

Additional Estimates 2019-20 – Export Finance Australia Questions on Notice

Portfolio Question No	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof HansardPage
1	Fierravanti-Wells	Pacific Focus of Legislation	<p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: Perhaps you, or the department, could assist me by providing me with the paperwork and the paper trail on the various announcements, because I'm interested in why it was initially Pacific focused and now, all of a sudden, it's focused on more than the Pacific. Do you see where I'm going?</p> <p>Mr Hopkins: Happy to.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: I'm happy for it to be taken on notice, but I'm a bit surprised to hear that that \$1 billion, which I understood was for the Pacific, is now not just for the Pacific</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Yes. But you're wanting the etymology of-</p> <p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: I just wasn't sure when we transitioned from a Pacific focus, because it was part of the discussion when I was minister for the Pacific. That's why I've asked the question.</p>	Hansard	110-111
2	Ayers	Export Finance Australia Support to Pacific	<p>When did you approve those performance bonds? [Bonds for CCB Envico to do work on Ebeye Island in the Marshall Islands]</p>	Hansard	113
3	Ayers	Export Finance Australia Support to Pacific	<p>Senator Ayres: There have been other projects in the Marshall Islands?</p> <p>Mr Pacey: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Ayres: On notice, could you give me a list of similar successful cases in the Pacific over the last two years?</p> <p>Mr Pacey: Yes.</p>	Hansard	113
4	Ayers	Export Finance Australia Support to Pacific	<p>Senator AYRES: What share of that budget is earmarked specifically for Pacific projects? Can you tell me what your spend in financial years 2018 and 2019 was on the Pacific projects?</p> <p>Mr Pacey: We don't work to a budget appropriation. We operate as a—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Well, can you tell me how much was allocated—I suppose is the right word?</p> <p>Mr Pacey: We can give credit exposures in relation to those islands.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Would you do that for—I understand spend is the wrong word—allocations or credit exposures for Pacific projects in financial years</p>	Hansard	113

			2018 and 2019, and then a projected or estimated spend for 2019-20—spend is the wrong word. Can you do that for me? Mr Pacey: We can give it for historical. We don't— Senator AYRES: You're not in a position to provide an estimation? Mr Pacey: I can give you historical data, yes.		
5	Wong	PNG sovereign loan	Is there a contract, agreement or memorandum of understanding between the Australian Government and Papua New Guinea that supports this loan?	Written	N/A
6	Wong	PNG sovereign loan	Can Export Finance Australia outline the nature and legal status of any agreement supporting this loan?	Written	N/A
7	Wong	PNG sovereign loan	Can Export Finance Australia confirm the amount of the loan and that it is denominated in US dollars? If not denominated in US dollars, in what currency is the loan denominated?	Written	N/A
8	Wong	PNG sovereign loan	What is the term of the loan?	Written	N/A
9	Wong	PNG sovereign loan	When are interest payments required to be made?	Written	N/A
10	Wong	PNG sovereign loan	When are repayments of the principal required to be made?	Written	N/A
11	Wong	PNG sovereign loan	What is the interest rate?	Written	N/A
12	Wong	PNG sovereign loan	Is the loan at a market interest rate or a concessional interest rate?	Written	N/A
13	Wong	PNG sovereign loan	Are there any covenants attached to the loan? If yes, please provide the Committee with details.	Written	N/A
14	Carr	Photocopy paper	From which country does the department and its agencies source A4 photocopy paper? a. If from multiple countries, please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.	Written	N/A
15	Kitching	Executive management	In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.	Written	N/A
16	Kitching	Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided	Written	N/A

			<p>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>		
17	Kitching	Departmental functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	N/A
18	Kitching	Executive office upgrades	<p>Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	N/A
19	Kitching	Facilities upgrades	<p>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>	Written	N/A
20	Kitching	Facilities upgrades	<p>If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	N/A
21	Kitching	Facilities upgrades	<p>If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.</p>	Written	N/A
22	Kitching	Staff travel	<p>What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date.</p>	Written	N/A
23	Kitching	Legal costs	<p>What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to</p>	Written	N/A

			date.		
24	Kitching	Secretariat travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.	Written	N/A
25	Kitching	FOI	Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date	Written	N/A
26	Kitching	FOI	For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.	Written	N/A
27	Kitching	FOI	For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).	Written	N/A
28	Kitching	FOI	For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.	Written	N/A
29	Kitching	FOI	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.	Written	N/A
30	Kitching	FOI	For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are	Written	N/A

			designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.		
31	Kitching	FOI	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.	Written	N/A
32	Kitching	FOI	Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.	Written	N/A
33	Kitching	FOI	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.	Written	N/A
34	Kitching	FOI	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.	Written	N/A
35	Kitching	FOI	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).	Written	N/A
36	Kitching	Briefings	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	Written	N/A
37	Kitching	Acting Minister arrangements	Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20.	Written	N/A
38	Kitching	Acting Minister arrangements	Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.	Written	N/A
39	Kitching	Market research	Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.	Written	N/A
40	Kitching	Market research	If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs	Written	N/A

			d. Contract date period		
41	Kitching	Market research	Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.	Written	N/A
42	Kitching	Advertising and information campaigns	What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written	N/A
43	Kitching	Advertising and information campaigns	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.	Written	N/A
44	Kitching	Advertising and information campaigns	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.	Written	N/A
45	Kitching	Promotional merchandise	What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written	N/A
46	Kitching	Promotional merchandise	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.	Written	N/A
47	Kitching	Promotional merchandise	Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.	Written	N/A
48	Kitching	Ministerial overseas travel	Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio please be provided from the of date the last answer for the Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any	Written	N/A

			<p>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>		
49	Kitching	Social media influences	What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written	N/A
50	Kitching	Social media influences	What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.	Written	N/A
51	Kitching	Social media influences	Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.	Written	N/A
52	Kitching	Social media influences	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.	Written	N/A
53	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	<p>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>	Written	N/A
54	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.	Written	N/A
55	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	The background and credentials of the Review personnel.	Written	N/A
56	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel	Written	N/A
57	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.	Written	N/A
58	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.	Written	N/A
59	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	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.	Written	N/A

60	Kitching	Board appointments	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.	Written	N/A
61	Kitching	Board appointments	What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio	Written	N/A
62	Kitching	Board appointments	What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.	Written	N/A
63	Kitching	Board appointments	What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.	Written	N/A
64	Kitching	Board appointments	What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.	Written	N/A
65	Kitching	Appointments - briefs prepared	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.	Written	N/A
66	Kitching	Appointments - briefs prepared	For each brief prepared, can the Department advise: a. The former member. b. The board or entity. c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office. d. Whether the appointment was made.	Written	N/A
67	Kitching	Stationery	How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written	N/A
68	Kitching	Media monitoring	What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.	Written	N/A
69	Kitching	Media monitoring	What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date. a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-	Written	N/A

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70	Kitching	Communications staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or agency: a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. d. How many are graphic designers. e. How many are media managers. f. How many organise events.	Written	N/A
71	Kitching	Communications staff	Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. a. If yes, why. b. When was it established. c. What is the set up cost. d. What is the ongoing cost. e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.	Written	N/A
72	Kitching	Departmental staff in Minister's office	Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment. b. APS level.	Written	N/A
73	Kitching	Departmental staff in Minister's office	Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.	Written	N/A
74	Kitching	CDDA payments	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.	Written	N/A
75	Kitching	CDDA payments	How many claims were: a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration.	Written	N/A
76	Kitching	CDDA payments	Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.	Written	N/A
77	Kitching	Congestion	Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation	Written	N/A

		busting	to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.		
78	Kitching	Congestion busting	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.	Written	N/A
79	Kitching	Recruitment	What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written	N/A
80	Kitching	Recruitment	Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.	Written	N/A
81	Kitching	Staffing	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.	Written	N/A
82	Kitching	Staffing	How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.	Written	N/A
83	Kitching	Staffing	How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were: a. voluntary b. involuntary.	Written	N/A
84	Kitching	Staffing	How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.	Written	N/A
85	Kitching	Staffing	What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.	Written	N/A
86	Kitching	Staffing	How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written	N/A
87	Kitching	Staffing	How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written	N/A
88	Kitching	Comcare	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.	Written	N/A
89	Kitching	Comcare	Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.	Written	N/A
90	Kitching	Fair Work Commission	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written	N/A
91	Kitching	Fair Work Ombudsman	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	N/A
92	Kitching	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	N/A
93	Kitching	Public Interest Disclosures	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	N/A