

Export Finance Australia QON Index – Budget Estimates 2020-21

QNo	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	ProofHansardPage
1	Mackenzie	Employees	What is the number of public servants working from home for each month from the Department?	Written	N/A
2	Mackenzie	Employees	How has the Department measured increased, static or declining productivity and what are the conclusions from that measure?	Written	N/A
3	Mackenzie	Employees	What is the number of sick days from the Department with a work-from-home workforce for each month of the lockdown and the corresponding sick days for the corresponding months in 2019?	Written	N/A
4	Kitching	National Interest Account	<p>BACKGROUND: As recorded in its 2019-2020 Annual Report, EFA provided \$1.1 billion in financial assistance to a total of 136 customers during the 2019-2020 financial year. This included \$411.5 million in finance to 120 customers through the Commercial Account and \$675.1 million to 16 customers through the National Interest Account. In comparison, according to EFA’s 2018-2019 Annual Report, only \$10 million of the \$377 million in total financing was supported through the NIA that year. Given the Commonwealth bears all risks and losses of the NIA, it is of high importance to determine whether appropriate steps have been taken by EFA to mitigate the risks associated with such large transactions.</p> <p>QUESTION: Is it common practice for EFA to provide such large individual transactions through the National Interest Account?</p>	Written	N/A
5	Kitching	National Interest Account	Is it your opinion that EFA has taken every precaution possible to reduce the risks involved in such large transactions?	Written	N/A
6	Kitching	National Interest Account	Given the current volatile global economic state brought on by COVID-19, how can EFA guarantee that such investments are economically viable to Australian taxpayers?	Written	N/A
7	Kitching	US\$300m Sovereign Loan to PNG	<p>BACKGROUND: Of the \$675.1 million in economic assistance financed through the National Interest Account, a \$441 million “sovereign loan” was issued to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.</p>	Written	N/A

			QUESTION: Are you able to explain the process of how transactions are usually deemed to be in Australia's best interest?		
8	Kitching	US\$300m Sovereign Loan to PNG	Is it your opinion that this transaction meets the above criteria?	Written	N/A
9	Kitching	US\$300m Sovereign Loan to PNG	Is it common practice for EFA to provide such large transactions to a foreign government through the NIA?	Written	N/A
10	Kitching	US\$300m Sovereign Loan to PNG	Does EFA remain confident in the Minister's statement that this transaction will not incur a cost to Australian Taxpayers?	Written	N/A
11	Kitching	US\$300m Sovereign Loan to PNG	Given the history of corruption and mismanagement of funds within the Papua New Guinea government, what measures have been put in place to mitigate the financial exposure associated with the loan?	Written	N/A
12	Kitching	US\$300m Sovereign Loan to PNG	What is the purpose of this loan?	Written	N/A
13	Gallagher	Contractors	Please provide the following figures: a. Expenditure on all contractors for 2019-20 b. Expenditure on all contracts with labour hire firms for 2019-20 c. Headcount of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as at 30 June 2020 i. In total ii. As a percentage of total staff headcount d. As a percentage mark-up on the cost of the contractor, the maximum and minimum fees paid to labour hire firms in 2019-20	Written	N/A
14	Gallagher	Contractors	Has the agency performed any analysis on whether it costs more to engage staff as contractors compared with hiring staff as employees? If yes, please provide this analysis.	Written	N/A
15	Gallagher	Contractors	Has the agency engaged any Senior Executive Service or equivalent positions on a contract/labour hire basis? If yes, please provide details.	Written	N/A

16	Gallagher	Market research	<p>In relation to contracts for market research:</p> <p>a. How much has been spent to date since 1 January 2020?</p> <p>b. How much has been spent since 24 August 2018?</p> <p>c. Please provide a table with all contracts entered into since 1 January 2020 along with the following information:</p> <p>i. Total contract value</p> <p>ii. Supplier</p> <p>iii. If it was approved by the Service Delivery and Coordination Committee</p>	Written	N/A
17	Kitching	Executive management	<p>In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 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	N/A
18	Kitching	Ministerial functions	<p>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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 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	N/A
19	Kitching	Departmental functions	<p>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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p>	Written	N/A

			<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>		
20	Kitching	Executive office upgrades	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	N/A
21	Kitching	Customised and special-order furniture and office supplies	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020, can the Department/agency advise the quantum spent on customised and special-ordered furniture and office supplies (excluding items such as ergonomic desks and chairs and items required for work, health and safety purposes). Please provide a full breakdown, descriptions and cost.	Written	N/A
22	Kitching	Facilities upgrades	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 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.	Written	N/A
23	Kitching	Facilities upgrades	If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).	Written	N/A
24	Kitching	Facilities upgrades	If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.	Written	N/A
25	Kitching	Staff travel	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.	Written	N/A
26	Kitching	Legal costs	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.	Written	N/A
27	Kitching	Secretariat travel	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	Written	N/A

			<p>2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 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>		
28	Kitching	Departmental staff allowances	Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.	Written	N/A
29	Kitching	Market research	Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.	Written	N/A
30	Kitching	Market research	<p>If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter</p> <p>b. Company</p> <p>c. Costs for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p>	Written	N/A
31	Kitching	Market research	Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.	Written	N/A
32	Kitching	Advertising and information campaigns	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.	Written	N/A
33	Kitching	Advertising and information campaigns	<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</p>	Written	N/A

			Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.		
34	Kitching	Advertising and information campaigns	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.	Written	N/A
35	Kitching	Promotional merchandise	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.	Written	N/A
36	Kitching	Promotional merchandise	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.	Written	N/A
37	Kitching	Promotional merchandise	Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.	Written	N/A
38	Kitching	Ministerial overseas travel	Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020 please be provided including: a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.	Written	N/A

39	Kitching	Social media influencers	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020	Written	N/A
40	Kitching	Social media influencers	What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.	Written	N/A
41	Kitching	Social media influencers	Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.	Written	N/A
42	Kitching	Social media influencers	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.	Written	N/A
43	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.	Written	N/A
44	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.	Written	N/A
45	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	The background and credentials of the Review personnel.	Written	N/A
46	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel.	Written	N/A
47	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.	Written	N/A
48	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.	Written	N/A

49	Kitching	Commissioned reports and reviews	What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.	Written	N/A
50	Kitching	Board appointments	Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.	Written	N/A
51	Kitching	Board appointments	What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio	Written	N/A
52	Kitching	Board appointments	Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date	Written	N/A
53	Kitching	Board appointments	What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.	Written	N/A
54	Kitching	Board appointments	What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.	Written	N/A
55	Kitching	Board appointments	What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.	Written	N/A
56	Kitching	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.	Written	N/A
57	Kitching	Media monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 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 FY 2020-21.</p>	Written	N/A
58	Kitching	Media monitoring	<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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 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</p>	Written	N/A

			monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21.		
59	Kitching	Departmental staff in Minister's office	Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment. b. APS level.	Written	N/A
60	Kitching	Departmental staff in Minister's office	Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.	Written	N/A
61	Kitching	CDDA payments	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020?	Written	N/A
62	Kitching	CDDA payments	How many claims were: a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration.	Written	N/A
63	Kitching	CDDA payments	Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.	Written	N/A
64	Kitching	Recruitment	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.	Written	N/A
65	Kitching	Recruitment	Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.	Written	N/A
66	Kitching	Staffing	How many full-time equivalent staff were engaged at each of 30 June 2019, 30 June 2020 and at 10 November 2020.	Written	N/A
67	Kitching	Staffing	How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.	Written	N/A
68	Kitching	Staffing	How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020. How many were: a. voluntary b. involuntary.	Written	N/A

69	Kitching	Staffing	How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.	Written	N/A
70	Kitching	Staffing	What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.	Written	N/A
71	Kitching	Staffing	How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.	Written	N/A
72	Kitching	Staffing	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.	Written	N/A
73	Kitching	Comcare	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 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.	Written	N/A
74	Kitching	Comcare	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.	Written	N/A
75	Kitching	Fair Work Commission	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 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020.	Written	N/A
76	Kitching	Fair Work Ombudsman	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	N/A
77	Kitching	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	N/A
78	Kitching	Public Interest Disclosures	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	N/A