans or participation plans that are inappropriate or have errors in them?
92	SQ20-000021	Written	Siewert, Rachel	11/3/20		Employment	Job Seekers - cancelled off payment	Please provide the latest available data on the number of job seekers cancelled off payment after no re-engaging within 28 days, broken down by program, stream, demographic, payment, age and geographic indicators (an update to the table provided 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates in October 2019).
93	SQ20-000337	Written	Siewert, Rachel	18/3/20		Employment	Cancellation of payments for First Nations jobactive participants	Are you aware that thousands of First Nations jobactive participants were cancelled off payment after not re-engaging within 28 days? Do you monitor what has happened to these people?
94	SQ20-000022	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Early Childhood and Child Care	Community Child Care Fund	Referring to SQ19-000181, can the department please update. How much has been allocated under the CCCF restricted non-competitive grants, to how many services, and how much is still held in reserve?
95	SQ20-000023	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Early Childhood and Child Care	National Partnership Agreement funding	Referring to SQ18-000837, can the department please provide an update on the per child contribution and estimated number of children under the 2020 National Partnership Agreement funding?
96	SQ20-000024	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Early Childhood and Child Care	Update to SQ18-000828 relating to approved child care	Referring to SQ18-000828, please update table 1 and table 2 with the latest data and estimates over the forward estimates period.
97	SQ20-000025	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Early Childhood and Child Care	Child care safety net/child care subsidy and fees	1. How many children and families qualified for the child care safety net in 2018-19, and please provide estimates for the forward estimates. 2. How many families were subject to the child care subsidy cap in 2018-19, and please provide estimates for the forward estimates. 3. How many, and what percentage, of providers are charging fees above the hourly fee cap in centre based day care, family day care and out of school hours care? How many families are registered in these services?
98	SQ20-000026	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Early Childhood and Child Care	Dodgy child care providers'	1. (a) Can the Department please provide a breakdown of the \$3 billion saved as a result of the 'dodgy child care provider' compliance program, with funding and services closed per financial year? (b) Does the Department know how many children received care from these services, and if these children moved into other service types?
99	SQ20-000027	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Early Childhood and Child Care	Bushfires - families exempt from the CCS activity test	Does the Department know how many families have been affected by the 2019/20 bushfires that will be exempt from the child care subsidy activity test?
100	SQ20-000028	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Early Childhood and Child Care	Additional Child Care Subsidy - Child Wellbeing payment	How many children receiving the Additional Child Care Subsidy - Child Wellbeing payment are subject to protection orders and will be in the prescribed class that will be eligible for the new 12 month ACCS (child wellbeing) determination period?
101	SQ20-000029	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Early Childhood and Child Care	Bushfires - Community Child Care Fund	How much has been allocated from the Community Child Care Fund to bushfire-affected early learning centres, and how many centres have received funding?

102	SQ20-000030	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Early Childhood and Child Care	Child Care Subsidy	1. (a) Can the Department please provide a breakdown of the \$2.5 billion in additional funding the child care subsidy will provide by financial year? (b) How did the Department arrive at this estimate, and over how many years will the extra \$2.5 billion be delivered?
103	SQ20-000031	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Higher Education Research and International	Early childhood teaching degrees	Referring to SQ18-000900, please update with early childhood teaching degree commencements and completion figures for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
104	SQ20-000091	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Cross Portfolio	MoG Changes Effective 1 February 2020	1. How many staff were allocated to implementing the recent Machinery of Government (MoG) change? 2. What was the budget allocated to implementing the MoG change? 3. How much was spent implementing the MoG change? Please include a breakdown of the amount spent on: a. Consultants and contractors b. Physical relocation of staff and resources. c. Changes to signage. d. New letterheads, merchandise and other branded items. 4. Has the Department conducted, or will the Department conduct, an evaluation of the MoG implementation? a. If not, why not? b. If yes, please provide this evaluation or provide the date this evaluation will be released. 5. How many voluntary redundancies were offered as a result of the MoG changes? 6. How many separations occurred in the months of December 2019 and January 2020? 7. In between 5 December 2019 and 1 February (i.e. the period between the changes were announced and when they took effect), did the Department fail to comply with any statutory obligations (e.g. processing times for FOI applications)? If so, which ones?
105	SQ20-000092	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Previous Questions on Notice	Regarding the 2019-20 Supplementary Estimates round, with hearings on 23 and 24 October and a spillover hearing on 5 December: 1. On what date/s did the Department provide responses to Questions on Notice from each hearing to the Minister's office? 2. Were all Questions on Notice provided to the Minister's office before the due dates? 3. Please provide the date/s that each Question on Notice was approved by the Minister's office. 4. If there was a delay between the Department providing responses to the Minister's office and the Minister's office approving the responses, please explain the reason/s for the delay
106	SQ20-000093	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Reviews	1. With respect to Departmental reviews relating to: a. Schools b. Higher Education c. Skills and Training Details of all Reports or Reviews commissioned since 24 August 2018 (including as part of the former Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business) including: a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers. f. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost. g. When and if the Government has responded to the reviews and what policy settings have been adopted in response.
107	SQ20-000096	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Skills and Training	National Skills Commission	1. Is the National Skills Commission still being run out of the Department of Education and Training? 2. How many staff are working with the interim National Skills Commissioner? 3. Until when is the interim Commissioner appointed? 4. When will the recruitment process begin for the permanent position? 5. Please provide an update on the co-design processes underway at the moment. a. Please provide a list of all participants in the consultations. b. Were specific consultations undertaken with relevant departments in the states and territories? c. What are the next steps? d. When will the co-design process be finalised? e. When do you expect the National Skills Commission will be fully established? 6. The interim Commissioner is undertaking significant work prior to the co-design process finalising. a. Could you please provide an update on the design of nationally consistent models for pricing for VET? b. How does this interact with the Productivity Commission's review, which is also looking at pricing arrangements? c. Where is work up to on the design of forecasting for skills demand? 7. The Government has run a tender process for "foundation work for the Interim National Skills Commission". There appear to be two separate contractors undertaking the research work. What are the two companies doing? Why hire two companies to do the same work? a. Deloitte has been awarded two contracts for "corporate objectives or policy development" worth \$895,882 and \$495,265 – what are these contracts for?

108	SQ20-000098	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Skills and Training	Industry Training Hubs	<p>1. When were the locations of the Government's ten Industry training hubs signed off on by the Minister?</p> <p>a. Were all ten locations decided at the same time?</p> <p>b. Were any of the locations of the 10 Industry Training hubs changed after the commencement of the Caretaker period on April 11?</p> <p>2. What was the process used to select the locations of the Industry Training Hubs?</p> <p>3. On what basis were the locations chosen?</p> <p>4. What was the involvement of the Minister or her office in determining the final locations of the 10 Industry Training hubs?</p> <p>5. Does responsibility for the final decisions about the Industry Training Hubs locations lie with the Department or the Minister?</p> <p>6. Officials stated in the hearing on 5 March that the Department provided the Minister with criteria for identifying locations based on high levels of youth unemployment.</p> <p>a. On what date did the Department provide the Minister's office with the recommended criteria?</p> <p>b. What were the criteria the Department identified?</p> <p>c. What unemployment data did the Department provide to the Minister's office?</p> <p>d. Were locations discussed with the Minister's office prior to an initial recommendation being sent up?</p> <p>7. Did the Department provide an initial list of recommended locations to the Minister's office? If so, please provide that list.</p> <p>a. Were the announced locations the same as the list of locations recommended by the Department?</p> <p>b. On what date did the Department provide its initial recommendation about the location of the 10 hubs to the Minister?</p> <p>8. Were the ten announced locations the ten areas with the highest youth unemployment in Australia at the time the decision was made?</p> <p>9. Were other areas with a high youth unemployment rate considered?</p> <p>a. If yes, why were these ten locations chosen over the other locations? What criteria were applied to make this decision? Or was the decision at the Minister's discretion?</p> <p>b. If not, why were other areas not considered?</p> <p>10. On what date was the decision made for Burnie and Townsville to be the first two locations for the Hubs to commence?</p> <p>11. Was the decision that Burnie and Townsville would be the first two locations made by the Department or the Minister?</p> <p>12. What was the process used to select Burnie and Townsville as the first two locations?</p> <p>a. Did the Department make a recommendation to the Minister? If yes, was the recommendation that Burnie and Townsville be the locations of the first two Hubs?</p> <p>b. On what basis were Burnie and Townsville selected as the first two locations?</p>
109	SQ20-000099	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Skills and Training	NASWD Targets	<p>1. Please confirm what the targets of the National Agreement for Skills and Workforce Developments are.</p> <p>2. What was the proportion of Australians nationally aged 20-64 without Certificate III or above qualifications in 2009?</p> <p>3. What would the proportion have to be to meet the 2020 target of halving the proportion of Australians nationally aged 20-64 without qualifications at Certificate III level and above between 2009 and 2020?</p> <p>4. What was the proportion of Australians nationally without Certificate III or above qualifications in 2019?</p> <p>5. Will the NASWD target to halve the proportion of Australians nationally aged 20-64 without qualifications at Certificate III level will be met in 2020?</p> <p>a. Has the Government failed to meet this target?</p> <p>6. Will the Government meet the second target to double the number of higher level qualification completions by 2020?</p> <p>a. If not, by how much will the target be missed?</p> <p>7. Will the Government fail to meet both of the NASWD targets?</p>
110	SQ20-000101	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Skills and Training	TAFE Revitalisation Grants Program	<p>1. Please provide a progress update on the TAFE Revitalisation Grants Program.</p> <p>2. What process will be used to allocate the grants funding? Has this process begun?</p> <p>a. When will the grants guidelines be made available?</p> <p>b. How will merit be assessed?</p> <p>c. If there is a panel, who is on it?</p> <p>d. How many funding rounds will there be?</p> <p>3. Have any funding agreements been reached with the states and territories?</p> <p>a. If so, with which states and territories?</p> <p>b. Please provide the details of these funding agreements, including the amount of funding and any conditions attached to the funding.</p> <p>4. Has the Federal Government actively reached out to states and territories about funding agreements?</p> <p>5. The COAG Skills Council met on 22 November 2019 in Brisbane. Was the TAFE Revitalisation Grants Program on the agenda?</p> <p>a. Was it raised with state and territory ministers at that meeting?</p> <p>6. When do you expect to finalise the first funding agreements?</p>
111	SQ20-000102	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Skills and Training	Progress of Skills Package	<p>1. For each of the measures listed in the Delivering Skills for Today and Tomorrow Package in the 2019-20 Budget (including each commitment listed on the 'Delivering Skills Today and Tomorrow' page of the Department's website <a href="http://www.employment.gov.au/delivering-skills-today-and-tomorrow">www.employment.gov.au/delivering-skills-today-and-tomorrow</a>, as well as any items on pp. 69-70 of 2019-20 Budget Paper 2 not listed on the webpage) please provide an update from SQ19-001537 on:</p> <p>a. Progress implementing the measure;</p> <p>b. When the commitment is due to commence implementation and be fully implemented;</p> <p>c. The breakdown of funding over the forward estimates, plus details of any funding provided outside the forward years ;</p> <p>d. Whether the measure will require legislation;</p> <p>e. If the commitment will involve an external provider, and if so, who the external provider will be;</p> <p>f. Whether a tender process has been initiated;</p> <p>g. Whether contracts have been finalised and if not, when contracts will be finalised;</p> <p>h. Who the successful tenderers are.</p>

112	SQ20-000120	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Schools	School and higher education funding	<p>1. Please provide the difference in funding between the estimated actual figure listed in the relevant portfolio budget statement and the actual funding listed in the Department's annual report for each program funded under the schools budget outcomes (1.3, 1.4, 1.5) for every financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19, and the latest available data for 2019-20. Please provide this as a total for each financial year, as well as broken down by program.</p> <p>2. Please provide the difference in funding between the estimated actual figure listed in the relevant portfolio budget statement and the actual funding listed in the Department's annual report for each program funded under the higher education budget outcomes (2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7) for every financial year from 2014-15 to 2018-19, and the latest available data for 2019-20. Please provide this as a total for each financial year, as well as broken down by program.</p> <p>3. Could you provide projected funding for government and non-government schools (Catholic and independent) over the Forward Estimates and the medium term (through to 2029-30).</p>
113	SQ20-000121	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Schools	National School Resourcing Board Reviews	<p>1. Regarding the National School Resourcing Board's review of needs-based funding requirements:</p> <p>a. What was the original deadline for the review's report?</p> <p>b. When was the original deadline extended to?</p> <p>c. Has the report been provided to Government?</p> <p>d. What has been the reason for delay?</p> <p>e. When will the outcomes of the review be publicly released?</p> <p>2. Regarding the National School Resourcing Board's review of loading for students with disabilities:</p> <p>a. When was the original deadline for the review's report?</p> <p>b. Has the report been publicly released?</p> <p>c. Has the report been provided to the Government?</p> <p>3. Are these not priority areas for the government?</p> <p>4. How many students were assessed as eligible for Students with Disability loading in Australia in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown of the number of eligible students by type of disability.</p> <p>5. What was the percentage increase in funding for SwD loading in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20?</p> <p>a. What is the projected increase in funding for SwD for each year over the forward estimates?</p> <p>6. Regarding the National School Resourcing Board's review of how the Schooling Resource Standard loadings impact regional students:</p> <p>a. What are the terms of reference for this review?</p> <p>b. When will the terms of reference be released?</p> <p>c. What issues are the Government seeking to address through this review?</p> <p>d. How will this review interact with the over-due review on needs-based loadings?</p>
114	SQ20-000123	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Schools	Capital Grants Program for Schools	<p>1. How much funding was allocated through the Capital Grants Scheme in the 2019/20 financial year?</p> <p>a. How does that compare to the amount of funding spent in the previous two financial years?</p> <p>2. How much funding has been allocated in total from the grants scheme so far?</p> <p>3. Which schools were successful in the most recent round of grants?</p> <p>4. Please provide a list of all projects that were successful, including the school name, state, electorate, project description, the amount of funding approved and the grant round.</p> <p>5. Which of the schools that received funding under the Capital Grants Scheme had previously received grants under Commonwealth Government capital funding programs?</p> <p>6. How many schools applied but did not receive funding under each round of the Capital Grants Scheme?</p> <p>a. How many of these schools had eligible applications?</p>
115	SQ20-000124	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Schools	Local Schools Community Fund	<p>1. How many schools made applications in each electorate?</p> <p>2. What was the total amount of funding requested in eligible applications in each electorate?</p> <p>3. What was the total amount of funding allocated through the program in each electorate?</p> <p>4. Why was funding allocated as a uniform figure per electorate, despite some electorates having more schools or a larger student population than others?</p> <p>a. Was this a decision of the Minister or the Department?</p> <p>5. What support will be made available to schools who have demonstrated need but were not allocated funding due to the cap being reached in their electorate?</p>

116	SQ20-000125	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Bushfire and Drought Funding	<p>1. What is the total amount of funding allocated to bushfire recovery and support in the education and training portfolio?</p> <p>a. Where has this funding been drawn from?</p> <p>b. Please provide a breakdown of this funding allocation and source by measure on notice.</p> <p>2. Has any pre-existing funding in the education and training portfolio been reallocated to pay for bushfire recovery and support?</p> <p>3. How much of the funding allocated to bushfire recovery and support in the education and training portfolio has been spent so far?</p> <p>Regarding the announced funding for an additional 25 Beyond Blue liaison officers to support schools in bushfire affected communities:</p> <p>4. Where will the 25 Beyond Blue liaison officers be placed?</p> <p>5. Will the officers be allocated to specific schools or to communities?</p> <p>6. Will they assist both government and non-government schools?</p> <p>7. For how long will these liaison officers be placed these communities?</p> <p>Regarding the announced additional funding for the National School Chaplaincy Program for bushfire recovery:</p> <p>8. How much funding has been allocated for additional school chaplains?</p> <p>9. How many requests have there been by state and territory governments for extra funding for school chaplains under the bushfire recovery program?</p> <p>10. Have all these requests have been accommodated?</p> <p>11. Please provide a breakdown of the additional funding that has been provided by state and territory.</p> <p>12. Where is this funding being drawn from?</p> <p>13. For how long will this additional funding be available for?</p> <p>Regarding the current round of Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships:</p> <p>14. What is the amount of funding that has been allocated to the current round of the Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships?</p> <p>a. Is this new funding that was announced or had the funding for the current round already been allocated?</p> <p>15. How many applications have been received in the current round of the Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships so far?</p> <p>a. How many of these applications are from students in bushfire and drought affected areas?</p> <p>16. What kind of special consideration will be given to applications from students affected by drought and bushfire?</p> <p>17. How many of the Rural and Regional Enterprise Scholarships have gone to students affected by drought and bushfire so far?</p> <p>a. How many of the scholarships do you expect to go to students from these areas over the course of the year?</p>
117	SQ20-000127	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Higher Education Research and International	Coronavirus and Global Reputation Taskforce	<p>1. Has the Department undertaken any work to determine the likely impact of travels bans on the higher education sector, including financial impacts on the sector and flow-on impacts for students?</p> <p>a. What has this work revealed?</p> <p>2. How many times has the Global Reputation Taskforce of the Council for International Education met?</p> <p>a. What were the dates of these meetings?</p> <p>3. Does the Global Reputation Taskforce have a forward work plan or similar?</p> <p>a. If yes, what does the work plan include?</p> <p>b. Please provide a copy of the work plan or similar.</p> <p>4. Is the Global Reputation Taskforce being run out of the Department?</p> <p>a. How many staff are allocated to support the Taskforce?</p>
118	SQ20-000135	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Employment	ParentsNext	<p>1. Could the department please provide a monthly breakdown of the following data for the Parents Next program from July 2019:</p> <p>a. Number of participants by target group and age of youngest child;</p> <p>b. Number of payment suspensions by reason (including non-attendance at provider appoints and activities);</p> <p>c. Number of these suspensions that were lifted;</p> <p>d. The distribution of the number of days payments were suspended;</p> <p>e. Number of parents whose payments were suspended, broken down Indigenous and non-Indigenous status ;</p> <p>f. Number of parents who incurred financial penalties, broken down Indigenous and non-Indigenous status and size of penalty;</p> <p>g. Proportion of participants who obtained employment or participated in education or vocational training.</p> <p>2. Please provide the following data for current participants in the Parents Next program:</p> <p>a. Number of participants by target group and age of youngest child;</p> <p>b. Age;</p> <p>c. Gender;</p> <p>d. Indigenous status;</p> <p>e. State and territory;</p> <p>f. Number and ages of all children;</p> <p>g. Number of parents with a partial work capacity;</p> <p>h. Number of parents receiving Carer Allowance;</p> <p>i. Number of parents with vulnerability indicators, by type of vulnerability and the number of vulnerabilities.</p> <p>3. In each month since July 2019, how many parents referred to Parents Next did not commence due to ineligibility for the program?</p> <p>a. How many parents participating in the program applied to providers, Centrelink or the Department to leave the program?</p> <p>b. Of these, how many were exited/not exited from the program, and for what reasons?</p> <p>4. In each month since July 2019, how many complaints were made to the Department by participants in Parents Next, broken down by type of complaint?</p>
119	SQ20-000136	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Employment	National Customer Service Line	<p>1. How many calls has the national customer service line received from job seekers this financial year?</p> <p>2. What are the complaints largely in relation to? Can you provide detail of the more common categories of complaint / issue?</p>

120	SQ20-000137	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Employment	New Employment Services Trial (NEST)	<p>1. Following the first phase of the trial, there should have been an evaluation that focussed on implementation learnings.</p> <p>a. Has that review been conducted?</p> <p>b. What areas has the department identified as in need of improvement?</p> <p>2. How does the department intend to rectify and identified issues within the trial through phases two and three?</p> <p>3. Was the review undertaken by the department or was the review outsourced?</p> <p>a. If the review was outsourced, what was the cost and to which organisation was the work outsourced to?</p> <p>4. Can the department please provide detail about the inputs to evaluations:</p> <p>a. How many job seekers participated in the evaluation?</p> <p>b. How many service providers participated? Please list the providers.</p> <p>c. What was the method by which individuals/job seekers were chosen to participate in the evaluation process?</p>
121	SQ20-000138	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Higher Education Research and International	Research Training Implementation Plan	<p>1. Please provide the equity report presenting selected statistics and analysis of Higher Degrees by Research (HDR) participation by gender, regional/remote and SES status prepared under priority area 3.1 of the Research Training Implementation Plan?</p> <p>2. Please provide the report on Indigenous HDR participation and the survey of stipends under priority area 3.4.</p> <p>3. What is the status of the data on Indigenous pathways and completion rates?</p> <p>4. Please provide a copy of the first HDR cohort analysis which was to be completed by June 2019 under action point 5.1.</p> <p>5. What is the status of the HDR pathways report under action point 1.1?</p> <p>6. Why has the Department consistently failed to meet the deadlines for these priority areas?</p> <p>7. What advice has been provided to the Minister on supporting Indigenous participation in the HDR system?</p> <p>8. Please provide a the most recent data on HDR participation broken down by equity group, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, rural, regional and remote, and low socio-economic status.</p> <p>a. Please provide this as a national total and broken down by Higher Education Provider.</p>
122	SQ20-000139	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Higher Education Research and International	Demographic bulge	<p>1. For each academic year between the 2013 and 2020 academic years, please provide:</p> <p>a. The total number of applications made for a place in a bachelor degree program;</p> <p>b. The total number of offers made for a place in a bachelor degree program;</p> <p>c. The gap between the above figures.</p> <p>2. For each academic year between 2020 and 2025, if the university participation rate of school leavers was held constant at the most recently-measured level, all else being equal, what would be:</p> <p>a. The total number of applications made for a place in a bachelor degree program?</p> <p>b. The total number of offers made for a place in a bachelor degree program?</p> <p>c. The gap between the above figures?</p> <p>3. It is widely accepted there is a demographic 'bump' coming, related to the 'Costello Baby Boom', with 40,000 additional 18 year olds by 2025 and 60,000 additional 18 year olds needing education and training in 2030.</p> <p>a. Does the Government have a strategy in place to identify where this additional growth will be?</p> <p>b. Has the Department conducted any regional or geographic analysis around educational attainment, and the compounding effect population increases will have on these areas?</p> <p>4. Has the Department identified a fall or increase in university enrolment by mature age students over the past decade? If so, please provide the enrolment data showing this trend.</p> <p>5. Has the Department modelled future demand from mature age students? What potential trends have been identified?</p>
123	SQ20-000140	Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Higher Education Research and International	Trading university places	<p>1. The Minister has recently put in place a system whereby universities can swap designated places (enabling, postgraduate and sub bachelor) for places, money or other arrangements of equivalent value.</p> <p>a. Have any such swaps taken place? If so, what was given in exchange for places?</p> <p>b. Has the Minister or the Department put in place a system to enable universities to identify where there is need and availability of places?</p> <p>c. Has the Minister put in place any regulations around this, or placed a price on places?</p> <p>d. Would universities permanently forfeit rights to places under this system, or are they able to 'repurchase' them at a future date?</p> <p>e. What measure has the Department put in place to ensure transparency and fairness in this system?</p> <p>2. Under the above 'trading' system no new enabling places can be created. Many universities currently offer enabling courses completely free of charge to students.</p> <p>a. What is the rationale for decreasing the number of enabling places in Australia?</p> <p>b. Has the Department modelled the effect of this on equity in higher education?</p> <p>c. Is the Department aware of the effect of putting a price on such courses on student applications and retention?</p> <p>3. In his recent speech to the UA conference, the Minister said he would put in place a trading system for non-designated, undergraduate places.</p> <p>a. How will this work?</p> <p>b. How will the Department ensure this system is transparent?</p> <p>c. Have there been any requests for universities for a trade in non-designated undergraduate places?</p> <p>d. If universities did accept such a trade, would this reduce their bachelor degree maximum basic grant amount, and would they be locked in to that lower amount?</p> <p>e. Would these trades be restricted to funding other bachelor-degree student places?</p> <p>f. Has the Department done any modelling about whether this will cause the number of bachelor-degree places to fall? If so, please provide that modelling.</p> <p>4. The government is currently providing additional places to universities on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>a. What principles did the government apply in providing additional growth places to our universities in MYEFO?</p> <p>b. Will the government develop a transparent system for allocating new places to universities?</p>

124	SQ20-000032	Written	Gallagher, Katy	12/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Expenditure on contractors	Noting the previous answers to my question from Supplementary Estimates on expenditure by the Department and its portfolio agencies on contractors in the management and business professionals and administrative services category: Are the figures provided by the Department of Education the same as the figures for all external contractors? - If no, what did the Department spend on all external contractors in each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19?
125	SQ20-000033	Written	Gallagher, Katy	12/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Expenditure on contractors	How much did TEQSA spend on all external contractors in each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19?
126	SQ20-000034	Written	Gallagher, Katy	12/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Expenditure on contractors	How much did ASQA spend on all external contractors in each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19?
127	SQ20-000035	Written	Gallagher, Katy	12/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Expenditure on contractors	How much did the Australian Research Council spend on all external contractors in each of the last six financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19?
128	SQ20-000036	Written	Gallagher, Katy	12/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Machinery of Government	In relation to the machinery of government (MoG) change resulting from Administrative Arrangement Orders (AAOs) made on 5 December 2019: 1. Was the MoG change fully implemented as of 1 February 2020? a. If no, what had not been implemented? 2. How many staff were allocated to implementing the MoG change? 3. What was the budget allocated to implementing the MoG change? 4. What is the total cost to attributable to the MOG change? Please include a breakdown of the amount spent on: a. Redundancy packages. b. Consultants and contractors. c. Physical relocation of staff and infrastructure. d. Changes to signage. e. New letterheads, name badges, uniforms, merchandise and other branded items. f. Other expenses. 5. Does the Department anticipate incurring any future costs as a result of the MoG change? If yes, what are these costs? 6. Has the Department has conducted, or will the Department conduct, an evaluation of the MoG implementation? a. If not, why not? b. If yes, please provide this evaluation or provide the date this evaluation will be released. 7. How many voluntary redundancies were offered as a result of the MoG changes? 8. How many separations occurred in the months of December 2019 and January 2020? 9. In between 5 December 2019 and 1 February (i.e. the period between the changes were announced and when they took effect), did the Department fail to comply with any statutory obligations (e.g. processing times for FOI applications)? a. If so, which ones?
129	SQ20-000103	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Cross Portfolio	A4 photo copy paper source	From which countries do the Department of Education and each of its portfolio agencies source A4 photo copy paper? - Please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.
130	SQ20-000104	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   A4 photo copy paper source	From which countries do the Department of Education and each of its portfolio agencies source A4 photo copy paper? - Please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.
131	SQ20-000105	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   A4 photo copy paper source	From which countries do the Department of Education and each of its portfolio agencies source A4 photo copy paper? - Please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.
132	SQ20-000106	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   A4 photo copy paper source	From which countries do the Department of Education and each of its portfolio agencies source A4 photo copy paper? - Please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.
133	SQ20-000107	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   A4 photo copy paper source	From which countries do the Department of Education and each of its portfolio agencies source A4 photo copy paper? - Please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.
134	SQ20-000108	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   A4 photo copy paper source	From which countries do the Department of Education and each of its portfolio agencies source A4 photo copy paper? - Please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.
135	SQ20-000110	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Minister's office - A4 photo copy paper source	From which country do the Education Portfolio Ministers' Offices source their A4 photo copy paper? - Please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.
136	SQ20-000111	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   National Competitive Grants Program - Funding	Is it correct that 2019-20 funding for the National Competitive Grants Program (\$791.3m) is less than 2011-12 (\$797.9m).
137	SQ20-000112	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   National Interest Test - Grant applications	Can you confirm information provided at Senate Estimates on 5 March 2020 that since its introduction in early 2019, no grant application has been rejected because it failed to meet the current National Interest Test.
138	SQ20-000113	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Grant recommendations	1. Can you confirm information provided at Senate Estimates on 5 March 2020 that the Minister did not reject any grant recommendations from the ARC, and that the Minister or Minister's Office did not request any revisions to recommended grants prior to his approval. 2. Can you confirm that no grant recommendations were rejected, revised, or withdrawn from consideration, following direct or indirect approaches from a Minister other than the Minister for Education, or that Minister's staff or representatives. 3. How many grant applications recommended by selection advisory committees were rejected by the CEO, or revised or withdrawn after CEO consideration.
139	SQ20-000114	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Special Research Initiative	1. Can you confirm the information provided at Senate Estimates on 5 March 2020 that the new Special Research Initiative (SRI) for Australian Society, History and Culture is a component of the Linkages program. 2. Do the ARC developed Guidelines (paragraph 2.2) for this new Linkages program SRI describe the Linkages grants as promoting "...collaboration and research partnerships between key stakeholders ... including higher education providers, government, business, industry and end-users." 3. Do the ARC developed guidelines (paragraph 4.2) for this new Linkages program SRI advise that: "Applications under this grant opportunity must have: ... none, one or more Partner Investigators ...". 4. Has the ARC taken advice, for example from the Department of Finance and the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), on this guideline (para 4.2) which appears to contradict the guideline at para 2.2 and the broader partnership aims of the Linkages program.
140	SQ20-000116	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Revised grants notification process	Regarding the revised grants notification process from 16 October 2019, which prevents public announcements prior to the Minister's announcement, has the ARC taken advice on the possible legal and governance implications for ASX publically listed companies who are partners in a successful application and who are also subject to continuous disclosure rules.

141	SQ20-000117	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Senate Order for Production of Documents	Can the ARC confirm that it has finalised its procedures to comply with the Senate Order for Production of Documents of 27 February 2020, and that it will meet its first deadline.
142	SQ20-000118	Written	Carr, Kim	12/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   University of Queensland	Can the ARC supply a copy of its response to the approach from the University of Queensland regarding the issues raised in the Australian newspaper on 26 August 2019. On what date was the response sent to the University of Queensland.
143	SQ20-000128	Written	Griff, Stirling	13/3/20		Skills and Training	Industry Specialist Mentoring for Australian Apprentices (ISMAA) fund	Regarding the Industry Specialist Mentoring for Australian Apprentices (ISMAA) funded over 2017-18 and 2018-19: 1. Has the department completed a post-program evaluation of the ISMAA? If not, when will this be completed? 2. Was the full \$60m for the program disbursed? Please provide a table outlining the annual budget and actual expenditure. - If it was not fully disbursed, please provide the reasons for this. 3. Please provide a breakdown of final expenditure by provider. 4. How many apprentices and trainees were mentored under the program? Please provide a breakdown including industry and state. 5. How was success of the program measured? Were there any KPIs or monitoring of changes in completion/retention rates? 6. Have any elements of this program been incorporated in ongoing programs?
144	SQ20-000141	Written	Polley, Helen	12/3/20		Skills and Training	Apprenticeship Data - Electorate of Bass	New education department data shows about 14.68% or over 300 apprentices and trainees in the seat of Bass have been lost. Does the Department have a strategy to combat the loss of these apprentices?
145	SQ20-000142	Written	Polley, Helen	12/3/20		Skills and Training	Apprenticeships and Traineeships	Around 140,000 apprentices and trainees have been lost across Australia. Why does the department believe this is occurring?
146	SQ20-000143	Written	Polley, Helen	12/3/20		Skills and Training	Skilled Worker Shortages	In Tasmania we now have shortages of bricklayers, plumbers, hairdressers, bakers, electricians, mechanics, panel beaters, and other critical trades. The Australian Industry Group says 75 per cent of businesses report they are struggling to find the qualified workers they need. Why don't we have enough skilled workers for these jobs? What investments need to be made?
147	SQ20-000144	Written	Polley, Helen	12/3/20		Skills and Training	Skilled Workers -Tasmania	The Liberals have cut around \$3 billion from TAFE and training and now it is hurting our community. Local businesses are continually looking for skilled workers and they can't find them in Tasmania. It is TAFE or Vocational Education which has a fundamental role to play in a secure future. The alignment of education and training with industry's skills needs must be better. This synergy will only happen if employment trajectories are underway, the skill profiles of the community are understood and access to education and training is available, purpose driven and efficient. Does the department have a nationwide strategy for this to occur?
148	SQ20-000145	Written	Polley, Helen	12/3/20		Skills and Training	TasTAFE	It has been revealed recently that TasTAFE is under resourced and under increasing strain as students have their courses cancelled mid-semester and staff continue to resign. Teachers are being worked to the bone, pushed into doing more classes because they are being forced to work with reduced resources creating even more pressure on the institution. Is the department working closely with the Tasmanian State Government regarding this issue?
149	SQ20-000376	Written	Polley, Helen	25/3/20		Higher Education Research and International	UTAS redevelopment at Inveresk, Launceston	Can the department detail the construction timeline and schedule for the UTAS redevelopment at Inveresk, Launceston? Does the department have an envisaged final completion date for the redevelopment?
150	SQ20-000146	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Online Formative Assessment	Regarding SQ19-000536: 1. Was a report on the outcomes of the discovery phase to inform the Learning Progressions and Online Formative Assessment Initiative provided to the Education Council at its December meeting? If so, please supply this report. 2. What are the next steps in the project? What is the timeline for completion?
151	SQ20-000147	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Low English proficiency loading funding 2017-2019	Regarding SQ19-000538: 1. What, specifically, are the 'differences in student characteristics at the local school level' that account for the differences between government and non-government Commonwealth school funding contributions? Do these student characteristics include low English proficiency, socioeconomic disadvantage and Indigenous background? 2. What is the number and proportion of students with each of these characteristics (low English proficiency, socioeconomic disadvantage and Indigenous background) across Government, Catholic and Independent school sectors for each year 2017, 2018, and 2019 3. What amount and proportion of funding attracted by these students in these years and sectors is affected by the application of the Commonwealth share formula and its transition funding arrangements as set out in the section 32 of the Australian Education Act 2013?
152	SQ20-000148	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Overseas students with English language proficiency needs	Regarding SQ19-000541 1. What were the NSW Department of Education 2014-2017 Full Fee Paying Overseas Students (FFPOS) figures (primary, secondary and totals) which allowed it to receive its Commonwealth funding entitlement for government schools during this period? 2. What were the Victorian Department of Education 2014-2017 Full Fee Paying Overseas Students (FFPOS) figures (primary, secondary and totals) which allowed it to receive its Commonwealth funding entitlement for government schools during this period? 3. The Agency for Schools Regulator Performance Framework Annual Report for 2018-19 reports that KPI 6 'the majority of schools have decreased risk scores to the previous year' has not been actioned. What plans does the ESOS Agency have to address this problem? 4. What processes and actions have the ESOS Agency for Schools undertaken to ensure all CRICOS registered school providers meet the Standards of the revised National Code of Practice for Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students since its 2018 revision? Why are these processes/actions not reported in the agency's Annual Report?
153	SQ20-000149	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students	Regarding SQ19-000544: 1. Has the chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Advisory Committee reported on the completed evaluation of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Strategy? Is the report publicly available? If not, why not? 2. What new strategies have the Australian Government and the National Indigenous Australians Agency developed to ensure that states and territories meet educational targets for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students under the refreshed Closing the Gap framework? 3. Given that the Department of Education does not have information on the specific numbers of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students that attract the low English proficiency loading, what plans does the department have for collecting appropriate data to ensure effective educational planning to address these students' English language learning needs?

154	SQ20-000150	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Review of the 2008 Melbourne Declaration	Regarding SQ19-000549: 1. Were there any findings from the review of the Melbourne Declaration in relation to the cultural and linguistic diversity of Australia's schools and the English learning needs of its Indigenous, migrant and refugee young people? If so, what were they? 2. Given the cultural and linguistic diversity of Australia's schools and the Commonwealth Government's role in creating this diversity through its ongoing migration and humanitarian programs, why were Indigenous, migrant and refugee students with English language learning needs not recognised as an equity cohort in the Alice Springs Education Declaration? 3. Given the special opportunity afforded by the Melbourne Declaration review process to establish, in collaboration with states and territories jurisdictions through COAG, a national policy framework for targeted English language programs in Australia's schools for the next decade, why did the Commonwealth Government decline to take a leadership role to work with states and territories in this area?
155	SQ20-000151	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Commonwealth SRS share	1. At the time of signing bilateral agreements in 2018, what was the projected Commonwealth SRS share for state and territory non-government schools for each year from 2018 to 2023 along with the total and per student funding? Please provide Catholic and Independent figures for each state and territory and combined non-government state and territory figures. If these figures have subsequently changed, please provide in addition the most recently available data. 2. What is the total and per student estimated Commonwealth funding for government schools in each state and territory from 2018 to 2029? For each year please also provide the Commonwealth proportion of SRS. 3. What is the estimated fully loaded SRS per student amount for government schools in each state and territory for each year 2018 to 2029?
156	SQ20-000152	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Independent and Catholic school	For each Independent and Catholic school in Australia please provide the following information in machine-readable spreadsheet form, not pdf: 1. School ID, name, suburb, sector and state 2. Commonwealth SRS proportion 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 3. Actual and projected funding per student and total funding under the model for each year 2017 to 2029 4. Actual and projected funding per student and total funding delivered outside the model each year 2017 to 2029 (such as low growth, system weighted average, 2016 Census, ACT special deal). List by category. 5. Total Commonwealth actual and projected funding per student and total for each year 2017 to 2029.
157	SQ20-000153	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Funding for non-government schools	1. Outside the recurrent funding model, how many arrangements have been put in place to provide extra funding to Catholic systems, Independent systems or independent schools from 2018 to 2029? What is the total value of each part of this funding by state, sector and/or school, what period is it being delivered over and what are the related regulations or guidelines (in place or proposed)? 2. Education Minister Dan Tehan said on March 2, 2020 that \$200 million is being spent to provide non-government schools with flexibility while converting to optimal census data. Please provide a school level breakdown of that funding (per year) with the SES scores for each school based on the 2011 and 2016 census. The school level data should include school name, suburb, state and sector. Please provide this in machine-readable spreadsheet form, not pdf.
158	SQ20-000154	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Transfer to DMI	What is the current projected school-level breakdown of the \$3.4 billion the Commonwealth has allocated for the transfer to DMI? Please provide a machine-readable spreadsheet (not pdf) showing school ID, name, suburb, sector and state and the amount of additional funding the school will receive. Please also provide the estimated total recurrent funding each the school in 2020 and 2029.
159	SQ20-000155	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Students with disability funding	1. What is the total amount of students with disability funding the Commonwealth has provided each year since 2017 by state and sector and what is the projected funding from 2020 to 2027? For each year by state and sector please also provide the per-student-with-disability figure. 2. In each sector and each state and territory what proportion of school students are identified in the NCCD as requiring an adjustment? Please break this down by each of the four levels of adjustment.
160	SQ20-000156	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Projections for enrolments in schools	What are the department's current projections for enrolments in public, Catholic and Independent schools in each state and territory between 2020 and 2029?
161	SQ20-000157	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Teach For Australia	How much has the Commonwealth committed in total to Teach for Australia (broken down by cohort)? For each cohort of the Teach for Australia program please provide the following data: - The year, the number of people that started the program, the number that completed the program, the number that are still teaching in schools and the number that are still teaching in their original placement school.
162	SQ20-000158	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	National School Resourcing Board	What work has the National School Resourcing Board been requested to complete, what reports have been submitted for each project and when were those reports submitted. What future work is the board expected to undertake at what time between now and the end of 2022?
163	SQ20-000159	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Non-government peak bodies funding	What funding by state and sector have non-government peak bodies been provided with reform support since 2018 and what are the future projections for that funding? What evaluations have been completed or are planned by the Commonwealth in relation to that funding?
164	SQ20-000160	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	Choice and Affordability Fund	1. Please provide the planned 2020-2029 allocations of the Choice and Affordability Fund broken down non-government representative bodies in a machine-readable spreadsheet format. 2. How will non-government representative bodies be required to publish data on their individual schools that receive funding under the Choice and Affordability Fund? Please include any detail available on the format, location of publication and timeline of publication.
165	SQ20-000161	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Schools	St Kevin's College	How much federal funding has St Kevin's College, Toorak, Victoria received in the last five years, broken down by year and funding source? Has any investigation into St Kevin's compliance with its obligations to students and requirements arising from its receipt of federal funding been conducted since the media reporting of St Kevin's response to the grooming of a student? Has any action resulted from such investigations?
166	SQ20-000162	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Higher Education Research and International	Impact of covid-19 on Australian universities	1. What is the Department's most recent estimate on the financial impact of covid-19 on Australian universities? What work is being done to assess and model the impact the covid-19 crisis will have over the years to come? 2. Noting reports that casual and insecurely employed university staff have lost work as a result of covid-19, what steps have been taken by the department and TEQSA to monitor risks for the sector, staff and students arising from the impact of covid-19? 3. Has the Department assessed the impact of covid-19 on research programs at Australian universities and research partnerships? If so, what is that assessment? Please provide any detail available.
167	SQ20-000163	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Higher Education Research and International	CourseSeeker	Regarding the CourseSeeker.edu.au website: 1. How many unique visitors did that site have in its first year? 2. Was there a performance goal, target or indicator for users or visits to the site? If so, how many visitors/users was it and was the target met? 3. Are there any other market research projects like Orima conducted for the department relating to CourseSeeker underway or planned? 4. How much did the design and development of CourseSeeker cost in total?

168	SQ20-000164	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Higher Education Research and International	CompareEd	Regarding the CompareEd.edu.au website launched in November 2019: 1. How many unique users has it received since its launch? 2. Were there performance goals, targets or indicators for users or visits to the site? Are they being met or are they on track to being met? 3. How much did the design and development of CompareEd cost in total?
169	SQ20-000165	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Early Childhood and Child Care	Childcare subsidy and coronavirus related absences	1. At the moment, families that are entitled to 42 absence days per child, per financial year, may be entitled to additional absence days in certain circumstances which included illness of the child, a parent or sibling. Does this cover the quarantine or isolation period that has been indicated by health authorities as necessary for the COVID-19 virus? a. Has the Department issued any directions to child care and early education centres and State Departments regarding absences related to COVID-19? b. Can the Department guarantee that families currently on the subsidy will not be charged if the child they are caring for has to have more than 42 absences in a year because of the COVID-19 virus?
170	SQ20-000166	Written	Faruqi, Mehreen	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   NAPLAN	Regarding SQ19-000554: 1. Does the response, 'ACARA does not disaggregate data on the literacy and numeracy outcomes of students with Low English proficiency' mean that ACARA: a. is unwilling to disaggregate this data, b. does not collect this data and cannot report it, c. has no technical capability to disaggregate this data, d. has no resources to undertake disaggregation of this data, and/or e. has no mandate from COAG Education Council to disaggregate/report this data? 2. If the answer is ii), iii), iv) or v), what steps is ACARA taking to rectify this gap in national data collection and reporting?
171	SQ20-000338	Written	McCarthy, Malarndirri	24/3/20		Employment	Mutual Obligation Requirement Exemptions	1. How many people have received exemptions to mutual obligation requirement, under the Major Personal Crisis exemption, or other exemptions? a. How many are Job Active participants? b. How many are CDP participants?
172	SQ20-000361	Written	Sterle, Glenn	7/4/20		Employment	Regional Australia	1. Does the Government consider the issue of underutilisation as well as unemployment to be a major issue in Regional Australia? 2. Is it fair to characterise underutilisation as underemployment? 3. How does underutilisation mask the true unemployment rate? 4. How do the figures on underutilisation differ between regional and urban Australia? 5. What is the human cost of underemployment in Regional Australia? 6. How is the government addressing this issue? 7. How specifically have you invested in programs to deal with this issue in Regional Australia?
173	SQ20-000167	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).
174	SQ20-000168	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Executive Management	In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.
175	SQ20-000169	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies subsequent to the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.
176	SQ20-000170	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date.
177	SQ20-000171	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
178	SQ20-000172	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Secretarial travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.
179	SQ20-000173	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Legal costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date.

180	SQ20-000174	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
181	SQ20-000175	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Executive Management	In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.
182	SQ20-000176	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).
183	SQ20-000177	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
184	SQ20-000178	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies subsequent to the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.
185	SQ20-000179	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
186	SQ20-000180	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date.
187	SQ20-000181	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Legal costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date.

188	SQ20-000182	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Cross Portfolio	FOI	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full;  b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part;  c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and  d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>2. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and  b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>3. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and  b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned - in whole or in part - the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>4. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES for 2019-20 to date).</p> <p>5. Please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>6. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>7. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>9. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and  b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>10. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>
189	SQ20-000183	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Secretarial travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.  b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.  c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.  d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.  e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p>
190	SQ20-000184	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   FOI	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full;  b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part;  c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and  d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>2. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and  b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>3. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and  b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>4. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES for 2019-20 to date).</p> <p>5. Please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>6. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>7. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>9. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and  b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>10. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>
191	SQ20-000185	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Executive Management	<p>In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions  b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.  c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.  d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>

192	SQ20-000186	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
193	SQ20-000187	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
194	SQ20-000188	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).
195	SQ20-000189	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies subsequent to the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.
196	SQ20-000190	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date.
197	SQ20-000191	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Legal costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date.
198	SQ20-000192	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Secretarial travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.
199	SQ20-000193	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   FOI	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 2. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 3. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and c. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material. 4. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES6) for 2019-20 to date. 5. Please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 6. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level. 7. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office. 8. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response. 9. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. 10. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).

200	SQ20-000194	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Executive Management	In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.
201	SQ20-000195	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
202	SQ20-000196	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
203	SQ20-000197	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).
204	SQ20-000198	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies subsequent to the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.
205	SQ20-000199	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date.
206	SQ20-000200	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Legal costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date.
207	SQ20-000201	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Secretarial travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.

208	SQ20-000202	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   FOI	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full;</p> <p>b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part;</p> <p>c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and</p> <p>d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>2. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and</p> <p>b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>3. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the Oaic; and</p> <p>b. The number of times has the Oaic overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>4. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES for 2019-20 to date).</p> <p>5. Please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>6. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>7. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>9. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and</p> <p>b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>10. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>
209	SQ20-000203	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Executive Management	<p>In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>
210	SQ20-000204	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>
211	SQ20-000205	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Departmental functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>
212	SQ20-000206	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Executive office upgrades	<p>Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).</p>
213	SQ20-000207	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Facilities upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies subsequent to the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment.</p> <p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.</p>
214	SQ20-000208	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Staff travel	<p>What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date.</p>
215	SQ20-000209	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Legal costs	<p>What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date.</p>

216	SQ20-000210	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Secretarial travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.
217	SQ20-000211	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	16/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   FOI	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 2. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 3. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material. 4. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES for 2019-20 to date). 5. Please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 6. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level. 7. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office. 8. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response. 9. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. 10. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).
218	SQ20-000212	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Executive Management	In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.
219	SQ20-000213	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
220	SQ20-000215	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
221	SQ20-000216	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).
222	SQ20-000217	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies subsequent to the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.

223	SQ20-000218	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date.
224	SQ20-000219	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Legal costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date.
225	SQ20-000220	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Secretarial travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.
226	SQ20-000221	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   FOI	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 2. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 3. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material. 4. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for 2019-20 to date. 5. Please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 6. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level. 7. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office. 8. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response. 9. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. 10. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).
227	SQ20-000222	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Briefings	1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can the following be provided: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position
228	SQ20-000223	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Market research	1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.
229	SQ20-000224	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Advertising and information campaigns	1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. What advertising and information campaigns has the Department/agency run in this time. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline. 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.
230	SQ20-000225	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Promotional merchandise	1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided. 3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.
231	SQ20-000226	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Social media influencers	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote. 3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided. 4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.

232	SQ20-000227	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. Since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date commissioned.</li> <li>Date report handed to Government.</li> <li>Date of public release.</li> <li>Terms of Reference.</li> <li>Committee members and/or Reviewers.</li> </ol> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>
233	SQ20-000229	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</li> <li>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</li> </ol> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</li> <li>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</li> </ol>
234	SQ20-000230	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide- in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff - the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many are graphic designers.</li> <li>How many are media managers.</li> <li>How many organise events.</li> </ol> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If yes, why.</li> <li>When was it established.</li> <li>What is the set up cost.</li> <li>What is the ongoing cost.</li> <li>How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</li> </ol>
235	SQ20-000231	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   CDDA Payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted.</li> <li>Rejected.</li> <li>Under consideration.</li> </ol> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</li> <li>The date payment was made</li> <li>The decision maker.</li> </ol>
236	SQ20-000232	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency provide an update on how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department since an answer was provided for the Supplementary Estimates round 2019-20.</p>
237	SQ20-000233	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>
238	SQ20-000234	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 March 2020. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget.</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>voluntary</li> <li>involuntary.</li> </ol> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p>

239	SQ20-000235	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Comcare	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. 2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.
240	SQ20-000236	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Fair Work Commission	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.
241	SQ20-000237	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.
242	SQ20-000238	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.
243	SQ20-000239	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ACARA	ACARA   Public Interest Disclosures	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.
244	SQ20-000240	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Briefings	1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can the following be provided: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position
245	SQ20-000241	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Market research	1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.
246	SQ20-000242	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Advertising and information campaigns	1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. What advertising and information campaigns has the Department/agency run in this time. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline. 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.
247	SQ20-000243	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Promotional merchandise	1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided. 3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.
248	SQ20-000244	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Social media influencers	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote. 3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided. 4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.
249	SQ20-000245	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Commissioned Reports and Reviews	1. Since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost. 3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel. 4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel 5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review. 6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level. 7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.
250	SQ20-000247	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Media monitoring	1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.

251	SQ20-000248	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>
252	SQ20-000249	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   CDDA Payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p> <p>b. The date payment was made</p> <p>c. The decision maker.</p>
253	SQ20-000250	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency provide an update on how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department since an answer was provided for the Supplementary Estimates round 2019-20.</p>
254	SQ20-000251	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>
255	SQ20-000252	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 March 2020. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget.</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p>
256	SQ20-000253	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Comcare	<p>1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.</p>
257	SQ20-000254	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Fair Work Commission	<p>1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</p>
258	SQ20-000255	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Fair Work Ombudsman	<p>1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>
259	SQ20-000256	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<p>1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</p>
260	SQ20-000257	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: AITSL	AITSL   Public Interest Disclosures	<p>1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</p>
261	SQ20-000258	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Briefings	<p>1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</p> <p>b. The location and date of the briefing.</p> <p>c. Who proposed the briefing.</p> <p>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>

262	SQ20-000259	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Market research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</li> <li>If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject matter</li> <li>Company</li> <li>Costs</li> <li>Contract date period</li> </ol> </li> <li>Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</li> </ol>
263	SQ20-000260	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Advertising and information campaigns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>What advertising and information campaigns has the Department/agency run in this time. For each campaign, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When approval was first sought.</li> <li>The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</li> <li>the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</li> </ol>
264	SQ20-000261	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Promotional merchandise	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</li> <li>Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</li> </ol>
265	SQ20-000262	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Social media influencers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</li> <li>Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</li> </ol>
266	SQ20-000263	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date commissioned.</li> <li>Date report handed to Government.</li> <li>Date of public release.</li> <li>Terms of Reference.</li> <li>Committee members and/or Reviewers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</li> <li>The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</li> <li>The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</li> <li>The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</li> <li>How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</li> <li>What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</li> </ol>
267	SQ20-000265	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Media monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</li> <li>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</li> </ol> </li> <li>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</li> <li>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
268	SQ20-000266	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Communications staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Department or agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many are graphic designers.</li> <li>How many are media managers.</li> <li>How many organise events.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If yes, why.</li> <li>When was it established.</li> <li>What is the set up cost.</li> <li>What is the ongoing cost.</li> <li>How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

269	SQ20-000267	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   CDDA Payments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>How many claims were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted.</li> <li>Rejected.</li> <li>Under consideration.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</li> <li>The date payment was made</li> <li>The decision maker.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
270	SQ20-000268	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Congestion busting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can the Department/agency provide an update on how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</li> <li>Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department since an answer was provided for the Supplementary Estimates round 2019-20.</li> </ol>
271	SQ20-000269	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</li> </ol>
272	SQ20-000270	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 March 2020. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget.</li> <li>How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</li> <li>How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>voluntary</li> <li>involuntary.</li> </ol> </li> <li>How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</li> <li>What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</li> <li>How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> </ol>
273	SQ20-000271	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Comcare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For financial year 2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</li> <li>Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.</li> </ol>
274	SQ20-000272	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Fair Work Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</li> </ol>
275	SQ20-000273	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Fair Work Ombudsman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</li> </ol>
276	SQ20-000274	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</li> </ol>
277	SQ20-000275	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: TEQSA	TEQSA   Public Interest Disclosures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</li> </ol>
278	SQ20-000276	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Briefings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can the following be provided: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The subject matter of the briefing.</li> <li>The location and date of the briefing.</li> <li>Who proposed the briefing.</li> <li>Attendees of the briefing by level/position</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
279	SQ20-000277	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates Round 2019-20.</li> <li>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</li> <li>What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</li> <li>What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</li> <li>What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</li> </ol>
280	SQ20-000278	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Communications staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Department or agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many are graphic designers.</li> <li>How many are media managers.</li> <li>How many organise events.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If yes, why.</li> <li>When was it established.</li> <li>What is the set up cost.</li> <li>What is the ongoing cost.</li> <li>How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

281	SQ20-000279	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.
282	SQ20-000280	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Staffing	1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 March 2020. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget. 2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. 3. How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were: a. voluntary b. involuntary. 4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies. 5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff. 6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date. 7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date.
283	SQ20-000281	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Media monitoring	1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.
284	SQ20-000282	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	CDDA Payments	1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. How many claims were: a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. 3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.
285	SQ20-000283	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Congestion busting	1. Can the Department/agency provide an update on how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. 2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department since an answer was provided for the Supplementary Estimates round 2019-20.
286	SQ20-000284	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Comcare	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. 2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.
287	SQ20-000285	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Fair Work Commission	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.
288	SQ20-000286	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.
289	SQ20-000287	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.
290	SQ20-000288	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Public Interest Disclosures	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.
291	SQ20-000289	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Appointments "briefs" prepared	1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level, since the answer was provided for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. 2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise: a. The former member. b. The board or entity. c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office. d. Whether the appointment was made.
292	SQ20-000290	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Stationery	1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in financial year 2019-20 to date.
293	SQ20-000291	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Acting Minister arrangements	1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.

294	SQ20-000293	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. Since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date commissioned.</li> <li>Date report handed to Government.</li> <li>Date of public release.</li> <li>Terms of Reference.</li> <li>Committee members and/or Reviewers.</li> </ol> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>
295	SQ20-000294	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duration of secondment.</li> <li>APS level.</li> </ol> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>
296	SQ20-000295	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Market research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</p> <p>2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject matter</li> <li>Company</li> <li>Costs</li> <li>Contract date period</li> </ol> <p>3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>
297	SQ20-000296	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns has the Department/agency run in this time. For each campaign, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When approval was first sought.</li> <li>The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</li> <li>the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</li> </ol> <p>3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>
298	SQ20-000297	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>
299	SQ20-000298	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>
300	SQ20-000299	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Cross Portfolio	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio please be provided from the of date the last answer for the Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</li> <li>Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</li> <li>Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</li> <li>Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials</li> </ol> <p>Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p>
301	SQ20-000300	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Briefings	<p>1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The subject matter of the briefing.</li> <li>The location and date of the briefing.</li> <li>Who proposed the briefing.</li> <li>Attendees of the briefing by level/position</li> </ol>

302	SQ20-000301	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Market research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</li> <li>If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject matter</li> <li>Company</li> <li>Costs</li> <li>Contract date period</li> </ol> </li> <li>Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</li> </ol>
303	SQ20-000302	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Advertising and information campaigns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>What advertising and information campaigns has the Department/agency run in this time. For each campaign, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When approval was first sought.</li> <li>The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</li> <li>the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</li> </ol>
304	SQ20-000303	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Promotional merchandise	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</li> <li>Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</li> </ol>
305	SQ20-000304	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Social media influencers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</li> <li>Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</li> </ol>
306	SQ20-000305	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date commissioned.</li> <li>Date report handed to Government.</li> <li>Date of public release.</li> <li>Terms of Reference.</li> <li>Committee members and/or Reviewers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</li> <li>The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</li> <li>The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</li> <li>The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</li> <li>How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</li> <li>What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</li> </ol>
307	SQ20-000307	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Media monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</li> <li>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</li> </ol> </li> <li>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</li> <li>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
308	SQ20-000308	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Communications staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By Department or agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many are graphic designers.</li> <li>How many are media managers.</li> <li>How many organise events.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If yes, why.</li> <li>When was it established.</li> <li>What is the set up cost.</li> <li>What is the ongoing cost.</li> <li>How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

309	SQ20-000309	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   CDDA Payments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>How many claims were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted.</li> <li>Rejected.</li> <li>Under consideration.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</li> <li>The date payment was made</li> <li>The decision maker.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
310	SQ20-000310	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Congestion busting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can the Department/agency provide an update on how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</li> <li>Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department since an answer was provided for the Supplementary Estimates round 2019-20.</li> </ol>
311	SQ20-000311	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</li> </ol>
312	SQ20-000312	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Staffing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 March 2020. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget.</li> <li>How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</li> <li>How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>voluntary</li> <li>involuntary.</li> </ol> </li> <li>How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</li> <li>What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</li> <li>How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> </ol>
313	SQ20-000313	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Comcare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For financial year 2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</li> <li>Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.</li> </ol>
314	SQ20-000314	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Fair Work Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</li> </ol>
315	SQ20-000315	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Fair Work Ombudsman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</li> </ol>
316	SQ20-000316	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</li> </ol>
317	SQ20-000317	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ARC	ARC   Public Interest Disclosures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</li> </ol>
318	SQ20-000318	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Briefings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can the following be provided: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The subject matter of the briefing.</li> <li>The location and date of the briefing.</li> <li>Who proposed the briefing.</li> <li>Attendees of the briefing by level/position</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
319	SQ20-000319	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Market research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</li> <li>If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject matter</li> <li>Company</li> <li>Costs</li> <li>Contract date period</li> </ol> </li> <li>Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</li> </ol>
320	SQ20-000320	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Advertising and information campaigns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>What advertising and information campaigns has the Department/agency run in this time. For each campaign, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When approval was first sought.</li> <li>The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</li> <li>the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</li> </ol>
321	SQ20-000321	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Promotional merchandise	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</li> <li>Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</li> </ol>
322	SQ20-000322	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Social media influencers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</li> <li>Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</li> </ol>

323	SQ20-000323	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. Since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date commissioned.</li> <li>Date report handed to Government.</li> <li>Date of public release.</li> <li>Terms of Reference.</li> <li>Committee members and/or Reviewers.</li> </ol> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>
324	SQ20-000325	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</li> <li>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</li> </ol> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> <li>Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</li> <li>What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</li> </ol>
325	SQ20-000326	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>How many are graphic designers.</li> <li>How many are media managers.</li> <li>How many organise events.</li> </ol> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If yes, why.</li> <li>When was it established.</li> <li>What is the set up cost.</li> <li>What is the ongoing cost.</li> <li>How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</li> </ol>
326	SQ20-000327	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   CDDA Payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted.</li> <li>Rejected.</li> <li>Under consideration.</li> </ol> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</li> <li>The date payment was made</li> <li>The decision maker.</li> </ol>
327	SQ20-000328	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency provide an update on how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department since an answer was provided for the Supplementary Estimates round 2019-20.</p>
328	SQ20-000329	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>
329	SQ20-000330	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 March 2020. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget.</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>voluntary</li> <li>involuntary.</li> </ol> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p>

330	SQ20-000331	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Comcare	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. 2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.
331	SQ20-000332	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Fair Work Commission	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.
332	SQ20-000333	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.
333	SQ20-000334	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.
334	SQ20-000335	Written	Kitching, Kimberley	13/3/20		Agency: ASQA	ASQA   Public Interest Disclosures	1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.
335		Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	57	Agency: NCVER	Breakdown of VET student population	Senator O'NEILL: To the states. Are any of the 4.1 million people enrolled in VET qualifications that receive funding directly through a program from the federal government? Mr Walker: Yes. Senator O'NEILL: How many? Mr Walker: That I can't tell you. I'll have to take that on notice. Senator O'NEILL: Can you give me a rough idea? Mr Walker: No. Because there are quite specific programs that are directly funded by the Commonwealth. As I think I understood earlier today, things like the—although the responsibility has shifted, the Australian migrant English program and a couple of other programs called C—general literacy and numeracy programs. I'm not familiar with all of them. It might be better for the Commonwealth to respond to that. Senator O'NEILL: It would be great if you could take on notice to give me as much detail as you can around that.
336		Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	58	Agency: NCVER	Methods of analysing data related to VET population	Senator O'NEILL: You indicated very helpfully—thank you for your prompt and fulsome answers, Mr Walker; it's very helpful—that there are many ways to cut this data. I'd appreciate if you could provide the range of ways that you consider it could be provided so that we can interrogate it more fully. I want to get to the truth of it rather than ask you for things that are of no use. I'm sure you know the sorts of things that I'd like to be able to see and understand, if you follow my line of questioning. Senator Cash: If not, we'll clarify it later. Senator O'NEILL: It means some questions on notice. I would like to get further data. That's what I'm saying.
337		Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	59	Agency: NCVER	Breakdown of VET student population	Senator O'NEILL: Do you know, Mr Walker, how many of the 4.1 million [recorded VET students] are doing courses that are just a day? Mr Walker: We don't measure the duration. We don't capture that information. We do have a construct called nominal hours. So the hours associated with each subject are nationally agreed. Some of them are eight hours. Senator O'NEILL: Would you be able to provide that data? Mr Walker: Yes. Senator O'NEILL: You don't have it at hand? Mr Walker: No. Senator O'NEILL: If you could take that on notice, that would be very good.
338		Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	59	Agency: NCVER	Breakdown of VET student population	Senator O'NEILL: Has the number in nationally recognised qualifications increased or decreased since 2015? Mr Walker: To save time, if you like, I can provide that as a supplementary answer.
339		Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	60	Agency: NCVER	Breakdown of VET student population	Senator O'NEILL: Which are the most common courses? You've indicated a number of them. First aid? Mr Walker: Are you talking subjects or qualifications? Senator O'NEILL: Short courses. Mr Walker: In short courses, first aid courses is a huge amount of it. Senator O'NEILL: Let's go through them. I'm keen to get a sense of how many people are in each of these very short courses. Mr Walker: It might take some time to produce that. I can give you a sense of scale here. With the CPR courses, it's well over a million. Senator O'NEILL: And there's more than that in the first aid? Mr Walker: First aid is a number of units. If you aggregate them up, there's various CPR courses and the like. In total, it's well over a million. Senator O'NEILL: And RSA? Mr Walker: Less, but I don't have the number at hand. Senator O'NEILL: And emergency life support? Mr Walker: I'm not familiar with that subject. Senator O'NEILL: If you could you provide the details of that on notice, that would also be appreciated.
340		Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	60	Agency: NCVER	Breakdown of VET student population	Senator O'NEILL: ... Can you give me an indication whether the number of people in training has been increasing or decreasing since 2014? If possible, domestic and international disaggregated, thanks. Mr Walker: I don't have that instantly available, so that will have to go on notice.
341		Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	61	Agency: NCVER	Breakdown of VET student population	Senator O'NEILL: Since those figures have become more accessible to you, what you're telling me is that since 2014 there has been a decline in people engaging in training? Mr Walker: In nationally recognised programs, yes. That includes qualifications and the like. That is offset a bit by those students in subject enrolments. In aggregate, it's probably not much different. It's probably fairly stable. Senator O'NEILL: Can you cut it for me by domestic and international? Mr Walker: Yes. But not today.

342		Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	61	Agency: NCVER	Breakdown of VET student population	<p>Senator O'NEILL: ... Do you have any figures at hand that you could use to describe to me the trend in the participation rate over the past 10 years?</p> <p>Mr Walker: Not at hand.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Is there a report that you're referring to there?</p> <p>Mr Walker: We can provide it to you, though, yes.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Do you have a report at hand?</p> <p>Mr Walker: As part of the general suite of statistics, we can provide that to the committee.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Could you provide on notice the participation rate raw data and any further materials that you can provide over the past 10 years so that we can actually see trend as part of the population?</p> <p>Mr Walker: The problem with the last 10 years is because of the introduction of only capturing all training or what we call total training activity since 2015, we can't go back prior to 2015.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: With that proviso, can you give us indicative figures for the preceding years, any data you have that gives us—</p> <p>Mr Walker: We have no data. We have government funded data only.</p> <p>Senator O'NEILL: Let's just get government funded data. We will begin with that for that period preceding and accept that the data will be richer from 2015 on.</p>
343		Spoken	O'Sullivan, Matt	5/3/20	61	Agency: NCVER	Survey data of apprentices and trainees	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Do you have data on the employment rate of those completing apprenticeships and traineeships in both trade and non-trade training areas?</p> <p>Mr Walker: We do run surveys to look at the outcomes of training. We don't collect it as an administrative collection. For instance, the student outcome survey and then a special one just for apprenticeships and traineeships surveys them a certain period after their training to see whether they are in employment and, where possible, the nature of that employment.</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: What proportion of the total number of graduates or trade traineeship graduates do the surveys go out to?</p> <p>Mr Walker: I would have to take that on notice.</p>
344		Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	67	Agency: NCVER	VET completion rates	<p>Senator O'NEILL: The completion rate for students in remote and very remote areas?</p> <p>Mr Walker: We don't publish that, I don't think. We may be able to get that. I'm not sure.</p>
345		Spoken	O'Neill, Deborah	5/3/20	67	Agency: NCVER	VET completion rates	<p>Senator O'NEILL: ... Could you provide on notice how you calculate completion rates? Is it a direct measure? Is it estimated? On what basis? Do you take into account changes in government policy?</p>
346		Written	Pratt, Louise	12/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Publication and data release schedule for 2020	<p>Please provide a calendar of all data and publication releases planned for the 2020 academic year.</p>
347		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Executive management	<p>In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The total number of executive management positions</li> <li>The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</li> <li>The change in the number of executive manager positions.</li> <li>The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</li> </ol>
348		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Expenditure - Functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of functions.</li> <li>List of all attendees.</li> <li>Function venue.</li> <li>Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</li> <li>Details of any food served.</li> <li>Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</li> <li>Any available photographs of the function.</li> <li>Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ol>
349		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Facilities upgrades	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies subsequent to the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment.</li> <li>If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</li> <li>If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.</li> </ol>
350		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Expenditure - Staff travel	<p>What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date?</p>
351		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Expenditure - Legal costs	<p>What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date?</p>
352		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Briefings	<p>Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The subject matter of the briefing.</li> <li>The location and date of the briefing.</li> <li>Who proposed the briefing.</li> <li>Attendees of the briefing by level/position</li> </ol>
353		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Market research	<p>Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</p> <p>2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject matter</li> <li>Company</li> <li>Costs</li> <li>Contract date period</li> </ol> <p>3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>

354		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Expenditure - Advertising and information campaigns	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>2. What advertising and information campaigns has the Department/agency run in this time. For each campaign, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. When approval was first sought.</li> <li>b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</li> <li>c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</li> </ol>
355		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Expenditure - Promotional merchandise	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</li> <li>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</li> </ol>
356		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Expenditure - Social media influencers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</li> <li>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</li> <li>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</li> </ol>
357		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Reports and reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date commissioned.</li> <li>b. Date report handed to Government.</li> <li>c. Date of public release.</li> <li>d. Terms of Reference.</li> <li>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</li> <li>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</li> <li>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</li> <li>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</li> <li>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</li> <li>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</li> </ol>
358		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Board appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates Round 2019-20.</li> <li>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</li> <li>3. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</li> <li>4. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</li> <li>5. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</li> </ol>
359		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Communications staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>d. How many are graphic designers.</li> <li>e. How many are media managers.</li> <li>f. How many organise events.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, why.</li> <li>b. When was it established.</li> <li>c. What is the set up cost.</li> <li>d. What is the ongoing cost.</li> <li>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
360		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Administration - 'Congestion busting'	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department/agency provide an update on how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</li> <li>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department since an answer was provided for the Supplementary Estimates round 2019-20.</li> </ol>
361		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Personnel - Recruitment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date.</li> <li>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</li> </ol>

362		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Personnel	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 March 2020. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget.</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p>
363		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Interactions with Comcare	<p>1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.</p>
364		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Interactions with Fair Work Commission	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.
365		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Interactions with the Fair Work Ombudsman	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.
366		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Interactions with Office of Merit Protection Commissioner	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.
367		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Public interest disclosures	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.
368		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Expenditure - Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>
369		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).
370		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Expenditure - Secretarial travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p>

371		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Freedom of Information requests	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>1. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full;</p> <p>b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part;</p> <p>c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and</p> <p>d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>2. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and</p> <p>b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>3. For 2019-20 to date, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the Oaic; and</p> <p>b. The number of times has the Oaic overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>4. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES for 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>5. Please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>6. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>7. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p>
372		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>
373		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio please be provided from the of date the last answer for the Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>
374		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Guidelines relating to Official Gifts Received	<p>Please provide an itemised account of all payments made to the Collector of Public Monies by Ministers pursuant to the Guidelines relating to Official Gifts Received in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p>
375		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Appointments - Briefs prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level, since the answer was provided for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>
376		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Expenditure - Stationery	<p>How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p>
377		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</p>
378		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>

379		Written	Kitching, Kimberley	25/3/20		Agency: NCVER	CDDA payments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date.</li><li>2. How many claims were:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Accepted.</li><li>b. Rejected.</li><li>c. Under consideration.</li></ol></li><li>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</li><li>b. The date payment was made</li><li>c. The decision maker.</li></ol></li></ol>
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