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1	Wong	Travel restrictions	<p>Senator WONG: At what level have requests been made for the Chinese authorities to relax the restrictions on non-citizens travelling? I appreciate that there are other logistical issues, but it is a sort of a priori problem, isn't it? Unless we resolve that, there's no point in doing any other logistics. Minister, has that been raised with your counterpart?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I've spoken with State Councillor Wang Yi on a number of issues. I don't recall if that was specifically in that conversation, but we have canvassed some of the challenges of course.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: It's been raised by our ambassador in Beijing. He's been engaged at every step of this process.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I have no doubt. I'm just trying to work out how elevated it's been at a political level. Minister, perhaps on notice you can advise us—</p> <p>Senator Payne: Certainly.</p>	Hansard	10
2	Wong	Assisted Departures	<p>Senator WONG: On notice, can you provide a list of recent assisted departures or evacuations from overseas crises and advise in relation to what portion of these Australians were required to pay for the consular assistance provided? Let's not get a response that says, 'The resources required to do this are too much.' I'm just trying to get I suppose a linear sense of—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes, we can do that. Mr Todd will speak to it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No; I'm just asking for it on notice.</p>	Hansard	13
3	Wong	Smarttraveller	<p>Mr Todd: ...We provided background briefings to media outlets, including the Nine Fairfax group, which the Sydney Morning Herald is part of. The foreign minister—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Did we advise the ABC? I just noticed that they were telling people to register?</p> <p>Mr Todd: I am pretty sure they were. Just because they receive a brief doesn't necessarily mean—</p> <p>Senator WONG: MPs and senators?</p> <p>Mr Todd: I think there has been no formal approach yet—</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'm not sure. I'll check.</p>	Hansard	17
4	Faruqi	Aid Program	<p>Senator FARUQI: I understand that. My question was: does that actually rule out fossil fuel projects given that's the focus?</p> <p>Mr Isbister: It depends to an extent on the investments and partners that we're working with. I can't see a situation or scenario—</p> <p>Senator FARUQI: But there are conditions often set on how this aid will be delivered. Is there a condition set that fossil fuels will not be part of that aid, that it will be on renewable energies?</p> <p>Mr Isbister: I'll take on notice the issue of whether or not there's a specific ruling in relation to not funding fossil fuels overseas through the aid program. What I'll very strongly say is that I can't see a scenario or situation with the aid program, which is focused on moving to a low carbon emissions economy, funding fossil fuels. It's about moving to renewables. It's about moving to ways these countries in our region over time will be able to meet their Paris commitments of keeping temperature rises under two degrees.</p>	Hansard	24
5	Kitching	Ministerial duties	<p>Senator KITCHING: Can I turn to the Prime Minister's trip to Hawaii in December. Minister Payne, were you in Australia during the period of that Hawaiian trip? It was mid to late December or sometime in the third week of December.</p> <p>Senator Payne: In December I recall being in Indonesia for a period, but I'm very happy to check my calendar and confirm that with you.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: But you weren't on leave?</p> <p>Senator Payne: No.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What were your duties during the period of Prime Minister Morrison's absence from Australia?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I did also go, of course, to New Zealand for the matters concerning the devastating eruption of the White Island volcano. So my duties were my normal duties as Australia's foreign minister and Minister for Women.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Including during the Prime Minister's absence?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes, as they would normally be.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Did you have any additional duties or responsibilities?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Do you mean: was I sworn as another minister?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING:</p>	Hansard	36

			<p>Were there any responsibilities or duties you had consequent to the Prime Minister being on leave?</p> <p>Senator Payne: No. I think I may actually have been acting in another ministerial role at the time as well. I may have had another acting ministerial role, but no—and I would not expect it to have been the case that the Prime Minister's travel would have impacted my role in any way.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: So you might have had another cabinet minister's—</p> <p>Senator Payne: I may have. I would have to check directly. I'm trying to be helpful, but my diary just doesn't tell me.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING:</p> <p>Yes. Do you recall what those additional ministerial duties were or for whom you might have been performing them?</p> <p>Senator Payne: No, I just said I am trying to check. I'm not actually positive that I did have an acting role at the time, but, it being the December-January period and given the number of ministers moving around, as you might imagine, we take acting roles for each other to facilitate that process, as you'd expect.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes, I understand all of that. The Prime Minister sent a letter—which appears to be a standard response to correspondence his office had received that was criticising his absence from Australia—that says, 'Any Commonwealth responsibilities were being managed by the Acting Prime Minister, Mr McCormack; the Minister for Natural Disaster and Emergency Management, David Littleproud; and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Marise Payne.' Are you aware of that letter?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Not specifically.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Was your office consulted?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice.</p>		
6	Van	West Bank	<p>Senator VAN: What is Australia's position on the UNHCR's publication of the list of companies operating on the West Bank, which presumably will have the effect of supporting the BDS—the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions—movement?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: I probably should look to my colleague on that policy issue.</p> <p>Senator VAN: Of course. The more the merrier.</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: Australia was opposed to the publication of that database.</p> <p>Senator VAN: As we should be. Have we made any representations against the publication of that list? What representations were made?</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: Yes. Can I check on that and get back to you?</p> <p>Senator VAN: Of course, no problem at all.</p>	Hansard	37
7	Abetz	Anti-Semitism	<p>CHAIR: The chief editor of our national broadcaster at estimates earlier this week was not aware of the IHRA let alone its definition. For the purposes of assisting the national broadcaster in relation to what it posts on its website and the provision and distribution of the stories, I'm just sort of wondering what has happened. Could the department potentially, given that Australia has signed up to this, advise certain key stakeholders in the Australian community, such as the national broadcaster, that, for what it's worth, this is a government policy that seems to have the support of other democratic nations around the world.</p> <p>Dr Lee: We certainly will be speaking to other Australian government agencies around the IHRA and what it means for Australia. On the issue of the working definition, we would defer that to the Attorney-General's Department.</p> <p>Senator VAN: Dr Macdonald, do you have anything to add on what Australia's position is on anti-Semitism?</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: I have nothing to add.</p> <p>Senator VAN: I thought you did.</p> <p>Senator Payne: You made a very good point; I wasn't aware of that statement from the ABC. I suspect I was in another estimates committee at the time but we will follow that up.</p>	Hansard	38
8	Abetz	Palestinian Territories	<p>CHAIR: Look, if you could, that, I think, would be a great service to all those organisations that might have otherwise unwittingly engaged in supporting this very barbaric practice. Thank you for that. I'll leave that there. If I may, in the absence of Senator Canavan, return to Israel and the Palestinian territories. Regrettably I don't have my questions with me, but I can provide you with the questions on notice. Referring to question on notice 932, can you please specify which UN agencies and/or specific programs were allocated the \$1 million which was referred to in the answer? If that's going to take some time, I'll just quickly read out the questions and then potentially put them on notice again. Also referring to the same question, can you please list the non-government organisations that shared the US\$3.1 million allocated to them.</p> <p>Referring again to question 932, given the Australian government's rejection of the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, why didn't the department seek assurances from the UN humanitarian fund for the Palestinian territories that Australian funds were not being directed to NGOs that are known supporters of the BDS movement. And if you don't have—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We've got it. Apologies. 932 is cross-referenced in a number of places. We've now got the primary document. So your question</p>	Hansard	39

			<p>goes in particular to the \$1 million?</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes, and it followed up on 974 I think as well. But anyway, yes.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Sorry, but would you mind repeating the actual questions?</p> <p>CHAIR: Can you please specify which UN agencies and/or specific programs were allocated the US\$1 million to which you refer? And can you please list the non-government organisations that shared in the US\$3.1 million allocated to them?</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: I can get that for you.</p> <p>CHAIR: On notice? Do that on notice, and then whether any of the organisations that were funded were in fact supporters of the ugly BDS movement.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: And what Australia taxpayer money is doing funding organisations that support the BDS movement, which is against the government policy.</p>		
9	Abetz	Palestinian Territories	<p>CHAIR: I am sure. And we wish him well. He assisted during the October estimates and advised that Australia was waiting for the outcome of the UN's investigation into the alleged misconduct of former UNRWA Director-General Pierre Krahenbuhl and his team. Have we received this report?</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: Yes. The UN's office of internal oversight services investigation findings—yes, we have.</p> <p>CHAIR: You've got that report. Is it possible to table it or is it on your website? Where is it?</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: It's not our report. It's a UN report. I can find you a copy, I think. I'll just have to confirm that.</p>	Hansard	39
10	Wong	Climate Change	<p>Senator WONG: Can you on notice provide a list of countries that have high or comparable global emission contributions to Australia that have also committed to net zero emissions by 2050?</p> <p>Mr Isbister: Sorry, Senator?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you provide a list—</p> <p>Senator Payne: Was that on notice, Senator?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes.</p>	Hansard	54
12	Wong	Media Freedom	<p>Senator WONG: Sure. I understand that. He has said that many times. I'm just making a point. Thank you. I turn to the UK media freedom pledge. The UK have a global pledge on media freedom. Can someone give me a quick update on what that includes?</p> <p>Dr Lee: I don't have the UK pledge of media freedom in front of me. We are able to provide you with a copy of it. Australia has not joined.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That's what I was going to ask. My recollection—you can provide this on notice—of what were you just saying, Dr Lee, is that you were going to give me it on notice?</p> <p>Dr Lee: If you want a copy of the UK pledge, we can provide a copy of—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I think I can get that online, but thank you.</p> <p>Dr Lee: what the UK document is. Australia has not joined.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you provide me on notice with a list of countries that have joined?</p> <p>Dr Lee: I can provide that on notice.</p>	Hansard	57
13	Waters	International Criminal Court	<p>Senator WATERS: Could you take on notice which other state parties and non-state parties asked us to do either an observation or an amicus brief or, conversely, asked us not to?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: I'm not sure that it's necessary to take it on notice. Israel—</p> <p>Senator WATERS: If you can answer it now, great.</p> <p>Mr Larsen: Israel certainly made representations to the Australian government, including myself, but others as well. The substance of my answer is that I'm not aware of anybody else making such representations, but I didn't preclude it as a possibility.</p> <p>Senator WATERS:</p> <p>If you wouldn't mind checking if there are any additional state parties or non-state parties, please, could you get back to us on notice?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: Insofar as the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade knows. Unless one of my colleagues here is aware of another direct representation from another country, I imagine it's just Israel. However, I would emphasise that we were, of course, in communication with a number of other states about their intentions. That, of course, helped inform our assessment.</p>	Hansard	62
14	Waters	Staffing	<p>Senator WATERS: ...Can I confirm that DFAT has a standing arrangement with the Minerals Council of Australia to second a DFAT official to work in the Minerals Council of Australia?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Yes, we do have an ongoing arrangement with the Minerals Council of Australia.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Can you talk me through how that arrangement works? How is the secondee selected?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I'm talking off memory here because I don't have papers on this particular process with me. We</p>	Hansard	65-66

			<p>have a relationship with a number of business organisations and others where we feel there's a common interest. We would normally advertise those positions internally through an expression of interest process. Based on that, we would assess the candidates and then put a recommendation to the relevant organisation. On some occasions, we might share a shortlist with them before making a final decision about who undertakes that secondment.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay. But the department makes the final selection, or does the Minerals Council?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: That's normally the process, yes, because we're choosing somebody we think best fits with that particular organisation. On occasion, there might be a discussion or shortlist, but the delegation sits with the department.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: What APS level are they?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I can't answer that question, but I can take it on notice for this particular position.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Typically, these secondments take place at EL1 or, very occasionally, EL2 level.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. If you could take on notice to check all of the historical—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Senator, I can tell you that that is what the answer is.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Who pays for the secondee?</p> <p>Mr Sloper:</p> <p>That varies according to the organisation and the arrangement put in place. In some cases, the partner organisation would pay the salary during the secondment. On others, we do.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: And for the Minerals Council specifically?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I can't recall.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We'll check. We can probably get back to you this afternoon on that.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I can take that on notice. I might be able to come back this afternoon.</p>		
15	Wong	South East Asia ODA	<p>Senator WONG: What are the current levels of ODA being provided in South-East Asia for various other OECD countries? Can you also tell me what China's current aid spend in South-East Asia is? What is India's current aid spend in South-East Asia? What is the trend of these figures?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Can we take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Are you able to give me anything?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I would need to take that on notice. I will defer to a development specialist. I think that China doesn't count its assistance in the same kind of way as other ODA countries do.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure. Comparability.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: And then you have to divide between what is actually a grant as opposed to a loan. I think you would need to be very careful to ensure that that distinction is properly provided.</p>	Hansard	70
16	Ayres	Staffing	<p>Senator AYRES: Absolutely a point well made. At 43 per cent, yes, that is excellent. Would you be able to provide us on notice with a list of all political appointments to heads of mission and special envoys since September 2013?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes. We can do that.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	73
17	Wong	Aid Review	<p>Senator WONG: Well, it doesn't, really, with respect. I understand why you put that position. It's a press release that says we're: ... preparing a new international development policy to guide our support for a secure, stable, prosperous and resilient Indo-Pacific. Then there's a description about global changes, new opportunities and challenges. It says: The new policy will ensure Australia is positioned to effectively support our partners to respond to new and emerging priorities. It says that it reflects Australian values et cetera. It doesn't really talk about implementation. It has some reference to economic infrastructure. All I'm saying is that if you're going out to stakeholders, there are so many issues in this area, surely there might have been merit in some propositions, document or guidance to enable people to respond to particular issues around the aid program. I think what you're saying to me is there weren't.</p> <p>Ms Peak: No. There were certainly no formal terms of reference. May I add one comment?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure.</p> <p>Ms Peak: As we've been to public consultations, for each one of them we have put certain questions to those participants.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So you do have a standard set of questions?</p> <p>Ms Peak: We've been tailoring them to each consultation, because they tend to be grouped in thematic groups, for example.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On notice, are you able to please provide me with a summary of those questions?</p> <p>Ms Peak: Yes.</p>	Hansard	80-81
18	Wong	Aid Effectiveness	<p>Senator WONG: I want to see the data that establishes these assertions you are making. Is it possible, Secretary? I want to get a handle on those assertions. There are different propositions put by different stakeholders. It would be very useful to understand the basis on which you say these are cost effective and effective in terms of policy outcome.</p>	Hansard	81-82

			<p>Ms Delaney: I will make two comments in that regard. We have undertaken a number of reviews to look at the lessons and implementation. We're aware of the stakeholder views. As a consequence, in 2008, we undertook an independent review of that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: This is the aid effectiveness?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: In 2018.</p> <p>Ms Delaney: In 2018, I'm sorry.</p> <p>Senator WONG: This is not the Kevin Rudd one?</p> <p>Ms Delaney: My apologies. Ms Adamson: We published it. We can certainly draw from that and point you in the right direction.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you. Why don't you respond on notice, even if it is referencing a document that is on the public record plus giving me something else?</p> <p>Ms Delaney: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Did you hear the last bit? I love it when the response is, 'Here's the website.' It's great.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We'll try and be helpful.</p> <p>Ms Delaney: We will try and be helpful. I note that the ANAO is also currently undertaking a strategic audit.</p>		
19	Ayres	Philippines	<p>Senator AYRES: In addition to that crackdown on illegal drugs, the media freedom issues and the death penalty issues, President Duterte, in relation to the Filipino trade union movement, together with the armed forces chief of staff, in the context of all of these other issues—the war on illegal drugs—has likened trade union activities to a communist rebellion plot to overthrow the government. What is the Australian government's view of that? I might go on to shorten the process. Earlier this year, the Philippine National Police, along with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority, launched the Joint Industrial Peace Concerns Office to restrict trade union activities in export processing zones. Is there an awareness inside the department about the violent repression of trade union activity in the Philippines by the police force and the Philippines armed forces? Ms Heckscher: I don't have any specific information on that right now. I can look to see if there's any information I can obtain and get back to you on that. Senator AYRES: I would— Ms Heckscher: We generally keep an eye on the human rights situation in the Philippines. Senator AYRES: So on this issue specifically there are multiple reports. I appreciate you will take on notice the issue of Filipino security forces violently dispersing union strikes and the surveillance of union members, including school teachers. So you can't tell me now whether the department is monitoring that situation specifically in terms of unions and civil society? Ms Heckscher: No. I can't. Senator AYRES: Could you provide me an update? While you're doing it, I would be interested to hear more about what assistance the Australian government is providing to civil society organisations more broadly than the trade union movement in the Philippines. Finally, given all the areas of cooperation that you touched on as you were going through your outline of your assessment of the relationship, there is, of course, extensive security cooperation between Australia and Filipino security agencies. I want to know what safeguards are in place to ensure that training and assistance provided by Australia in that context isn't used by Filipino counterparts to target trade union activists and civil society more broadly. I would like to hear more about the thinking about that. I'm worried, frankly, that it's not on the department's radar at the moment because it is a high profile issue within the Philippines itself. Ms Heckscher: Thank you. My computer system having crashed and just rebooted, I can tell you that on trade union rights, by the way, DFAT officials met with representatives from the Philippines labour movement on 25 February to hear a little more. So we are aware of the issue and we sought information. I apologise that I was waiting for my system to reboot while sitting here. Senator AYRES: The wifi in here seems to have slowed down. It's probably the rain. Ms Heckscher: Certainly we are monitoring it and we are listening to the concerns. I can't tell you anything more than that right now. Ms Adamson: I will add to this. I must say, with the greatest respect to my colleague, that I was a bit surprised when she said what she said. As a general rule, we are, in fact, focused on the whole question of rights in different countries. It comes to the fore in different ways. Where trade union rights are in dispute or under pressure in countries where we have a significantly sized presence, as we do across South-East Asia, reflecting its importance to us in a bilateral relation sense, I would expect that we would normally be focused on it. Our agencies, be it the AFP or Border Force, have a range of ways to do that kind of practical training. It is normal for there to be a human rights element involved in it quite explicitly. Whether it's on that explicit human rights element focused on trade unions, we would have to check in relation to particular programs. But in terms of the design of the programs, it's certainly very much a part of our thinking. Senator AYRES: We just went through a few of the issues. I would like to hear back on notice a response in relation to all of those issues and a reflection on your last comment, Secretary. I would welcome anything more informally as well. It is an important aspect of human rights in the Philippines. Ms Heckscher: That was specifically about the trade unions. You asked questions about security engagement as well. Of course, they really are questions for Defence and the AFP, who are directly doing it. I can say that a part of our engagement with the Philippines security forces—this is certainly the ADF and others—is that we don't provide support to activities associated with, for example, the controversial anti-drugs campaign. The ADF conducts its operations under strict rules of engagement designed to ensure that the actions of Australian forces are consistent with Australian obligations under international and Australian law. Specific questions about the ADF and AFP training would need to go to the ADF and the AFP. So they are general comments that I make about the way that we engage with security forces offshore. Senator AYRES: Well, we'll look at your response and work out where to go from there. Thank you, Ms Heckscher. Ms Adamson: And I know, Senator, that, in relation to my engagement with the CDF and with the AFP commissioner, these are issues which they are seized of as well. Senator AYRES: Thank you, Secretary.</p>	Hansard	83-84
20	Fierravanti-	Philippines	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Could you also take on notice how we're going in Mindanao and the</p>	Hansard	84

	Wells		work that we're doing there? I know that we've done some very good work there. I would be grateful to get an update on Mindanao. Please take it on notice.		
21	Wong	Ministerial Travel	Senator WONG: On notice, how many trips to the Pacific has the Minister for International Development in the Pacific done since he was appointed to the role? Could you tell me on notice how many the former minister did last term? Ms Adamson: Okay.	Hansard	84
22	Wong	PNG Loan	Senator WONG: Are you able on notice, then, to give me some more detail in a more structured way about what the loan will assist with? Mr Thomson: Yes. We can do that. Senator WONG: I would appreciate that, including the delivery of core services and longer term economic reforms and engagement with the multilateral institutions et cetera. Mr Thomson: We can do that.	Hansard	84-85
24	Ayres	PNG	Senator AYRES: It was my understanding that the PNG government planned to sell the fleet after APEC. Ms Adamson: That's correct. Senator AYRES: Has that happened? Ms Adamson: Not the last time we looked. Not the last time this was given media attention. I don't have the latest. We can check that. Of course, you purchase these things for leaders. They lose resale value. There's a lot of interest for a variety of reasons. Then you're effectively stuck with them. That, I think, is in simple terms what has happened.	Hansard	88
25	Ayres	Kyoto Protocol	Senator AYRES: Thanks, Mr Isbister. Can you confirm for me that the Doha amendment to the Kyoto protocol, which in effect created the second commitment period, is not in force? Mr Isbister: The second Kyoto protocol with the Doha amendment isn't in full force until another, I think, six or seven countries have ratified the Kyoto protocol 2. I can take on notice or get back to you exactly the number of countries. Senator AYRES: Could you take it on notice where we're up to and how long? It's been the case for some time, hasn't it? Mr Isbister: It has. The Kyoto protocol has been in place for eight years. Senator AYRES: Following that, can you confirm that around two-thirds of the 411 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent that the Australian government intends to claim as carryover is in fact from that second commitment period? Mr Isbister: Yes. I think 282 currently, in terms of the overachievement, comes from the Kyoto protocol's second period. Senator AYRES: So most of the carryover credits are from the second period? Mr Isbister: That's right.	Hansard	90
26	Abetz	Palestinian Territories	CHAIR: ...Correct me if I am wrong, but President Abbas has a doctorate. Is that correct? Dr Macdonald: I would have to check. If you say so, yes. CHAIR: His doctorate was a thesis on bringing together Nazism and Zionism. Is that also correct? Dr Macdonald: If you say so. I don't know. CHAIR: Can you check to make sure that that which I am asserting is in fact correct?	Hansard	94
27	Abetz	Israel	CHAIR: My question is: does Dr Abbas and the Palestinian Authority accept the right of the State of Israel to exist? I think we need an answer to that. Ms Adamson: I think the answer to that question is that they do. The quote that you gave before was an Iranian quote, as I recall it, in terms of being wiped off the face of the earth. If you look at the responses to the US vision statement, what concerns the Palestinians is that there is little prospect remaining in their eyes for a negotiation of the final status elements which might lead to a two-state solution. But we will check with our embassy in Tel Aviv about what a fair characterisation of his position might be. I know you're very well informed on these matters. We would like to check. CHAIR: I am always willing to be corrected— Ms Adamson: Of course. CHAIR: in the event that I am wrong. Ms Adamson: As am I.	Hansard	95
28	Abetz	Syria	CHAIR: I will move on to reports about the use of chemicals by the Turkish armed forces in north Syria. Is it the view that that has occurred? If it has occurred, have we made any representations? Do we accept that Turkey used chemical weaponry in northern Syria? If so, what representations have we made? Ms Gorely: I'm not aware of any specific knowledge around the Turkish use of chemical weapons in Syria. I can tell you that Australia is very active within the organisation for the prevention of the use of chemical weapons on Syria. CHAIR: Yes. Specifically, the Kurdish lobby in Australia has written to a number of us indicating that that has occurred. I'm trying to verify (1) whether that occurred and (2) if it did occur, what representations we have made. If you can take that on notice and get back to me, I'd be much obliged.	Hansard	95
29	Abetz	UN Framework Convention	CHAIR: Thank you. Finally, I understand that the department sent 15 representatives to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change in December last year. Is that correct?	Hansard	96

			Ms Adamson: I will have to ask Mr Isbister to come to the table. CHAIR: Take on notice cost of that for us. Ms Adamson: We'll do that.		
30	Steele-John	EU-A FTA	Senator STEELE-JOHN: Has the department conducted any independent analysis into the potential economic impact of the agreement upon our economy, including particularly effects on the labour market? Senator Birmingham: The scoping work and so on was done prior to the agreement commencing negotiations. So the merits of doing so were firmly considered in advance of commencing those negotiations. Obviously the scale of the EU market, already a significant trading partner notwithstanding the high barriers to trade we face in some cases, makes it an attractive proposition. Senator STEELE-JOHN: Are you able to provide any information on notice as to that scoping work? Senator Birmingham: We can take on notice the type of work that was done. Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you.	Hansard	101
31	Ayres	Migrant workers	Senator AYRES: There's a requirement to enhance awareness for temporary visa holders in terms of workplace rights, including the inclusion of information in visa grant notices and additional follow-up in Australia. What's the progress in relation to that? Senator Birmingham: I think at the last estimates we went through some of the communication streams that the Department of Employment Workplace Relations and Fair Work Australia are deploying in terms of text messages as well as information packs, information in language. I can take it on notice to— Senator AYRES: Yes, would you be able to on notice, rather than going through all that now? I understand that some of this has been administered by other parts of the government, but it's a commitment we made on behalf of the government. Could you give me an outline of, at application stage or at the granting of the visa stage, what information is provided to visa holders? And then perhaps you could give me an outline of the communication strategies and some examples of the material that's provided. Senator Birmingham: Absolutely. Senator AYRES: And finally on this question: protocols between the Fair Work Ombudsman and the Department of Home Affairs, to assist migrant workers to report concerns in a way that doesn't lead to adverse consequences for them. Senator Birmingham: My understanding is that those protocols are in effect, are in operation, and that the part of the communication effort we were just speaking of—which I can seek to get and highlight for you—is to provide assurance to— Senator AYRES: Could we just integrate that question on notice and then you just provide me with an outline of those as well? Senator Birmingham: Yes.	Hansard	104-105
32	Faruqi	PNG	ABC reported in February that PNG's electrification program will soon get financial backing from the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP) 1. Is this funding in addition to the \$250mn already announced by the Prime Minister for PNG's electrification last year? a. If not, then what is the total amount? b. If yes, then what is the total amount? 2. Is the support for PNG's electrification via loans or grants? . If loans are part of the mix: Has the Department considered that PNG has an \$11.8 billion national debt, more than one-third of its GDP? 3. Is Australian funding for this electrification project contingent on generation type at all? 4. Is Australian funding for this electrification project contingent on coal fired generation being included at all? . If yes, given Pacific countries' repeated pleas to Australia to wean itself off of coal and climate change being an existential threat to our neighbors in the Pacific, why is coal fired generation included/or at least not excluded in this electrification plan? 5. Given AIFFP is the primary infrastructure financing facility for the Pacific, do you take into consideration the effects of climate change in your work with the Pacific at all? . If yes, please detail the climate change expertise you have within the AIFFP to consider the climate impact of any projects Australia finances including the expertise of individuals.	Written	N/A
33	Faruqi	WHO	1. How does Australia's contribution to the World Health Organisation compare to other OECD countries? Please provide comparative figures. 2. How has our contributions to the WHO changed over time? 1. What was the value of our contributions in 2011-12 and each subsequent year to the present? 3. Do we provide any funding to the WHO that is targeted for public health capacity in our region? 1. If so, how have these contributions fluctuated over recent years?	Written	N/A
34	Faruqi	Pacific	IPCC report and funding for the Pacific 1. In its latest report, the IPCC warns that inaction on climate change will likely result in sea level rise of 1.1 metres by 2100, with low-lying coastal communities at extreme risk of flooding. In light of these latest projections and the likelihood that some islands, such as Kiribati and Tuvalu, will face regular extreme flooding by mid-century, are there any plans afoot for the Australian Government to revise its current climate adaptation funding commitment to small Pacific island nations? a. If so, how? If not, why not?	Written	N/A

			<p>b. Will the Australian Government reconsider its decision not to make any further contributions to the Green Climate Fund?</p> <p>Background: In its latest report, The Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate, the IPCC writes that current inaction on climate change will likely result in sea level rise of 1.1 metres by 2100 - up from the 2013 projection of more than 90cm. Without action, the seas will be five metres higher by 2300. The same report also found that low-lying coastal communities are likely to face regular extreme flooding by mid-century, with some islands and coastal settlements made uninhabitable.</p>		
35	Faruqi	ODA	<p>Decrease in funding</p> <p>1. What is the projected reduction in funding over the next three years to Vietnam, Cambodia, Pakistan & Indonesia? Please provide figures.</p>	Written	N/A
36	Faruqi	Aid Review	<p>Aid review</p> <p>1. When will Australia's foreign aid review be finalised? Please provide a date.</p> <p>2. When will the aid review be publicly reported on and published? Please provide a date.</p>	Written	N/A
37	Faruqi	Global Polio Eradication Initiative	<p>DFAT - Global Polio Eradication Initiative</p> <p>In November 2019, Australia indicated its pledge to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) for the final stages of polio eradication would be \$15 million, part of a global commitment to GPEI of \$US 2.6 billion. The total pledges in November fell short of GPEI's target (\$US 3.27 billion), and GPEI would be seeking some further contributions to reach this goal.</p> <p>1. As the Global Polio Eradication Initiative fell short of its funding target to complete polio eradication, is Australia likely to add to its pledge of \$15 million in the future?</p> <p>a. If not, why not?</p> <p>2. In view of the increase in new polio cases in Pakistan and Afghanistan in 2019, does DFAT assess that it is feasible to eradicate polio in the next few years?</p> <p>a. Is Australia planning to provide additional bilateral assistance to these countries to assist in eradicating polio?</p> <p>3. As the foreign aid review takes place; has the Government requested any briefings to the Government in relation to global pledges falling short of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)?</p> <p>a. Has the Department provided or is the Department planning to provide any briefings to the Government in relation to global pledges falling short of the GPEI?</p>	Written	N/A
38	Griff	Pacific	<p>1. Can you confirm that health aid funding to the Pacific Islands has been cut by the following percentages: Health funding was cut in the Cook Islands by 75%, Fiji by 22%, in the Solomon Islands by 13% and in Samoa, which has been devastated by a measles outbreak that claimed the lives of more than 80 people, by 36% How is this compatible with Australia stepping up in the region?</p> <p>3. When there is a health crisis like the measles epidemic in Samoa, then that can impact directly on Australia. What was the cost of providing emergency assistance including AUSMAT teams to the recent Samoa outbreak?</p> <p>4. Australia has been providing piecemeal aid to health services for over 2 decades. Does the department have an integrated plan for upskilling Pacific Island medical staff?</p>	Written	N/A
39	Faruqi	East Africa	<p>1. Please detail the Australian Government's concerns relating to the East African locust crisis, which is threatening crops and livelihoods.</p> <p>2. In January 2020, the United Nations appealed for USD 138 million for funds to tackle the crisis, but according to media reports as of 10 March only USD 52 million had been received.</p> <p>1. Has the Australian Government provided any support in response to the UN's appeal?</p> <p>2. If so, what is the funding commitment from the Australian Government?</p> <p>3. If the Australian Government has not yet provided any support to the UN's appeal, is a donation under active consideration? What support does the Australian Government intend to provide?</p> <p>4. If the Australian Government is providing or will provide funds, how will those funds be directed?</p> <p>3. What is the projected spending of Australia's international development funding for the East African region for the 2019-20 financial year?</p>	Written	N/A
40	Waters	Philippines	<p>1. In relation to the Philippines, please outline Australia's views on the human rights situation in the Philippines, particularly in relation to extrajudicial killings.</p> <p>2. What representations has the Australian Government made to the Filipino Government in relation to human rights abuses there?</p> <p>3. What public statements has the Government made in relation to human rights abuses in the Philippines?</p> <p>4. There are serious reports that trade union officials have been targeted and killed in the Philippines. Is the Department aware of these killings, and so-called red-tagging, where union leaders and members are spied on, profiled, portrayed as terrorists, arrested and even killed by police and paramilitary groups?</p> <p>5. The International Labour Organisation plans to send a mission to the Philippines to look into human rights abuses, but the Filipino Government has delayed the process. Will the Australian Government advocate for this visit to proceed?</p> <p>6. Lastly, Filipina Senator Leila De Lima has been detained for three years on politically motivated charges. She is one of the staunchest critics of the Government's so-called "war on drugs" and extrajudicial killings. What is the Australian Government doing to try and secure her release?</p>	Written	N/A

41	Waters	Myanmar	<p>Myanmar - the case of Saw Tha Phoe</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Government aware of the case in Myanmar of Saw Tha Phoe, an environmental activist who has been supporting a community impacted by pollution from a coal-powered cement factory? 2. Saw Tha Phoe has been forced into hiding because Myanmar police are seeking his arrest following his involvement in a prayer ceremony about the effects of pollution. As a result of this action, a complaint under Myanmar's Penal Code was filed against him by Myanmar's General Administration Department. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has the Government raised concerns about Saw Tha Phoe's situation with the authorities in Myanmar? b. If so, when and with what level of Government? c. Is the Australian Government concerned about the use of Myanmar's law to threaten, detain and charge people for legitimate peace public expression and community activism? 3. Can the Department confirm that Australia gives development funding to the Myanmar Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) through the World Bank? 4. Is the Government concerned that Saw Tha Phoe is a member of the Myanmar Alliance for Transparency and Accountability - which is a part of the EITI, and that one of its members is being targeted by the Myanmar authorities? 	Written	N/A
42	Waters	Consular	<p>Consular Case - Kylie Moore Gilbert</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many times has the Embassy met with Kylie Moore Gilbert? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When exactly did each of those meetings take place? b. Were any of those meetings in the presence of Iranian officials? 2. What assistance has been provided by the Australian government to Kylie Moore Gilbert? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has she had regular access to phone calls with her husband and family? 3. Exactly what financial support has the Australian government provided to Kylie Moore Gilbert? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide the dates as to when that support was received. b. In her letters, Kylie Moore Gilbert has said she had to beg for money from Iranian prisoners to buy food from the canteen in prison. Why has the Embassy been unable to provide her with financial assistance? 4. Has Kylie Moore Gilbert had regular access to a lawyer? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many times has she met her lawyer? 5. Has the Australian government asked the Iranian government to release Kylie Moore Gilbert? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when did this occur? b. How many times and at what levels of government? 6. Has the Iranian government asked for anything in exchange for Kylie Moore Gilbert's release? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, what? b. Has the Iranian government asked for a reciprocal release of prisoners? 7. Has the Australian government urged the Iranian government to move Kylie Moore Gilbert from the high security ward of Evin prison, in line with Iran's own laws that say detainees should only be held there whilst criminal cases are ongoing? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When did the Australian government urge this? b. How many times? c. At what level? 8. Has the Australian government urged the Iranian government to release Kylie Moore Gilbert on humanitarian grounds given the reports from human rights organizations about possible outbreaks of coronavirus inside Evin prison and the furlough given to tens of thousands of other prisoners? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Has the Embassy offered assistance to the Iranian authorities in arranging alternative accommodation for Kylie if she was released? 	Written	N/A
43	Waters	Consular	<p>Consular case - Chau Van Kham</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many times has the embassy met Chau Van Kham? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When exactly did each of these meetings take place? b. Were any of those meetings in the presence of Vietnamese officials? c. Were any of those meetings video recorded? 2. Has Chau Van Kham had regular access to a lawyer? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many times has he met his lawyer? 3. Has the Australian government asked the Vietnamese government to release Chau Van Kham, given the due process concerns in his case? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If so, when did this occur, and at what level? 4. Has the Australian government urged the Vietnamese government to release Chau Van Kham on humanitarian grounds given his age and concerns about the coronavirus and poor conditions in Vietnam's prisons? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. When did this occur? 	Written	N/A

			b. How many times? c. At what level of government?		
44	Wong	Consular Operations	Consular Operations (1) Can the Department provide a list of recent assisted departures or evacuations from overseas crises since 2011? (2) What portion of these Australians were required to pay for the consular assistance provided?	Written	N/A
45	Wong	Consular Operations	Consular Operations (1) Can the Department outline the process for changing country-specific travel advice, including incorporating health warnings? (2) Can the Department also provide a summary of all changes to country and thematic travel advice since the outbreak of COVID-19? (3) When and how did the Department inform the governments of China, Iran, Italy and South Korea of the Australian government's decision to ban non-Australian visitors from those countries?	Written	N/A
46	Wong	Consular Operations	Consular Operations (1) Can the Department confirm if a specific request was made to the Chinese government to allow Chinese nationals to accompany Australian minors in Hubei province, in order to return to Australia following the outbreak of COVID-19 and the lockdown of Hubei province? (2) Can the Department provide a list of other countries that have evacuated unaccompanied minors from Hubei province during the lockdown?	Written	N/A
47	Wong	Consular Operations	Consular Operations Did the Department brief parliament on changes to DFAT Smart Traveller registrations in November 2019?	Written	N/A
48	Wong	Consular fee income	Consular fee income With reference to page 154 of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's 2018-19 Annual Report and the amount of \$16.3 million in consular fees set out at note 2.2A to the financial statements, please provide the Committee with: (1) details of the types of consular fees collected, (2) the consular services they relate to, and (3) how the level of fees for consular services is determined.	Written	N/A
49	Wong	COVID-19 International Response	COVID-19 International Response Can the Department provide a summary of total assistance provided to Pacific Island and southeast Asian countries to manage the COVID-19 outbreak and how this assistance was funded?	Written	N/A
50	Wong	COVID-19 International Response	COVID-19 International Response Can the Department provide a summary of additional assistance provide to the World Health Organization for the COVID-19 response and how this assistance was funded?	Written	N/A
51	Wong	China – Human Rights	China – Human Rights Following the Chinese government's decision to revoke the credentials of three Wall St Journal reporters, including Australian journalist Philip Wen: (1) Can the Department provide an assessment of the operating environment faced by foreign journalists in China, including in-country travel restrictions? (2) Has the Department raised concerns about media freedom in China with the Chinese government?	Written	N/A
52	Wong	Hong Kong	Hong Kong (1) Can the Department provide an assessment of the state of the five demands of the protest movement in Hong Kong? (2) What representations has the Department made to the Hong Kong authorities regarding the unrest? (3) Has there been any official engagement with the Chinese Government – in Beijing or in Canberra – about the situation in Hong Kong?	Written	N/A
53	Wong	UK Media Freedom Pledge	UK Media Freedom Pledge With reference to Senator Payne's evidence at additional estimates on 5 March 2020, can the Department provide a summary of the financial requirements of Australia to join the UK's Global Pledge for Media Freedom?	Written	N/A
54	Wong	Israel/Palestinian Territories	Israel/Palestinian Territories With reference to the US 'Vision for Peace' released on 28 January 2020 and evidence provided by Dr MacDonald at additional estimates on 5 March 2020: (1) What is the Australian government's position on the US proposal? (2) Can the Department provide a summary of how the Palestinian leadership has reacted to this initiative? (3) Can the Department provide a summary of how Israel's neighbouring countries and the Arab League have reacted to this initiative? (4) Can the Department provide a summary of Australia's allies and partners responses to the US initiative? (5) Does the Department assess that the US initiative removes barriers to Israeli annexation of Israeli settlements in the West Bank? (6) What is the Australian Government's position on annexation, and has the Department communicated Australia's position directly with Israeli authorities?	Written	N/A
55	Wong	Multilateral Audit	Multilateral Audit	Written	N/A

			<p>With reference to Secretary Adamson's evidence at additional estimates on 5 March 2020:</p> <p>(1) Can the Department provide the terms of reference for the audit of Australia's participation in multilateral organisations?</p> <p>(2) Can the Department provide a summary of all government and non-government consultations undertaken in the course of this review?</p> <p>(3) Can the Department advise how many staff are involved in the audit and if official travel was undertaken as part of the audit?</p> <p>(4) Can the Department advise where Australian personnel are currently deployed to UN peacekeeping missions and if UN peacekeeping is a component of the multilateral audit that the Prime Minister has requested?</p>		
56	Wong	Blue Dot Network	<p>Blue Dot Network</p> <p>(1) Can the Department explain what the Blue Dot Network is, including its objectives, participating countries, its forward work plan and Australia's level of funding for this initiative?</p> <p>(2) Can the Department explain the 'global trust standards' for infrastructure that the Network plans to promote and how these differ from existing World Bank and Asian Development Bank standards for lending and infrastructure projects?</p>	Written	N/A
57	Wong	Indonesia	<p>Indonesia</p> <p>With reference to the joint statement of the Prime Minister and President Widodo on 10 February that refers to 'trilateral development cooperation with Pacific neighbours in areas of mutual interest to support the development and economic prosperity of the region':</p> <p>(1) Can the Department confirm if trilateral cooperation in the Pacific has commenced?</p> <p>(2) Can the Department explain the shared priorities between Australia and Indonesia in the Pacific?</p> <p>(3) Have any Pacific Island countries been flagged as third-country partners yet?</p> <p>(4) Noting President Widodo's address to Parliament on 10 February in which climate change was identified as a major challenge, will climate change cooperation be a feature of this trilateral cooperation?</p> <p>(5) Noting the joint statement also refers to a commitment to establishing co-deployments to UN Peacekeeping operations, can the Department advise which UN peacekeeping operations are under consideration for this co-deployment?</p>	Written	N/A
58	Wong	Southeast Asia Human Rights	<p>Southeast Asia Human Rights</p> <p>With reference to media reports that DFAT warned incoming ministers about increasing illiberalism and of 'democratic backsliding' in the region: Can the Department provide an assessment of the state of democracy in Southeast Asia and what policy responses are in place for Australia to respond?</p>	Written	N/A
59	Wong	Southeast Asia Human Rights	<p>Southeast Asia Human Rights</p> <p>With reference to media reports that DFAT warned incoming ministers about increasing illiberalism and of 'democratic backsliding' in the region: Can the Department advise on the current state of access to foreign officials and media to West Papua and when Department officials last visited the region?</p>	Written	N/A
60	Wong	Southeast Asia Human Rights	<p>Southeast Asia Human Rights</p> <p>With reference to media reports that DFAT warned incoming ministers about increasing illiberalism and of 'democratic backsliding' in the region: Can the Department advise whether the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights has been granted access to West Papua by the Indonesian government?</p>	Written	N/A
61	Wong	Southeast Asia Human Rights	<p>Southeast Asia Human Rights</p> <p>With reference to media reports that DFAT warned incoming ministers about increasing illiberalism and of 'democratic backsliding' in the region: Can the Department provide a summary of how it has raised concerns about human rights and democracy in Cambodia, including through bilateral engagements and via the UN Human Rights Council?</p>	Written	N/A
62	Wong	Southeast Asia Human Rights	<p>Southeast Asia Human Rights</p> <p>With reference to media reports that DFAT warned incoming ministers about increasing illiberalism and of 'democratic backsliding' in the region, and to the International Court of Justice ruling on 23 January 2020 that the government of Myanmar must do more to protect the Rohingya:</p> <p>(1) Can the Department confirm if this was the court's ruling final or if the Court's investigations ongoing?</p> <p>(2) Does Australia support the investigation and its findings?</p> <p>(3) Can the Department outline any public statements made by Australia about the ICJ process?</p> <p>(4) Can the Department provide a summary of any assistance that will be provided to support elections in Myanmar in November 2020?</p> <p>(5) Can the Department provide a summary of assistance to past elections in Myanmar?</p>	Written	N/A
63	Wong	Commonwealth	<p>Commonwealth</p> <p>(1) Can the Department outline Australia's current funding levels for the Commonwealth Organisation and explain why funding was cut in February 2020?</p> <p>(2) Can the Department provide a summary of other countries that have reduced funding to the organisation?</p>	Written	N/A
64	Wong	Paris Agreement	<p>Paris Agreement – parties encouraged to update NDCs</p> <p>With reference to Mr Isbister's evidence at additional estimates on 5 March 2020 concerning Paris Agreement Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs): "Countries are encouraged to be able to submit NDC updates. So in 2020 countries are encouraged to update their NDCs but in terms of a target it's five years before your current target finishes":</p>	Written	N/A

			Can the Department advise the Committee which provisions of the Paris Agreement and of any relevant decisions or statements of the Conference of the Parties and the Meetings of the Parties to the Paris Agreement encourage but do not require parties to communicate new or updated NDCs in 2020?		
65	Wong	Paris Agreement	Paris Agreement – Countries submitting updated NDCs With reference to Mr Isbister’s evidence at additional estimates on 5 March 2020 that a number of countries are updating their Paris Agreement Nationally Determined Contributions (MDCs) in 2020: (1) Which countries or parties to the Paris Agreement have submitted new or updated NDCs since submitting their initial NDCs? (2) Which countries or parties to the Paris Agreement have stated that they intend to submit new or updated NDCs by the end of 2020?	Written	N/A
66	Wong	Paris Agreement	Paris Agreement – debate With reference to Mr Isbister’s evidence at additional estimates on 5 March 2020 concerning Paris Agreement Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and emissions reduction targets: “There’s a debate in terms of when countries finish their targets. They are encouraged, as I said, to put in an NDC. Whether it’s a requirement or not, different countries are taking positions.”: Can the Department provide the Committee with the details of the debate referred to by Mr Isbister about when Paris Agreement parties are required to update NDCs and/or emissions reduction targets? Please include: references to the relevant provisions of the Paris Agreement and relevant decisions or statements of the Conference of the Parties and the Meetings of the Parties to the Paris Agreement which are being debated and a summary of the different positions being taken on these issues by different parties or groups of parties to the Paris Agreement and the UNFCCC.	Written	N/A
67	Wong	Paris Agreement	Paris Agreement – requirement to update targets With reference to Mr Isbister’s evidence at additional estimates on 5 March 2020 concerning Paris Agreement Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and emissions reduction targets: “Countries are encouraged to be able to submit NDC updates. So in 2020 countries are encouraged to update their NDCs, but in terms of a target it’s five years before your current target finishes ... A number of countries are updating their NDCs. Australia may or may not before the COP26. But the requirement is to deliver your updated target, emissions reduction target, five years before the completion of the existing one.”: Which provisions of the Paris Agreement and relevant decisions or statements of the Conference of the Parties and the Meetings of the Parties to the Paris Agreement require parties to deliver updated emissions reduction targets five years before the completion of their existing targets?	Written	N/A
68	Wong	Paris Agreement	Paris Agreement – Article 4.9 Can the Department explain why the provision in Article 4.9 of the Paris Agreement that each Party “shall” communicate a nationally determined contribution (NDC) every five years does not require Australia to communicate a new or updated NDC in 2020 given the Department’s evidence at additional estimates on 5 March 2020 that Australia submitted its original NDC in August 2015?	Written	N/A
69	Wong	Barr inquiry	Australia’s involvement in the Barr inquiry: With reference to Australia’s involvement in the United States Justice Department’s inquiry, commonly referred to as the Barr Inquiry: The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet confirmed in additional estimates that Australia had received additional requests for information related to the Barr Inquiry from US officials: (1) To whom have these further requests been made? (2) How are these requests being coordinated? (3) Who is the decision maker for responding to these requests? (4) On how many occasions has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provided advice to the Government on these requests? When and to whom was this advice provided?	Written	N/A
70	Wong	Barr inquiry	Australia’s involvement in the Barr inquiry: With reference to Australia’s involvement in the United States Justice Department’s inquiry, commonly referred to as the Barr Inquiry: Evidence by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Additional Estimates indicated the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has provided “occasional” updates to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet regarding the Barr Inquiry: (1) How many updates have been provided? (2) How are those updates provided- email, telephone, etc? (3) To whom have they been provided? (4) When were those updates provided?	Written	N/A
71	Wong	Barr inquiry	Australia’s involvement in the Barr inquiry: With reference to Australia’s involvement in the United States Justice Department’s inquiry, commonly referred to as the Barr Inquiry: Evidence provided by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet at additional estimates was that DFAT consulted the Prime Minister regarding the release of material(s) on 7 Dec 2019: (1) Is that correct? (2) Has the Prime Minister been consulted at any other times? (3) Was the material referenced by Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet released?	Written	N/A

			<p>(4) Were any other actions taken by DFAT following consultations with the Prime Minister?</p> <p>(5) Has there been additional correspondence with the U.S Justice Department or White House regarding the Barr inquiry following Mr Hockey's letter dated 28 May? If so, when?</p> <p>(6) Has Ambassador Hockey or his successor held further meetings with U.S officials related to the inquiry? If so, when and with whom?</p>		
72	Wong	Barr inquiry	<p>Australia's involvement in the Barr inquiry: With reference to Australia's involvement in the United States Justice Department's inquiry, commonly referred to as the Barr Inquiry: At the National Press Club on 12 November 2019 Mr Downer said he was "fully cooperating with the Australian government" with respect to the Barr inquiry.</p> <p>(1) Is DFAT coordinating Mr Downer's cooperation?</p> <p>(2) Is DFAT aware of what form(s) of cooperation Mr Downer has provided?</p> <p>(3) Is DFAT aware if Mr Downer was interviewed by Mr Barr or other officials with respect to the Barr inquiry?</p>	Written	N/A
73	Wong	Barr inquiry	<p>Australia's involvement in the Barr inquiry: With reference to Australia's involvement in the United States Justice Department's inquiry, commonly referred to as the Barr Inquiry: The Australian newspaper has reported that Mr Downer was interview by Barr inquiry head US Attorney John Durham.</p> <p>(1) Is this correct?</p> <p>(2) It is also reported that Mr Durham was provided a confidential Australian diplomatic cable. Can the Department confirm whether any Australian diplomatic cables have been provided?</p>	Written	N/A
74	Wong	White House	<p>NSW communications with White House I refer to tragic death of three American aerial firefighters in NSW during the summer's bushfire crisis.</p> <p>(1) Was the department involved in any formal communications with US officials following the deaths of the 3 American firefighters near Cooma?</p> <p>(2) Were formal condolences sent on behalf on the Australian Government?</p> <p>(3) Would the department typically facilitate contact between a state government and foreign heads of states? Has it occurred in the past?</p>	Written	N/A
75	Wong	White House	<p>NSW communications with White House I refer to tragic death of three American aerial firefighters in NSW during the summer's bushfire crisis, and a media report in the Fairfax newspapers that Premier Berejiklian sought to express to President Trump her gratitude for the service of 3 U.S firefighters who tragically passed away while fighting fires in NSW this summer.</p> <p>(1) Was any request received directly from the NSW Government for assistance with contacting the White House?</p> <p>(2) Did DFAT receive any request from the Prime Minister's office to facilitate the NSW Premier in passing on her state's gratitude to the U.S President?</p> <p>(3) Was the department aware of reported contact between Premier Berejiklian and Ambassador Hockey on this matter?</p> <p>(4) Did the department provide advice to Mr Hockey pertaining to the request?</p> <p>(5) What is the DFAT's policy on communication of this nature? Would Ambassador Hockey be required to inform the Department of any assistance he provided? Was the department informed?</p>	Written	N/A
76	Wong	Gender inclusive aid	<p>Gender inclusive aid Was the target of ensuring that more than 80 per cent of Australia's aid investments address gender issues in their implementation met by the Australian aid program in 2018-19?</p>	Written	N/A
77	Wong	Aid for trade	<p>Aid for trade With reference to the 2017-18 Performance of Australian Aid report which found that Target 1, Promoting Prosperity, was achieved by increasing aid for trade to 20 per cent of the aid budget:</p> <p>(1) Apart from meeting this 20 per cent target, does the Department have any evidence to show how Australia's aid for trade investments are promoting economic development and prosperity?</p> <p>(2) Has any evaluation been conducted on the outcomes of specific aid for trade investments by Australia?</p> <p>(3) Is the Department able to point to any wider research or studies on the impact of aid for trade programs in promoting economic development and prosperity?</p>	Written	N/A
78	Wong	Pacific remittances	<p>Pacific remittances With reference to the Department's answer to question on notice 88 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates and the research commissioned from the Behavioural Insights Team on Pacific remittances:</p> <p>(1) Has the research been completed?</p> <p>(2) What have been the findings of the research?</p> <p>(3) What are the implications for Government or private sector policies to reduce remittance costs?</p>	Written	N/A
79	Wong	Sale of goods and services	<p>Sale of goods and services With reference to page 152 of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's 2018-19 Annual Report and the amount of \$146.7 million in</p>	Written	N/A

			revenue from rendering of services set out at note 1.2A to the financial statements, please provide the Committee with details of the services rendered by the Department in generating this revenue.		
81	Wong	External revenue	External revenue With reference to page 16 of the 2019-20 Portfolio Budget Statements for the Foreign Affairs and Trade portfolio and the amount of \$123 million in Departmental appropriations for 2018-19 relating to section 74 external revenue receipts, please provide the Committee with details of these external revenue receipts and how this amount relates to the amount of \$112.7 million of budgeted departmental expenses incurred in relation to section 74 external revenue receipts shown on page 22 of the Portfolio Budget Statements.	Written	N/A
82	Wong	Pacific - Climate Change	Pacific Islands Climate Change Insurance Facility With reference to paragraph 18 of the 49th Pacific Islands Forum Communique urging expeditious progress of the work of the taskforce for the Pacific Islands Climate Change Insurance Facility, can the Department provide the Committee with an update on discussions for a Pacific Islands Climate Change Insurance Facility and the position of the Australian Government on a Pacific Islands Climate Change Insurance Facility.	Written	N/A
83	Wong	Aid facilities	Aid facilities and managing contractors In relation to the role of aid facilities and managing contractors in delivering Australia's international development investments: (1) How many managing contractor arrangements does DFAT currently have in place to deliver development investments, programs or projects? (2) What percentage of DFAT's annual spending on ODA was administered through aid facilities and/or managing contractor structures in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20? (3) Please provide the Committee with a list showing each aid facility or managing contractor arrangement currently in place including the name of the relevant contractor, details of the investment, program or project, and the value of the investment, program or project.	Written	N/A
84	Wong	ODA	ODA investment flows - note With regard to the note at the end of the table provided by the Department in its answer to Question on Notice 74 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates, should the reference to "International Development Assistance" read "International Development Association." If not, what International Development Assistance is being referred to in this part of the note?	Written	N/A
85	Wong	ODA	ODA investment flows – core contributions to multilateral organisations With regard to the answer provided by the Department to Question on Notice 74 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates and the total amounts shown in the table for "Core contributions to multilateral organisations and other ODA not attributable to countries and regions," please provide a breakdown showing expenditure from 2014-15 to 2019-20 on each of the following: (1) International Development Association (2) Asian Development Fund (3) Global Environment Facility (4) Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (5) Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative (6) Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol (7) ODA-eligible Departmental expenditure, showing amounts of expenditure by each relevant Australian Government department or agency (8) Contributions to global health programs, showing contributions to each global health program or organisation (9) UN contributions, showing details of each type of UN contribution (10) Humanitarian ODA contributions (11) Commonwealth organisations (12) Other elements of core contributions to multilateral organisations and other ODA not attributable to countries or regions	Written	N/A
86	Wong	ODA	ODA investment flows – regional funding With regard to the answer provided by the Department to Question on Notice 74 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates and the amounts shown for 2019-20 for Pacific Regional, South and West Asia Regional, and South-East and East Asia Regional programs, please provide details of the regional, multilateral or other organisations, institutions or programs these amounts relate to with a breakdown of estimated ODA expenditure for each of these organisations, institutions or programs in 2019-20.	Written	N/A
87	Wong	ODA	ODA investment flows table - update Please provide the Committee with an updated version of the table provided by the Department in its answer to Question on Notice No 74 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates showing 2018-19 actuals and 2020-21 estimates if either of these are available.	Written	N/A
88	Wong	ODA	ODA provided by other Government Departments With regard to table 4 at page 99 of DFAT's publication Australian Aid Budget Summary 2019-20: (1) What are the details of the \$261.3 million in ODA to be provided by Treasury in 2019-20 including details of countries or regions of benefit, contributions to multilateral or regional institutions and investment priorities? (2) What are the details of the \$101.2 million in ODA to be provided by the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research in 2019-20, including details of countries or regions of benefit, contributions to multilateral or regional institutions and investment priorities? (3) What are the details of the \$47.9 million in ODA to be provided by the Australian Federal Police in 2019-20, including details of countries or	Written	N/A

			regions of benefit, contributions to multilateral or regional institutions and investment priorities?		
89	Wong	Aid evaluations	<p>Aid evaluations</p> <p>With reference to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's 2019 Annual Aid Evaluation Plan, for each of the four topics for strategic evaluations listed in Table 1 and each of the 44 program evaluations listed in Table 2, can the Department advise whether the evaluation has been completed and whether the evaluation has been published? For evaluations which have been published can the Department provide a URL or other reference for the publication?</p>	Written	N/A
90	Wong	Eyers study	<p>Eyers study</p> <p>With reference to question on notice 78 from 2018-19 Additional Estimates on the study led by Mr Eyers on financing options for the aid program:</p> <p>(1) Has the Aid Governance Board considered the findings of the study. If so, when did the Board consider the study?</p> <p>(2) Has the Department provided any advice for Ministers on the study and its findings? If so when was this advice provided and to which Ministers?</p> <p>(3) Has the Department provided any recommendations to Ministers on the study and its findings? If so when were these recommendations provided and to which Ministers?</p>	Written	N/A
91	Wong	Market Research contract	<p>Market Research contract</p> <p>With respect to Contract Notice CN3611787 published on Austender on 17 July 2019 and the provision of market research by PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting:</p> <p>(1) What are the details of the market research provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting?</p> <p>(2) What subject matters did the market research cover?</p> <p>(3) What methodologies were used in the market research?</p> <p>(4) Why did the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade commission this market research?</p> <p>(5) On what date was this contract entered into?</p> <p>(6) Was this contract reported on Austender within 42 days of being entered into as required under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules? If not, why not and was this a breach of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules?</p> <p>(7) Was the contract entered into during the caretaker period prior to the federal election of 18 May 2019? If yes, did the contract involve implementing or entrenching a policy, program or administrative structure which is politically contentious? If not, why not?</p> <p>(8) Did the contract, or the decision to obtain the services to be delivered under the contract, require Ministerial approval? If yes, when was Ministerial approval provided and by which Minister?</p>	Written	N/A
92	Wong	HoR QoN	<p>House of Representatives question in writing</p> <p>With respect to Question in Writing No 125 directed to the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs in the House of Representatives and placed on the House of Representatives Notice Paper on 9 September 2019:</p> <p>(1) Has this question been referred to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade?</p> <p>(2) If yes, on what date was this question referred to the Department?</p> <p>(3) Has the Department provided a draft answer to this question?</p> <p>(4) If yes, on what date and to which Minister or Ministers did the Department provide a draft answer?</p> <p>(5) If no, why not?</p> <p>(6) Has the Department provided a brief in relation to this question?</p> <p>(7) If yes, on what date and to which Minister or Ministers was a Departmental brief provided?</p>	Written	N/A
93	Carr	A4 Copy Paper	<p>From which country does the department and it's agencies source A4 photo copy paper?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If from multiple countries please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms. 	Written	N/A
94	Carr	A4 Copy Paper	<p>From which country does the Minister's Office source A4 photo copy paper?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If from multiple countries please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms. 	Written	N/A
95	Kitching	Executive Management	<p>1. 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>	Written	N/A
96	Kitching	Ministerial Functions	<p>1. 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>	Written	N/A

			<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>		
97	Kitching	Departmental Functions	<p>1. 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>	Written	N/A
98	Kitching	Executive Office Upgrades	<p>1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded 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>	Written	N/A
99	Kitching	Facilities Upgrade	<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>	Written	N/A
100	Kitching	Staff Travel	<p>1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date.</p>	Written	N/A
101	Kitching	Legal Costs	<p>1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date.</p>	Written	N/A
102	Kitching	Travel by Secretary	<p>1. 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>	Written	N/A
103	Kitching	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.</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>	Written	N/A

			<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: 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>		
104	Kitching	Briefings to members of Parliament	<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: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	N/A
105	Kitching	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. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	N/A
106	Kitching	Market Research	<p>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.</p>	Written	N/A
107	Kitching	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. 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.</p>	Written	N/A
108	Kitching	Promotional Merchandise	<p>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.</p>	Written	N/A
109	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A

			<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>		
110	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A
111	Kitching	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> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>	Written	N/A
112	Kitching	Board Appointments	<p>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.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>4. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	N/A
113	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A
114	Kitching	Stationery	<p>1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in financial year 2019-20 to date.</p>	Written	N/A
115	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A

			<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>		
116	Kitching	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>	Written	N/A
117	Kitching	Department Staff in Minister's Office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	N/A
118	Kitching	CCDA 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>	Written	N/A
119	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A
120	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A
121	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A

122	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A
123	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A
124	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A
125	Kitching	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>	Written	N/A
126	Kitching	Public Interest Disclosures	<p>1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</p>	Written	N/A
127	Farrell	Bushfire Recovery Package – Global Diplomatic Network	<p>1. In relation to the bushfire recovery funding, please detail how the funding for the Global Diplomatic Network will be spent?</p> <p>2. How much has been spent to date?</p> <p>3. Over which financial years will the additional \$5m be spent?</p>	Written	N/A
128	Farrell	Bushfire Recovery Package – Global Diplomatic Network	<p>1. As a part of this funding for the Global Diplomatic Network, it was announced that funding would go to the mobilisation of specialists in priority areas, what are these areas?</p> <p>a. How were they determined?</p> <p>b. How much of the funding will provided towards this element?</p> <p>c. What are the expected outcomes from this additional funding?</p> <p>d. How much is allocated towards this program usually?</p> <p>2. How much funding has been allocated towards the expanded public diplomacy effort and what activities will be undertaken?</p>	Written	N/A
129	Griff	Border force incoming cards	<p>What was the reason for cancelling the smart traveller itinerary registration function? This meant DFAT has no idea how many Australians might be in Wuhan.</p> <p>a. If it was underused could it not be made optional opt out (like My Health Record)? That way travel agents can send overseas itineraries directly to smart traveller unless clients ask their agent not to.</p>	Written	N/A
131	Patrick	India	<p>In 2018 “An India Economic Strategy to 2035” was released, which was a comprehensive report [the Report] into the Australian Indian relationship. The Report covered 11 business sectors and provided 90 recommendations, with the recommendations categorised into short, medium and longer term. The Report set out some aspirational targets of tripling exports and an almost ten-fold increase in outward investment. The Report received broad Government support as per the Government response.</p> <p>Questions</p> <p>1. Please advise on the status of the actions the Department has and is undertaking to address the recommendations of the Report.</p> <p>2. It’s noted that the Government has assigned appropriate Ministerial champions. Have responsibilities been delegated to staff within the Departments to lead the Departmental activities? If so, who are they? If not when is this expected to be done?</p> <p>3. Has an action plan been prepared?</p> <p>4. What stakeholder engagement, relevant to regards to the ten sectors, has been conducted thus far?</p> <p>5. What is the schedule for seeking stakeholder input in regards to the ten sectors?</p> <p>6. How is the Department defining an ‘Australian company’ for their engagement?</p> <p>7. It’s noted that the Department has engaged with the Boards of ASX 200 companies. Which companies has the Department engaged with?</p> <p>8. Please elaborate on what progress, if any, has been made with India regarding their:</p> <p>a. subsidies on sugar?</p> <p>b. trade restrictions on pulses?</p> <p>9. What engagements have been undertaken with the Indian diaspora to date?</p> <p>10. Are there any engagements planned to be undertaken with the Indian diaspora in the future?</p>	Written	N/A
132	Ayres	Overseas Programs	<p>Can the Office for Women provide a breakdown of funding it has provided for women’s programs overseas? Please provide the name of the program, the location of the program, the amount of funding for each program and a breakdown across the forward estimates. If the Government doesn’t fund women’s programs overseas, why not?</p>	Written	N/A
133	Ayres	Ambassador of Australia for Gender Equality	<p>In relation to Minister Payne’s media release dated 8 March, 2020 “Ambassador of Australia for Gender Equality” can the Office for Women confirm how long Ms Julie-Ann Guivarra’s term as Australia’s Ambassador for Gender Equality will be?</p> <p>In relation to Minister Payne’s media release dated 8 March, 2020 “Ambassador of Australia for Gender Equality” can the Office for Women advise when the title of the role changed from “Ambassador for Women and Girls” to “Ambassador for Gender Equality”? Who made that decision? When was the decision made?</p>	Written	N/A