

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – AE2020-21 QON Index**

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1	Jordon Steele-John	Yemen	[Preamble] The sixth anniversary of the brutal conflict in Yemen will be marked on 26 March 2021. Yemen is the world's largest humanitarian with 24.3 million, including 12.3 million children, in need of humanitarian assistance. The Virtual Yemen Pledging Conference raised \$1.7billion in March 2021, less than half of the \$3.8billion that was needed. United Nations Secretary General called it a "death sentence" for the people of Yemen. For the second year in a row, Australia did not contribute. After six years of conflict, Yemen stands on the brink of famine, with 12.3 million children in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. Does the Government intend to allocate humanitarian funding to Yemen in 2021? How much funding will be allocated?	Written	
2	Timothy Ayres	Brandis	Senator Ayres: So you can't tell me how long he was scheduled to stay in Australia?  Ms Adamson: I can get back to you pretty quickly. We certainly discussed it in advance, and I approved his leave. Obviously, I also approved the period of consultations because it was definitely time for him to be coming back. We've got a lot going on in our relationship with the UK, and he was able to have valuable consultations and discussions while he was here - some of them were virtual, from quarantine in Queensland, and some of them in person. I saw him in Canberra in person.  Senator Ayres: I'd like to know what his schedule was on his return, and when, in fact, he did return to London. There was a story on 7 News on 24 January. I assume Channel Seven contacted the department and Mr Brandis about this?	Hansard	11
3	Timothy Ayres	Zachary August	I've got questions about one of the staff members who travelled with Mr Brandis, Mr Zachary August. He's listed as an adviser to Mr Brandis on his LinkedIn profile. Is there anybody in a position to tell me how Mr August was hired? Was his position advertised? Can you take that on notice and provide us with a copy of the advertisement, if there was an advertisement. When did he take up the position?	Hansard	13
4	Timothy Ayres	Zachary August - Airport	There was a social media post that said, "We've deployed an @AustHouseLondon support team to Heathrow Airport,' on 7 September. Can anybody tell me whether Mr August was working at Heathrow Airport or was at Heathrow Airport on that day?  Perth woman Sheree Richardson and her three children had been camped out at Heathrow Airport. We don't know whether Mr August had any interaction with them on the day? What I want to know is if it was Mr August who told Ms Richardson to go to a homeless shelter. Did he offer any other advice or assistance to the Richardson family?	Hansard	13
5	Timothy Ayres	Zachary August and LES	Is Mr August still in Australia? Are many locally engaged staff working for overseas DFAT posts in Australia? Could you provide on notice the total number of DFAT staff who are working for overseas missions who are engaged in Australia at the moment.	Hansard	14
6	Timothy Ayres	Zachary August	It has been put to me that someone called Zach, from the High Commission, said to her something to the effect of: if she spoke to anyone in the media, he wouldn't be able to help her get on a new flight - that more media attention would jeopardise her chances. Can you come back to me during the course of the day about whether that was in fact Mr August and whether that is the department's account of what Mr August said to Ms Richardson?	Hansard	14
7	Janet Rice	COVID - Staffing	What PPE have you provided to staff in embassies and consulates? How many staff have had to stay on past the end of their postings, due to COVID travel impacts? Please provide a breakdown of staff whose postings have been extended, by continent or region.	Written	
8	Janet Rice	Palestine - ICC	What representations did Australia receive prior to making its statement following the ICC decision in relation to jurisdiction in Palestine?	Written	
9	Janet Rice	Myanmar	According to tweets by a Thai official, Deputy Permanent Secretary Chutintorn Sam Gongsakdi, an Australia – ASEAN dialogue occurred in mid-March 2021. - Who was the Myanmar official who took part? - Does this not legitimize the junta?	Written	

			<p>- What messages did Australia make in that meeting about Myanmar's coup?</p> <p>- Were these statements made publicly?</p> <p>Has the Australian government issued any business advice to Australian companies investing in Myanmar, cautioning them to review their investments and whether they may directly or indirectly be profiting the junta?</p> <p>- Why hasn't this occurred?</p> <p>What advice is DFAT providing to ASX listed and private mining, gas and oil companies in relation to suspending operations and limiting financial payments or in-kind payments to the Myanmar military controlled government?</p> <p>Was DFAT aware that ASX listed company, Myanmar Metals is in a joint venture with former directors of the notorious Asia World Co?</p> <p>- Was DFAT aware that the mine site in the middle of well known and violent conflict zone between ethnic armed organisations and the Tatmadw?</p> <p>What risks did AusTrade identify in this relationship and the fighting between armed groups and in its promotion of the mine?</p>		
10	Janet Rice	Chau Van Kham	<p>How many times has the embassy met with Chau Van Kham and when did they take place? Were the meetings in person or via video or telephone? Were any of those meetings in the presence of Vietnamese officials? Were any of those meetings video recorded? When was the most recent in-person meeting with Chau Van Kham?</p> <p>Has the Australian government requested meetings with Chau Van Kham and been refused by the Vietnamese authorities? How many times?</p> <p>What assistance has been provided by the Australian government to ensure Chau Van Kham has regular access to phone calls with his wife and family? How many times has he spoken with his wife?</p> <p>Has the Australian government asked the Vietnamese government to release Chau Van Kham, given the due process concerns in his case? If so, when did this occur, and at what level?</p> <p>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? When did this occur, how many times, and at what level of government?</p>	Written	
11	Janet Rice	Yang Hengjun	<p>How many times has the embassy met with Yang Hengjun and when did they take place? Were the meetings in person or via video or telephone? Were any of those meetings in the presence of Chinese officials? Were any of those meetings recorded? When was the most recent in-person meeting?</p> <p>Has the Australian government requested meetings with Yang Hengjun and been refused by the Chinese authorities? How many times?</p> <p>What assistance has been provided by the Australian government to ensure Yang Hengjun has regular access to phone calls with his family? How many times has he spoken with his family?</p> <p>Has the Australian government urged the Chinese government to release Yang Hengjun on humanitarian grounds given concerns about the coronavirus? When did this occur, how many times, and at what level of government?</p>	Written	
12	Janet Rice	Western Sahara	<p>What is the Australian Government's position on Morocco's violation of the ceasefire and Military Agreement number 1 in Western Sahara on 13th November 2020 and its occupation of the Buffer Strip in the Guerguerat area, which is under UN supervision?</p> <p>* Has the Australian Government made representations to Morocco to withdraw their troops from the Buffer Strip and respect the status quo ante as at 6 September 1991?</p> <p>On 13 February 2021, Moroccan agents assaulted famous Saharawi activist Sultana Khaya who has been under house arrest since last November. Has the Government raised human rights abuses with the Moroccan Government and would the Government support the inclusion of human rights monitoring in the mandate of the UN mission in the territory, MINURSO?</p> <p>DFAT's Market Insight for Morocco in 2021, states that Australian firms are supplying the Moroccan army with food and communications equipment and Morocco is keen to obtain high-speed offshore patrol vessels from Australia.</p> <p>* Can DFAT provide assurances that Australian military equipment will not be used in the war in Western Sahara and that the Australian Government has not issued arms exports licences for equipment or technology to Morocco for use in Western</p>	Written	

			<p>Sahara?</p> <p>What is the Australian Government's position with regard to former US President Trump announcement to recognise Morocco's illegal occupation of Western Sahara given that the question of Western Sahara is considered by the UN as a decolonisation issue and there is a UN process to enable the people of the Territory to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination?</p>		
13	Janet Rice	Syria - repatriations	<p>Has the Australian government spoken to governments who have repatriated individuals from Syria to understand how they undertook those repatriations?</p> <p>Has the government developed plans with the Kurdish authorities on possible repatriation options?</p> <p>* Have DFAT, Home Affairs, or any other agency, had contact with Kurdish authorities about negotiating repatriation of children?</p> <p>Has the Australian government facilitated or encouraged any communications between the Australian women and children in the camp and with their families based in Australia?</p> <p>* What communications support is the Australian government providing?</p> <p>* And if not, why is that not being provided?</p> <p>Has the Australian government re-evaluated its position on repatriation as a result of this statement from United Nations experts? <a href="https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=26730&amp;LangID=E">https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=26730&amp;LangID=E</a></p> <p>* Does the Australian government intend to publicly release a response to this statement?</p> <p>In light of the decision by the Committee on the Rights of the Child regarding the children of French nationals in the Kurdish camps in Syria:</p> <p>* How does the Australian government interpret the November 2020 decision from the Committee on the Rights of the Child with respect to the Australians currently detained in Syria?</p> <p>* Does the Australian government believe that it has an obligation under international law, including treaties to which Australia is a party to, such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child, to protect the human rights of child nationals in the Syrian camps? If not, why not?</p> <p>* What is the Department's understanding of the legal basis for the ongoing detention of Australian citizens by the Syrian Democratic Forces?</p> <p>* Has the Australian Government engaged with State &amp; Territory Govts to prepare for resettlement and reintegration? If so, what is the status of those plans? If not, why not?</p> <p>* Has the Australian Government engaged with Australian based families to prepare them and seek their support to reintegrate their families? If not, why not?</p> <p>* Has the Australian Government prepared any reports on de-radicalisation and integration of the women and children? Have any academics or de-radicalisation experts been contacted to obtain their expertise?</p> <p>* The Australian women in the camp, and their families here in Australia, have made clear their willingness to fully cooperate with authorities. Has any Australian government agency undertaken a security risk assessment on their return?</p> <p>Various media reports, such as the SMH on 15 February 2020, have indicated that the Australian Government is concerned that Australian women pose a security risk:</p> <p>* What form of risk assessment is required to be undertaken under Australian anti-terrorism laws?</p> <p>* Does that include the Violent Extremism Risk Assessment (VERA-2R) or similar?</p> <p>* Has such an assessment been undertaken? If so, when and what was the outcome?</p> <p>* What specific steps has the Australian government taken to verify and recognize the citizenship of children born in Syria to Australia citizens held in camps in north east Syria?</p>	Written	

			* How many of the estimated 80 Australians held in camps and prisons in northeast Syria for two or more years have consular officials from this government spoken with by telephone, video call, or other means? What specific steps is this government taking to contact these citizens?		
14	Penny Wong	Myanmar	I'm asking whether or not, in addition to this statement, there was any communication, formal or otherwise, from our government to the Tatmadaw prior to 1 February about the need to respect democratic processes?  Specifically, did you or the defence minister raise any concerns about the need to respect democratic processes with anyone either in the Tatmadaw or in the then government, or both, prior to 1 February?	Hansard	15
15	Janet Rice	Myanmar	Senator Rice: Following the suspension of military ties, can you confirm that no members of the Tatmadaw are currently in Australia? Senator Payne: My understanding is that would be a matter for the Department of Home Affairs. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade would not be in a position to provide that information, but I will ask officials to add if there is anything more. If there is a matter you wish us to take on notice, we, of course, will, unless you've already asked that of Home Affairs. I don't know. Senator Rice: I haven't, actually. Mr Jadwat: Just to add, for example, we've held about 12 interdepartmental committee meetings on the crisis in Myanmar, and the Department of Home Affairs is a regular attendee at these meetings. We are not aware of any members of the Tatmadaw that are currently in Australia as far as I know, but we can take that on notice. But, as the minister said, the Department of Home Affairs would have that knowledge. Senator Rice: And are you aware of any relatives of the Tatmadaw military generals currently residing in Australia? Mr Jadwat: Again, that would be something for the Department of Home Affairs. We are not aware of it, but we can check on that and get back to you.	Hansard	20
16	Bridget McKenzie	Non-tariff barriers	I have responses to my QONs 1 and 4 regarding non-tariff barriers that I would like to follow-up on, particularly as the Australian Meat Industry Council has said they have \$3-4 billion worth of ongoing NTBs constraining their trade.  Can the Department provide an update on how many non-tariff barriers and non-tariff measures are currently identified through the NTB Action Plan? a. Is this the total amount of NTBs on the Department's books? b. How many of the NTBs have been resolved since the response was provided? c. Have any additional NTBs been prioritised for stepped-up, whole of government action and have the three you responded were on-track for resolution been resolved? d. You responded to QON 1 that businesses can report NTBs more easily through the new, dedicated entry point website. How many NTBs have been lodged through the website? e. In comparison, how many NTB issues are lodged directly with the Department through other means, such as meetings or emails? i. Is the website fit-for-purpose given these statistics? ii. How can the Department work on the website to make it more efficient and able to capture more NTBs lodged by industry? f. Is there a reporting mechanism back to industry regarding the progress of NTBs that they lodge with the Department? g. How does DFAT coordinate work on NTBs with other government departments and agencies, and with industry, to overcome NTB issues?	Written	
17	Bridget McKenzie	COVID-19 and Trade	In response to QON 2, the Department responded they had continued to support Australian industry's global trading environment and to advance our trade interests which is fantastic, but this is also your day-to-day business, correct? Can you outline what the Department has achieved, with industry, to strengthen cooperation with key trade partners and the other measures you outlined in your response?	Written	
18	Bridget McKenzie	Trade diversification	Regarding QONs 3, 5 and 6: How has the Department progressed with assisting sectors impacted by COVID to identify and access alternative markets?	Written	

			<p>a. How about for our barley exporters?</p> <p>b. And what about for our red meat producers, processors and exporters?</p> <p>i. How has the Excelerate beef program achieved enhanced trading outcomes since COVID began?</p> <p>c. Has the Department been successful in overcoming any of the technical issues which the General Administration of Customs for the People's Republic of China requested information on?</p>		
19	Bridget McKenzie	China Market and Meat Industry	<p>In QON 7 I asked how DFAT had assisted the five meat processors that were suspended from China to regain their access, and how companies in Victoria who lost their access due to having positive COVID cases among their workers. In working with the Department of Agriculture, how have both Departments progressed in getting the suspensions lifted for these processors?</p> <p>a. There were also companies in Victoria that lost access when they had positive COVID cases, which you responded to in QON 8. Has their market access been re-established?</p> <p>b. I'm told by the Australian Meat Industry Council that eight establishments are still suspended from China for technical reasons or COVID, 16 establishments are awaiting listing to be approved for export to supply China, and this is impacting access for chilled meat. How is DFAT, I assume with DAWE, working to assist industry in regaining this access?</p>	Written	
20	Bridget McKenzie	EU FTA	<p>Can the Department provide an update to your response to QON 170 on how negotiations with the EU on the Free Trade Agreement are progressing and whether agreement on Geographical indicators can be reached that does not compromise the future of dairy, wine and other key Australian industries?</p>	Written	
21	Bridget McKenzie	EU - Prosecco	<p>Let's move to responses to QON 229. Is the EU continuing to seek protection for the EU wine geographical indicator, 'Prosecco'?</p> <p>a. How are DFAT and DAWE progressing with securing a favourable outcome on the use of 'prosecco' for Australian growers and wine makers?</p> <p>b. Is the Department confident that the EU will continue to respect the terms of the 2010 Agreement between Australia and the EU on Trade in Wine?</p> <p>c. The statistics you provided for Australian Prosecco exports in 2019-20 identify that our top 5 export markets are not in the EU. Has the EU recognised that, from these figures, there is little threat to Italian Prosecco producers given we produce only 1-2 per cent of the world's Prosecco and Italy produces over 98 per cent?</p> <p>d. The Department responded that they continue to focus on achieving tariff reductions for the wine industry in the EU-FTA. How is the Department progressing with achieving these reductions?</p>	Written	
22	Bridget McKenzie	Review of trade activities	<p>When was the last independent review of the value-for-money and efficacy of DFAT and its associated agencies' trade-related activities?</p> <p>a. Is it time for an independent review?</p> <p>Is DFAT confident that the money spent on trade-related activities is providing optimal outcomes?</p> <p>How does DFAT evaluate trade activities and the allocation of resources and expenditure to those that would yield the greatest outcomes for our export industries?</p>	Written	
23	Bridget McKenzie	India FTA	<p>How are discussions progressing with India on a potential free trade agreement given the Government's comprehensive India engagement strategy and India no longer being part of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership?</p>	Written	
24	Bridget McKenzie	Market access - India	<p>Minister Tehan said in an article in The Australian published on 5th March that the Government was looking at ways for wine exporters to get into the Indian market, but the biggest issue was the 150 per cent tariff. Has DFAT commenced discussions with India to create export opportunities for Australian wine exporters and to address the tariff issue?</p> <p>How is the Government assisting other industries to create or improve their market access to India, in particular our resources and agricultural sectors?</p>	Written	
25	Malcolm Roberts	UN Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In total how much does Australia pay to the United Nations or its subsidiaries each year?</li> <li>2. Given the globalist approach of the UN, what value is there for Australia to constantly pay out money to the UN?</li> <li>3. What does Australia receive back from the UN?</li> <li>4. What would it mean to Australia if Australia chose to withdraw from the UN?</li> <li>5. How many funding arrangements between Australia and the UN are open ended?</li> </ol>	Written	

26	Larissa Waters	COP26	<p>With global momentum for greater climate ambition already building in advance of COP26 and many of Australia's key alliance partners visibly increasing their climate commitments in preparation for the UN climate summit in November:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What preparations are underway in Australia, including by Australia's chief negotiator – the Ambassador to the Environment and the DFAT team representing Australia?</li> <li>- Have arrangements been made for the Environment Ambassador to brief stakeholder groups and to provide opportunities for engagement well in advance of COP26, as well as during the Summit?</li> <li>- Is Australia's Environment Ambassador or DFAT engaging with or providing support to other countries including our Pacific Island neighbours to assist preparations for COP26?</li> <li>- Will DFAT be advocating for Australia to re-join the Green Climate Fund or increase climate finance given that climate finance is a key element of the Paris Agreement?</li> </ul>	Written	
27	Katy Gallagher	Staffing profile	<p>1. Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APS ongoing: headcount and ASL</li> <li>• APS non-ongoing: headcount and ASL</li> <li>• Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and</li> <li>• Other contractors.; headcount and FTE.</li> </ul> <p>2. Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.</p> <p>3. Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
28	Katy Gallagher	Work from home	<p>1. How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published 'Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces' on 29 September 2020?</p> <p>2. How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.</p>	Written	
29	Penny Wong	Port Moresby Post	<p>Senator Wong: Could you confirm that the Government reduced or cut two positions from Port Moresby last year?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes, I can confirm that that was part of the midyear, if you like, adjustment of staffing resources. But let me immediately then assure you that our post in Papua New Guinea, in Port Moresby, has the resources it needs and there is no constraint on anything they need in an emergency response, such as the one we are in the process of implementing now ...</p> <p>Senator Wong: Thank you. Did the responsibility of one or either of those two officers whose positions were cut include any responsibility for IDA or healthcare?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I can't answer that question precisely, but let me simply say to you that Port Moresby is one of our biggest missions, so there should be no sense whatsoever that any changes to staffing arrangements mid pandemic impaired in any way or reduced in any way their ability to respond ... I will need to get back to you on the precise duties.</p>	Hansard	29
30	Penny Wong	Kylie Moore-Gilbert	<p>Senator Kitching: Minister, have you spoken with Dr Moore-Gilbert since her release?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I spoke with her after she was released and conveyed the deep relief of the Australian government that that had been achieved. And she met personally with the Prime Minister, as you know.</p> <p>Senator Kitching: On what date?</p> <p>Chair: No, sorry, that was the last question.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Just on notice, can she -</p> <p>Senator Kitching: On what date?</p>	Hansard	33

			<p>Ms Wood: She met the Prime Minister on 10 February.</p> <p>Chair: Senator Fawcett has the call.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Can the minister go on notice with the date of her call? Can you just do that?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Thank you.</p>		
31	Janet Rice	Philippines Human Rights	<p>Senator Rice: But we haven't made any public statements. It seems that making those representations isn't having much of an impact, given the ongoing killings.</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: I'm not aware of any public statements the embassy has made. Again, I can check on that for you. But I can assure you that we do regularly raise human rights concerns on a variety of issues, including on extrajudicial killings.</p>	Hansard	39
32	Anthony Sheldon	Fiji - Hospitals	<p>1. I first raised the issue of the privatization of two hospitals in Fiji at Budget Estimates in October 2020. Can you please advise the committee what involvement the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has had in the 23-year Public Private Partnership (PPP) that was signed 17th January 2019 with Healthcare Fiji Private, a consortium formed between the Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF) and Aspen Medical Pty Ltd., a multi-national healthcare service provider headquartered in Australia?</p> <p>2. Can the Department confirm that this Public Private Partnership transfers the operations of two hospitals – the 350-bed Lautoka hospital and 70 bed Ba Sub-regional hospital from the government of Fiji to a new consortium to operate and deliver all clinical and non-clinical services there?</p> <p>3. Was the Project implementation supported in any way by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Government of Australia? If so, what support did/does that involve?</p> <p>4. Can you please detail the budget and activities that DFAT undertook to support this project?</p> <p>5. How much ODA was used and what funding was used?</p> <p>6. How was the qualifications and suitability of Aspen Medical and any other partners to the consortium assessed by the Department?</p> <p>7. Was any Australian government funds or in-kind support provided to Aspen Medical or to any other entity in Fiji or elsewhere for the purposes of supporting this project?</p> <p>8. Given the contract was awarded to an Australian multinational, Canberra-based Aspen Medical Pty Ltd, can you explain and detail the mechanisms which ensured Australia's impartiality within this process as it was assisting Fiji with the tender process?</p> <p>9. What are the conditions of the funding to the Fiji Government and cost to the Fijian public?</p> <p>10. What project delays have occurred both before and after COVID-19 arrived in Fiji? Has DFAT been monitoring the progress of the agreement and the impact on levels of care in the hospitals? If so what have the Department's findings been? Has the Department raised any of these concerns or had discussions about project delays specifically or the project in general with the Fiji Government or the consortium partners at any stage? Can the Department please provide any correspondence between</p>	Written	

			<p>the Department, the Fiji Government and/or the consortium partners about all aspects of the project?</p> <p>11. Was the Department aware that the privatization process included making the hospitals service international medical tourists at what was a publicly-owned and operated Fijian hospital? Is this appropriate?</p> <p>12. What, if any conditions were put on the consortia partners in relation to the staff of the Hospitals? Were the partners to the deal required to retain the existing staff?</p> <p>13. Was the Department aware that at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in Fiji in early 2020, rather than strengthen the Fijian public health, Aspen Medical withdrew its staff from Fiji – further delaying the opening of the Ba Hospital and impacting the state of health care at Lautoka? Did the Department raise any concerns about this departure or receive any communications from the Fijian Government or others in relation to this decision by Aspen Medical? If so can these be provided to the Committee?</p>		
33	Bridget McKenzie	Staffing	<p>1. How many staff does the Department have working in capital cities, including Canberra?</p> <p>2. Are any Department staff based in rural or regional locations?  a. How many?  b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?</p> <p>3. How many staff worked-from-home each month from the Department for the period October 2020 to March 2021?</p> <p>4. In response to QON 11 (2) the Department stated it does not have mechanisms to measure productivity but remained highly productive with overseas missions continuing to operate and deliver their required functions. Why does the Department not have mechanisms to measure and analyse changes to productivity?  a. Can the Department conclude whether productivity increased, remained static or declined during the COVID period compared to the same period during 2018-19?  b. If productivity remained static or increased, how will the Department work to maintain increased productivity, or if productivity declined, improve productivity?  c. What opportunity exists for the Department to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?</p> <p>5. For QON 11 (3) Department data shows a 13.1 per cent decrease in the unscheduled absence rate between February to September 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for the decrease in this rate?  a. How will the Department work to maintain the reduction in the unscheduled absence rate?  b. If the Department has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of the unscheduled absence rate for these staff compared to city-based staff?</p>	Written	
34	Malcolm Roberts	UN Funding	<p>Senator Roberts: In total, how much does Australia pay to the UN or its subsidiaries each year in dollar terms?</p> <p>Dr Lee: Thank you, Senator. The key contribution that Australia makes is our assessed contribution to the United Nations. That's based upon the size of Australia's economy. Australia contributes 2.21 per cent to the UN regular budget -</p> <p>Chair: The question was in dollar terms.</p> <p>Dr Lee: Yes. In 20-21 that equates to around \$82.2 million - that's our assessed contribution to the UN. We also make other contributions - for example, to UN peacekeeping. That's also based on an assessed contribution to the United Nations. In 2019-20, which is the last year we have a figure for, Australia provided \$212 million in assessed contributions to support UN peacekeeping missions. Of course that is not the total of our contribution to the United Nations. I don't have a figure because</p>	Hansard	40



			<p>that is provided by a range of contributions that may be made through the development cooperation program or it may be made to contributions to UN specialised agencies. They would be looked after by other Australian government agencies as well, so getting the total contribution that Australia makes to the UN and all of its subsidiary agencies requires a collation of data from across government, which we don't have.</p> <p>Senator Roberts: I'm happy for you to take that on notice.</p>		
35	Malcolm Roberts	UN Funding	<p>Senator Roberts: Nonetheless, how many funding arrangements between Australia and the UN are open-ended?</p> <p>Dr Lee: I'm not -</p> <p>Senator Roberts: They get ratcheted up automatically, or they haven't got a closing date.</p> <p>Dr Lee: Yes, I'll try and take that on notice. My initial reaction would be that we would have no open-ended commitments, or that any commitment that we make would be on the basis of an agreement or an understanding, but I can take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	42
36	Rex Patrick	Taiwan Strait	<p>Senator Patrick: Over the past five months, what representation has Australia made to the PRC about the importance of respecting what we'd call the status quo in relation to the Taiwan Strait? How has it featured in our diplomacy with China?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: We have made a range of representations. I don't have a list in front of me, but I can say that when we do speak to the Chinese government about these issues we speak very frankly and we raise our concerns very consistently. If you like, I can take on notice the times at which we've done that.</p>	Hansard	42
37	Eric Abetz	Death penalty	<p>Senator Abetz: It's the number of countries I'm interested in. Are there, today, fewer countries in the world that have the death penalty on their statute books or more countries? How does that compare to, let's say, 12 months ago?</p> <p>Dr Lee: I would say that there hasn't been that level of change, but some developments have occurred, and we are watching the developments very closely. For example, Pakistan carried out no executions in 2020 - that was the first year that had occurred since 2014 - and a Supreme Court also delivered a landmark verdict declaring that mentally ill people could not be executed. At the same time, though, there's still strong public support there for the death penalty, and there has been strong public support for the implementation of the death penalty for sexual assault cases. Similarly, Japan conducted no executions in 2020. That was for the first time since 2011.</p> <p>Chair: Could you give me that brief, or a much of it as you can, by way of an answer on notice.</p>	Hansard	46
38	Eric Abetz	Australians facing the death penalty	<p>Senator Abetz: How many Australians do we believe are currently facing the death penalty in other countries?</p> <p>Dr Lee: I'd refer that question to our consular colleagues. We deal with the -</p> <p>Chair: Could you take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Payne: That would certainly be a consular matter, but I think there would also be proceedings underway about which we would be careful. But we will provide you with what information we can.</p>	Hansard	46
39	Penny Wong	Myanmar	<p>Senator Wong: It's a few years ago now, but could you clarify whether or not, at any time in 2018, you were approached about a prominent Australian -</p> <p>Ms Adamson: In 2018? I will reflect on that.</p> <p>Senator Wong: being nominated for or being considered for a position in relation to Myanmar?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Certainly, I will do my best to check.</p>	Hansard	53

40	Penny Wong	ODA Budget	<p>Mr Venugopal: In relation to DFAT's component of the appropriation bills, which is what is in the document of the portfolio regional estimates, only \$62 million of the \$165 million was included in DFAT's element of the appropriation bill.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Where did the remaining \$102 million get allocated to?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: It hasn't been appropriated to DFAT.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Did the parliament pass it? Was it in the appropriation bills?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: I'm not sure of the balance of it, it is probably a question better directed to the Department of Finance.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Your own question on notice identifies this.</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: Yes, I am aware of that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Could you please take on notice the status of the \$103 million, was it?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Was that included in the appropriations bills after MYEFO or Budget, and the current, has it been appropriated to another agency? Is it ODA eligible?</p>	Hansard	56
41	Penny Wong	ODA Sectoral Classifications	<p>Senator Wong: Can you give me a document that has your new classifications, the seven and where they fit and then the ODA sectoral classifications? Does that make sense?</p> <p>Mr Hilton: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I'd like to understand how you are applying the internal three pillars and where the previous investment priorities and ODA sectoral classifications will fit. Can you do that?</p> <p>Mr Hilton: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Can I give you an example? Would we be able to see how much is spent on health in Samoa in 2017, and how much is spent in 2022. Are we going to be able to do that?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: Senator, yes.</p> <p>Senator Wong: You said, 'Senator, yes' - correct?</p> <p>Mr Venugopal: Indeed.</p> <p>Senator Wong: We will hold you to that.</p>	Hansard	60
42	Janet Rice	Julian Assange	<p>Senator Rice: Were DFAT officials told that Julian Assange was on suicide watch from the time of his arrival at Belmarsh Prison on 11 April 2019?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I would remind you, Senator, as I have done in the Senate, that the Australian government has endeavoured to offer consular assistance -</p>	Hansard	63

			<p>Senator Rice: My time is short, Minister. I'm aware that you -</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes, and I have two things to say. The government has offered consular assistance on 22 occasions from 2019 to 2021. Consent was withdrawn for DFAT to consult about Mr Assange's personal circumstances, his health and his welfare in prison on 13 June 2019 by Mr Assange.</p> <p>Senator Rice: I am asking about the time between his arrival at Belmarsh prison on 11 April and 13 June, when DFAT had his consent.</p> <p>Senator Payne: We'll take that on notice for that period of time, given that it was 2019.</p> <p>Senator Rice: Okay. In that period of time, did DFAT attempt to visit Julian Assange to monitor his health and wellbeing rather than writing letters to him offering consular support, given it is very clear that Belmarsh prison had him on suicide watch from the time of his arrival on 11 April?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Given it is 2019, again, I think it is best that we take that on notice, including to check with post.</p>		
43	Janet Rice	Climate Finance	<p>Senator Rice: Has Australia's level of climate funding increased or decreased since Australia withdrew from the Green Climate Fund?</p> <p>Mr Isbister: We had a \$1 billion commitment over the last five years, and we've exceeded that by almost \$1.4 billion. It's increased in our region over that time.</p> <p>Senator Rice: Perhaps you could take on notice the details of what our climate finance level has been, both whilst we were in the fund and since we've left.</p> <p>Mr Isbister: We can take on notice the breakdown of the funding on that.</p>	Hansard	63
44	Janet Rice	Climate targets	<p>Senator Rice: Can you take on notice, please, any other countries that have outright refused to increase the ambition of their 2030 targets.</p>	Hansard	64
45	Janet Rice	Repatriations from Syria	<p>Senator Rice: How are we responding to the letter from the UN asking us to repatriate our Australian nationals?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Sorry, Senator. I will take that on notice, because I don't have that information in front of me.</p>	Hansard	67
46	Janet Rice	Ayub Katayev and Abuzayed Vismuradov	<p>Senator Rice: My next question is: have we considered following the lead of the US in imposing sanctions against Ayub Kataev, the Head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and Abuzayed Vizmuradov, the commander of the Terek Special Rapid Response Team? Perhaps you could take on notice whether we have done any consideration of sanctions or actions against those two individuals in particular.</p> <p>Mr Geering: I might have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	67
47	Mehreen Faruqi	Palestine aid investment review	<p>Senator Faruqi: I know that there was a Palestine aid investment plan review in 2019. Have the findings of this review been finalised and when will they be publicly available?</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: The names of some of these evaluation documents and processes have changed in the context of Partnerships for Recovery and the move from the aid investment plans to the COVID development response plans. I can't answer that specific question, of the particular review you're talking to.</p> <p>Senator Faruqi: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: I can, yes.</p>	Hansard	69

48	Bridget McKenzie	Australian Wool Innovation Emerging Market Strategy	<p>Senator McKenzie: So we can categorically say that the Australian Wool Innovation contacted neither the Trade Division nor the Sanctions Division in developing their emerging market strategy?</p> <p>Senator Payne: To the best of the research -</p> <p>Senator McKenzie: Yep. On notice can you check that.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Senator McKenzie, I think the Secretary wants to add to that.</p> <p>Senator McKenzie: As I understand it, there was some excitement, maybe five years ago, about the potential of things not ending up where they have with a couple of those emerging markets. Could this advice be received?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We will of course check. When any Senator uses the word 'categorically', I'm always mindful to go away and check.</p>	Hansard	73
49	Bridget McKenzie	Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement	<p>Can you outline DFAT's plans to review the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement?</p>	Written	
50	Bridget McKenzie	Australia-EU FTA	<p>14. The report on negotiating round number nine (30 November to 11 December, 2020) on the DFAT website, says under the heading 'Trade in Goods' and I quote "with most of the trade in goods chapter already agreed...." .</p> <p>a. Can you please expand on this and clarify exactly what has been agreed?</p> <p>b. If you cannot reveal specific market access outcomes by commodity in in your response, can you advise whether you have informed the peak agricultural councils in confidence on the outcome for their commodity and what has been the reaction?</p> <p>15. I understand that Ms Alison Burrows, Chief Negotiator for the EU FTA, has indicated in public stakeholder engagements that market access outcomes for so-called "sensitive" agricultural commodities such as red meat and dairy will not be agreed until the very end of the negotiations. How will you ensure these outcomes are acceptable to industry?</p> <p>16. Ms Burrows has also reportedly said in these stakeholder engagements, when asked about the European Union's so-called baseline demands on Geographical Indicators, that "this is the way the EU negotiates FTAs". Can you please tell the committee how Australia negotiates FTAs?</p> <p>17. How is DFAT, on behalf of Australian farmers, not being led into negotiating on the EU's terms just because they are big and we are small?</p> <p>18. The EU's objective is to embed EU regulatory preferences into trade agreements that will give EU companies already meeting those regulations a strategic advantage. As Australia has an FTA with the United States, how will you ensure that the EU-FTA does not include regulatory advantages to the EU that could be perceived by the United States as moving Australia towards being a de facto member state of the EU in a regulatory sense?</p>	Written	
51	Penny Wong	Climate targets	<p>Are you able to provide on notice other nations which have committed to net zero emissions by 2050?</p>	Hansard	77
52	Penny Wong	Climate targets - US position	<p>Senator Wong: Minister, has the government indicated any position on the US's adoption of the net-zero emissions by 2050 target? Have we made any statement?</p> <p>Senator Payne: We have had a number of conversations, as you know, between the Prime Minister and the President, the Prime Minister and Secretary Kerry, and Minister Taylor and Secretary Kerry, where these issues have been discussed. I don't have all the statements or read-outs that may have been published here with me.</p>	Hansard	79

			<p>Senator Wong: Have you welcomed it or are you just acknowledging it?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I don't have that language with me.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I'm asking you here.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take it on notice to go to those words.</p>		
53	Penny Wong	COP26	<p>Senator Wong: Can you on notice provide a list of countries that have indicated they will lodge new or updated NDCs for COP26?</p> <p>Mr Isbister: Yes, I can probably -</p> <p>Senator Wong: No, would you mind doing it on notice?</p> <p>Mr Isbister: Yes, that's fine.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Sorry, I'm trying to get through a lot of stuff. Are you able to give me the alternative, which are those who've said they won't? I assume there are three groups. There are: 'Yes we will', 'No we won't' and 'No comment as yet'.</p>	Hansard	81-82
54	Penny Wong	Pacific Islands Forum	<p>Senator Wong: In deciding which candidate to support, did the Australian government give consideration to the public warnings from Micronesian leaders that they would leave the PIF if Mr Zackios was unsuccessful?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I've already said that we take into account all of the contributions and views expressed by the members of the forum and that includes those views.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Has the Prime Minister engaged with any of his Pacific counterparts about this issue since the leaders' meeting?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take on notice to provide you with the specific detail.</p>	Hansard	85
55	Penny Wong	Daru fishery	<p>When did DFAT first become aware of the fact or the possibility of an MOU being signed, or the intention to sign one, between local officials in Western Province and the Fujian fishery company?</p>	Hansard	86
56	Penny Wong	Kiribati land purchase	<p>Senator Wong: Kiribati - I think it was reported that Kiribati and China were developing former climate refuge land in Fiji. This is land that the former government of Kiribati bought in Fiji half a decade ago ostensibly to serve a a refuge when their country was essentially inundated. Does anybody have any information on this?</p> <p>On notice, what is your understanding of this project? It was reported in The Guardian on Wednesday 24 February. What is your understanding of the level or the scope of assistance from or engagement with the Chinese government? Were we asked to provide any assistance in relation to this project? Can someone tell me what we are currently doing in terms of Australia's aid program to provide any food security assistance to Kiribati?</p>	Hansard	87
57	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	Coal-fired power stations	<p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: I would be most interested to know how many - most especially, China - coal-fired power stations they are building and the rate of building of coal-fired power stations in those countries at the same time that they are advocating net zero emission targets. ...</p> <p>Mr Isbister: Yes, China is still opening a significant number of coal-fired power stations. Exactly the number, I don't have.</p> <p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: Could you take that on notice, please? I'd be interested to hear. And the other countries I'd be interested to hear, in relation to that, as well.</p>	Hansard	96

58	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	Foreign relations legislation	<p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: Ms Adamson, how's the establishment of the foreign relations legislation going?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: It's going quite well, I would say - while the Chief Legal Officer comes to the table, because he's leading the arrangements to implement the legislation.</p> <p>Mr Newnham: There are a couple of things to note, in relation to your question. The first is, the scheme has now been in existence since 10 December and the first big deadline was 10 March, where core arrangements - you'll recall they are between state and territory governments, and federal and national governments overseas were required to be notified. I would say, if you're interested, there is a very good level of engagement from all states and territories, all operating in good faith.</p> <p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: I'm pleased to hear that, considering they didn't bother to come to the hearing when this committee conducted its hearing on the legislation. I'm very pleased to hear that.</p> <p>Mr Newnham: Indeed. What I can say is of 23 March we had 645 notified arrangements. To break those down for you, 384 of those were the core ones I just mentioned that were due by 10 March. Another 261 are non-core arrangements. They're not due to be notified until 10 June, but a lot of states and territories wanted to put all of them in at the same time. I've got breakdowns on how many per jurisdiction, for example.</p> <p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: That would be helpful. Just take that on notice, if you don't mind.</p>	Hansard	97
59	Eric Abetz	Climate targets	<p>Can I place on notice a question, possibly more for Mr Isbister, our ambassador: how does Australia compare with the OECD countries in relation to CO2 emissions and being on track to meet targets?</p>	Hansard	97
60	Eric Abetz	Cambodia - Human Rights	<p>Senator Abetz: The Hun Sin regime is alleged to be engaged in substantial human rights abuses. What are we doing? What representations are being made? I'd like a relatively quick snapshot, if I may.</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: We remain very concerned about recent developments in Cambodia, including mass trials of Cambodian opposition members, activists and several Australian citizens. This includes the recent sentencing in absentia of Sam Rainsy, Mu Sochua and other leaders of the former opposition party to prison terms of up to 25 years, removal of their rights to vote or run as candidates in elections and the delayed trial of former opposition leader Kem Sokha. We've urged the Cambodian government to apply transparency and due process in all these trials and to take steps to rebuild relations with opposition members and with civil society. We've made several representations to the Cambodian government. In fact, I met -</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Would you please put the answer to that on notice - the representations - that would be very helpful.</p>	Hansard	98
61	Eric Abetz	Cambodia - COVID cases	<p>Senator Abetz: I understand that Cambodia has had 450 COVID-19 cases and that we've provided \$28 million in COVID-19 aid to Cambodia. Firstly, do we accept the 450 figure and, if so, how does that translate to \$28 million worth of aid?</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: I'll have to check the latest figures and take that on notice - the latest numbers of COVID cases. Our ambassador on the ground there in Phnom Penh has been working with the authorities to see where we can assist on vaccines. Robin Davies may be able to provide more advice on the actual Cambodian rollout.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: But we've given \$28 million for COVID-19 aid in circumstances where allegedly the country only has 450 cases. But to save Mr Davies coming forward, please take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	98
62	Eric Abetz	Arbitrary detention	<p>Senator Abetz: Just recently we signed on, did we not, to the Declaration Against Arbitrary Detention in State-to-State Relations -</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: We did.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: How do we intend to sanction countries like Iran which engage in arbitrary detention or hostage diplomacy?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: That question -</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Take that on notice then, please, given the time.</p>	Hansard	99

63	Eric Abetz	Iran - Human Rights	I was told in question on notice 127 from budget estimates that DFAT regularly raises human rights concerns directly with the Iranian government. On notice can you please advise the committee of the most recent occasions when senior Australian representatives have done so?	Hansard	99
64	Eric Abetz	Palestinian territories - funding	<p>Senator Abetz: I will then move on and ask for an update on the destination of unallocated funding that was earmarked for the Palestinian territories in the 2020-21 budget. Do we have an assessment of that?</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: There is still some funding from this financial year from that -</p> <p>Senator Abetz: Yes, which is unallocated.</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: Yes, at this point; that's right.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: It's still unallocated, so could you advise on notice that which has been allocated?</p>	Hansard	99
65	Eric Abetz	Ahlam Tamimi	<p>Senator Abetz: Question No 2279, where I was asking in relation to Ahlam Tamimi, questions 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e and 5a I asked, with reference to Jordan and extradition treaties, 'has Jordan claimed it had not ratified its extradition treaty with the United States of America'? I've now been told that that's between the governments of Jordan and the United States of America. I would've thought we would be aware whether such a claim had been made or not and so if these answers could please be revisited - question on notice No. 2279 and the answers to 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e and 5a. And if it's not to our knowledge that's fine. Asking me to go to the United States to find out might be interesting but chances are it's within the knowledge of the department. In the last 12 months has the Ahlam Tamimi case been raised with Jordanian officials?</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: Yes it has.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: In broad terms what's the Jordanian response - interesting, but no movement? Take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Macdonald: I might take that on notice, yes.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: What is Australia's desired outcome in regards to Tamimi? I'll leave that with you.</p>	Hansard	100
66	Eric Abetz	China - Locally Engaged Staff	<p>Senator Abetz: Can I ask about DFAT. This is a Sharri Markson article on 16 December 2020, 'DFAT still using Beijing agency to recruit senior embassy staffers'.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: There is no alternative in China. That is the way staff are recruited. Ms Lawson has a lot more detail. I read that article. It was not well informed, I'm afraid.</p> <p>Senator Abetz: If, possibly on notice, I could be provided with a response to that article on 16 December 2020. I'd be much obliged.</p>	Hansard	101
67	Jordon Steele-John	Australian coal quality	<p>Senator Steele-John: On 24 of February 2020, AFR reported - and I did table this article; it will be making its way around to you for reference - on allegations that an Australian lab company, ALS, had fraudulently altered the quality of Australian coal in their reports. When did DFAT become aware of those allegations?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Steele-John: You may also have to take these subsequent questions on notice, then. Were Australian representatives attending the Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade meeting on 26 February briefed on the allegations? Is that an on-notice question too?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: I'll take it on notice.</p>	Hansard	102

			<p>Senator Steele-John: Also probably on notice: were concerns raised by China regarding the quality of coal testing processes discussed at the meeting? Did Australian representatives acknowledge the allegations regarding ALS as part of those discussions?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: I'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Steele-John: I accept you have to take it on notice, but it was quite well reported at the time. Minister, are you able to add when the government became aware of the allegations reported in AFR?</p> <p>Senator Duniam: No, I can't. I will, again, have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator Steele-John: Okay. Could you also take on notice what action the department has taken since becoming aware of the allegations, whether the department has sought advice or undertaken any risk analysis in relation to the allegations, and whether the department knows the percentage of all Australian coal export certificates over the past 15 years that have been tainted in the process outlined? The allegations were made about these processes, some of which were then admitted to by ALS in relation to their testing of coal. So I'd like to know if the department has done any work to ascertain what percentage of coal export certificates over the past 15 years have been tainted by the actions that they've subsequently admitted to.</p> <p>Also does the department know to what extent the results had been altered? If you could provide that information that would be really useful. Is the department aware of any similar allegations against other Australian coal or laboratory companies? Have the department or representatives of Australia been contacted by China with concerns about the quality of Australian coal?</p>		
68	Penny Wong	China: Coal shipments	<p>Senator Wong: Could I have, on notice, a list of those countries that we understand coal shipments are continuing to be able to access the Chinese market, please?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: I'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Of those 40, are you able to give me some sense of the length of time they've been there?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: They've been there for a long time.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Is it cumulative? I mean, are there people joined or did a lot of them arrive at the same time? Do you see what I'm saying?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: Yes. They arrived quite a long time ago, close together. I'm just trying to see if I've got a specific date in here. I don't, so we will take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Several months. It has been a really long time.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Perhaps on notice, Ms Lawson, could someone give me these ships and this is how long they've been there?</p>	Hansard	108-09
69	Timothy Ayres	China: Welfare of seafarers	<p>Senator Ayres: Coming back to Senator Wong on the number of ships, is there also some information about the number of seafarers on each of those ships and whether the department is collecting information not only about the number but also about the welfare of the seafarers on those ships?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: We've raised our concerns about the welfare of the seafarers many times with the Chinese government. I will need to check on the numbers now that the number of ships has dropped, so we will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	109



70	Penny Wong	Impact of China sanctions	<p>Senator Wong: What I'm trying to get a sense of - I don't know whether it is easier for people to go away and look at this or if I can look somewhere else - is the economic effect of the challenges in the relationship on particular sectors and the extent to which there has been a capacity to offset, to whatever extent, that economic effect through diversification and other markets. I don't mind the metrics, but the figure you gave me give me a sense that things are moving but it doesn't help because I don't know -</p> <p>Ms Lawson: The dollar value is \$284 million versus \$76 million.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Reduction? You're giving me denominator figures now. You both understand what I'm asking you for?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: Yes.</p> <p>Dr Gordon: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Wong: I'm trying to get a picture of -</p> <p>Dr Gordon: One of the challenges was that these sanctions were introduced in November -</p> <p>Senator Wong: I understand that.</p> <p>Dr Gordon: To give you a sense of the metric, Australia's wine exports to China in 2020 were worth \$987 million. It's likely that that will be much lower than what we have seen so far since the trade sanctions were introduced. It's hard to say how much of that total will be diverted to other markets. When we divert wine to other markets, we are losing some price premium on it. So, even if we keep the volumes up, the value will fall.</p> <p>Senator Wong: Leaving aside the arguments people might want to have about the best way to handle this, it would be useful for us to understand with a little more precision what the economic impact is and what it is not. Could I ask you to consider how you might present that information. It would seem to me that an obvious way of doing it would be to present two points in time as your reference points and give the economic value of the reduction in trade but demonstrate the extent to which that is offset, for the same period, by diversification into other markets. Does that make sense?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes, it does. We will do the best we can based on the spirit of your question.</p>	Hansard	111
71	Penny Wong	Meeting with wine producers	<p>Senator Wong: It has been suggested to me that a leading wine producer was not able to secure a meeting with the Minister for some months after he was appointed. Senator Duniam, could you take on notice when the Minister first met with Australian wine producers after taking over the Trade portfolio and how long it was before he met with Australian wine producers in relation to these challenges?</p> <p>Senator Duniam: I will certainly take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	111
72	Eric Abetz	Trademark of Manuka honey	<p>Senator Abetz: Our New Zealand friends are occasioning us some anxiety in their attempt to trademark Manuka honey; in other words, a botanical name. Without giving you a lesson on it, it's a botanical name rather than a geographic name. Through - I'll be polite - a mechanism, the New Zealand government is bankrolling, through another organisation, those international attempts. I've had a briefing with the Minister's office - being a new Minister, he has just been briefed - as to the current state of play. Can somebody tell me: has there ever been a trade marking of a botanical name on the international scene? ...</p> <p>Mr Baxter: Unfortunately, I do not know. I will have to take on notice as to whether it's happened before.</p>	Hansard	114
73	Nick McKim	An Australian Magnitsky Act	<p>Please provide the Committee with an update on the Department's progress on drafting Australian Magnitsky-style laws.</p> <p>a. Please provide a drafting and consultation timeline for these laws.</p>	Written	N/A
74	Janet Rice	Bangladesh - Mushtaq Ahmed	<p>Has the Australian Government made any representations in relation to the death of Mushtaq Ahmed?</p> <p>Will the Australian Government suggest to its counterparts that they should undertake an independent inquiry?</p> <p>Will the Australian Government advocate for the repeal of the Digital Security Act, which Amnesty International has noted is inconsistent with human rights laws?</p>	Written	
75	Kimberley Kitching	Services Australia	<p>1. Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p>	Written	

76	Kimberley Kitching	Services Australia	<p>3. In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>4. In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>5. Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars.</p>	Written	
77	Kimberley Kitching	Services Australia	Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars	Written	
78	Jordon Steele-John	Defence Exports - UAE	<p>[Preamble] ABC recently reported that Australian company Electro-Optical Systems (EOS) signed an agreement with Strategic Development Fund (SDF), the investment arm of Tawazun Economic to set up a joint venture firm with equal partnership that would design and develop a multi-platform Light-Weight 14.5 x 114 mm Chain Driven Machine Gun in the UAE.</p> <p>Did the Department of Defence seek advice from DFAT with regards to export licences as part of the Electro-Optical Systems agreement with the Strategic Development Fund, to ensure it complied with international obligations?</p> <p>What advice did DFAT give to the Department of Defence with regards to the Electro-Optical Systems agreement with the Strategic Development Fund to design and develop weapons in UAE, with regards to the UAE's violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights laws in Yemen? What recommendation did DFAT provide to the Department of Defence?</p>	Written	
79	Kimberley Kitching	ODA by Programs and Priorities	Provide a table showing, for each year from 2014-15 to 2023-24, total Australian Official Development Assistance (ODA) by country, regional and global programs with a breakdown by the following investment priorities for each country, regional and global program: infrastructure, trade facilitation and international competitiveness; agriculture, fisheries and water; effective governance (policies, institutions and functioning economies); education; health; building resilience (humanitarian assistance, disaster risk reduction and social protection); and general development support. Please include in these figures any temporary, targeted and supplementary ODA. Please also include Departmental expenditure by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and by other Departments if that expenditure is ODA-eligible. For the years 2014-15 to 2019-20 provide actual amounts. For the years 2020-21 to 2023-24 provide 2020-21 Budget estimates.	Written	
80	Kimberley Kitching	ODA by Country/Region	Provide a table showing, for each year from 2014-15 to 2023-24, total Australian Official Development Assistance (ODA) by country of benefit and region of benefit with a breakdown by the following investment priorities for each country and region of benefit: infrastructure, trade facilitation and international competitiveness; agriculture, fisheries and water; effective governance (policies, institutions and functioning economies); education; health; building resilience (humanitarian assistance, disaster risk reduction and social protection); and general development support. Please include in these figures any temporary, targeted and supplementary ODA. Please also include Departmental expenditure by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and by other Departments if that expenditure is ODA-eligible. Please also include in the table core contributions to multilateral organisations and other ODA not attributable to countries or regions. For the years 2014-15 to 2019-20 provide actual amounts. For the years 2020-21 to 2023-24 provide 2020-21 Budget estimates.	Written	
81	Kimberley Kitching	ODA Forward Estimates	For each of the years from 2020-21 to 2023-24 what amount of Official Development Assistance (ODA) is currently budgeted to be expended across the whole of government, including all temporary, targeted and supplementary ODA expenditure.	Written	
82	Kimberley Kitching	ODA by Agency	For each of the years from 2020-21 to 2023-24 what amount of Official Development Assistance (ODA), including all temporary, targeted and supplementary ODA, is currently budgeted to be provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and what amount is currently budgeted to be provided by each other Australian Government department or agency involved in providing ODA.	Written	
83	Kimberley Kitching	ODA outcomes	<p>For each of the line items in Table 1 of DFAT's Australian Development Budget Summary 2020-21 publication (<a href="https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-21-aid-budget-summary.pdf">https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-21-aid-budget-summary.pdf</a>), provide the actual expenditure outcomes for 2019-20 or, if actual outcomes are not yet available, provide the latest 2019-20 estimated outcomes.</p> <p>For each of the line items in Table 2 of DFAT's Australian Development Budget Summary 2020-21 publication</p>	Written	

			( <a href="https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-21-aid-budget-summary.pdf">https://www.dfat.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-21-aid-budget-summary.pdf</a> ), provide the actual expenditure outcomes for 2019-20 or, if actual outcomes are not yet available, provide the latest 2019-20 estimated outcomes.		
84	Kimberley Kitching	ODA Education Investment	With respect to the Government's new Partnerships for Recovery – Australia's COVID-19 Development Response development strategy and its three "core action areas" of health security, stability and economic recovery, where does development assistance for education fit into this framework?	Written	
85	Kimberley Kitching	Development Strategy	With respect to the new performance framework under the Government's Partnerships for Recovery – Australia's COVID-19 Development Response development strategy and the annual Ministerial statement: 1. Will this be a statement to Parliament? 2. What will be the format of this statement? 3. When will it be delivered each year?	Written	
86	Kimberley Kitching	Central Disability Allocation	What is the level of funding currently budgeted for the aid program's central disability allocation for 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24?  The central disability inclusion budget has been \$12.9 million every year from at least 2014-15 to 2019-20 but was reduced to \$9.6 million for 2020-21. In response to 2020-21 Budget Estimates Question on Notice 99 DFAT advised that the reduction in the allocation was not expected to affect work plans under existing partnerships for disability inclusive development. If that is the case how was the saving achieved? If the savings were achieved as a result of programs, projects or activities coming to an end, what were those programs, projects or activities? If the savings were achieved through other measures, what are the details of those measures?  What was the rationale for the 25 per cent cut to the aid program's central disability inclusion allocation from \$12.851 million in 2019-20 to \$9.6 million in 2020-21?  Is the Government giving consideration to restoring the cuts to the aid program's central disability inclusion allocation?	Written	
87	Kimberley Kitching	Aid and Disability	The Department of Foreign Affairs the Trade's annual Performance of Australian Aid reports show that across the whole of the aid program the percentage of investments that identify and address barriers to inclusion and opportunities for participation of people with disabilities has declined from 56 per cent in 2014-15 to 45 per cent in 2018-19. Over the same time period, the reports show that the percentage of investments that actively involve disabled people's organisations in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation has declined from 48 per cent to 40 per cent. 1. Is DFAT concerned about this trend? 2. How does DFAT account for this decline? 3. What steps has DFAT taken to rectify the decline? 4. What are the results on these two measures in 2020-21 for the whole of the aid program and for investments in education, health, building resilience and effective governance? 5. Given these results, does the Government accept that there is a need for an increase rather than a cut in investment in a central disability allocation to assist in the mainstreaming of disability-inclusion across the aid program?  The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's annual ODA Statistical Summaries show that the annual expenditure on programs with some level of assistance to disabled persons has declined from \$127.2 million in 2014-15 to \$102.3 million in 2019-20. 1. Is DFAT concerned about this trend? 2. How does DFAT account for this decline? 3. What steps has DFAT taken to rectify the decline? 4. Does the declining investment in programs which assist people with disabilities demonstrate the need for increases rather than cuts in investment in a central disability allocation to assist in the mainstreaming of disability across the aid program?	Written	
88	Kimberley Kitching	Development for All Strategy	In response to 2020-21 Budget Estimates Question on Notice 99, DFAT advised that it had extended the current Development for All Strategy until the end of 2021 to provide time to develop a new strategy.	Written	

			<p>1. What progress has been made in the development of that new strategy?</p> <p>2. DFAT advised that it was extending the strategy to provide time to consult with people with disabilities and their representative organisations. Which people and organisations has DFAT consulted with since October estimates? If none, when does it intend to consult with people with disabilities and their representative organisations?</p> <p>3. What is the timeline for the completion of the new strategy?</p>		
89	Kimberley Kitching	Disability Marker	<p>What amount has the Australian aid program reported to the OECD utilising the new disability maker as being spent on investments with a principal purpose of disability inclusion in 2019?</p> <p>What amount has the Australian aid program reported to the OECD utilising the new disability maker as being spent on investments with a significant purpose of disability inclusion in 2019?</p>	Written	
90	Kimberley Kitching	COVID-19 Response Package	<p>In response to Budget Estimates question on notice 129, DFAT said country level funding allocations for the 2020-21 Budget measure COVID-19 Response Package – Support to the Pacific and Timor-Leste were being planned and discussed with partner government and it was anticipated that initial allocations would be confirmed by the end of the first quarter of 2021. Provide the Committee with a table showing the details of country-level allocations from this Budget measure?</p> <p>With respect to the 2020-21 MYEFO measure COVID-19 Response Package – Australian Support for COVID-19 Vaccine Access in the Pacific and Southeast Asia, what amounts of funding have been allocated by country for this measure over each year of the forward estimates?</p>	Written	
91	Kimberley Kitching	Vaccines	<p>With respect to the 2020-21 MYEFO measure COVID-19 Response Package – Australian Support for COVID-19 Vaccine Access in the Pacific and Southeast Asia and the Joint Media Release of 31 October 2020 by Ministers Payne, Hunt and Hawke which said the Government would secure access to vaccines for the Pacific and Southeast Asia through advance purchase agreements with manufacturers and participation in the multilateral COVAX facility:</p> <p>1. How many advance purchase agreements has the Australian Government entered with manufacturers for vaccine doses for the Pacific or Southeast Asia?</p> <p>2. How many vaccine doses has the Australian Government secured for Pacific and Southeast Asian countries through purchase agreements with manufacturers?</p> <p>3. How many vaccine doses which have been secured through the Australian Government's purchase agreements with manufacturers have been supplied to Pacific or Southeast Asian countries?</p>	Written	
92	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific	<p>With respect to the design document for the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP) which said there would be a system wide review after two years of operation:</p> <p>1. Has the system wide review commenced?</p> <p>2. What are its terms of reference?</p> <p>3. What are the inputs to the review?</p> <p>4. Are stakeholders being consulted? If yes, which stakeholders have been consulted. If no, why not?</p> <p>5. Has the review been concluded? If yes, when was it concluded and can the Committee be provided with a copy of the review's findings and conclusions. If no, when is the review expected to be concluded?</p>	Written	
93	Kimberley Kitching	AIFFP - Markham Valley Solar Plan	<p>With respect to the AIFFP's announced support for the Markham Valley Solar Plant project:</p> <p>1. Who is the support for this project being provided to?</p> <p>2. How much financial support will the AIFFP provide for this project?</p> <p>3. What is the breakdown of this financial support between loans and grants?</p> <p>4. What are the durations of any loans?</p> <p>5. What are the interest rates applying to any loans?</p>	Written	
94	Kimberley Kitching	AIFFP - Tina River Power Transmission	<p>With respect to the AIFFP's announced support for the Tina River power transmission project:</p> <p>1. Who is the support for this project being provided to?</p> <p>2. How much financial support will the AIFFP provide for this project?</p> <p>3. What is the breakdown of this financial support between loans and grants?</p>	Written	

			<p>4. What are the durations of any loans?</p> <p>5. What are the interest rates applying to any loans?</p>		
95	Kimberley Kitching	AIFFP - Front End Engineering Design	<p>With respect to the AIFFP's announcement that it is providing \$1.5 million for Front End Engineering Design to scope an undersea telecommunications cable project for Timor-Leste:</p> <p>1. Who is the support for this project being provided to?</p> <p>2. What is the breakdown of the \$1.5 million in financial support between loans and grants?</p> <p>3. What are the durations of any loans?</p> <p>4. What are the interest rates applying to any loans?</p> <p>5. Is the AIFFP considering any further financial support for this project? If yes, what are the details of that further support?</p>	Written	
96	Kimberley Kitching	AIFFP - Nadi Flood Alleviation Project	<p>With respect to the AIFFP's announcement that it is providing up to \$5 million for the Nadi Flood Alleviation Project in Fiji:</p> <p>1. Who is the support for this project being provided to?</p> <p>2. What is the breakdown of the \$5 million in financial support between loans and grants?</p> <p>3. What are the durations of any loans?</p> <p>4. What are the interest rates applying to any loans?</p> <p>5. Is the AIFFP considering any further financial support for this project? If yes, what are the details of that further support?</p>	Written	
97	Kimberley Kitching	AIFFP - Palau Submarine Cable	<p>With respect to the AIFFP's announcement that it is providing approximately US\$10 million for a submarine fibre optic cable system for Palau:</p> <p>1. Who is the support for this project being provided to?</p> <p>2. What is the amount of support being provided?</p> <p>3. What is the breakdown of the financial support between loans and grants?</p> <p>4. What are the durations of any loans?</p> <p>5. What are the interest rates applying to any loans?</p> <p>6. Is the AIFFP considering any further financial support for this project? If yes, what are the details of that further support?</p>	Written	
98	Kimberley Kitching	Staffing	<p>What is the number of DFAT staff in average full time equivalent terms in 2019-20 and 2020-21 for each of the following areas of the Department:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Human Development and Governance Division</li> <li>2. Contracting and Aid Management Division</li> <li>3. Gender Equality Branch</li> <li>4. Humanitarian Response, Risk and Recovery Branch</li> <li>5. Humanitarian, Refugee and NGOs Branch</li> <li>6. Conflict and Fragility Section</li> </ol>	Written	
99	Kimberley Kitching	Conflict and Fragility Section	<p>?Has DFAT's Conflict and Fragility Section been abolished. If yes, when was the section abolished, who made the decision to abolish the section and why was the decision made.</p>	Written	
100	Kimberley Kitching	Foundations, Councils and Institutes	<p>Please provide a list of the current board members and total annual expenditure and list of grant recipients for the last five financial years from the following organisations –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia-ASEAN Council</li> <li>• Australia-China Council</li> <li>• Australia-India Council</li> <li>• Australia-Japan Foundation</li> <li>• Australia-Korea Foundation</li> <li>• Council for Australia-Latin America Relations</li> <li>• Council for Australian-Arab Relations</li> <li>• Advisory Group of Australia-Africa Relations</li> </ul> <p>Please provide a summary of total annual expenditure and list of grant recipients for the last five financial years from the following programs –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian Cultural Diplomacy Grants Program</li> </ul>	Written	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program</li> </ul> <p>Please provide a summary of total annual expenditure and activities for the following initiatives –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia now Malaysia 2020</li> <li>• Australia now ASEAN 2019</li> <li>• Australia now Japan 2018</li> <li>• Australia now Germany 2017</li> <li>• Australia now Brazil 2016</li> </ul> <p>Please provide a list of total expenditure and activities to date for –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Diplomacy 2030</li> <li>• PacificAus TV initiative</li> </ul>		
101	Kimberley Kitching	COVID-19 - Consular - Australians Overseas	<p>Please provide a list of all government-facilitated flights for stranded Australians since January 2020.</p> <p>Please provide a list of the top ten countries in which Australians are registered with DFAT as wanting to return home, and include the number of Australians registered for each country.</p>	Written	
102	Kimberley Kitching	Foreign relations legislation	<p>How many core State/Territory arrangements have been disclosed to the Department?  How many state/territory entities have disclosed core arrangements?  How many are state and territory governments?  How many are universities?  How many non-core arrangements have been disclosed to the Department?  How many requests has the Department received for information/briefings on the Act since it was passed?  How many briefings has the Department provided to State and Territory entities since the Bill was passed?  Please provide a list of all briefings, the date and the relevant entity?  How many requests has the Minister received for information/briefings on the Act since it was passed?  How many briefings or meetings has the Minister had with State and Territory entities since the Bill was passed?  Please provide a list of all briefings and meetings, the date and the relevant entity?  How many staff members are working in the Department to administer the Act?  Did the department recruit externally and internally? For any staff recruited internally, please list the sections from which those staff were diverted.</p>	Written	
103	Kimberley Kitching	Mathias Cormann OECD	<p>What is the total cost of Mr Cormann’s candidacy for the DG of OECD?  Please provide a complete itemised list of costs and Mr Cormann’s full travel itinerary and modes of travel for the duration of his candidacy.</p>	Written	
104	Kimberley Kitching	Cyber Engagement Strategy	<p>1. Has DFAT previously scheduled an event where the CCTIES was intended to be launched?  a. When was this launch event?  b. Where was this launch event and what organisation was intended to be the host?  c. Why was the strategy not launched at this event?</p> <p>2. Has DFAT incurred graphic design costs for the design of the Strategy document or associated web pages?  a. What have those costs been?</p> <p>3. Has DFAT incurred any costs in printing hard copies of the strategy?  a. How many copies of the strategy have been printed?  b. How much has it spent on printing copies of the strategy?</p>	Written	
105	Malcolm Roberts	Consular - Australians Overseas	<p>How many Australians are still trying to return to Australia? How many extra flights are being scheduled to bring them home?  When is it estimated that Australians stranded overseas will have all returned?</p>	Written	

106	Malcolm Roberts	Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance	<p>How much was spent on refugee humanitarian assistance in the most recent financial year?</p> <p>Was any of the amount spent on refugee humanitarian assistance in the most recent financial year spent on Australians living in poverty in Australia?</p> <p>What oversight is given to ensuring that refugee humanitarian assistance is not side-tracked away from those for whom it was intended to assist?</p> <p>When will it be accepted that charity should start at home, ensuring those Australians in need are considered first before giving away taxpayer money to assist those in other countries?</p>	Written	
107	Jordon Steele-John	Armed Drones	<p>Does the Australian government regard armed drones as being covered by the ATT?</p> <p>What about unarmed military drones, eg those used for ISR?</p> <p>What about components of armed/unarmed drones?</p>	Written	
108	Kimberley Kitching	Philippines - Defence Cooperation	<p>Does DFAT provide any strategic guidance and Defence Cooperation program management in our region?</p> <p>How does the Enhanced Defence Cooperation Program with the Philippines align with your engagement plan in the region?</p> <p>Is there a detailed schedule of project activities, showing the key project implementation milestones to be achieved each month?</p>	Written	
109	Kimberley Kitching	Philippines - Human Rights	<p>4. What safeguards does Australia have in place to ensure our cooperation and aid to the Philippines is not enabling the regime to carry out such grave human rights violations?</p> <p>5. What role did the Department play in drafting the Philippine Government Anti-Terrorism Act 2020?</p> <p>6. Please outline the technical support provided to the Philippine Government for the drafting of the Anti-Terrorism Act 2020?</p> <p>7. Has the Government made any representations to the Philippine Government, with a view to improving human rights abuses? If not why?</p> <p>8. Does the Department plan to provide technical assistance focusing on the accountability; data gathering of violations by the police; civic space; counter-terrorism legislation, and a rights-based approach to drug control in the Philippines?</p> <p>9. Has the Department met with trade union representatives to receive an update on human rights abuses?</p>	Written	
110	Kimberley Kitching	Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting	<p>When was the last Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting (PAMM)?</p> <p>a) At the meeting was counter terrorism and human rights abuses discussed?</p> <p>When is the next Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting (PAMM) scheduled?</p> <p>Can you please provide the current "Plan of Action" developed at the Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting (PAMM)?</p>	Written	
111	Kimberley Kitching	Joint Declaration on Australia-The Philippines	<p>What are the guiding principles of the Joint Declaration on Australia-The Philippines Comprehensive Partnership?</p> <p>a) What mechanisms exist to ensure compliance to international and national human rights laws?</p> <p>b) How does the Department ensure effective human rights due diligence in the defence cooperation program?</p> <p>c) Is the status of preferential of trade dependent upon the ratification and implementation of 27 international conventions on human rights, labour rights, environmental protection, and good governance etc?</p> <p>d) If so, are there any mechanisms that could be triggered to suspend these trade benefits?</p> <p>e) What representations has the department made to the Minister on this matter?</p> <p>f) Has the Minister been briefed on the potential mechanisms that could be triggered in response to the countries declining human rights record?</p>	Written	
112	Janet Rice	Detention Centres - Funding	<p>According to the Lead Inspector General Report to the United States Congress (1 October 2020 to 31 December 2020) and media reports of 24 February 2021 in Defense One, the Coalition Against ISIS is planning to fund the construction of additional detention centres for women suspects, as well as a 500-bed "rehabilitation centres" for older boys. Noting that Australia is a member of the Coalition Against ISIS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has Australia provided any funding or</li> <li>• is there consideration of planning to provide funding, whether directly or indirectly, to support the construction of any detention centres or rehabilitation centres in North Eastern Syria?</li> <li>• Has the Australian government otherwise provided any guidance on the construction of these facilities and/or considering doing so?</li> </ul>	Written	

113	Janet Rice	Current military operations in Intan Jaya	Given the number of Indonesian military killings of civilians in Intan Jaya, has any call for restraint and compliance with international laws governing violence and forced displacement against civilians been issued in relation to current military operations in Intan Jaya?	Written	
114	Janet Rice	West Papua	Have any Australian security personnel from any entity (including Australian corporations) been present in West Papua from December 2015 until present? Are Australian citizens working for foreign companies protected from civil liability?	Written	
115	Anthony Sheldon	Vaccines - LES	1. How many A base staff, locally engaged staff and dependents have been vaccinated? 2. How many A base staff, locally engaged staff and dependents are yet to be vaccinated? 3. Which countries are classified as Priority 1, Priority 2 and Priority 3 respectively?	Written	
116	Jordon Steele-John	Soe-Win	The UK, Canada and others have sanctioned Soe Win. Why has Australia not sanctioned this general??	Written	
117	Jordon Steele-John	Australian coal quality	Senator Steele-John: ... The questions that I put to Ms Lawson should maybe have been put to you in terms of whether DISER is aware of any other similar allegations against Australian coal or laboratories. Mr Baxter: We're certainly happy to talk to DISER and provide that information after the hearing, on notice.	Hansard	103
118	Kristina Keneally	Executive management	1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020: 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	
119	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Functions	1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	
120	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Meals	2. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: i. List of dates and types of meals. j. List of all attendees. k. Function venue. l. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). m. Details of any food served. n. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. o. Any available photographs of the function. p. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	
121	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees.	Written	



			<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>		
122	Kristina Keneally	Executive Office Upgrades	1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
123	Kristina Keneally	Facilities Upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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	
124	Kristina Keneally	Staff Travel	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
125	Kristina Keneally	Legal Costs	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
126	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
127	Kristina Keneally	FOI	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14;</p> <p>b. 2014-15;</p> <p>c. 2015-16;</p> <p>d. 2016-17;</p> <p>e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and;</p> <p>f. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>2. For each year above, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full;</p> <p>b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part;</p> <p>c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and</p> <p>d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p>	Written	

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

			<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>		
136	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister’s travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
137	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency’s total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</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	
138	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	<p>What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
139	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 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>	Written	

			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?		
140	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</li> <li>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</li> <li>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date.</li> <li>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid?</li> <li>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors?</li> <li>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors?</li> </ol>	Written	
141	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?	Written	
142	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided?</li> <li>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services?</li> <li>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided?</li> <li>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
143	Kristina Keneally	Communications Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. By Department or agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</li> <li>d. How many are graphic designers.</li> <li>e. How many are media managers.</li> <li>f. How many organise events.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If yes, why?</li> <li>b. When was it established?</li> <li>c. What is the set up cost?</li> <li>d. What is the ongoing cost?</li> <li>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications?</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
144	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Ministers' offices	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Duration of secondment</li> <li>b. APS level.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level?</li> </ol>	Written	
145	Kristina Keneally	CDDA Payments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</li> <li>2. How many claims were:</li> </ol>	Written	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Accepted?</li> <li>b. Rejected?</li> <li>c. Under consideration?</li> </ul> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations?</li> <li>b. The date payment was made?</li> <li>c. The decision maker?</li> </ul>		
146	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks?</li> <li>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department?</li> </ul>	Written	
147	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</li> <li>2. Which services were utilised? Can an itemised list be provided?</li> </ul>	Written	
148	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 10 November 2020?</li> <li>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing?</li> <li>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. How many were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. voluntary</li> <li>b. involuntary?</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring? What is the total cost of those redundancies?</li> <li>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff?</li> <li>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</li> <li>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date?</li> </ul>	Written	
149	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare? If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</li> <li>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</li> </ul>	Written	
150	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency?	Written	
151	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency?	Written	
152	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency?	Written	
153	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received?	Written	
154	Kristina Keneally	Travel and Expense Claim Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</li> <li>2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</li> </ul>	Written	
155	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</li> <li>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 10 November 2020.</li> </ul>	Written	

156	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.</p>	Written	
157	Kristina Keneally	Appointments - briefs prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level?</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member</p> <p>b. The board or entity</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made?</p>	Written	
158	Kristina Keneally	OECD Secretary campaign	<p>1. Please provide details of any costs met by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in connection with Mr Cormann's job application for Secretary of the OECD.</p> <p>2. Please provide details of the costs, running order, guest list, entertainment and menu for the function held at The Lodge on 28 October 2020 in support of Mr Cormann's job application for Secretary of the OECD.</p>	Written	

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Portfolio QNo	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page
1	Eric Abetz	Article inappropriately published on Austrade website	<p>CHAIR: ... I referenced an article by Ben Packham, talking about Australia's trade promotion body conducting an audit of its website after it praised organisations with Chinese Communist Party links for sending tonnes of medical supplies to China as the Morrison government scrambled to prepare for the pandemic here ... Can you tell us how something like that actually found its way onto the website? These things don't happen by accident. Somebody must have proactively put it on, and one wonders who that may have been or what the motivation may have been.</p> <p>Mr Donelly: I'd probably need to take the detail on notice, but I do recall that it was published by a locally engaged staff member, without supervision from the relevant A-based staff member at the post.</p>	Hansard	116
2	Eric Abetz	China -vetting of locally engaged staff	<p>CHAIR: ... Would you agree with the assessment that most of the Austrade representatives operating on the China trade front are from the PRC, the People's Republic of China?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: Yes, they're locally engaged staff.</p> <p>CHAIR: How many of them have links with United Front bodies? How do we test against that?</p> <p>Mr Donelly: I think I need to take that question on notice.</p>	Hansard	117
3	Eric Abetz	China - Austrade engagement with organisations and events with United Front links	<p>CHAIR: ... I understand Austrade was a key sponsor in the United Front Australia-China Economic Trade and Investment Expo events held in Melbourne in 2019 and 2020. These were sponsored and organised by United Front bodies. Why did Austrade support these events when the aim seems to simply be to further Chinese interests in the Australian economy?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: I think we're going to have to take that on notice. If you put those questions on notice, we'll be very happy to answer them.</p> <p>CHAIR: Alright. I'll put my other questions on this on notice. Could you provide some background on your engagement with the China Australia Millennial Project, known as CAMP?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: I think we will have to take that on notice and come back to you.</p> <p>CHAIR: There's a United Front body, LCUAAA, the League of Chinese University Alumni Association Australia, which is directly under the education office of the People's Republic of China consulate-general in Sydney, and that comprises about 40 alumni associations. I'm advised that it has links and promotes Made in China 2025 extensively within Australia, and Austrade cooperates with that. Take that on notice as well.</p> <p>Mr Beresford: We'll take it on notice, Senator.</p>	Hansard	117
4	Don Farrell	Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) Program	<p>Senator FARRELL: ... We know that four towns were originally on the list ... Adelaide, Darwin, Townsville and Hobart ... Was it your data that included Darwin, Townsville, Adelaide and Hobart, in the first instance?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: We looked at four different datasets ... All of those cities appeared on lists at various points in time ...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Yes. So, in the data that you'd collated very scientifically, those four towns were included, but then, at some point, a decision was made not to include them.</p> <p>Ms Ralston: Many locations appeared on all of those various lists. They weren't all exactly the same list ...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: How many towns were included on the list that you provided to the government?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: I couldn't tell you that, because it was an iterative process ... There were multiple lists and multiple datasets, so they all appeared on different lists at different points in time. That's all I can say.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: But I assume, at some point, a list was provided to the government from you that included those four towns or have I got that wrong?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: I'd have to go back and check the data. This is an iterative process. There were multiple pieces of advice and multiple stages of advice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Duniam: How about I take on notice the specifics of the question around what was added when—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Okay.</p> <p>...</p>	Hansard	121-123



			<p>Senator Duniam: ... Senator Farrell, a lot of the information you are seeking is in the remit of another committee and a different department, but we'll take it on notice and see what we can get.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: That's very helpful. I am particularly interested in what this department's advice has been, because that's the one I have responsibility for as a shadow minister. If you're going to do that, could you take this question on notice: were there any destinations which Austrade and the government had initially planned to be included within the TANS package but which were removed prior to the announcement?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: I will have to take that on notice.</p>		
5	Anthony Sheldon	Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) Program	<p>Senator SHELDON: How many tickets have been earmarked for each region within the 800,000 allocation?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: The actual administration of the tickets is actually department of infrastructure. Our role in this process was to provide advice on the regions, as I've outline. The department of infrastructure runs the commercial negotiations with airlines, and so that part of the conversation is part of the department of infrastructure's responsibility. Clearly, we've worked together very closely on this measure, but we bring different values to the table.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: With due respect, Mr Beresford and Ms Ralston, we've just being told that you've used a methodology and data—</p> <p>Ms Ralston: That's right.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: I don't think there's anybody in this room, except maybe yourselves, who understand what that methodology and data is. What is the methodology and data? Can you give me a table of what the methodology and data was? Can you give me examples of the decisions you made about how that equated to this location being included or this location not being included? Can I have a copy of that?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: We can take that on notice as a list. For the question on the datasets, they're the ones I've outlined. There were four lots of data we provided.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Give me the dataset. You said you've got a methodology and a data set for each of the decisions that have been made over this period of time about recommendations on what should be included and excluded. You can show me both the dataset and also how it applies to a particular location.</p> <p>Ms Ralston: I'm happy to take that on notice and see what we can do.</p>	Hansard	123
6	Anthony Sheldon	Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) Program	<p>Senator SHELDON: ... I understand that you said the government made this decision. How much funding is available in the total for the TANS program?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: The department of infrastructure is operating under a funding cap, but that hasn't been communicated. It's subject to commercial negotiations with the airlines. They're currently in the process of those negotiations.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: So there is not a figure for what's being negotiated?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: The commitment is to deliver the 800,000 discounted tickets. Ms Dacey indicated earlier in the week that that was a flaw. If they can negotiate more, there might be more, but that was the commitment. It's in a funding envelope, but it hasn't been disclosed, because it's part of commercial conversations.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: So there hasn't been a figure on the size of the pool. It is up there in the air, so to speak.</p> <p>Ms Ralston: The commitment is the 800,000 tickets.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: So we don't know how much it's going to cost and we don't know how many tickets we're going to get. Is the discount that the government promised consumers 50 per cent of the normal fares or 50 per cent of the full priced fare?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: Again, this is a matter for the department of infrastructure. I think it's really a matter for the department of infrastructure. They have some data points—</p> <p>Mr Beresford: We can take it on notice and confer with our colleagues in industry, including Christine Dacey, and come back to you.</p>	Hansard	123-124
7	Anthony Sheldon	Tourism modelling undertaken by Austrade	<p>Senator SHELDON: Mr Beresford, we also heard the government say many times that every dollar spent on an airfare is worth \$10 on the ground in the destination ... Can Austrade explain where the figure comes from?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: The figure comes from Jayne Hrdlicka, who's the CEO of Virgin and the former CEO of Jetstar. It's from a speech she gave in 2017. We actually haven't done the modelling of that ... I think it was in 2017. My notes say June 2017. It was a speech she gave and she used that ratio of one to 10.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: What's the methodology? I'm very, very interested in the fact that you're rightly impressing on us data and</p>	Hansard	125-126

			<p>methodology. Mr Beresford, in your opening statement, you said data was king. I think that is the best way to describe it. You put a lot of emphasis on it. So you checked the data of one to 10? Is that what you did on some throwaway line by the ex-CEO of Jet Star two years ago?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: We haven't used that number. That's been used in various media coverage. That's not come from Austrade. That's from Jayne Hrdlicka, who's the CEO of an aviation company.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: So there is no basis to the statement other than somebody else said it?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: That particular statement is not our statement, so I don't know the methodology that was used to derive it. It is very consistent, though, with the analysis that we do of the supply chain. We haven't actually done that modelling in recent days, weeks or months. I don't have anything current on that point. But it is consistent with the spillover and contributory benefits of aviation to driving activity to accommodation and into cafes and restaurants.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Could you give us the last modelling you had on the estimates of the impact on destinations—</p> <p>Ms Ralston: I'd have to take that on notice. I'm not sure how long ago we last did that sort of modelling. I'm not aware of any myself, but I can look into it.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Just to be clear, you said that you do modelling—</p> <p>Ms Ralston: On certain things, yes.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: ... I was raising the question of every one dollar spent in the air being \$10 on the ground. These are significant questions of the economics of what is actually being done here and the money being spent. If one to 10 is not right, we're better off spending it where it is right. My point is about where there's bang for your buck rather than just relying on some hearsay evidence. I'm trying to get to what the department does on this sort of modelling. I appreciate we've now got to the bottom of where that figure of one to 10 came from. But, regarding your modelling and the data that you use, you mentioned that the department has done modelling before. Are you able to give us whatever the most recent modelling is—</p> <p>Ms Ralston: Certainly. I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: and also previous modelling? Any modelling you've done over the last five years might be the easiest way to do it.</p>		
8	Timothy Ayres	CEO appointment	<p>Senator AYRES: I have a couple of quick questions. Mr Beresford, what's the progress of the appointment process for a new CEO? Where are we up to?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: The new CEO has been appointed. The new CEO is Xavier Simonet. He is currently the incumbent CEO of Kathmandu. He is working out his time at Kathmandu and he is due to start with us in early June.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: That's been announced, has it?</p> <p>Mr Beresford: It has been announced.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: How was he appointed? What was the process?</p> <p>Mr Donelly: There was a selection panel, including the Public Service Commissioner, the secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and two private sector representatives whose names escape me at the moment, but I can provide them on notice if you are interested.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Yes. I am interested in the process. It just seems an unusual move to go from CEO of Kathmandu to running this organisation. He must have some exceptional qualities. I'm most interested to hear what they are.</p>	Hansard	126
9	Don Farrell	Job losses in the tourism sector	<p>Senator FARRELL: That's the best you can do. Ms Ralston, you talked about those figures for the number of people in the industry and the number of job losses. The Tourism and Transport Forum estimated that the sector lost 470,000 jobs to September last year. I take it you wouldn't agree with those figures?</p> <p>Ms Ralston: I don't know. They're not the numbers I have or am familiar with, but I'm happy to take that on board and look at that.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Could you have a look? It's obviously a very significantly different number.</p> <p>Ms Ralston: The tourism sector is complicated, because it's made up of integral and intervening parts. In the economy, if you look at the accommodation sector or cafes and restaurants—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: It could be a question of definition—</p> <p>Ms Ralston: It could be a scale question, of scope.</p>	Hansard	130

10	Helen Polley	National Tourism Icons Package	<p>1. In the 2019-20 Budget papers the government announced \$50 million to be spent over three years for the National Tourism Icon's package. How much of this fund was spent in 2019-20? Can I have this broken down by state. What is the forecasted spend under this project for 2020-21 and 2021-22? Can this also be broken down by state? Is the funding on track to be delivered within the timeframe?</p> <p>2. On 11 February 2021 the Hon Dan Tehan announced a \$7.2 million upgrade to facilities at Wineglass Bay as a part of the National Tourism Icon's package. In the 2020-21 Budget papers only \$6.9 million was allocated to Freycinet. Can you explain the discrepancy?</p> <p>3. When will the \$7.2 million be dispensed? If it already has, how much has been spent?</p> <p>4. In the announcement, it stated that the Government would fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- \$5.7 million towards a new Visitor Gateway, including transit hub with new road access and car parking, shelter and information area.</li> <li>- \$450,000 for a new Wineglass Bay lookout.</li> <li>- \$400,000 for a foreshore walkway connecting Coles Bay to the National Park.</li> <li>- \$650,000 for an Aboriginal education program and expanding the Discovery Ranger Program.</li> </ul> <p>Have these projects commenced? If not, when will they commence? Can I please have a timeline of their completion.</p>	Written	
11	Don Farrell	Business Events Grant Program	<p>1. Was the business events industry consulted on the design of the grants program through the initial development phase and prior to it being announced? If so, what did that consultation process consist of?</p> <p>2. In the Government's media release the Prime Minister states "Getting business events up and running again will be a critical part of the recovery of our tourism industry, but will also have huge flow-on effects through the entire economy". Given the dire state of business events businesses with little to no revenue flowing still and significant loss of staff, how does allocating funds to businesses who attend events before ensuring business events businesses are actually capable of recovery make sense?</p> <p>3. Can you please outline the timeframes and allocations of funds (earmarked and distributed) for each month since the commencement of the program?</p> <p>4. Can you please outline the KPIs and how you are measuring these?</p>	Written	
12	Don Farrell	Business Events Grant Program	<p>1. Please provide as much detail as possible about what consultation was undertaken with the sector prior to the announcement including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What date</li> <li>- Who was involved</li> <li>- Was this in person or virtually (either online or on the phone) or in writing</li> </ul> <p>2. Please confirm how much has been spent to date out of the business events grant program?</p> <p>3. How much has been committed but not yet spent?</p> <p>4. Can you explain the latest changes the Minister confirmed? How will this address the significant concerns of the sector?</p> <p>5. How many people are employed in the business events sector?</p> <p>6. What is the economic impact of the business events sector for our economy?</p> <p>7. What support other than this program are business event owners able to access?</p> <p>8. Have you had any complaints about the program? If yes, how many and what action was taken?</p> <p>9. Did this program receive any additional funding as a part of the governments \$1.2b aviation and tourism package?</p>	Written	
13	Don Farrell	National Icons	<p>1. \$33.5 million was allocated in the 2020-21 Budget to upgrade and refurbish iconic World and National Heritage sites across Australia. Under this package, Tasmania was allocated \$7.5 million, how much of this has been spent? Can you provide me a break down of how this has been spent? If no money has been spent, when will it?</p> <p>2. In the 2019-20 Budget papers the government announced \$50 million to be spent over three years for the National Tourism Icon's package. How much of this fund was spent in 2019-20?</p> <p>a) Please provide a breakdown of how much has been allocated each year and how much has been spent</p> <p>3. On 11 February 2021 the Hon Dan Tehan announced a \$7.2 million upgrade to facilities at Wineglass Bay as a part of the National Tourism Icon's package. When will this money be dispensed?</p>	Written	

			4. In the 2020-21 Budget papers only \$6.9 million was allocated to Freycinet under the National Tourism Icons Package. Can you explain the discrepancy?		
14	Don Farrell	Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) Program	<p>1. Please provide a timeline of Austrade's involvement with this process including</p> <p>a) When the first list of destinations was made</p> <p>b) How many destinations were on that list</p> <p>c) When was the document which was reported on in the Mercury prepared?</p> <p>d) When was it altered to remove the additional destinations?</p> <p>2. Was Austrade involved in the decisions to re-add Darwin, Adelaide, Hobart and Townsville</p> <p>3. Was Perth considered for this program? If not, why not. If yes, was it recommended for funding and who made the decision to not fund it?</p> <p>4. Were there any other destinations which Austrade had initially planned to be included within the TANS package, but which were removed prior to the announcement?</p> <p>5. Is the discount promised as a part of this announcement expected to be 50 per cent of normal fare prices or 50 per cent off the full fare price?</p> <p>6. What was your estimated cost for each airfare under this program?</p> <p>7. Will consumers be able to book discounted fares through travel agents or only directly through the airlines?</p>	Written	
15	Don Farrell	COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program	<p>1. How many applications were received for the first round of funding?</p> <p>2. How much in total was approved?</p> <p>3. Can you provide a breakdown of funding under each tier?</p> <p>4. How many complaints did you receive about the program both in writing and verbally?</p> <p>5. How are appeals conducted by Austrade? (note, I understand that reviews/appeals are initially determined by Services Australia, I am seeking information on how Austrade manages those follow up reviews/appeals)</p> <p>6. How many appeals /applications for review have you received?</p> <p>7. How many have been finalised?</p> <p>8. How many are outstanding?</p> <p>9. How many reviews overturned the decision in the favour of the applicant?</p> <p>10. How many reviews upheld the decision made by Services Australia?</p> <p>11. Have many FTE in Austrade are working on these reviews / appeals as their full time role?</p> <p>12. Has a final decision been made on how to allocate the additional \$130m (second round of funding), if yes, please detail</p> <p>13. Did the department provided advice to agents early on that they could change their BAS statement? If so, was this advice confirmed with the ATO prior to advising agents?</p> <p>14. What is the average payment made to agents through this program?</p> <p>15. What is the average length of time taken to assess reviews?</p> <p>16. What is the average length of time taken to process applications?</p> <p>17. Why was the decision made to have applications made through Services Australia?</p> <p>18. Will the original program still run as a side program to this one or is it being replaced by this new structure?</p> <p>19. What consultation did you have with travel agents prior to releasing the first program?</p> <p>20. What dates did you meet with the sector and who participated?</p> <p>21. What consultation have you undertaken for the new round of funding?</p> <p>22. Who are you consulting with?</p> <p>23. What are you doing by way of a test to determine the intent of solvability and ongoing trading to prevent people from taking the money and using it to pay out staff and close businesses?</p>	Written	
16	Don Farrell	Zoos and Aquariums Package	<p>1. How much has been spent from the \$94m allocated to the Zoos and Aquarium Grant Program?</p> <p>2. How many rounds have been round?</p> <p>3. Are any more planned?</p> <p>4. How much has been spent in each round?</p>	Written	

			<p>5. Did this program receive any additional funding as a part of the governments \$1.2b aviation and tourism package?</p> <p>6. Has Austrade made any proactive contact either in writing or verbally to eligible organisations urging them to apply?</p>		
17	Don Farrell	Tourism 2030	<p>1. Austrade, please provide an update on the progress of Tourism 2030?</p> <p>2. How much has been spent to date on developing this program?</p> <p>3. What is the new timeline for Tourism 2030, when will it be released?</p> <p>4. Will you be conducting more industry consultation? If so, when and how</p> <p>5. Have you received any complaints about delays with Tourism 2030? If yes, how many and what action was taken?</p>	Written	
18	Don Farrell	Regional Tourism Recovery Program	<p>1. Can you provide an update on what is happening with the Regional Tourism Recovery Program?</p> <p>2. What activity has been undertaken in Tasmania?</p> <p>(a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>3. What activity has been undertaken in Western Australia?</p> <p>(a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>4. What activity has been undertaken in the Gold Coast?</p> <p>(a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>5. What activity has been undertaken in Kangaroo Island?</p> <p>(a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>6. What activity has been undertaken in Lasseter and Alice Springs?</p> <p>(a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>7. What activity has been undertaken on the North Coast of NSW?</p> <p>(a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>8. What activity has been undertaken in the Phillip Island Region?</p> <p>(a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>9. What activity has been undertaken in Tropical North Queensland?</p> <p>(a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p> <p>10. What activity has been undertaken in the Whitsundays and Mackay Region?</p> <p>(a) How much funding has been provided? (b) What has been delivered? (c) How many applications were received? (d) How much funding remains available?</p>	Written	
19	Don Farrell	Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Program	<p>1. Can the department provide an update on what is happening with the Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Program?</p> <p>2. Has the fund been fully expended?</p> <p>- If not, how much is remaining and what are the plans with these remaining funds? Will there be additional rounds?</p> <p>3. How many total applications were received for both rounds?</p>	Written	
20	Don Farrell	Tourism Research Australia - COVID-19 Modelling	<p>1. While I understand TRA do not undertake economic modelling, according to a question on notice you work with industry and analyse your own data to determine the impact of COVID-19 on the industry. Does this data look at job losses?</p> <p>If yes;</p> <p>- What has the impact of COVID-19 been for jobs in the tourism industry?</p> <p>2. Have you looked at tourism businesses?</p> <p>If yes;</p> <p>- What has the impact been?</p> <p>3. Did you provide the data which was used to determine the regions which received funding through the Tourism Aviation</p>	Written	

			<p>Network Support program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How did this differ to what was provided for the Regional Tourism Recovery Program?</li> </ul> <p>4. Are you aware of the modelling completed for the Tourism and Transport Forum which is predicting a significant number of jobs will be lost as a result of the removal of JobKeeper?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If yes;</li> <li>- Does this align with research you have conducted?</li> </ul>		
21	Don Farrell	Tourism Research Australia - Publications	1. Please provide a timeline for all publications in 2020 and 2021 including day and month if possible.	Written	
22	Don Farrell	Tourism Research Australia - Administration	<p>1. Can Tourism Research Australia please provide the following information in relation to Tourism Research Australia staffing numbers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many FTE</li> <li>b. A headcount</li> <li>c. A breakdown of APS salary bands and the number employed under each band</li> </ul>	Written	
23	Don Farrell	Tourism Research Australia - Credit Cards	<p>1. How many department issued credit cards does Tourism Research Australia have?</p> <p>2. How many department issued credit cards are allocated to staff within Tourism Research Australia?</p> <p>3. As of 12 March 2020, how many staff within Tourism Research Australia have been provided with department issued credit cards?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a breakdown of the credit limits available on these cards</li> </ul> <p>4. Of those credit cards issued to staff, have there been any instances of credit card fraud detected in the past financial year? If yes, how many?</p>	Written	
24	Don Farrell	Tourism Research Australia - Travel	<p>1. Please detail any international travel completed by Tourism Research Australia staff in the last financial year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many individual staff travelled?</li> <li>b. What was the cost of this travel?</li> <li>c. Please provide as much detail as possible about the trips including outcomes</li> </ul>	Written	
25	Don Farrell	Staffing - Tourism	<p>1. How many dedicated tourism staff currently are employed within Austrade (separate from the Tourism Research Australia division)</p> <p>please provide both FTE and headcount</p> <p>2. Please provide detail of any travel undertaken by tourism officers within Austrade including how many staff, what was the cost and as much detail as possible about the trips including outcomes</p>	Written	
26	Don Farrell	Records Management	<p>1. Please provide an update on the progress to move Austrade to an electronic documents record management system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What date will this be completed by?</li> </ul>	Written	
27	Bridget McKenzie	Staffing	<p>1. How many staff does the agency have working in capital cities, including Canberra?</p> <p>2. Are any agency staff based in rural or regional locations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How many?</li> <li>b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?</li> </ul> <p>3. How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021?</p> <p>4. In response to question 13 (2) the agency responded that productivity remained strong during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic. How will the agency work to maintain or increase productivity when staff return to working from their office/usual workplace?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What opportunity exists for the agency to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?</li> </ul> <p>5. For question 13 (3), agency data shows a 28.4 per cent decrease in the personal/sick leave taken between February to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave taken?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How will the agency work to maintain the reduction in the personal/sick leave taken?</li> <li>b. If the agency has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of the personal/sick leave taken rate for these staff compared to city-based staff?</li> </ul>	Written	

28	Anthony Sheldon	Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) Program	<p>1. Could Austrade provide a list of the destinations which were initially announced as being included in the Tourism Aviation Network Support (TANS) Program, a list of the destinations which have subsequently been added to the Program, and a list of the destinations which were assessed or considered by Austrade for inclusion in the Program but have not been included?</p> <p>a. For any destination which was assessed or considered for inclusion, but was not ultimately selected, could Austrade advise the rationale for this decision?</p> <p>2. Could Austrade provide the methodology used to select the destinations within the TANS Program, including the four (or more) different sets of data which fed into the model, and the scoring, ranking or grading system used?</p> <p>3. Could Austrade provide the dataset used in the methodology, for each criteria, and for each of the destinations which were initially or subsequently included in the TANS program?</p> <p>4. Could Austrade provide the dataset used in the methodology, for each criteria, and for each of the destinations which were assessed, but then not included in the TANS program?</p> <p>5. Could Austrade provide all correspondence or direction from the Government, the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, the Treasurer, the Prime Minister, or the Ministers' offices, with respect to the destinations within the TANS program?</p> <p>6. Could Austrade provide all correspondence with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development with respect to the selection of destinations within the TANS program?</p> <p>7. Did Austrade receive any representation from any Minister or Member of the Government, or their staff, requesting or suggesting the consideration, inclusion or exclusion, of any specific destination within the TANS program?</p> <p>a. If yes, could these be provided?</p> <p>8. Did Austrade send, receive or exchange any correspondence with Qantas with respect to the TANS program?</p> <p>a. If yes, could these be provided?</p> <p>9. Has Austrade ever undertaken any modelling of the economic benefits for destinations associated with subsidised airfares or other travel incentives, including with respect to the Government's proposition that every dollar in the air creates \$10 at the destination?</p> <p>a. If yes, could this be provided?</p>	Written	
29	Katy Gallagher	Staffing - labour hire / contractors	<p>1. Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APS ongoing: headcount and ASL;</li> <li>• APS non-ongoing: headcount and ASL;</li> <li>• Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and</li> <li>• Other contractors.; headcount and FTE</li> </ul> <p>2. Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.</p> <p>3. Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
30	Katy Gallagher	Staffing - working from home	<p>1. How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published 'Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces' on 29 September 2020?</p> <p>2. How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.</p>	Written	
31	Kimberley Kitching	Austrade engagement with Services Australia	<p>1. Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>3. In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>4. In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>5. Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars.</p>	Written	

			6. Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.		
32	Carol Brown	Support for the Australian expeditionary cruise sector	<p>1. Is the Department and the Minister aware that there are now up to 6 new foreign cruise companies who have announced they will be sailing in the Kimberley region and that these operators will directly compete with recovering Australian cruise lines who are navigating their way out of COVID and who have plenty of availability?</p> <p>2. Are the Department and the Minister aware these lines are selling to Australian consumers whilst they have no actual approvals in place from federal, state or territory governments or ports or police or communities they claim to be visiting? Is the Department willing to investigate this situation?</p> <p>3. Are there any places to protect the Australian expedition cruise fleet and our sensitive and remote coastal wonders as part of the review of the coastal trading act to manage the industry and ensure that Australian operators and jobs are protected?</p>	Written	
33	Kristina Keneally	Executive management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020:</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	
34	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
35	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>1. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
36	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p>	Written	



			<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>		
37	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
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45	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
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53	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	<p>What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
54	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned reports and reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Date commissioned.</li> <li>b. Date report handed to Government.</li> <li>c. Date of public release.</li> <li>d. Terms of Reference.</li> <li>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</li> <li>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</li> <li>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</li> <li>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</li> <li>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</li> <li>7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</li> </ol>	Written	
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56	Kristina Keneally	Appointments - briefs prepared	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The former member.</li> <li>b. The board or entity.</li> <li>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</li> <li>d. Whether the appointment was made.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	
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58	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Written	

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60	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	
61	Kristina Keneally	CDDA payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</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	
62	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department.</p>	Written	
63	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	

64	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 10 November 2020.</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date.</p>	Written	
65	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
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70	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	<p>1 Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>2 Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written	
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72	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	<p>1 Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2 Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.</p>	Written	

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Portfolio Q No	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard
1	Bridget McKenzie	Employees	How many staff does the agency have working in capital cities, including Canberra?	Written
2	Bridget McKenzie	Employees	Are any agency staff based in rural or regional locations? a. How many? b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?	Written
3	Bridget McKenzie	Employees	How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021?	Written
4	Bridget McKenzie	Employees	In response to question 299 (2) the agency responded that there was increased demand for the agency's products and services and that the agency successfully pivoted to working-from-home and increased productivity to meet customer demand. How will the agency work to maintain increased productivity when staff return to working from their office/usual workplace? a. What opportunity exists for the agency to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?	Written
5	Bridget McKenzie	Employees	For question 299 (3), agency data shows a 44.1 per cent decrease in the personal/sick leave taken between April to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave taken? a. How will the agency work to maintain the reduction in the personal/sick leave taken? b. If the agency has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of the personal/sick leave taken rate for these staff compared to city-based staff?	Written
6	Katy Gallagher	Staffing	Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by: a. APS ongoing; headcount and ASL; b. APS non-ongoing; headcount and ASL; c. Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and d. Other contractors.; headcount and FTE	Written
7	Katy Gallagher	Staffing	Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.	Written
8	Katy Gallagher	Staffing	Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.	Written
9	Katy Gallagher	Working from home	How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published 'Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces' on 29 September 2020? How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.	Written
10	Kimberley Kitching	Services Australia	Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars. Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars. In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars. In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars. Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars. Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written
11	Kristina Keneally	Executive management	In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020: 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

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

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

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30	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	<p>What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>	Written
31	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	<p>What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written
32	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned reports and reviews	<p>For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 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>How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.</p>	Written
33	Kristina Keneally	Board appointments	<p>Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio.</p> <p>Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date.</p> <p>What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written
34	Kristina Keneally	Appointments - briefs prepared	<p>How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written
35	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	<p>How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written

36	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p> <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p>	Written
37	Kristina Keneally	Communication s staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>	Written
38	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written
39	Kristina Keneally	CDDA payments	<p>How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</p> <p>How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p> <p>b. The date payment was made</p> <p>c. The decision maker.</p>	Written
40	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department.</p>	Written
41	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<p>What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written
42	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 10 November 2020.</p> <p>How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. How many were:</p>	Written

			<p>a. voluntary b. involuntary.</p> <p>How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date.</p>	
43	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written
44	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written
45	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written
46	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written
47	Kristina Keneally	Public interest disclosures	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written
48	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	<p>Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written
49	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	<p>Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 10 November 2020.</p>	Written
50	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	<p>Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.</p>	Written

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Portfolio Q No.	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page
1	Katy Gallagher	Administration	<p>1. Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APS ongoing: headcount and ASL;</li> <li>• APS non-ongoing: headcount and ASL;</li> <li>• Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and</li> <li>• Other contractors.; headcount and FTE</li> </ul> <p>2. Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.</p> <p>3. Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
2	Katy Gallagher	Working from Home	<p>1. How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published 'Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces' on 29 September 2020?</p> <p>2. How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.</p>	Written	
3	Don Farrell	Green Lanes	<p>1. What involvement does TA have in relation to the conversations around green lanes?</p>	Written	
4	Don Farrell	External Sentiments Tracking Research	<p>1. Is Tourism Australia still undertaking external sentiment tracking research?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1. Yes,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Is this with BDA Marketing?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Yes;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Their contract was due to expire in January, has it been extended? How long for?</p>	Written	
5	Don Farrell	Involvement in Government's Aviation and Tourism Package	<p>1. What work will Tourism Australia undertake as a part of the Government's \$1.2b tourism and aviation package?</p> <p>2. Did Tourism Australia pitch for any additional funding at the end of JobKeeper? If yes, how much was it for?</p>	Written	
6	Don Farrell	National Experience Content Initiative	<p>1. Last week the Government announced the development of the National Experience Content Initiative, can you explain how this program differs from the materials you currently provide for the industry?</p> <p>2. The announcement said you would be creating imagery for up to 1,800 tourism experiences, how much are you allocating to be spent on each experience?</p> <p>3. In response to a question on notice in January about the cessation of the Matesong campaign, Tourism Australia advised that you were looking at repurposing assets from that campaign, what do you mean by repurposing? If it is imagery, would it be used for this initiative?</p> <p>4. How can tourism businesses participate in this program?</p> <p>5. What is the timeline for filming and delivering the program?</p> <p>6. What will happen to the material that is produced?</p> <p>7. How did this initiative come about? Was it a suggestion of Tourism Australia? The industry?</p>	Written	
7	Don Farrell	Domestic Campaigns	<p>1. Please provide an overview of all domestic campaign elements underway, including those as a part of the Holiday Here This Year Campaign</p> <p>2. Tourism Australia's remit in the domestic space is only for this year, are you keen to see this continue?</p> <p>3. Can Tourism Australia run us through the current domestic tourism campaign elements underway?</p> <p>4. Are you currently operating in every state and territory market?</p> <p>5. On notice can you provide a breakdown of what activities are underway and the funding provided across each state and territory</p> <p>6. Have any online influencers been engaged on domestic marketing activities? If yes, please provide details of who is it with, the value of the contract and what KPI's have been built into the contracts</p>	Written	

			<p>7. Can you detail what work was undertaken as a part of the partnership with Helloworld?</p> <p>8. Can you detail what work has recently been completed with Ignite Travel Group?</p> <p>9. Of the 13 partnerships you undertook, which one had the highest Return on Investment?</p> <p>10. Are there plans to restart the PhilAUSophy campaign or has it been shelved?</p>		
8	Don Farrell	Domestic Campaign Strategy	<p>1. Please provide the total number of staff by FTE and headcount who work exclusively on the domestic campaign.</p>	Written	
9	Don Farrell	Event Here This Year	<p>1. Can you provide an update on the work being undertaken as a part of Event Here This Year? Is there any proactive marketing as a part of this program?</p> <p>1. Yes;</p> <p>1. Please detail including cost and marketing</p> <p>2. What is the Return on Investment</p> <p>2. Do you have any overlap with the Business Events Grant Program in Austrade?</p> <p>1. Yes;</p> <p>1. Please detail</p> <p>3. Have tourism stakeholders discussed or corresponded with Tourism Australia the issues with the grant program?</p> <p>1. Yes;</p> <p>1. What action was taken as a result?</p> <p>2. What do you understand their concerns to be?</p> <p>3. Have you spoken to your Austrade counterparts about these issues</p>	Written	
10	Don Farrell	International Marketing	<p>1. Can Tourism Australia run us through current international marketing campaigns?</p> <p>2. What will the impact be on our international market and reputation if we lose a significant number of our businesses thereby reducing our product offerings?</p> <p>3. What work is being undertaken in our largest market, China?</p> <p>4. What work is being undertaken in emerging markets like India?</p> <p>5. Has any of the international marketing budget been redirected to domestic marketing efforts? If yes, how much?</p> <p>6. How many staff in Tourism Australia work solely on international marketing efforts?</p> <p>7. Are you seeing any pent up demand in our top five markets?</p>	Written	
11	Don Farrell	Only in Australia	<p>1. In relation to the Only In Australia podcast, can you please provide an update on the amount of unique listens? I note in January this was tracking well below its target. Has this improved?</p> <p>2. What work has Tourism Australia done with Monocle to further amplify the content?</p> <p>- If yes, has this come at an additional cost, if yes, how much?</p>	Written	
12	Don Farrell	Administration	<p>1. Can Tourism Australia please provide the following information in relation to staffing numbers</p> <p>a. How many FTE</p> <p>b. A headcount</p> <p>c. A breakdown of APS salary bands and the number employed under each band</p>	Written	
13	Don Farrell	Finance	<p>1. Is Tourism Australia running at a deficit in 19/20 and will it require additional funding from the Department of Finance to cover any shortfall? Was there any shortfall in 2018/19?</p>	Written	
14	Don Farrell	Credit Cards	<p>1. How many department issued credit cards does Tourism Australia have?</p> <p>2. How many department issued credit cards are allocated to staff within Tourism Australia?</p> <p>3. As of 12th of March 2020, how many staff within Tourism Australia has been provided with department issued credit cards?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown of the credit limits available on these cards</p> <p>4. Of those credit cards issued to staff, have there been any instances of credit card fraud detected in the past financial year? If yes, how many</p>	Written	

15	Bridget McKenzie	Administration	<p>1. How many staff does the agency have working in capital cities, including Canberra?</p> <p>2. Are any agency staff based in rural or regional locations?</p> <p>a. How many?</p> <p>b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?</p>	Written	
16	Bridget McKenzie	Working from Home	<p>1. How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021?</p> <p>2. In response to question 377 the agency responded that increased. How will the agency work to maintain or increase productivity when staff return to working from their office/usual workplace?</p> <p>a. What opportunity exists for the agency to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?</p>	Written	
17	Bridget McKenzie	Sick Leave	<p>35. For question 378, agency data shows a 45.1 per cent decrease in the personal/sick leave taken between March to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave taken?</p> <p>a. How will the agency work to maintain the reduction in the personal/sick leave taken?</p> <p>b. If the agency has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of the personal/sick leave taken rate for these staff compared to city-based staff?</p>	Written	
18	Kimberley Kitching	Services Australia	<p>1. Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>3. In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>4. In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>5. Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars.</p> <p>6. Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p>	Written	
19	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020:</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	
20	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Functions and Meals	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	



			<p>2. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>List of dates and types of meals.</li> <li>List of all attendees.</li> <li>Function venue.</li> <li>Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</li> <li>Details of any food served.</li> <li>Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</li> <li>Any available photographs of the function.</li> <li>Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ol>		
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22	Kristina Keneally	Executive Office Upgrades	<p>1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	
23	Kristina Keneally	Facilities Upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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	
24	Kristina Keneally	Staff Travel	<p>1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
25	Kristina Keneally	Legal Costs	<p>1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
26	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 be provided including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</li> <li>Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus,</li> </ol>	Written	

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

			months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).		
28	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	<p>1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</p> <p>b. The location and date of the briefing.</p> <p>c. Who proposed the briefing.</p> <p>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
29	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister Arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
30	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Staff Allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
31	Kristina Keneally	Market Research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</p> <p>2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter</p> <p>b. Company</p> <p>c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p> <p>3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>	Written	
32	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and Information Campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:</p> <p>a. When approval was first sought.</p> <p>b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</p> <p>c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</p> <p>3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	Written	
33	Kristina Keneally	Promotional Merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>	Written	
34	Kristina Keneally	Collateral Materials - Events	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written	
35	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Overseas Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided including:</p>	Written	

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36	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Domestic Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister’s travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
37	Kristina Keneally	Social Media Influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency’s total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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	
38	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Equipment	<p>1. What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</p>	Written	
39	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 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>	Written	

			<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>		
40	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
41	Kristina Keneally	Appointments - Briefs Prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	
42	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	<p>1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</p>	Written	
43	Kristina Keneally	Media Monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p>	Written	
44	Kristina Keneally	Communications Staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p>	Written	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. When was it established.</li> <li>c. What is the set up cost.</li> <li>d. What is the ongoing cost.</li> <li>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</li> </ul>		
45	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Staff in Minister's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Duration of secondment.</li> <li>b. APS level.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</li> </ul>	Written	
46	Kristina Keneally	CDDA Payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</li> <li>2. How many claims were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Accepted.</li> <li>b. Rejected.</li> <li>c. Under consideration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</li> <li>b. The date payment was made</li> <li>c. The decision maker.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Written	
47	Kristina Keneally	Congestion Busting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</li> <li>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.</li> </ul>	Written	
48	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</li> <li>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</li> </ul>	Written	
49	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 10 November 2020.</li> <li>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</li> <li>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. How many were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. voluntary</li> <li>b. involuntary.</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</li> <li>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</li> <li>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</li> <li>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date.</li> </ul>	Written	
50	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</li> </ul>	Written	

			2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.		
51	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written	
52	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	
53	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	
54	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
55	Kristina Keneally	Travel and Expense Claim Policy	1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies. 2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.	Written	
56	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of Interest	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 10 November 2020.	Written	
57	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.	Written	
58	Nita Green	Bushfire Recovery Fund	Ms Harrison: Are you talking about our appropriation, or the bushfire funds? Senator GREEN: The bushfire funds. Ms Harrison: With the bushfire funds, we have a whole plan. We've spent most of it, but we have a plan to spend all of it through the end of June. There's a whole plan that I'd be happy to provide you with. Senator GREEN: Okay. Will you need more?	Written	

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Portfolio QNo	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page
1	Bridget McKenzie	Working from Home	How many staff does the agency have working in capital cities, including Canberra?	Written	
2	Bridget McKenzie	Working from Home	Are any agency staff based in rural or regional locations? a. How many? b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?	Written	
3	Bridget McKenzie	Working from Home	How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period December 2020 to March 2021?	Written	
4	Bridget McKenzie	Working from Home	In response to question 430 (2) the agency responded that productivity remained the same or slightly higher during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic than pre-pandemic. How will the agency work to maintain or increase productivity when staff return to working from their office/usual workplace? a. What opportunity exists for the agency to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?	Written	
5	Bridget McKenzie	Working from Home	For question 430 (3), agency data shows a 31.7 per cent decrease in the personal/sick leave taken between April to November 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave taken? a. How will the agency work to maintain the reduction in the personal/sick leave taken? b. If the agency has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of the personal/sick leave taken rate for these staff compared to city-based staff?	Written	
6	Katy Gallagher	Staffing profile	1. Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by: • APS ongoing; headcount and ASL; • APS non-ongoing; headcount and ASL; • Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and • Other contractors.; headcount and FTE	Written	
7	Katy Gallagher	Labour Hire arrangements	2. Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.	Written	
8	Katy Gallagher	Labour Hire arrangements	3. Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.	Written	
9	Katy Gallagher	Working from Home	1. How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published 'Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces' on 29 September 2020?	Written	
10	Katy Gallagher	Working from Home	2. How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.	Written	
11	Kimberley Kitching	COVID Workforce Support	1. Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	
12	Kimberley Kitching	COVID Workforce Support	2. Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	
13	Kimberley Kitching	COVID Workforce Support	3. In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	



14	Kimberley Kitching	COVID Workforce Support	4. In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	
15	Kimberley Kitching	COVID Workforce Support	5. Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars.	Written	
16	Kimberley Kitching	COVID Workforce Support	6. Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	
17	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020: 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	
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20	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	

21	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
22	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.	Written	
23	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
24	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
25	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 be provided including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.	Written	
26	Kristina Keneally	FOI	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and; f. 2020-21 to date. 2. For each year above, please provide: a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 3. For each year above, please also provide: a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 4. For each year above, please also provide: a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material. 5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for each of the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and;	Written	

			<p>g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p> <p>9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and</p> <p>b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>		
27	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	<p>1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</p> <p>b. The location and date of the briefing.</p> <p>c. Who proposed the briefing.</p> <p>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
28	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
29	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
30	Kristina Keneally	Market research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</p> <p>2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter</p> <p>b. Company</p> <p>c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p> <p>3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>	Written	
31	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:</p> <p>a. When approval was first sought.</p> <p>b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</p> <p>c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</p> <p>3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>	Written	
32	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>	Written	

33	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written	
34	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
35	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
36	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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	
37	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	<p>What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
38	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 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>	Written	

			<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>		
39	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
40	Kristina Keneally	Appointments – briefs prepared	<p>1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister’s office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	
41	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	<p>1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
42	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.</p>	Written	
43	Kristina Keneally	Communications staff	<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>	Written	

44	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	
45	Kristina Keneally	CDDA Payments	<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</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	
46	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.</p>	Written	
47	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	
48	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 10 November 2020.</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date.</p>	Written	
49	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
50	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
51	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
52	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</p>	Written	
53	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</p>	Written	

54	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</li> <li>2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</li> </ol>	Written	
55	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</li> <li>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 10 November 2020.</li> </ol>	Written	
56	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</li> <li>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.</li> </ol>	Written	