

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE— SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES – 26 October 2017

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

No. QoN	Senator	Topic	Question	Responsible Agency	Spoken/ Written	Hansard Page
001	Wong	DPRK sanctions	<p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Senator Wong asked that we table a document setting out Australia's autonomous DPRK sanctions implemented earlier this year. We table a document which does this covering amendments to the sanctions regime in July and August this year. Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Could I have one follow-up? Does that mean we would now have, with a question on notice about which I was asking questions and this, a full list of all the sanctions that Australia is engaged in with respect to the DPRK? If not, can I have them in a document?</p> <p><b>Mr Larsen:</b> Yes, you can. I will give you some more material, because there are also some sanctions that have been implemented pursuant to the security council resolution regime.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Mr Larsen, could you do a consolidated document so we can look at one thing that says, 'This is the state of Australia's sanctions, unilateral and multilateral, against the DPRK?' That would be best.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	7 and 42
002	Wong	Myanmar - Rohingya	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I want to come to that point. Can I first ask about the Kofi Annan report. The Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, chaired by Mr Annan, provided the report <i>Towards a Peaceful, Fair and Prosperous Future for the People of Rakhine</i>. Has the government articulated a position in relation to that report?</p> <p><b>Mr Green:</b> The government of Myanmar?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No—our government.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	14

			<p><b>Mr Green:</b> I don't know whether it's been said in public in any forum, but I can tell you that the position of the government is we support the Annan report and we stand ready to support it not only with words but with funding if there is a possibility of supporting the particular measures that the report indicates are important.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> It's obviously in the interests of humanity, but also in the international community's interests, for the recommendations of that report to be implemented, given the circumstances you've outlined. Why hasn't the government made any public statement supportive of the Annan recommendations?</p> <p><b>Mr Green:</b> I would have to check whether the government has made a statement. But if I can explain—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Let me take that on notice. It may be that the foreign minister has said something.</p>			
003	Singh	Rohingya - Humanitarian aid	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> I'm interested in the number of unaccompanied minors currently residing in Cox's Bazar.</p> <p><b>Mr Isbister:</b> We can take that on notice and provide you with that.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	17
004	Moore	Rohingya-	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can I just ask one question. You can take this away. I'd really like to get the funding actually defined as to where it's gone up until now. Mr Isbister, you've been giving bits of information—that this much is going there and this much is going there. Could we get that spelt out.</p> <p>Also, on the website it talks about the number of people who are going to be assisted. I know that doesn't link, because this could include our joint arrangements with other agencies as well. I just want to ask one question. When we got the numbers earlier, there was the 600,000, which is the current discussed number about the people who are fleeing at the moment, and the number who are in Bangladesh now is about 830,000, including the people who've been stuck there for years in terms of the process. On the website it says: 'The people who are displaced, 603,000; the people in need,</p>	DFAT	Spoken	19

			<p>1,200,000.' Can I just ask, not now but on notice, what those figures mean.</p> <p><b>Mr Isbister:</b> The main reason is that those in need are not just Rohingya refugees. There are also host communities.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Isbister:</b> The figures that Ms Klugman and Mr Green gave were around the Rohingya, both those who had been before 25 August and those subsequent, but the figures in the Humanitarian Response Plan also include some Bangladeshi in host communities who would be receiving some assistance.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I thought that would be the case, but that's absolutely not clear in the way the website process is put up. It's under the heading 'assistance in response to displacement from Rakhine State, Myanmar'. That's the heading. As you know, there is so much interest at the moment across the community in this. I think people are confused, and they need to get information as straight as they possibly can.</p> <p><b>Mr Isbister:</b> Point taken, Senator. We'll make sure we—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> That would be great.</p> <p><b>Mr Isbister:</b> Just on the figures: we can provide that quite easily</p>			
005	Singh	Rohingya	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Can you provide on notice the responses that have been given to the Australian government from the Myanmar government?</p> <p><b>Mr Green:</b> Some of those would be in private. But, to the extent that they're in the public domain, I would be happy to do that, Senator.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	20
006	Singh	Myanmar - Rohingya	<p><b>Senator SINGH:</b> Finally, if we can go back to the pledging conference that occurred last Monday, understanding Australia pledged \$10 million, I just want to know how that compares with other countries and whether our portion is a fair share compared to the other countries?</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Mr Isbister:</b> With the actual pledges on one day, we will take it on notice and give you a figure, but we were certainly</p>	DFAT	Spoken	22 -23

			in the top five with the additional \$10 million that we provided with other donors.			
007	Wong	DPRK letter	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I've got a few questions here but I think I've got the answer. The decision to make the letter public was made in the foreign minister's office?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I think that's a question for the foreign minister's office.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I will ask Senator Brandis, he can take on notice who decided to make that letter public?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Yes.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	11
008	Abetz	Myanmar - Rohingya	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Having visited the refugee camps along the Thailand border, can you advise what ongoing support the Australian government is providing in that area or to those camps?</p> <p><b>Mr Green:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Alright, please do.</p> <p><b>Mr Isbister:</b> Just briefly, I'd say we continue to provide humanitarian assistance on the Thai-Burma border. The exact amount in this calendar year we can take that on notice and come back to you on.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	24
009	Moore	Myanmar - Rohingya	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> There are a couple of final questions from us around the issue in Myanmar. They relate to Woodside having a third gas discovery off a Rakhine state frontier in Myanmar on 14 August. Can the department tell us what Australian companies have operations in this area? Is there any support being sought by these companies in terms of their own safety, the safety of their personnel, the safety of their investment? Has there been any impact on the activities—it's mainly mining, as we know. Is there any particular process from the government to ensure that companies or their employees are not involved in the crisis, either as victims or as perpetrators?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can we put those on notice then, Mr Green. They're questions that we haven't put to you in the number of briefings which the department has provided to</p>	DFAT	Spoken	35

			<p>people in this place. I want to put on record our appreciation for the number of briefings that DFAT has provided in response to genuine interest in this parliament around all these issues. So can I put that on record. If you could get us a response to that from the whole position of the Woodside company and any other Australian companies that may have activity there. That would be very useful.</p> <p><b>Mr Green:</b> We will get back to you with what we can.</p>			
010	McKim	Myanmar - Rohingya	<p><b>Senator McKIM:</b> The department can take this on notice.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I'm sure they can take it on notice, Senator McKim.</p> <p><b>Senator McKIM:</b> I want to know: to the best of the department's awareness, how many Australian companies currently have investments in Rakhine State, including the Rakhine Basin. And, if there are companies, who are they and to what extent do they have people or assets on the ground in either Rakhine State or Rakhine Basin?</p>	DFAT	Spoken	38
011	Di Natale	Adani Coal Mine	<p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Have any assurances about the level of public support provided by the Australian government been given?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Not that I'm aware of. But, as this matter crosses a number of portfolios, I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Has Adani made any request of DFAT with regard to the advocacy that DFAT has offered internationally?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I'll take that on notice. You were asking a very specific question, and I want to check before I answer it. I may be able to come back to you this afternoon. If I can do that, I will.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> So you are not aware if Adani has requested any support from the Australian government—any lobbying; any advocacy of any sort?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I'm not aware. I will check with Ms Klugman.</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> As the secretary said, the department, including through our high commission in Delhi, has stayed</p>	DFAT	Spoken	39

			in occasionally contact with the Adani company for updates on the progress of the project. On any specific requests from the Adani company to the Australian government for specific pieces of advocacy, as the secretary said, we will have to take that on notice. As you know, the government's position of support for this development has been repeated, including publicly, many times by representatives of the government.			
012	Di Natale	Adani Coal Mine	<p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Just to be clear: were those letters that Senator Brandis referred to, effectively advocating for the proposal, written at the request of the Adani company?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Senator, I didn't refer to letters; I referred to a letter written by the Australian government to the Chinese government to confirm the project has received all necessary Queensland state government and Australian government environmental and mining approvals. So that's not advocacy; that is informing the Chinese government of certain facts.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Was that at Adani's request that that letter was sent?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't know.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> We'll get back to you on that, Senator. But I would expect so, because a letter setting out the status of the project would have been generated as a result of a perceived need for that, I expect. But I will come back to you on that after the lunch break.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	40
013	Lambie, Di Natale and Xenophon	Adani Coal Mine	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Maybe you can enlighten me—why do you need to let the Chinese government know that you are approving all the environmental approvals. Does this have to do with money being lent by the Chinese? Is this a protocol matter where you let the Chinese government know in your letter what is going on with the environmental procedure—what's the rationale behind that?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I don't have the letter to hand, Senator—</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> That's okay. If you can tell me the rationale.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	40,43, 44

**Senator Brandis:** I'm not in a position to answer your question beyond telling you, as I've told Senator Di Natale, that the letter, as I'm advised, merely confirms certain facts.

**Senator DI NATALE:** Did the letter also include information about public support for the mine?

**Senator Brandis:** I don't have the letter, Senator.

**Senator DI NATALE:** Could we have that letter tabled?

**Ms Adamson:** I don't have the letter, Senator.

**Senator DI NATALE:** Are you prepared to table that letter?

**Senator Brandis:** We will take your request on notice and see if we can help you.

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... **Senator XENOPHON:** Thank you. I understand Senator Brandis's unequivocal statements of the government's support for the Adani project, and that's well known. This letter to the Chinese government hasn't been well known. I understand that that will be tabled or provided in due course. Are you able to table that now or not?

**Ms Adamson:** We said we'd take that question on notice.

**Senator XENOPHON:** So you are not committing to tabling that?

**Ms Adamson:** No, I'm not committing to that.

**Senator XENOPHON:** Why not?

**Ms Adamson:** Because the letter, as I understand it—and I don't have a copy myself—has a couple of signatories, and there needs to be a consultation. It's not that we're not willing to, but it's not within my remit to say, yes, we can.

**Senator XENOPHON:** I understand. Can you tell me which part of the Chinese government was written to and at what level?

**Ms Adamson:** I think but would need to check that it was the National Development and Reform Commission. The chairman is He Lifeng, as I recall.

**Senator XENOPHON:** I am trying to understand. Why did the department see fit to write to the Chinese government about publicly available information about approvals? And

			<p>was this the only information or request in that letter?  <b>Ms Adamson:</b> The letter was not written by the department.  <b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Sorry. In terms of the correspondence, you're saying that the department didn't write the letter? It was written by the Australian government. Who wrote the letter to the Chinese government?  <b>Ms Adamson:</b> It was not written by the department.  <b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Okay, so you'll take on notice who wrote that letter and the content of that letter.  <b>Ms Adamson:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Will we be able to obtain that letter as well?  <b>CHAIR:</b> They have already taken it on notice. (p.44)</p>			
014	Di Natale	Adani Coal Mine	<p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Have ministers or officials had conversations with any foreign officials, beyond the letter that you describe, where they have indicated that the project has all the necessary approvals or that the project would proceed?  <b>Ms Adamson:</b> Again, Senator, not that I'm aware of. Senator Brandis has mentioned a single letter. I said in response to your earlier question that the fact that there are a number of documents I've identified for review shouldn't be read to imply there's been a significant amount of departmental activity. In fact, my understanding is that there has not been a significant amount of departmental activity.  <b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> I'm also asking for any correspondence, any meetings or conversations with foreign officials beyond the letter that's been described. Could you take that on notice?  <b>Ms Adamson:</b> I will, Senator.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	40



015	Di Natale	Adani Coal Mine	<p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Has any representation been made about funding by the NAIF? I'm asking if in any of the correspondence—obviously, we have the letter that Senator Brandis says he will consider tabling—but beyond that letter, in other conversations or other correspondence, has any representation been made around whether a loan from the NAIF might proceed?</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Does any of the correspondence include information about Efic and any support that might be provided in the form of loans, insurance, et cetera?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> As I say, Senator, I'm not aware of any such correspondence, beyond the single letter about which I've got some information. What I've said to you is that we will take on notice your request—may we take it compendiously to be a request—to examine what, if any, correspondence there is in relation to the matter, without conceding that there is, in fact, any correspondence beyond the one letter about which I have instructions.</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I want to add to an answer I gave before the luncheon adjournment in response to questions from Senator McKim. I said I wasn't aware of Adani having sought funding from the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility. Adani has sought funding from the NAIF for its multi-user rail project linking the Carmichael mine with the port of Abbot Point. Investment decisions under the NAIF are made by an independent board. The government is not involved in those decisions. It's entirely a matter for that board as to what the decision would be. I'm advised the NAIF board is yet to make a decision in relation to the funding application.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	40 and 43
016	Di Natale	Adani Mine - Pacific Island Views	<p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Let me ask this directly: have any Pacific Island leaders urged the Australian government not to proceed with the mine?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I'm not aware of any representation, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Not just representations—has there</p>	DFAT	Spoken	42

			<p>been any forum or any context in which Pacific Island leaders have urged Australia not to proceed with the Adani mine?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I can take that on record, if you wish, but I am not aware of any specific request of that nature.</p>			
017	Xenophon	Adani – FOI request and letter to China	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Attorney, you said in an opening statement on this that the Commonwealth through its diplomatic missions, as I understand it, made representations to dispel the misrepresentations about the Adani project. Are you able to provide us, or can the department provide us, with details of those representations you the referred to and the context of those representations?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We'll take that on notice, Senator. The only example of which I have any information is the one letter to the Chinese government, which I've referred to. I don't know if there were any others, but, in any event, we will inquiry.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I am not aware, either, that there was anything other than that letter, although Ms Klugman may want to talk about it from an Indian perspective, given the regular contact that she referred to earlier between—</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Given what the Attorney said quite openly, could we get copies of those letters and the associated documents in respect of that.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Certainly, but I want to stress, Senator, that the government's position of support for the Adani mine is very publicly known and, as the officers have said, from time to time there have been dealings with the High Commission in New Delhi and the company to basically update the situation. So, presumably, the government's support for what Adani proposes to do is generally known in India.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	42

018	Xenophon	FOI	<p><b>Mr Larsen:</b> The FOI process is currently in train. It's been the subject of one extension of time, and a further extension of time has been requested. So the reference to substantial searches covers various posts and various offices, and potentially a large number of documents have been looked at. That doesn't mean that a large number of documents are necessarily relevant.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Although reference is made to several hundred pages of documents. I'm trying to understand how those documents fell within the scope of the request.</p> <p><b>Mr Larsen:</b> The request is currently underway. I don't have visibility of the particularly documents that the reviewer is looking at, but my understanding is that there are several hundred pages of documents potentially—</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> What search terms were used in the context of this?</p> <p><b>Mr Larsen:</b> I don't know the answer to that.</p> <p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> If you could take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> The original request was very broad. It would've been unmanageable. We've been seeking to narrow the scope of the request, and that process is underway. But I can say to you, for the avoidance of all doubt, that this does not indicate a great deal of activity on the department's part at all.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	43
019	Rice	Falun Gong	<p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Finally, I'm interested in Chinese human rights and, particularly, the treatment of Falun Gong practitioners, which I raised at estimates 12 months ago. I'm interested in knowing what representations the Australian government has made this year, in relation to human rights abuses by Falun Gong practitioners, and what the Chinese government's response has been, and what the response has been to the Senate motion, that was moved last November, asking the Australian government to consider making it an offence to travel overseas to receive an organ acquired from a non-consensual donor, and establishing a register of Australians travelling overseas to acquire organ transplants.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	46

			<p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> We have raised human rights, in relation to Falun Gong, with China on a number of occasions. I'll have to take on notice the last time we raised it specifically in relation to Falun Gong. China's response to those representations has been to repudiate the notion that there are abuses going on. They regard any actions by the authorities against Falun Gong is of a lawful judicial nature and not as an abuse of human rights.</p>			
020	Kitching	Joyce citizenship presser	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Senator Brandis, firstly, did the foreign minister speak with you before holding the press conference?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I recall speaking with the foreign minister about the subject, but I don't know when the press conference was, whether it was before or after. Regarding the press conference of which you speak, I'm not in a position to tell you.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> It was 15 August and it was the press conference where the foreign minister discussed the fact that New Zealand was facing an election and that it would be very hard to build trust with those involved in allegations designed to undermine the government of Australia. It was that press conference. You did speak with her on the subject matter, but—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> I recall being in conversations with the foreign minister about the matter because it was the political event du jour when it happened for a couple of days. But, as to the sequence of events, I'm not in a position to tell you because I don't remember.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Are you aware of whether the foreign minister spoke with any other ministers?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> That's a question you'd have to ask the foreign minister.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Can you take it on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Yes.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	47

021	Kitching	Public Diplomacy - Fashion	<p><b>Mr Byrne:</b> What we can provide on notice is a list of fashion related public diplomacy events conducted either in Australia or through our overseas posts in the life of or since the life of that strategy in 2014.</p> <p>...<b>Ms Adamson:</b> We can get you the information that you need. I think what my colleague was rightly worried about, given the resources pressures on us, was just the degree of detail that you wanted, but we can give you a sense of the sorts of things that we do—things like the consulate-general in Hong Kong facilitating and promoting AFC involvement in the world's largest leather trade show in March this year.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Sure. Information about the industry and—</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Yes, scholarships, education—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> if there are particular designers that are being focused on—that's the kind of thing that we want to know. In 2014-15, under a particular heading of fashion diplomacy, which was a newly promoted phrase in the program, we would like to know where it happened, the kinds of things it was focused on and who was involved. Give us what you can give us and then we'll come back.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> We'll give you examples of that to illustrate the points that we've been making.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> And maybe the value of the program, if that's possible.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	51 and 52
022	Wong	ODA Expenditure	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. If you can do that, I'll have a look at them in the next break and see if there's anything I want to come back on. Can I go to question on notice 67, please. This is on the use of private contractors. You gave me some information—I asked about NGOs and engaging the private sector—and there is a table on page 2 of that, which sets out the amounts of money for contractors. There's also question on notice 236. This is, I think, an answer to a question from Senator Ludlam. So I'll be referring to both of those. At the</p>	DFAT	Spoken	53

			<p>bottom of the table on page 2 of question on notice 67, where it says 'Total ODA expenditure', under 'amount expended', is that actual expenditure, can you tell me what that figure represents? Is that actual expenditure to a particular date for the 2016-17 year?</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> That would be correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sorry. There's an asterisk on the next page: 'Data correct as of 10 March 2017'. That would mean 'actual expenditure from ODA as at 10 March 2017'. Can I have an updated figure, an equivalent table?</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> I have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. And what about an updated figure for the last line item, 'Total ODA expenditure'?</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> Yes. Absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You don't have that now? Because that's an actual expenditure for the past financial year.</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> I don't have that information with me, no. We can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. Question on notice 236—actually it might be 235. My staff have just reminded me there's a distinction between DFAT ODA—of course—can I have Australian ODA total—so whole of government. I apologise.</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> Thank you, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I apologise, but I think it's meant to be question on notice 235 actually. That's the one with the table which breaks down ODA by different delivery partner type: 'multilateral, contractors, NGOs and other partners'. Is this DFAT ODA or whole-of-government ODA?</p>			
023	Wong	ODA managed by contractors	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> While that's happening, Senator Ludlam asked chamber question on notice No. 409, on essentially the same topic, the percentage of ODA managed by managing contractors, NGOs and so forth, I'd like an update to parts 3, 4 and 5 of that answer. I suspect you'll have to take that on notice. That is the proportion of aid funding expended through managing contractors as a percentage of total aid funding variation—top 10 contractors by amount, and the three largest contract holders by number of contracts.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	53 and 54

			<p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Yes, we'll probably have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I understand.</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> Senator, we could do that for the 2016-17 financial year. Is that what you would like?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes. If you look at chamber question on notice No. 409, asked by Senator Ludlam on 17 March, and if you could update in similar terms parts 3, 4 and 5.</p>			
024	Wong	ODA managed by contractors	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Are you able to tell me the total ODA delivered through the five largest contractors from 2012-13 to present?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> We would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. Perhaps the best way to do that is— Senator Gallacher asked, if you could update information provided at question on notice No. 182 and No. 183 from the additional estimates round.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	54
025	Wong	ODA Expenditure and contractors	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Of our bilateral aid programs—bilateral country programs—I want to know how many of those would have had the majority, or perhaps even all, of their ODA expenditure either delivered through contracting out or some other competitive tender process.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I don't think there would be any with 'all'. But we'll have to take it on notice. We can provide that information, yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Senator, I just want to be clear about the question. In no case would we contract out the whole of the aid budget for delivering aid programs in a particular country, but are you talking about the proportion of aid delivered in that country, which might come from multilateral programs, delivered by major contractors—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I tell you what sparked our interest?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> It was a DFAT notice in relation to a Fiji aid program tender, which was headed 'proposed single facility' for delivery of Australia's bilateral aid program in Fiji. And it appears to suggest the government intended to engage a single service provider to manage the facility in</p>	DFAT	Spoken	54

			<p>support of the multiple bilateral programs. I wanted to understand if that was an architecture that was being piloted or whether this was now a sort of commonplace approach.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I wouldn't call it common. It's in a number of locations, three or four that I'm aware of. So it's a facility that has been put in place, and the Fiji one is an example and Mr Sloper can talk more about that. So, yes, they're reasonably new in that sense.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So you have three such—I will come to Mr Sloper—</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Three or four—I would have to take that on notice.</p>			
026	Wong	Ongoing bilateral program with Fiji	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> In relation to single facility, what sort of proportion of Australian ODA goes via that architecture?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I will use an example from Fiji because that was where we started. The facility I think you're referring to is \$66 million over five years from 2017 to 2021. If it's the same one we're talking about, it was accorded to Coffey international development on 23 January in this year.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> How much for the ongoing bilateral program is delivered through this architecture?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I would have to work out the exact percentage. As I said, the contract, as I'm aware, is \$66 million over five years. I will just need to do the maths and divide it for you and work it out as a percentage.</p> <p>... <b>Senator WONG:</b> Did you give me a figure in the end?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I gave an estimate of the percentage, which is approximately a third, not the exact figure. I just need to check the yellow book. I don't have the figures with me in terms of the forecast for the forward years in the Fiji bilateral.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	55 and 56



027	Wong	GNI target	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, I'd like to do both. I'd like to understand what you understand to be the history in the Australian context of the target of 0.5 per cent of GNI target and the target of 0.7 per cent of GNI.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Well, certainly—while Mr Exell comes to the table—in terms of the bipartisan approach to the 0.5 per cent, leading up to the last few years, I think we've had discussions here on the government's position on that target. But there was a bipartisan target for a number of years, which you're very familiar with from when you were in government previously. That's no longer the target, for the reasons that we've outlined here previously around budget considerations and the like. So, that's my history on the 0.5. Mr Exell might be able to give a bit more on the 0.7.</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> Sorry, Senator, but I can't give you specifics of the years in which various governments have committed to a 0.7 or a 0.5 target. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, what's the history of 0.7? What's the genesis of it?</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> The OECD DAC target? Again, I'd have to take on notice the specific years, by my understanding is that, when we look at the gap between financing needs of developing countries and countries' burden or ability to support that gap, then there was a general agreement at a global level for that as an aspirational target.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Well, the target of 0.5 was originally in place, as you know, as a bipartisan arrangement, and then the discussions here—and Mr Wood might have the exact words—have been that given the budget situation and the need for budget repair there's not a target set, the way I understand it.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Not even an aspirational target?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Well, I would like to check the words. I'd like to actually be clear—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure. Perhaps you can, on notice, or perhaps after the break, explain what you understand the</p>	DFAT	Spoken	59-60
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			<p>policy position to be.  <b>Mr McDonald:</b> Okay. Thanks</p>			
028	Wong	Aid - contracts	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'm conscious that some of my colleagues might have questions, so I'll just do one more thing and then others might want to jump in. KPMG, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Deloitte, and Ernst &amp; Young: how many contracts do each of these four firms currently hold with DFAT? And what is the total value?  <b>Mr Gilling:</b> We would have to take that on notice.  ...  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. So, on notice, can I have the total number of contracts currently held with DFAT and the total value of those contracts? And, across the financial years since 2007-08, can you give me an annual spend on contracts with those four consultants?  <b>Mr Gilling:</b> Yes.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	60
029	Kitching	World Vision	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Once that matter's finalised in the court, will you then release your findings?  <b>Mr McDonald:</b> The World Vision reports are a matter for them.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> But yours?  <b>Mr McDonald:</b> Yes, of course we can provide our report to you. The recommendations were really around some management aspects of our program, which we've already implemented and put in place. Yes, we've actioned it. Yes, I'm happy to take that on notice and provide that at an appropriate time.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	62
030	Abetz	Middle East – Aid to Palestinian Authority	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Do we know how much foreign aid all-up the Palestinian Authority receives from around the world?  <b>Mr McDonald:</b> We would know that, but we'd have to take that on notice.  <b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Are you able to tell me how much from Australia—if need be, you can take that on notice as well.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	69

			<b>Mr McDonald:</b> Yes, we'll take it on notice.			
031	Abetz	Middle East – Palestinian Authority	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Does the Palestinian Authority pay families who have family members in prison or have been killed, to quote the Palestinian Authority, 'in the struggle against Zion'?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I've seen those reports. Certainly, in relation to our aid program, I can confirm that that's not the case. I don't know if Mr Neuhaus wants to add—</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> I wasn't asking about the aid program. I'm asking whether the Palestinian Authority, to your knowledge, pay families who have family members in prison or have been killed, to quote the Palestinian Authority, 'in the struggle against Zion'. I'm not asking where the money is coming from, just whether that is, in fact, a correct statement.</p> <p><b>Mr Neuhaus:</b> Yes, there are such payments.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Did the Palestinian Authority's latest budget boost those payments by 13 per cent?</p> <p><b>Mr Neuhaus:</b> I have heard reports of that, but I would have to confirm the detail.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> If you could, please. I understand that, with that boost, it is now at a total of \$344 million. Could you check that as well.</p> <p><b>Mr Neuhaus:</b> We will check that.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	69
032	Abetz	Mugabe goodwill Ambassador to WHO	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> That is good to hear. Can I move on to the 'inspired' decision of the World Health Organization to appoint Mr Mugabe as a goodwill ambassador. I trust Australia had something to say about that?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> We did indeed.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Good! Take on notice what was said and done. I understand—</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> We were very active, including over the weekend, in ensuring that our views were registered.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	71

			<b>Mr McDonald:</b> In fact the Minister for Health wrote a letter, which we were consulted on over the weekend. Of course, there was very quick action from a number of countries in relation to that and that appointment's now been rescinded.			
033	McCarthy	Ambassador Hockey - Statement on Darwin	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Okay, thank you. Just this week, there have been two days of defence summit talks in Darwin. And this week the Northern Territory Chief Minister spoke about defence and northern development and how they're inseparable, just as northern development and Aboriginal participation are inseparable, and how we could be launching rockets into space from Arnhem Land within a year. However, speaking at the American Australian Association's annual benefit dinner, where Dow Chemical managing director Andrew Liveris was honoured, Ambassador Hockey said that Darwin was 'barely a city'. Does Ambassador Hockey's statement reflect the view of the Australian government?</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> Senator McCarthy, that is not the view of the Australian government, but I'm not aware that Mr Hockey said that.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> It's been widely reported.</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> Senator Gallacher, the fact that something may be widely reported in the media is absolutely no proof of its accuracy.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Not once, twice!</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS:</b> The department can approach Ambassador Hockey too. Also, we'll take that question on notice.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	73 and 74
034	Wong	United States - Visit by General David Petraeus	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was DFAT involved by in arranging the visit by General Petraeus earlier this year?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Not that I'm aware of. Can you give me a bit more detail?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> He was here on, I think, 6 June this year—General David Petraeus.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I know exactly who you're talking about.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sorry, I thought you might not have heard</p>	DFAT	Spoken	78

			<p>what I said.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I've met him in the past, but not on this occasion, and I'm not aware—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> That's fine.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Normally if the department is engaged in working with visitors, I'm aware of it, but I don't have any knowledge of that, and I'd be surprised if any of my colleagues did.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> On notice: was the department aware he would be travelling to Australia? Did you have any involvement in his visit? Can you detail that involvement? Can you tell me whether the ambassador or the Australian embassy in Washington had any involvement in obtaining agreement to a visit or in arranging the visit?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I am happy to take that on notice.</p>			
035	Wong	Staff at overseas missions	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Your annual report has a summary of the overseas network. I have a few questions about staff at each mission. I'll ask them, and we can discuss in what way you can provide me information. I want to first have some sense of the number of DFAT based staff posted to each overseas mission.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> We'd be happy to give you a break down by region.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> What is your concern about providing breakdowns?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> For a range of reasons, some of which go to security, we do not provide breakdowns of staff within missions—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I don't want to know—sorry, go on.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> That's my answer. I'm very happy to work with you and try to help give you the information that you need without compromising our security.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I don't understand, at the level I'm asking—I don't want to know classifications, names, individuals, any personal characteristics; I just want to know aggregate numbers—why that is a security issue.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	78

			<p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I'd be happy to explain that to you privately.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> By what region can you provide? At what level of aggregation?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Americas, Europe, Middle East and Africa, multilateral, New Zealand and the Pacific, North Asia, South Asia, South-East Asia, over a number of years, 2014-15—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I have that?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Certainly.</p>			
036	Wong	Economists in overseas staffing network	<p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> We can give you a good story about economists in DFAT.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, I don't want a narrative; I want some data. What data can you give me?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Through our workforce planning people, we can give you some.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I want numbers; give me a number.</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Ms Mansfield:</b> We're increasingly able to provide more detail about the particular positions across the department, whether it's in Canberra or overseas, and where those require some degree of economic knowledge. The degree of knowledge varies enormously from people who have economics degrees, who've worked over a number of years in a number of placements in those areas. We have two chief economists now within the department, who are also trying to ensure through our diplomatic academy that more training is provided, not only the expertise needed for particular positions but also a baseline of economic literacy for our people who are posted overseas. We can provide more detail about people with formal economic qualifications and also the range of positions, whether they're in Canberra, overseas, or indeed in our state capitals.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, I'd like the overseas network. Can we focus on that?</p> <p><b>Ms Mansfield:</b> Yes. I can't give you a number right now, but we can come back.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> On notice, why don't you do those three categories? You said state capitals, DFAT, Canberra and</p>	DFAT	Spoken	79

			<p>overseas.</p> <p><b>Ms Mansfield:</b> Yes. Again, within a mission, if you think about somewhere like Tokyo, you'll probably have someone who has a deep level of economic expertise. In a smaller mission, where someone might be across a number of areas, we can give you a sense of what those are.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> The number of Treasury and Finance staff posted overseas?</p> <p><b>Ms Mansfield:</b> I'm afraid I don't have the exact number posted by Treasury, but we can find that.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you give that on notice? You wanted to use the aggregates of the regions.</p> <p><b>Ms Mansfield:</b> We can give you the aggregates.</p>			
037	Wong	New Colombo Plan	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> What data do you have on internships? Do you have average duration?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> We have quite a lot of data. We don't necessarily have it all at our fingertips, but we can manipulate the data that we do have, not necessarily in terribly fine detail, but I would hope that broadly the questions you want to ask, we'd be able to answer, even if we have to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. Do this, and on notice you can see what you can give me. I'd like to know what percentage of scholars take up an internship? Are internships available in every country where NCP scholars study? Can you tell me other countries where internships are difficult to arrange—I think you alluded to that in your previous answer? Are there countries in which the availability of internships is less than demand? And I want to ask a costing question: in terms of the costings underpinning the appropriation for the NCP, what are the assumptions about take-up and average duration of internship?</p> <p><b>Mr Byrne:</b> I think I'd have to take all of those on notice, Senator.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	Page 80

038	Wong	Staff - Language Training	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> On notice—if you could identify the full suite of services that—is it CIT—provide?</p> <p><b>Ms Mudie:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Are you able to give me the equivalent figure to \$8.1 (million) for the previous decade?</p> <p><b>Ms Mudie:</b> I will certainly look back through or records and see what we can find, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. Have they been the provider for that time frame?</p> <p><b>Ms Mudie:</b> CIT?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Mudie:</b> I would again have to check the exact dates of their contract. But we've recently renewed the contract. Previous to that, I would have to check.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	82
039	Wong	Staff language capacity	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Do you set language targets? Do you say: 'We want X Bahasa speakers. We want X Mandarin speakers. We want X French speakers.' Do you do that?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Workforce planning, which Sally Mansfield referred to, factors those sorts of things in—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> People officer?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Yes, indeed. And, when you say—'targets' in terms of numbers, but also in terms of level. Staff know, when they are applying for posting, with ab initio language training they need to get to a particular level. Mostly, we're a pretty competitive bunch and people want to do better than that. But those targets are there.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Without going through it bit by bit, I just want to get a snapshot of what these targets are.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You can do it on notice, Ms Mansfield, if it would be easier. I am trying to get a sense of—where the secretary is sitting, and your executive board, whoever is doing this, what you are seeking to do in terms of workforce language capability over the coming years—levels, which language groups and so forth. Are you able to do something like that?</p> <p><b>Ms Mansfield:</b> Yes. We would be happy to do something</p>	DFAT	Spoken	82 and 83



			<p>like that.</p> <p>...<b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I have a snapshot currently of the relative capacity, between Asian languages and others?</p> <p><b>Ms Mansfield:</b> Again, I would have to provide that to you on notice.</p>			
040	Hanson-Young	Departmental and Ministerial Contact with Sally Zou	<p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> If you need to take questions on notice, then I'm more than happy to do that as well. I would like to know when the minister has met with Sally Zou. She has admitted to meeting her previously. I would like to know when those meetings were and the nature of those meetings.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> I would like to know whether, in these meetings, the issue of diplomatic relations with China was ever raised.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> I also want to know whether DFAT has previously warned the foreign minister from meeting with this particular individual. And, if so, when that warning was issued—</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> I'd like to know, on notice, whether the Department of Foreign Affairs has ever prepared a brief in relation to this individual or any of the companies that are registered against her name here in Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We'll take that on notice.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	83,84, 85
041	Hanson-Young	Mining companies	<p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> I would like to know what, if any, information the department has in relation to the companies Aus Gold Mining Aus Diamond and the Australian Jade Group. I'd like to know if the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade knows how many of these</p>	DFAT	Spoken	83,84, 85

			<p>companies operate mines or have other operations in Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Look, Senator, we'll take these questions on notice so that we can—</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON-YOUNG:</b> You've asked me to read out the questions to take them on notice. That's exactly what I'm doing.</p>			
042	Wong	Acting PM Joyce comments on trade sanctions with China	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. Were the Acting Prime Minister's comments raised with the department by any representatives of the Chinese government?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did DFAT seek to clarify the remarks with representatives of the PRC?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did the foreign minister seek to correct the record?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	89
043	Wong	China - Investment and Infrastructure MoU with China	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was it 2018—the next conference that you flagged that Mr Ciobo would participate in?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> The MOU—is that public? Sorry, I probably should have found it.</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> The MOU that was signed in Beijing—no, that's not public.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I have a copy, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	90
044	Xenophon	Middle East - Israel – Transfer of Persons from Occupied Territories	<p><b>Senator XENOPHON:</b> Well, let's go to this issue: what representations has the Australian government made to its Israeli counterparts on the transfer of protected persons from the West Bank to prisons inside Israel? Have there been any representations made?</p> <p><b>Mr Neuhaus:</b> I would have to take that specific one on notice, but we have made a wide range of representations on issues, which I referred to earlier in evidence before this Senate inquiry.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	92

045	Moore	PNG Governance Facility	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> What is the budget for the Papua New Guinea governance facility?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> As I mentioned, we expect to be up to \$90 million this year. Actual expenditure will vary according to the year and the activities, but we are working on the basis of something in that order. Last year, in 2016-17 it was \$70 million, but that was part of scaling up the new facility and programs.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Do you have figures through until 2020?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I don't have figures through there.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> You don't have them in front of you, but—</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> We can come back to you on notice with that, because it's a set contract with a possible extension.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I think that is the contract, 2016-20, to have a look across the whole area. What proportion of Australian ODA to PNG is provided through the facility on an annual basis? It was \$70 million last year.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> It was \$70 million last year, and we expect it to be in the order of \$90 million this year.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So proportion? I won't make you play with the computer there. We'll work that out. Senator Wong is after proportion; she is trying to look at that scope of the wider area. We will get that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> To confirm, you would like that as a proportion of the PNG bilateral program and then the total ODA flow to PNG?</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Absolutely, the same parameters that she asked in the first round of questions. And what proportion of Australian ODA to PNG is now provided through private managing contractors? I think that question has already been asked in another way.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	96
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046	Moore	PNG Governance Facility	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Is DFAT aware of the number of employees engaged in the work of this facility by the managing contractor?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> We are, but I don't have those details with me.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So we will get that on notice. Do Abt JTA actually trade under all the initials?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> They do. 'Abt' is actually somebody's name, although many of us do say 'A-B-T'. I think 'Abt' is the founder's name.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I was wondering about that. What proportion of the \$360 million awarded to Abt JTA for the management of the PNG governance facility is attributed to staffing costs?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I'll need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can DFAT provide on notice a breakdown of the number of employees by pay scale and relevant job description employed by Abt JTA for the purpose of managing the governance facility?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> As part of the contract, they provide that degree of detail?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> We can find that detail. I'm not sure we can get individual salaries, but we can certainly find the staff—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> A staffing profile and then the job descriptions.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	96
047	Moore	PNG Governance Facility	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can we get a copy of the investment design document?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	98
048	Gallacher	Corporate – Doha Embassy Rent Payments	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I might get someone to dig that up and have a look at it. I would certainly appreciate an answer, because it looks to me like as soon as you exercised a bit of discipline the taxpayer saved a million and something dollars. At risk of going on on my hobby horse about Doha, one thing that really intrigues me is why would we pay 35,000 Qatari riyals or dollars or whatever they are on a</p>	DFAT	Spoken	102- 103

			<p>credit card? Why would we be paying rent of \$88,000 on a credit card? How is it possible that you pay rent in a foreign country with a credit card? Can they not get an electronic transfer?</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> I don't have an answer for that. I would need to come back to you on that question.</p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> We'll check for you, but in some cases post-openers, as these things are being set up before bank accounts are properly established, and in some places it takes a very long time to establish official bank accounts and to do those. We'll check it and get back to you on notice.</p>			
049	Gallacher	Corporate - Overseas Property	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> In simple terms, I'd just like to know what the overseas property value is, and what repair and maintenance costs are attributed to that. What do you budget for?</p>	DFAT	Spoken	103 -104
050	Gallacher	Ministerial Travel – Mr Ciobo	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I have some questions about the Belt and Road Initiative, and the trade minister's involvement there. Can I ask the department: what departmental support was provided to the minister in Beijing in May this year in respect of China's Belt and Road Forum?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> Mr Ciobo's visit was a standard ministerial visit.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> If we are going to pick up any time, it is a very straightforward question and I have 15 questions in a row.</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What support was given to the minister?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> We organised his visit and we arranged the program, picked him up from the airport, briefed him, took him to his meetings, took notes.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	104

			<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Does he normally get a staff assigned there or does he take his own?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> When a minister is in town, the ambassador and the embassy staff look after the visitor, which means one or two staff will be with him throughout the program. Transport is provided, a note-taker.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> And the ambassador as required?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Just for the public record, the purpose of the visit was to participate in a forum, but is there any particular avenue that Australia was pursuing?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> Absolutely. This was a very big event for the Chinese government. They invited people from all over the world. Our relationship with China is important enough that we needed to have a senior government representative there. They invited Mr Ciobo and he accepted that invitation, and participated as a speaker in one of the sessions, helped with negotiating an outcomes document on trade liberalisation, and had, probably, side meetings with other counterparts.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I am going to ask specifically about those.</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> I will have to take those on notice, I am afraid.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You probably wouldn't have this to hand, but what was the total cost of the visit? Was there a schedule? And which meetings did the minister attend?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> Yes, we can take that on notice.</p>			
051	Wong	ODA Vanuatu	<p>(1) What was Australia's financial contribution to the Paediatric surgical team visit on or around 6 September 2017, in partnership with the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and Vanuatu's Health Ministry?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) What was the gender breakdown of the participants in the training?</p> <p>(4) How is this program contributing to the Department's 80 per cent gender target?</p> <p>(5) Is this training session and or program marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			policy marker?			
052	Moore	FTA Negotiations	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> The others in the Pacific Alliance are all neighbouring South American countries. None of those are having other negotiations, are they? It's just Peru.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> With Australia?</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> Mexico and Chile are both involved, along with Peru, in the TPP.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> But the others?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> Colombia is not, no.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> There was another one. For that special thing, they are just going with the Pacific Alliance?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> Sorry, I don't quite understand.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> The other countries that you named are just negotiating in the Pacific Alliance. That is the only form of negotiation with Australia.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> Just to recap, the Pacific Alliance is a four-country group. They have their own market. Mexico, Chile and Peru—three of the four—are part of the TPP process.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I didn't write TPP down.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> But we also negotiating bilaterally with Peru.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Not with Chile or Mexico?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> Correct. We have an FTA already with Chile. Colombia is the only member of the Pacific Alliance with which we don't have any existing FTA or some other—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I like little graphs that show all of that.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I'll work on that.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> It would be very useful.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	109

053	Abetz	CANZUK Agreement	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> I tried earlier and was told to come here to talk about CANZUK. Has consideration been given to a potential CANZUK agreement between the countries that are acronymed in that, and could such an agreement build on our existing Five Eyes agreement by building stronger economic links between our nations?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> There has been no official consideration given to this concept. I am aware that the idea has been canvassed by some in the academic community, but it hasn't been the subject of—</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> And some not in the not-so-academic community like me. I understand High Commissioner Downer has made some comments saying that Australia would be willing to fast-track an agreement. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I'm not aware of those comments. I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> All right. If it's a policy issue, I might ask the minister to take on notice as to what priority is being given to it, because I think it's a huge opportunity for us.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	112
054	Gallacher	Trade Stakeholder Forums and Web-Based Information	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> That sounds like a positive statement. What does it look like in action? Is there a regular series of meetings? Is there a forum? Do you do it quarterly, monthly or as required? Thursday, 26 October 2017</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I won't speak for those other departments but, from a DFAT point of view, I mentioned the all-stakeholder sessions that we have and they are an opportunity for us to engage with our stakeholders on non-tariff and technical barriers to trade. We also have a range of web based portals.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Just on that forum, how often does that meet?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> It meets every quarter, generally speaking, sometimes less frequently, but that's the objective. We also have a range of web based channels which businesses can use to report non-tariff barriers to us and other issues that arise with the implementation of free-trade agreements, and we have teams which respond to those issues as they arise. Of course, the department also is involved in a range of</p>	DFAT	Spoken	115



			<p>committees in our existing FTAs and in the WTO that deal with these sorts of issues. All of those committees are opportunities for us to take issues that have been raised with us by business and civil society and bring them to our agreement partners. That also goes for WTO committees, including on the technical barriers to trade and the sanitary and phytosanitary barriers.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Would it be possible for us to get the dates of the last four forums that have been conducted and any published outcomes or publicly available results of the forums?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I'm very happy, Senator, to take on notice the dates. These are not public events. We hold them so that we can have a classified discussion with the partners behind closed doors, but I'm very happy to tell you the dates.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> If we could get the dates of that, thanks—and if we could get a pointer in the direction of what the advice is, as you've indicated, through web based communication.</p>			
055	Gallacher	Adani coal mine	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Has the department received any documents from Adani or its associated companies?</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> The department, and in particular its high commission in New Delhi, is in occasional contact with Adani on its investment interests in Australia. You asked: has it received documents—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> From Adani or associated companies.</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> Quite often, the contact is for the Adani side to update us on the status of their interests.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So the answer's yes?</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> Often that's done through oral updates. You're asking broadly about documents, so I'd have to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Fine.</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> I'm not aware of documents that have been handed over, but there may have been occasions where something is written down and passed over by the company.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	117-118

		<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Has the department sent any documents to Adani or its associated companies? Presumably, you'll have to take that on notice as well.</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Has the department provided the minister with briefings on the Adani project?</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> The department does provide briefings on the Adani project in the context of briefings on our broader trade and investment relationship with India.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Is it possible on notice to get the dates of those briefings?</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> There will have been many of them.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> They're not notated in someone's diary? There's not a log of activity or a file? I just want the dates.</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> The dates of advice provided by the department to ministers on Adani?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> There's a difference between briefing and formal advice. Senator, did you use the word 'advice' advisedly?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I just want to know when it occurred. You're not going to tell me what you told him, but—</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> No, but are you asking about advice or a briefing note—"This is where we're up to"—for a visit to India?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I'll ask for advice meetings and briefing note meetings, if it's easier for you to collate.</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> Most often those documents will have been, as the secretary said, in the form of briefing that we would stand up typically, for example, ahead of a ministerial visit to India where there might be discussions between our minister and Indian ministers or Indian businesspeople about the state of the trade and investment relationship. There would have been quite a few of those. We have our own ministers visiting India and receiving visits from their Indian</p>			
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			<p>counterparts on a pretty frequent and now regular basis.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I do understand that, but I don't think that, because there've been many of them, you don't have to answer the question. On notice, just indicate briefings provided to the trade minister—we're in that portfolio—and advice.</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> We can certainly provide on notice details of when briefings were provided to the trade minister concerning the Adani company.</p> <p>....</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> The question's pretty straightforward: has the department briefed any foreign outposts or trade commissioners about Adani? I imagine you wouldn't be briefing the trade commissioner from Hong Kong, for example, so I mean anything particularly to do with Adani in respect of foreign outposts or trade commissioners.</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> No, I'm not aware of briefing that we've provided to foreign outposts or to—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I accept that, but, if you want to check and let us know, that's fine.</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> Sure.</p>			
056	Gallacher	Adani	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> If the Australian high commissioner and a government official meet in Mumbai or wherever, do they send a report to someone, or is it logged, or is it just general?</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> It often depends on the judgement of the high commissioner or the high commission staff about the import of the exchange. If something significant was exchanged, then they would typically report it.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> On notice, could we get any official communication that has arisen out of interaction in that way?</p> <p><b>Ms Klugman:</b> Certainly.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	118
057	Gallacher	CAFTA	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> In respect of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement, you would be able to tell me what tariffs are on what articles, if I give you a list?</p>	DFAT	Spoken	119

			<p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So that's within your remit?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Okay. And you would be able to tell me whether something was ability to be exported or not?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> I don't have that with me. That's the responsibility of the Department of Agriculture, but we do have that information in our department.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Can Australia currently export to China, with or without a tariff, blueberries?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So, even if there was a tariff, we can't get them in. Avocados?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> I don't know. I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Beans? Broad beans?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>			
058	Gallacher	PACER Plus	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Is there a projected economic benefit of PACER Plus for Australia?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> Our view is that the agreement will have significant benefits for the entire region. This is a slightly different agreement to those that we've been talking about earlier in the evening, in the sense that, for Australia, providing duty free, tariff-free access to our market is a very important part of our overall development relationship with these countries. Obviously, these are not major commercial markets for Australia, but we do believe that, combining the significant market-access elements of the package along with the development and labour mobility issues, this is a significant agreement in terms of contributing to the overall prosperity of the region.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> But there is no projected economic benefit that's contained in a figure of GDP. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I'll have to take that on notice. I believe that a national interest analysis has been done, but I don't have any further detail on the precise numbers on that.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> And for the last three questions</p>	DFAT	Spoken	122

			<p>you'll have the answer down pat by now. Has any economic modelling been done on the PACER Plus agreement?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> Not that I'm aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Does the PACER Plus agreement include ISDS?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I don't believe it does.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Has Australia waived labour-market testing for any country in the agreement?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You don't know that one? I thought you would have been on top of that one, Mr Brown.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> He's taking it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> He can't take it on notice unless he doesn't know the answer.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Under standing orders he can do three things—</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> I think you need to answer the question if you know the answer.</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> He said he's going to take it on notice. That's the answer to his question. He's going to take it on notice.</p>			
059	Wong	Liu Xiaobo	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> The Prime Minister released a statement on the death of Liu Xiaobo. Did the government raise any concerns regarding his welfare prior to his death?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Do you want to give me some detail of that?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> In Beijing, through our embassy, and in Canberra, from the department to the embassy here, we raised concerns about his welfare.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> As we had done over a number of years during his detention.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Are you able, on notice, to give a little more detail, Mr Fletcher?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> I can tell you now. The first government communication with the Chinese was on 14 July—a media release by the foreign minister. That was followed a</p>	DFAT	Spoken	90

			<p>communication I had on 18 July with the deputy ambassador in Canberra.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No—I asked what concerns had been raised about his welfare prior to his death?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> In the period after he was released out of prison into the hospital, I don't have any record of us raising concerns. I'll take on notice whether there were any other conversations, but I don't think there were.</p>			
060	Abetz	All staff seasonal greeting messages	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary of the Department, or agency head, at the relevant time.	DFAT	Written	NA
061	McAllister	Staffing	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ASL by state</li> <li>2. Headcount of people employed as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Labour Hire,</li> <li>b. Contractors, or</li> <li>c. outsourced staff,</li> <li>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The total number of people who have a log in to the departmental IT system, and the breakdown by category of these log-ins (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other category that has access to the system).</li> <li>4. The total number of people who have a security/access pass into your departmental buildings, and the breakdown by category of these pass holders (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other relevant category).</li> <li>5. A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.</li> </ol>	DFAT	Written	

062	McAllister	Service delivery function	<p>Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?</p> <p>If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness?</li> <li>2. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.</li> <li>3. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years?</li> <li>4. Who provides this training?</li> </ol>	DFAT	Written	
063	McAllister	Projects with Digital Transformation Agency	<p>As at 31 October 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency?</li> <li>2. For each project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What criteria are you using for assessing success?</li> <li>b. What is the role of the DTA in the project?</li> <li>c. What is the timeframe for completion?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	DFAT	Written	
064	Wong	<b>Travel by former prime ministers</b>	Can the Department provide an updated version of the tables outlining travel by former prime ministers from the response to 2017-18 Budget estimates question on notice #102?	DFAT	Written	
065	Wong	<b>Ministerial travel</b>	Can the Department provide an updated version of the tables outlining all Ministerial travel from 15 May 2017 to present from the response to 2017-18 Budget estimates question on	DFAT	Written	

			notice #104?			
066	Wong	<b>Travel by the Minister for Foreign Affairs coinciding with travel by the Prime Minister</b>	Can the Department provide a list of all instances where the Foreign Minister's overseas travel has coincided with the Prime Minister's since September 2015?	DFAT	Written	
067	Wong	<b>Ministerial travel</b>	Can the Department provide an updated version of the table provided in response to 2017-18 Budget estimates question on notice #35, and expand it to include Thailand, Brunei, Indonesia, and Myanmar.	DFAT	Written	
068	Wong	<b>HoM/HoP appointments</b>	Can the Department provide an updated version of the tables listing new HoM/HoP appointments and posts due to be vacated from the response to 2017-18 Budget estimates question on notice #105?	DFAT	Written	
069	Wong	<b>Multilateral replenishments</b>	Can the Department provide an updated version of the tables listing multilateral replenishments from response to 2017-18 Budget estimates question on notice #106?	DFAT	Written	



070	Wong	<b>Carbon permits</b>	<p>With reference to the letter from the Energy Security Board to the Government outlining the National Emissions Guarantee, which states “Australian carbon credit units (ACCU) and international units could be permitted to meet a proportion of the retailer’s guarantee”:</p> <p>(1) Has THE DEPARTMENT provided any advice to either the Energy Security Board or the Government on access to international carbon permits from 2020?</p> <p>(2) Will THE DEPARTMENT provide advice on Australia’s potential access to international permits post 2020 to the ESB?</p> <p>(3) The Clean Development Mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2020. Is THE DEPARTMENT expecting that this mechanism will be extended beyond 2020? If not, what does THE DEPARTMENT expect to replace it?</p>	DFAT	Written	
071	Wong	<b>Aid funding</b>	<p>(1) What is the percentage change in the levels of Australian aid funding to the Pacific from 2012-13 to 2017-18?</p> <p>(2) What is the percentage change in the levels of Australian aid funding to South-East and East Asia from 2012-13 to 2017-18?</p> <p>(3) What is the percentage change in the levels of Australian aid funding to South &amp; West Asia from 2012-13 to 2017-</p>	DFAT	Written	

			<p>18?</p> <p>(4) What is the percentage change in the levels of Australian aid funding to Africa &amp; the Middle East from 2012-13 to 2017-18?</p> <p>(5) What is the percentage change in the levels of Australian aid funding to Latin America and the Caribbean from 2012-13 to 2017-18?</p> <p>(6) What is the percentage change in the levels of Australian aid funding to Cross Regional Programs from 2012-13 to 2017-18?</p> <p>(7) What is the percentage change in the levels of Australian aid funding to UN, Commonwealth &amp; Other Intl Organisations from 2012-13 to 2017-18?</p> <p>(8) What is the percentage change in the levels of Australian aid funding to NGO, Volunteer and Community Programs from 2012-13 to 2017-18?</p>			
072	Wong	<b>Rohingya</b>	<p>(1) Can the Department provide a breakdown of funding allocated to the current situation in Myanmar/Bangladesh by country, organisation and outcome?</p> <p>(2) How were the initial figures of \$5 million and the second figure of \$15 million determined by the Department?</p> <p>(3) Within Australia's ODA – does Australia's contribution fall within the Emergency Fund?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p>(4) Has any funding toward the situation in Myanmar and Bangladesh been redirected from existing ODA programming?</p> <p>(5) The Humanitarian Response Plan for the Rohingya Crisis requires \$434 million to cover needs over the next 6 months. To date, this response plan is only 26.8 per cent funded. Will the Australian Government consider further contribution to the Humanitarian Response Plan?</p>			
073	Wong	<b>Gender</b>	<p>(1) Can THE DEPARTMENT confirm the current total number of Heads of Mission (HoMs) and the number of those HoM positions which are held by female staff members?</p> <p>(2) Can THE DEPARTMENT confirm the current total number of Deputy Heads of Mission (DHoMs) and the number of those DHoM positions which are held by female staff members?</p> <p>(3) The government has maintained Labor's policy of a 50 per cent gender target for government boards – does THE DEPARTMENT have a similar policy for the appointment of Australia's HoMs and DHoMs?</p> <p>(4) What internal processes exist to ensure pathways for women in THE DEPARTMENT to attain representative roles in Australia's overseas network?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

074	Wong	<b>Thematic ambassadors</b>	<p>Now Australia has a number of Thematic Ambassadors.</p> <p>(1) What is the purpose of these Thematic Ambassadors?</p> <p>(2) How many Thematic Ambassadors does Australia currently have?</p> <p>(3) How many Thematic Ambassadors are female?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
075	Wong	<b>HOM Appointments</b>	<p>Beyond looking at the gender ratio of HoM appointments:</p> <p>(1) Has the Department performed any analysis of the gender pay gap within the HoM appointments?</p> <p>(2) Can the Department provide a breakdown of APS classifications against HoM/DHoM positions?</p> <p>(3) Can the Department provide a breakdown of changes of APS classifications against HoM/DHoM positions since 2012?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
076	Wong	<b>Boards</b>	<p>Can the Department provide an updated version of 2017-18 Budget Estimates QoN #97 on board appointments and vacancies?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
077	Wong	<b>Boards</b>	<p>Why has a position on the Advisory Group on Australia-Africa Relations been vacant for nearly a year?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

078	Wong	<b>Boards</b>	Why has a position at the Australia-Indonesia Institute been vacant for well over a year, which a second position being vacant for nearly a year?	DFAT	Written	N/A
079	Wong	<b>Timor</b>	<p>The Permanent Court of Arbitration (The PCA) in The Hague has announced that Australia and Timor-Leste have reached a draft agreement on the Timor Sea maritime boundary dispute and the Greater Sunrise Gas Field:</p> <p>(1) Can the Department outline when this agreement will be finalised and made public?</p> <p>(2) Australia disputed the competency of the PCA to hear the case, yet was unsuccessful. Will this have any implications for Australia?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
080	Wong	<b>Vanuatu</b>	<p>(1) Can the Department provide an update on the evacuation of Ambae Island as a result of volcanic activity?</p> <p>(2) How long does the Department anticipate residents of Ambae Island will need to seek refuge on the islands of Espiritu Santo, Pentecost and Maewo?</p> <p>(3) What support will Australia be providing throughout this period?</p> <p>(4) What support will be provided for residents of Ambae</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p>Island to return and rebuild?</p> <p>(5) What is the total value of ODA Australia will provide to Vanuatu in response to the natural disaster on Ambae Island?</p>			
081	Wong	<b>Varghese Review</b>	<p>(1) Does the Department have the capacity and expertise to advise the Government on economic relations between Australia and India?</p> <p>(2) If so, why was it necessary to engage the former Secretary of the Department, Mr Peter Varghese, to undertake this review?</p> <p>(3) Can the Department provide an update on the value of the consultancy?</p> <p>(4) When will the Varghese Review be complete?</p> <p>(5) Are there any other sole-sourced consultancies with former THE DEPARTMENT officers currently underway?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
082	Wong	<b>Sri Lanka</b>	<p>(1) Can the Department provide an update on the peace and reconciliation process within Sri Lanka?</p> <p>(2) What has Australia's involved in this process been?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

083	Wong	<b>Nepal</b>	<p>In September of this year, the Government announced support for Nepal in response to the floods and landslides which has resulted in the deaths of 150 people:</p> <p>(1) Can the Department provide an update of the situation on the ground?</p> <p>(2) Is there overlap to the areas affected by these floods to that of the earthquake in 2015?</p> <p>(3) If yes, is this indicative of the growing challenge from the impact of climate change currently faced by development assistance?</p> <p>(4) Is it correct to say that natural disasters and the impact of climate change is increasingly reversing advances made by development assistance?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
084	Wong	<b>Nepal</b>	<p>The Minister's press release stated that \$2 million has been allocated to the international relief effort, \$1 million to Australian humanitarian partnerships, and a further \$1 million to the World Food Program:</p> <p>(1) Can the Department outline why the funding was divided in this manner, and provide a breakdown of the amount received by individual organisations as part of the first \$3 million (excluding the World Food Program)?</p> <p>(2) Can the Department outline the focus of this funding?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			(3) There is also significant damage to crops as a result of flooding and landslides in Nepal. What if any assistance is Australia providing for the long term food security of affected communities?			
085	Wong	<b>ABC – Australia Plus</b>	<p>1 How does the Department regard the importance of the role that Australia Plus plays as a soft diplomacy tool?</p> <p>(2) How does the audience of Australia Plus compare with the 167 million households in Asia that were reached by the Australia network?</p> <p>(3) How is the audience divided between:</p> <p>(a) Online services;</p> <p>(b) Satellite TV services;</p> <p>(c) Radio; and</p> <p>(d) Digital services?</p> <p>(3) Does the Department provide any direct funding to the ABC or Australia Plus – for the running of the service?</p> <p>(2) If yes:</p> <p>(a) Can the Department please provide the total annual amount of funding since Australia Plus commenced and across the forwards?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A



		<p>(b) Is this ongoing funding, or project based funding?</p> <p>(4) Is the Department aware of any other sources of funding for Australia Plus?</p> <p>(2) If yes:</p> <p>(a) Can the Department please provide a list of these sources of funding, and the total annual amount of funding since Australia Plus commenced and across the forwards?</p> <p>(b) Is this ongoing funding, or project based funding?</p> <p>(5) Is the Department aware of the total cost of running the Australia Plus service?</p> <p>(2) If yes, can the figure be provided.</p> <p>(3) What engagement does the Department have with the ABC in the running of Australia Plus?</p> <p>(4) Does the Department communicate with the ABC about priorities in terms of services, location, programming, and language services?</p> <p>(5) If yes:</p> <p>(a) What does the Department consider are the priorities?</p> <p>(b) How are these priorities identified?</p> <p>(c) How are these priorities communicated?</p>			
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			6) Is the Department aware of the future plans for the Australia Plus service and if so, can these be outlined?			
086	Wong	<b>ODA Solomon Islands</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia’s financial contribution to the Australia Wards scholarships awarded to 40 Solomon Islands students on or around 7 September 2017?</p> <p>(2) What was the gender breakdown of the recipients of the scholarships?</p> <p>(3) What additional support if any was offered to women applying for the scholarships to enable travel from their district for interviews or mentoring and or to meet caring obligations?</p> <p>(4) How are these scholarships contributing to the Department’s 80 per cent gender target?</p> <p>(5) Is this program marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker</p>	DFAT	Written	
087	Wong	<b>Cyber security</b>	<p>Cyber security</p> <p>(1) Does the Department use Kaspersky to protect its IT infrastructure from intruders?</p> <p>(2) Is Kaspersky Lab software installed on any of the Department’s computers?</p> <p>(3) Is it appropriate for the Department to be using the services of this company to protect its systems and data?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p>(4) Has the Department sought advice from our intelligence services about the use of Kaspersky?</p> <p>(5) Given recent developments, is the Department currently undertaking a review into its use of this company's services?</p> <p>Cyber security</p> <p>(1) Do any contractors or agencies who work with the Department use Kaspersky Lab software?</p> <p>(2) What requirements does the Department impose on its agencies and contractors to ensure their IT equipment is not vulnerable to hacking?</p> <p>Cyber security</p> <p>(1) Is the Department aware of reports that the anti-virus software produced by Kaspersky Lab has been hacked by the Russian Government to obtain classified documents?</p> <p>(2) Is the Department aware that the United States Government last month ordered the removal of Kaspersky Lab software from all of its computers?</p> <p>(3) Will the Department be following this lead, and if not, why not?</p>			
088	Wong	<b>Cyber</b>	(1) How many times have the Department's systems been	DFAT	Written	N/A

		<b>security</b>	<p>attacked this year?</p> <p>(2) Could the Department provide details on the origins of these attacks (state and non state)?</p>			
089	Wong	<b>Cyber security</b>	<p>(1) Can the Department please outline Australia's cyber cooperation efforts with Taiwan?</p> <p>(2) What are we learning from Taiwan's experiences?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
090	Wong	<b>Cyber security</b>	<p>1) Given Russia's cyber interference in the United States election and the rise of fakes news and misinformation, does the Department believe it has invested adequately in digital resources so that it is able to respond to an online international incident where Australia's reputation, our economy or our values are at stake?</p> <p>2) What strategies are in place to ensure it is heard online amidst the noise?</p>	DFAT		
091	Wong	<b>Combating pandemics and infectious disease report</b>	<p>The ODE report into combating pandemics and infectious disease report raised concern about the Department's capabilities in the area of health security – indeed the management response noted that</p> <p><i>DFAT will maintain a focus on ensuring it has the skills, systems and resources needed to deliver on its mission, including in the health sector. DFAT's Capability Action Plan examines capability across the Department. DFAT is also considering staffing and skill requirements as part of the development of</i></p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p><i>the new regional health security initiative. The new initiative is being implemented within existing staffing levels, and DFAT has identified staffing (numbers and capability) as a risk that will be closely monitored during implementation. DFAT has approached five departments for secondments across a number of specialist areas including health, animal health and research.</i></p> <p>(1) Have the above mentioned secondments occurred?  (2) If so, can the Department provide a breakdown of seconded staff by Department, APS classification level, role within the Health Security Centre and length of secondment?</p>			
092	Wong	<b>Indo Pacific Health Initiative</b>	<p>The government's new Indo Pacific Health Security Initiative budget increased from an election promise of \$100 million to \$300 million at the time of the Foreign Minister's announcement on 8 October 2017:</p> <p>(1) Is the additional \$200 million new funding or is it a consolidation of existing funding under the new Health Security badge?  (2) Is the entirety of the \$300m being met from within the Department's budget, or is it spread across other departments such as the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, and Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research, National Health and Medical Research and the Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation?  (3) According to the Minister's statement the breakdown of funding is up to \$75 million for Product Development Partnerships, \$16 million for applied health research, \$20 WHO Health Emergencies Program. Can a full breakdown of costing for the five year period be provided?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

093	Wong	<b>Indo Pacific Health Initiative</b>	The Indo Pacific Health Security Initiative will be managed by the Indo Pacific Centre for Health Security, how many (FTE) staff of the Department are allocated to the centre?	DFAT	Written	N/A
094	Wong	<b>Indo Pacific Health Initiative</b>	<p>The Minister flagged in her oped for DevPolicy blog on the Indo Pacific Health Security Initiative that recent incidents of SARS, Ebola, MERS and Zika underscore the need to prevent, detect and respond to epidemics and highlighted the need for functioning health systems and effective regional cooperation.</p> <p>(1) Can the Department provide an update of incidents of these diseases in the Indo-Pacific region?</p> <p>(2) What is the likelihood of these incidents occurring in the future?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
095	Wong	<b>Indo Pacific Health Initiative</b>	<p>Is WASH incorporated into any of the work of the Indo-Pacific Health Initiative?</p> <p>(1) Does the Department share international sentiment that poor WASH facilities including within health infrastructure contributed to the spread of Ebola?</p> <p>(2) In the event that there is an Ebola outbreak in the region for example, will the Indo –Pacific Health Security Initiative release funding or activate the medical corps to ensure coordination of WASH programs in affected areas?</p> <p>(3) Would WASH programs help address environmental factors such as the pooling of stale water help address the spread of Zika?</p> <p>(4) Would investment in WASH programs assist in the prevention of the spread of Zika?</p> <p>(5) If Australia was to invest in WASH programs as a means</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			of prevention as part of the Indo Pacific Health Initiative – would it not also help address long standing health needs of the region notably dengue and diarrhoea?			
096	Wong	<b>Gender priorities within the Indo Pacific Health Security Initiative</b>	<p>The ODE report into combating pandemics and infectious disease made a number of recommendations for any future health security initiative this included Recommendation 3 which focused on gender – specifically the ODE report noted importance of “The roles of women in small-scale animal production and food preparation, in protecting the health of their families, and in the health workforce, mean that gender is a significant factor in EID exposure and vulnerability.”</p> <p>(1) How have gender outcomes been integrated across the initiative?</p> <p>(2) In the THE DEPARTMENT management response to the ODE report recommendation 3 it was stated that “THE DEPARTMENT will also consider capacity and track-record in gender integration in the selection and performance management of implementing partners and managing contractors”</p> <p>(3) Can the Department outline how this will occur?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
097	Wong	<b>Indo Pacific Health Initiative</b>	<p>(1) How were the members of the Technical Reference Group for the Indo Pacific Health Security Initiative selected?</p> <p>(2) Did the Department open these roles for application or were they appointed?</p> <p>(3) What remuneration is being provided to members of the Technical Reference Group – is this figure accounted for in the \$300million total?</p> <p>(4) Does the Department have a requirement for gender balance on reference groups such as this?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

098	Wong	<b>APEC PNG 2018</b>	<p>With reference to the number of ministerial and other meetings in the lead up to the main APEC summit in Papua New Guinea in November 2018:</p> <p>(1) The Transport Ministerial Meeting occurred on 6-8 October 2017, what if any support did Australia provide for this event?</p> <p>(2) What further Ministerial meetings are scheduled and what support will Australia provide for each?</p> <p>(3) What is the total cost of Australia's support for the Ministerial meetings in the lead up to APEC and what percentage of that cost will be classified as ODA?</p> <p>(4) Have the recent Ministerial meetings given an indication as to the level of preparedness of PNGs preparation for the 2018 Summit?</p> <p>It has been reported that the PNG government has allocated \$800 million Kina to the delivery of APEC 2018:</p> <p>(5) Has there been a consequence of this allocation? In other words, is the Department aware of cuts that the PNG government have made elsewhere in their budget in order to allocate the \$800 million to APEC?</p> <p>(6) Has there been any change in the cost to the PNG government for hosting the APEC summit?</p> <p>During the 2017-18 Budget Estimates, Mr Sloper spoke about the support Australia is providing being largely around security, aviation and infrastructure:</p> <p>(7) Can the Department confirm if the security aspect of support is being provided in full by the AFP?</p> <p>(8) Will Australia provide financial support for any private contractors to provide security? If yes –will this cost be attributed to ODA?</p> <p>(9) Can the Department provide an updated figure on Australia's investment in infrastructure in PNG for the</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
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			<p>purpose of the APEC summit?</p> <p>(10) Are these projects attributed to “Aid for Trade”, within the aid budget?</p> <p>(11) Of the projects tendered, what is the breakdown of contracts awarded to local businesses, Australian businesses and international businesses?</p>			
099	Wong	<b>PNG Elections</b>	<p>During the 2017-18 Budget Estimates the upcoming PNG elections and Australia’s support to the PNG government in conducting these elections was discussed:</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> We have a longstanding relationship with the PNG Ele conducted primarily through the Australian Electoral Commission long-term capacity building and short-term assistance, similar to the forthcoming election. At the moment we expect approximate provided in terms of support across a number of organisations ar Electoral Commission, itself, is providing four advisers to train ter and improve systems in response to election incidents and opera Wednesday, 31 May 2017 Senate Page 113</p> <p>(1) Can the Department provide an overview of how the elections were conducted and the support that Australia provided?</p> <p>(2) Was the 2017 election more or less transparent than previous elections?</p> <p>(3) Concern exists around the transparency of the electoral roll and there was report of wide spread voter manipulation and net roll inflation – did Australia provide any assistance and or capacity building in this area of coordinating the electoral roll?</p> <p>(4) Can the Department provide a breakdown of personnel including departmental, Australian Civilian Corps and</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p>ADF and election observation missions deployed specifically for the election be provided?</p> <p>(5) Does the Department take into consideration the gender makeup of such delegations?</p> <p>(6) At Budget Estimates, Mr Sloper suggested that Australia's support would be approximately \$8 million. Can the Department provide a final cost for Australia's support?</p> <p><b>Electoral Violence</b></p> <p>(1) Could the Department outline any incidents of violence and/or intimidation the level of this violence and the cause of violence?</p> <p>(2) Was this degree of violence more or less than previous years?</p> <p>(3) There have been reports of up to 20 people killed in the Southern Highlands as a result of election outcomes. What is the total number of people killed in relation to the elections?</p> <p>(4) Has Australia provided any additional support in response to post election violence?</p> <p><b>Support for Female Candidates in PNG Elections</b></p> <p>Prior to the 2017 election 3 women held seats in the National Papua New Guinea Parliament, however no women were successfully elected to Parliament at the most recent election.</p> <p>(1) According to Mr Sloper at the 2017-18 Budget Estimates, there were 3.9 per cent female candidates in 2012 and 5 per cent for the 2017 election. Are these numbers correct?</p> <p>(2) The Department provided support through the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development (PWSPD) program for female candidates. What outcomes did the</p>			
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			<p>Department anticipate as a result of the investment in female candidates?</p> <p>(3) Has the Department come to any conclusion as to why the actual outcome was so poor?</p> <p>(4) Does the PWSPD undertake any work to shift community perceptions of female candidates and the role of women in politics and challenging gender power structures?</p> <p>(5) If no – does the Department think if the PWSPD program addressed this it may have delivered a different outcome?</p> <p>(6) Is the Department aware of any incidents of violence and experienced by female candidates in PNG?</p> <p>(7) Does the PWSPD undertake any work to track the level of violence encountered by female candidates in PNG and/or across the Pacific?</p> <p>(8) Can the Department confirm the comments by Mr Sloper at the 2017-18 Budget Estimates that funding for female candidates is \$3 million over 5 years.</p> <p>(9) Will the Department be making any changes to the program to reflect lessons learned from the 2017 PNG elections?</p> <p>(10) What implications will a parliament with no women have on Australia’s other ODA objectives in PNG – notably ending violence against women?</p>			
100	Wong	<b>COP23</b>	<p>Can the Department confirm how much Australia is providing to the Fiji government to support their Presidency of the COP23? Is this amount allocated as ODA?</p> <p>(1) Was the \$6 million additional money added to Australia’s ‘Fiji Aid Investment Plan’, or was it reallocated from other programs from within the existing plan?</p> <p>(2) If reallocated: What programs received reduced funding as a result of the reallocation?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p>(3) Were any health programs affected by the reallocation of this funding?</p> <p>(4) Were any Education programs affected by the reallocation of this funding?</p> <p>(5) Is funding to support Fiji’s Presidency of the COP23 being provided through the Fiji Program Support Facility?</p> <p>(6) If yes, does the managing contractor responsible for the Facility receive any money for managing the provision of this funding? How much?</p> <p>(7) What will the remainder of the \$6 million allocated for Fiji to host the COP23 be used for?</p> <p>(8) Will further international conferences be paid for with this funding?</p> <p>(9) Will funding be used to pay for participants from other countries to attend such conference?</p> <p>(10) If yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How much money does Australia spend flying representatives from other countries to attend such conferences?</li> <li>b. How much money does Australia spend accommodating representatives from other countries to attend such conferences?</li> <li>c. What if any knowledge or input does the Department have in ensuring a balanced gender representation to conferences?</li> </ul> <p>(11) Does the Department believe that paying for conferences reflects Australia’s priorities for its Fiji aid program?</p>			
101	Wong	<b>Climate Action Pacific Partnership Event</b>	(1) Can the Department confirm how much money Australia provided to Fiji to host the ‘Climate Action Pacific Partnership Event’ that the Minister for International Development and the Pacific attended on 3 July 2017?	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p>(2) What was this money spent on?</p> <p>(3) Was any of the money used for catering purposes?</p> <p>(4) Was any money used to purchase alcohol?</p> <p>(5) If yes, was this expense allocated as ODA?</p>			
102	Wong	<b>Managing contractors</b>	<p>a) What knowledge or control does the Department have over the accreditation process Managing Contractors awarded funding through ODA program requires of NGOs before they are engaged?</p> <p>(b) Has the Department undertaken any review of additional accreditation NGOs are required to undertake in order to be engaged by Managing Contractors?</p> <p>(1) ANCP organisations are required to sign the ACFID code of conduct, are managing contractors required to be a signatory of the ACFID code of conduct?</p> <p>(2) If not, why not?</p> <p>(3) If not, is there a comparable code of conduct which managing contractors must be signatories too?</p> <p>(4) According to the Department's own figures ANCPs engage with over 3000 in country partners to deliver Australia's ODA program, how does this compare to the number of in country partners managing contractors engage with in order to deliver Australia's ODA program?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
103	Wong	<b>Support for Myanmar and Bangladesh – Joint funding appeal</b>	<p>(1) Can the Department please explain how the 'joint funding appeal' that Minister Bishop announced on 23 October 2017 as part of Australia's support to Myanmar and Bangladesh will function?</p> <p>(2) Will the government be matching dollar for dollar contributions from the Australian public to Australia Red Cross and Australia for UNHCR?</p> <p>(3) Has the government allocated a capped amount for this joint funding appeal?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

		<p>(4) If yes – What is that capped amount?</p> <p>(5) If yes – What will happen if the Australia public donate more than the capped amount?</p> <p>(6) Has the Department used this funding mechanism before?</p> <p>(7) Why did the Department decide to use this mechanism in response to this crisis?</p> <p>(8) What is the underlying justification or reason for choosing such a mechanism?</p> <p>(9) How were the two chosen organisations (Australia Red Cross &amp; Australia for UNHCR) chosen as partners for the ‘joint funding appeal’ announced by the Foreign Minister on 23 October 2017?</p> <p>(10) Were other organisations approached or asked to participate in the ‘joint funding appeal’?</p> <p>(11) Can the Department explain why member organisations of the Australian Humanitarian Partnership (AHP) were not engaged for the ‘joint funding appeal’?</p> <p>(12) Is the Australian Red Cross currently undertaking programming on the ground responding to the Rohingya crisis?</p> <p>(13) If No – why would we provide government funding to these organisations rather than to organisations that are currently operating on the ground?</p> <p>(14) If Yes- What kind of programming is Australian Red Cross undertaking?</p> <p>(15) Is the Department aware that the Bangladesh government does not allow the UNHCR to operate outside of two official refugee camps (Kutupalong &amp; Nayapara) in the country, which currently only house a very small proportion of the Refugee population and none of the population who have fled since 25 August 2017?</p> <p>(16) Is the Department concerned that funding provided to</p>			
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			Australia for UNHCR won't be able to reach the recently fled Rohingya populations that aren't housed within these two official refugee camps?			
104	Wong	<b>ODA Papua New Guinea - ASPIRE</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia's financial contribution to the ASPIRE Start-Up Programme held around 23 October 2017 in partnership with UNDP in Papua New Guinea and Business Council of Papua New Guinea?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) To what extent will Australia continue contributing to the program?</p> <p>(4) What is the gender breakdown of the participants in the program?</p> <p>(5) How is this program contributing to THE DEPARTMENT's 80% gender target?</p> <p>(6) Is this training session and or program marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
105	Wong	<b>ODA Papua New Guinea - TVET</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia's financial contribution to the TVET Certificate IV Training and Assessment course at Bougainville Technical College held on or around 29 September 2017 in partnership with TAFE Queensland and Bougainville Department of Education?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) Was this session part of an ongoing program of training delivered by TAFE Queensland?</p> <p>(4) What was the gender breakdown of the 50 teachers?</p> <p>(5) How is this training contributing to the Department's 80 per cent gender target?</p> <p>(6) Is this training session and or program marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

106	Wong	<b>ODA Papua New Guinea-Ginigoada First Aid and Health Skills</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia's financial contribution to the Ginigoada First Aid and Health Skills training on or around 20 September 2017 in partnership with the Government of Papua New Guinea?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) Was this session part of an ongoing program of training and development?</p> <p>(4) What is the gender breakdown of the participants in the training?</p> <p>(5) How is this training contributing to the Department's 80 per cent gender target?</p> <p>(6) Is this training session and or program marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
107	Wong	<b>ODA Vanuatu - Close Protection Force</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia's financial contribution to the two week close protection course in Port Vila for Vanuatu Police Force officers held on or around 29 September 2017?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) Was this session part of an ongoing program of training and development?</p> <p>(4) The Australian High Commission Vanuatu Facebook post on 29 September 2017 states that 6 participants out of a total of 24 were women. How is this program contributing to The Department's 80 per gender target?</p> <p>(5) Is this training session and or program marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
108	Wong	<b>ODA Vanuatu –</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia's financial contribution to the five-day sub regional workshop held in Vanuatu in August</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A



		<b>Course in Alberta</b>	<p>2017 in partnership with the University of Alberta?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) To what extent will Australia continue contributing to the workshop?</p> <p>(4) What was the gender breakdown of the participants in the workshop?</p> <p>(5) How is this workshop contributing to the Department’s 80 per cent gender target?</p> <p>(6) Is this workshop marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker?</p>			
109	Wong	<b>ODA Solomon Islands – Legal training</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia’s financial contribution to the training on legal advocacy and legal reasoning in Honiara on or around 22 September 2017 in partnership with the Solicitor and Attorney General’s Office?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) Was this training session part of an ongoing program of training and development for officers?</p> <p>(4) What was the focus of this training session?</p> <p>(5) What was the gender breakdown of participants attending training?</p> <p>(6) What additional support if any was offered to women from the justice sector to enable travel from their district and or to meet caring obligations?</p> <p>(7) How is this training session contributing to the Department’s 80 per cent gender target?</p> <p>(8) Is this training session and or program marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
110	Wong	<b>ODA Solomon</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia’s financial contribution to the water supply project constructed in Choiseul Province</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

		<b>Islands – Water Supply Project</b>	<p>Solomon Islands on or around 29 August 2017 in partnership with the World Bank, European Union, International Fund for Agriculture Development and the Solomon Islands Government?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) Was this project part of an ongoing program of development?</p> <p>(4) What was the gender breakdown of the 292 people provided with clean water?</p> <p>(5) How does this project contribute to the Department’s 80 per cent gender target?</p> <p>(6) Is this project marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker?</p>			
111	Wong	<b>ODA Timor Leste – Business for farmers training</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia’s financial contribution to the 3-day training session held in Timor Leste on facilitating business for farmers training held on or around the 8 October 2017 in partnership with the Institute for Business Support and Development?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) Was this training session part of an ongoing program of training and development for farmers?</p> <p>(4) What was the gender breakdown of participants attending training?</p> <p>(5) What additional support if any was offered to women farmers to enable travel from their district and or to meet caring obligations?</p> <p>(6) How is this training session contributing to the Department’s 80 per cent gender target?</p> <p>(7) Is this training session and or program marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

112	Wong	<b>ODA Timor Leste - Paramedics training</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia’s financial contribution to the paramedics training held on or around the 28 September 2017 in partnership with the Timorese Ministry of Health?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) Was this training session part of an ongoing program of training and development for Paramedics?</p> <p>(4) What was the focus of this training session?</p> <p>(5) What was the gender breakdown of participants attending training?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. What additional support if any was offered to women paramedics to enable travel from their district and or to meet caring obligations?</p> <p>(6) How is this training session contributing to the Department’s 80 per cent gender target?</p> <p>(7) Is this training session and or program marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
113	Wong	<b>ODA Timor Leste – School leaders training</b>	<p>(1) What was Australia’s financial contribution to the school leaders training held in Timor Leste on or around the 20 September 2017 in partnership with the Ministry of Education?</p> <p>(2) Is this expense allocated to ODA – if so under what program?</p> <p>(3) Was this training session part of an ongoing program of training and development for school leaders?</p> <p>(4) What was the focus of this training session?</p> <p>(5) What was the gender breakdown of participants attending training?</p> <p>(6) What additional support if any was offered to women school leaders to enable travel from their district and or</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p>to meet caring obligations?</p> <p>(7) How is this training session contributing to the Department's 80 per cent gender target?</p> <p>(8) Is this training session and or program marked as priority, significant or non targeted under the OECD DAC gender policy marker</p>			
114	Wong	<b>Australian Businesses in Africa</b>	<p>The Department's Africa region brief states that there are over 170 ASX-listed companies operating in 35 countries in Africa. This figure was also quoted by Julie Bishop at the Africa Down Under conference in Perth, September this year. At the 2016 Afric Down Under Conference Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Keith Pitt claimed more than 200 ASX-listed companies have mining and exploration interests in Africa spanning 700 projects and 35 countries:</p> <p>(1) How did the Department come to this figure of 170 companies in 35 countries?</p> <p>(2) Is this information for continental Africa or just Sub-saharan Africa?</p> <p>(3) Does the Department collect and monitor this data itself or are these figures sourced and/or provided by Industry?</p> <p>(4) If the information is collected by the Department, what system does the Department have in place to monitor the presence of ASX listed extractive companies in Africa and how regularly is this data updated? When was the figure of 170 companies in 35 countries collected?</p> <p>(5) Does the Department know the number of ASX listed companies operating in other regions? If not, why? If so, how many ASX listed extractive companies are they aware of and how many companies are they operating in?</p> <p>(6) The last figure for project count by ASX listed companies in Africa is from 2016 and states there are</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p>700 projects in Africa, does the Department have a 2017 project figure for Africa?</p> <p>(7) What definition does the Department use for project? Does this include tenements and exploration?</p> <p>(8) Does the Department collect and monitor this data itself number of projects in Africa, or are these figures sourced and/or provided by Industry?</p> <p>(9) If figures are provided by Industry is there any verification ever undertaken by the Department to ensure this data is accurate?</p> <p>(10) Does the Department have project figures for other regions and if so are these available?</p>			
115	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs- garden services</b>	<p>1) Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who are the contracts with?</li> <li>How much does each contract cost?</li> <li>How often do they visit?</li> <li>Please provide an annual cost.</li> </ol>	DFAT	Written	N/A
116	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs- floral arrangements</b>	<p>2) Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who were the contracts with?</li> <li>How much was each contract cost?</li> </ol>	DFAT	Written	N/A
117	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs- subscriptions</b>	<p>3) What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals in the past 12 months?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals?</li> <li>Please provide an annual cost.</li> </ol>	DFAT	Written	N/A

118	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs - gifts</b>	4) What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the department in the past 12 months? a. What were the gifts purchased? i. Who were they gifted to?	DFAT	Written	N/A
119	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs - water</b>	5) Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for your department? a. What is the monthly cost of this? 6) Do you provide fruit for your department?	DFAT	N/A	Written
120	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs- hire services</b>	7) What is the total bill for your department in the past 12 months: a. Taxi hire b. Limousine hire c. Private hire care d. Hire car rental e. Ridesharing services	DFAT	N/A	Written
121	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs- media and PR</b>	8) How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the department? 9) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost? 10) What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department? 11) How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in the past 12 months?	DFAT	N/A	Written
122	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs – legal costs</b>	12) How much has the Department spend in legal costs in the past 12 months? a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?	DFAT	N/A	Written
123	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative</b>	13) Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in the past 12 months?	DFAT	N/A	Written

		<b>costs Consultants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Photography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Acting training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Ergonomics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
124	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs Redundancies</b>	<p>14) Have any staff who received a redundancy from the Department in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the Department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What was the nature of these works/services?</li> <li>b. What was the total cost of these works or services?</li> </ul> <p>15) How many redundancies were processed by the Department in the past 12 months?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Of these redundancies, how many were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Voluntary?</li> <li>ii. Forced?</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. What was the total cost of all redundancies?</li> </ul>	DFAT	N/A	Written
125	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs - iTunes, Android and Domain names</b>	<p>16) Does the department have an iTunes account?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the total expenditure in the past 12 months on iTunes? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>17) Does the department have an Android account?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What was the total expenditure in the last 12 months on Android?</li> <li>b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?</li> </ul> <p>18) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the department in the last 12 months?</p> <p>19) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			times accessed) unique domain names accessed by the department in the last 12 months?			
126	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs – coffee/tea</b>	<p>20) How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff?</p> <p>21) Does any office have coffee machines?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many?</li> <li>What was their purchase cost?</li> <li>What is their maintenance cost?</li> <li>Who has access to them?</li> </ol>	DFAT	N/A	Written
127	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs- mobile phones/ tablets</b>	<p>22) How many mobile phones are given to staff?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many new mobile phones in the last 12 months?</li> <li>What is the total cost of these phones?</li> <li>How many had to be replaced due to damage?</li> <li>How many were reported as lost?</li> </ol> <p>23) How many tablets are given to staff?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many new tablets in the last 12 months?</li> <li>What is the total cost of these tablets?</li> <li>How many had to be replaced due to damage?</li> <li>How many were reported as lost?</li> </ol> <p>24) How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?</li> </ol> <p>25) How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill in the last 12 months?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By how much?</li> <li>What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones?</li> <li>What was the highest monthly cost?</li> </ol> <p>26) What was the annual cost of stationary?</p> <p>27) What brand of paper does the Department use?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is this paper Australian made?</li> </ol>	DFAT	N/A	Written



128	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs – Office refurbishment s</b>	<p>28) Were any refurbishments on office buildings carried out in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. What were they?</p> <p>b. What was the cost?</p> <p>29) Were any internal fitouts/maintenance carried out on office buildings in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. What was the cost?</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
129	Gallacher	<b>DFAT Adminstrative costs- functions</b>	<p>30) How many functions did the Department cater for in the last 12 months? Please provide a</p> <p>a. List of functions,</p> <p>b. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister’s family or personal staff;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs;</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. Details of any spirits served including brand and vintage;</p> <p>h. Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and</p> <p>i. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
130	Gallacher	<b>Board appointments and vacancies</b>	<p>31) Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the department, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
131	Gallacher	<b>Media Monitoring Contracts</b>	<p>32) How much has the Department spent on media monitoring in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			<p>monitoring contracts.</p> <p>33) How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts.</p>			
132	Gallacher	<b>Fraud</b>	<p>34) Were any members of your department charged with fraud?</p> <p>a. How many staff members?</p> <p>b. What disciplinary action was taken?</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
133	Gallacher	<b>Market Research</b>	<p>35) Has the Department undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. With whom?</p> <p>b. For what?</p> <p>c. What was the value of the contract?</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
134	Gallacher	<b>RCEP</b>	<p>36) How many full time staff or equivalent are working on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership?</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
135	Gallacher	<b>Australia India FTA</b>	<p>37) What is the scheduled conclusion date for the Australia/ India free trade agreement?</p> <p>a. How many full time staff or equivalent are working on the Australia/ India free trade agreement?</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
136	Gallacher	<b>TPP 11 - FTE</b>	<p>38) How many full time equivalent staff are working on the TPP-11?</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
137	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>Australia Indonesia FTA</b>	<p>39) How many full time equivalent staff are working on the free trade agreement between Australia and Indonesia?</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
138	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>Credit cards</b>	<p>40) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the Department and agencies within the portfolio? If possible, please provide a break-down of this information by APS/ SES level.</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			<p>41) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in the last 12 months and what was it for?</p> <p>42) How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the last 12 months?</p> <p>43) How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the last 12 months?</p> <p>44) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in the last 12 months and what was the card holder's APS/ SES level?</p> <p>45) How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in the last 12 months and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>46) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in the last 12 months? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in the last 12 months and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>47) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in the last 12 months, and what was the cardholder's APS/ SES level? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>48) Are any credit cards currently on issue in the Department or agencies within the portfolio connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>49) Can a copy of the Department's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p>			
139	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>Labour hire companies</b>	50) Does the Department use any labour hire companies to source Departmental staff?	DFAT		

			<p>51) Does the Department use Labour Hire Agreements?</p> <p>52) How long has the Department used labour hire companies?</p> <p>53) How many staff are employed via these arrangements?</p> <p>54) How many staff are employed by the Department as contractors?</p> <p>55) Who authorised the use of labour hire companies?</p> <p>56) Do staff under these labour hire arrangements receive as much training and security clearance as permanent staff?</p> <p>57) Do staff under these arrangements receive the same pay and conditions as permanent staff?</p> <p>58) Do these temporary staff have access to the same systems and databases?</p> <p>59) Is this a concern from a security perspective?</p>			
140	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>External fees for DFAT services</b>	<p>60) Please provide a list of all external fees charged to Australian businesses, foreign businesses and citizens for the use of services by the department .</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide the amount charged for each fee.</li> <li>b. Please provide a breakdown of how many times these fees were charged in the last financial year.</li> <li>c. Please provide a breakdown of when each of these fees were increased/ decreased in the last five years.</li> </ol>	DFAT	N/A	Written
141	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>TPP-11</b>	<p>61) Has the Department, in its assessment of the TPP-11, calculated the cost to the PBS of providing patent protection to new uses, methods and processes of known medicines? If so, what is that cost expected to be in 5, 10 and 15 years?</p> <p>62) Has the Department, in its assessment of the TPP-11,</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			<p>calculated the cost to the PBS of providing an extended period of patent protection for pharmaceutical products? If so, what is that cost expected to be in 5, 10 and 15 years?</p> <p>63) Has the Department, in its assessment of the TPP-11, calculated the cost to the PBS of providing such data exclusivity? If so, what is that cost expected to be in 5, 10 and 15 years?</p> <p>64) Article 18.53 of the TPP-11 mandates that a patent holder be notified prior to marketing of a pharmaceutical product. Has the Department, in its assessment of the TPP-11 calculated the cost to the PBS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. of requiring such notification to the patent holder? If so, what is that cost expected to be in 5, 10 and 15 years?</li> <li>b. of invalid patents over pharmaceutical products the subject of such notification? If so, what is that cost expected to be in 5, 10 and 15 years?</li> </ul> <p>65) Has the Department in its assessment of the TPP-11 calculated the cost to the PBS of invalid patent applications? If so, what is that cost expected to be in 5, 10 and 15 years?</p> <p>66) Has the Department, in its assessment of the TPP-11, calculated the cost to the PBS of extending the period of patent protection to be commensurate with the period of data exclusivity? If so, what is that cost expected to be in 5, 10 and 15 years?</p>			
142	<b>Moore</b>	<b>SDGs - voluntary reporting 2018</b>	<p>With respect to previous updates on SDG implementation, DFAT has indicated coordination is being led by PM&amp;C and DFAT through a Deputy Secretary level Interdepartmental Committee.</p> <p>1. Can DFAT provide an update on current whole-of-government efforts around the SDGs?</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			<p>DFAT has indicated that preliminary work is underway to assess existing data collections against SDG indicators by all departments.</p> <p>2. Can DFAT provide a progress report on this assessment?</p> <p>In Budget Estimates 2017-18 QoN#072 response, DFAT mentions "coordination of the 2030 Agenda work in DFAT is led by a small team in the Multilateral Development and Finance Division"</p> <p>3. What staffing numbers and classifications form this team?</p> <p>The initial allocation of SDG responsibilities for the domestic side is also outlined as being spread across nearly as many agencies as there are goals.</p> <p>4. Has DFAT conducted any work on formulating a strategy to guide SDG implementation from a holistic perspective?</p> <p>5. Without further resources assigned to coordination, how is an integrated approach to SDGs possible that breaks down these silos?</p> <p>At the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), held in New York in July this year, the government announced its decision to voluntarily report next July on our progress with the 2030 Agenda against the SDG framework.</p> <p>6. DFAT has indicated that current structures will deliver any voluntary review, is this still the case for Australia reporting on progress with SDGs in 2018?</p> <p>7. At this stage, what additional resources, if any, have been allocated to this work?</p> <p>8. Has DFAT sought to consult with those countries who have previously provided a voluntary report on their SDG implementation? If so, which countries and which staff were involved?</p> <p>9. Has DFAT reached out to any countries that have developed government plans for domestication of the SDG</p>			
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			<p>agenda (e.g. Germany &amp; Finland) ?</p> <p>10. Has DFAT given any consideration to the formulation of a national strategy for sustainable development as part of our SDG work?</p>			
143	Moore	<p><b>Family Planning 2020 Summit in London on 11 July 2017</b></p>	<p>11. What is DFAT's current understanding of the global shortfall in family planning funding from the US withdrawal of funding for international family planning?</p> <p>12. To this point, what is DFAT's picture of the extent of additional pledges made at the 2020 summit in July 2017?</p> <p>13. Consequently, what is DFAT's understanding of the global shortfall in family planning funding that emerged from the summit?</p> <p>The summit saw Australia pledge of \$33.5M over 4 years comprising \$30M towards a partnership with the multilateral fund UNFPA &amp; \$3.5M to support UNFPA supplies (increase on \$2.5M pledge provided in 2016).</p> <p>14. Can DFAT now provide greater detail around this new partnership with UNFPA?</p> <p>15. Given the announcement of funding a partnership, how much input will Australia have on spending decisions or which region?</p> <p>16. Is DFAT funding any FP initiatives outside global funds, where Australia can specifically direct spending to our region?</p> <p>The aim of the summit was to accelerate efforts to get modern contraceptives to 120 million more women and girls in 69 target countries by 2020 - a target set 5 years ago. At the halfway point, only around 30 million more women had been reached, which is 20 million fewer than had been hoped.</p> <p>17. In the aftermath, what additional measures, if any, has DFAT considered for Australia to make a contribution towards meeting that shortfall?</p> <p>18. Given a Government priority of aid spending is women's</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			& girl's empowerment, has DFAT had discussions with the Minister around Australia expanding our commitment to Family Planning?			
144	<b>Moore</b>	Sustainable Development Goals	In response to Budget Estimates 2017-18 QoN#072 - 40. Has DFAT had further discussion around handing sole responsibility for coordination of domestic SDG implementation to Prime Minister and Cabinet?	DFAT	N/A	Written
145	<b>Moore</b>	SDGs & Global Compact website	In response to Budget Estimates 2017-18 QoN#050 - 41. What range of promotion is being conducted to increase awareness of the Global Compact Network Australia's website-An Australian SDGs Hub for Business?	DFAT	N/A	Written
146	<b>Moore</b>	Gender Equality	In response to Budget Estimates 2017-18 QoN#079 - 42. Who is expected to conduct an Aid Quality Check for a particular investment? 43. In the Office of Development Effectiveness conducting independent verification of the robustness of AQC ratings, does this involve a sample or all investments?	DFAT	N/A	Written
147	<b>Moore</b>	Indo-Pacific Health Security Initiative	Announced as part of the initiative's research for new drugs, diagnostics, tools and health systems, was a \$75M new PDP fund. 19. Given that new drug R&D requires lead time, consistency to funding is needed, why did DFAT decide on 3 yrs but refer to the potential for 1 or 2yrs additional funding? 20. By way of qualification around the PDP Fund, is the same funding going to be spread over a longer time? 21. How much can be disbursed each year? 22. How many PDPs can receive such funding?  23. Can DFAT confirm the \$2M to James Cook University for regional emergency preparedness work is just a re-announcement of an existing grant?  In the absence of costings being provided, the Health	DFAT	N/A	Written



			<p>Security Partnerships appear to account for the \$200M not allocated to R&amp;D.</p> <p>24. Will DFAT confirm the Health Security Partnerships are a continuation of normal DFAT business under a new health security heading?</p> <p>Given DFAT has indicated that Health Security Partnership elements will build on current and previous work with WHO, Australian NGO's, ASEAN etc.</p> <p>25. Can DFAT provide details of which current and previous work?</p> <p>Initial funding for a new partnership, Australian Therapeutic Goods Admin, appears earmarked for a regional partnership towards Malaria elimination efforts, with 'hopes' to do the same with TB drugs.</p> <p>26. Can DFAT clear up whether Australian Therapeutic Goods Admin partnership will include TB drugs?</p> <p>27. Also, whether a Review is intended of new global health products with regional regulators (to expedite access &amp; strengthen regulatory systems)?</p> <p>28. What funding has been allocated to these items?</p>			
148	<b>Moore</b>	<b>PNG - Support for elections</b>	<p>DFAT's ODE is currently evaluating Australian Electoral Assistance, looking at the effectiveness, efficiency and inclusiveness of Australian electoral assistance in Asia and the Pacific 2006-2016.</p> <p>29. Can DFAT provide an update on where this ODE evaluation is at currently?</p> <p>30. Does DFAT intend for the evaluation to include reference to the PNG election 2017?</p> <p>For 2017, claims of corruption have persisted around voters - excluded from the rolls, leading to complaints by Electoral Commission officials of obstruction. Hence, Australia has need to answer for its role in providing assistance to update PNG's electoral roll.</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			<p>31. Can DFAT confirm and elaborate upon Australian assistance consisting of technical support and advice?</p> <p>32. Does DFAT consider there was a distinct lack of resources to monitor the PNG election process?</p> <p>33. Has DFAT been advised of PNG moving forward with conducting their own review?</p> <p>34. Can DFAT confirm Australia has spent US\$60 million since 2002 towards PNG election assistance?</p> <p>35. Was the total spend for the 2017 election US\$5M?</p> <p>36. Given PNG budgetary concerns prior, why didn't DFAT match or exceed the funding for the 2012 election, estimated at over \$10M ?</p> <p>37. Does DFAT agree that the funding provided did not compensate for an inadequate domestic budget?</p> <p>38. Has DFAT looked at broader questions of the affordability of elections for PNG and their value for money</p> <p>39. Given the result, does DFAT concur that getting women into the PNG parliament at every election is now a pressing challenge?</p>			
149	<b>Moore</b>	PNG Health	<p>In response to Budget Estimates 2017-18 QoN#081 - 44. In 2014/15, Minister Bishop committed \$30m per year for 3 years to global health research. The Product Development Partnerships (PDP) spend is clearly documented as \$10m divided between three PDPs each year.</p> <p>Could DFAT provide full data on how the remaining \$20m/year was spent for the past three years?</p> <p>What other global health R&amp;D projects were funded?</p> <p>45. The PDPs have delivered significant results from their funding.</p> <p>Could DFAT provide data on the outcomes from non-PDP research funding they have provided?</p> <p>46. Are there any plans to renew funding to the three Product Development Partnerships (PDPs) making new medicines and diagnostics for global health? If so, how much funding will be provide and for how many years?</p> <p>47. Are there plans to fund more PDPs, beyond these three,</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			<p>in particular those making vital global health tools including:</p> <p>a. New reproductive health tools for women  b. New vector control tools including insecticides  c. New vaccines for AIDS, TB and malaria</p> <p>48. Are there plans to expand its global health R&amp;D funding to include not only overseas PDPs but also key Australian groups making vital global health medicines (e.g. Inhaled oxytocin to prevent maternal haemorrhage) ?</p>			
150	<b>Moore</b>	Innovation Xchange	<p>A media release from the Foreign Minister on 18 Sep 2017, announced winners of the Solve challenge.</p> <p>49. Could DFAT outline into which countries in the Pacific region will the winning innovation be testing new technologies, including online platforms and smartphone apps, to support young people transition into employment?</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
151	<b>Moore</b>	PNG - Blockchain trial	<p>50. Can DFAT confirm managing contractor AbtAssociates is working with PNG Central Bank and IDBox to run a use case trial of blockchain technology in PNG?</p> <p>51. Provide details of funding and staff allocation, business activity where technology used and the region where the trial is being conducted.</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
152	<b>Moore</b>	Disability within Aid program	<p>Australia will be reporting its progress against both the SDGs and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities next year.</p> <p>52. Can the Government provide details for how it intends to demonstrate commitment to "leaving no one behind" in regard to people with disabilities being included in Australian aid programs?</p> <p>In a speech to the Global Action on Disability Network earlier this year, Minister Fierravanti-Wells highlighted support to disabled people's organisations in developing countries as 'a core part of our approach' to strengthening the human rights capacity of governments and civil society. Although disability rights are 'a core part' of one of the stated</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			<p>pillars of Australia's campaign for a seat on the UN Human Rights Council, funding for disability within the aid budget has remained at \$12.9m or 0.3% of aid program - for several years.</p> <p>53. Will DFAT be advisingIs there an intention to increase the amount of funding earmarked for disability in the aid program, now that Australia has secured its place at the global human rights table?</p> <p>The Government's Development for All disability inclusion strategy acknowledges that some groups of people with disabilities often receive less support than others. It highlights people with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities. Disabled people's organisations and Australian aid partners have long reported the difficulties in including Deaf and hard-of-hearing Pacific islanders in their work, as many have no sign language. Without a language, many Deaf people in our region can only use 'home signs' to communicate basic terms to their families, and are unable to access education, livelihoods and services.</p> <p>54. What is the Government doing to make sure that they are not left behind?</p>			
153	<b>Moore</b>	Development of White Paper on Australia's Foreign Policy	<p>55. What is the latest advice DFAT can provide on the timing of the release of the White Paper?</p> <p>56. How much emphasis on Australia's role in development co-operation is the White Paper likely to contain?</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written
154	<b>Moore</b>	Global Partnership for Education Commitments and replenishment	57 In preparation for the Global Partnership for Education Replenishment next February, what factors will the Government consider in deciding the level of future funding for the GPE?	DFAT	N/A	Written
155	<b>Moore</b>	innovationXch	58. Please provide the start date, end date and implementing	DFAT	N/A	Written

		ange	<p>organisations (and the budget of each implementing partner) of the following initiatives of the Innovation Xchange:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Blue economy aquaculture challenge</li> <li>b. Pacific Humanitarian challenge</li> <li>c. LAUNCH Food</li> <li>d. Hamutuk Nutrition</li> <li>e. Last Taboo</li> <li>f. Vietnam Water Partnership</li> <li>g. Investing in Women - Asia</li> <li>h. Seed Pacific</li> <li>i. No win no fee trial</li> <li>j. Global Innovation Fund</li> <li>k. Google Impact Challenge</li> <li>l. Global Innovation Exchange</li> <li>m. Innovation Resource Facility</li> <li>n. Bloomberg Data for Health</li> <li>o. Global Humanitarian Lab</li> <li>p. mSupply</li> <li>q. XPRIZE</li> <li>r. MIKTA Education in emergencies challenge</li> <li>s. MIT/Atlassian Youth Skills &amp; the Workforce of the Future</li> </ul> <p>59. How many DFAT staff work in the Innovation Xchange (working on official development assistance):</p>			
156	<b>Di Natale</b>	<b>Cambodia</b>	<p>1. On 23 October, several global human rights organisations wrote to the UN Secretary General and the Presidents of France and Indonesia, asking that the Paris Conference on Cambodia be reconvened because of serious breaches to its provisions by the Cambodian Government. Minister Bishop was copied into that correspondence.</p> <p>a. Does the Australian Government agree that the Hun Sen Government is breaching the</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			<p>Paris Agreement, which includes provisions that Cambodia will follow a system of liberal democracy, and that it ensures respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Will the Australian Government support the reconvening of the Paris Conference?</li><li>3. What is the Australian Government doing to raise its concerns, particularly regarding the arrest of Cambodian opposition party leader Kem Sokha and the crackdown on media and civil society in Cambodia?<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. At Estimates on 26 October, DFAT indicated a number of representations had been made to the Cambodian Government about Australia's concerns, including at Ambassadorial and Secretary level. What was the response of the Cambodian government?</li><li>b. What representations have been made to the Cambodian Government by Australia's Foreign Minister, Julie Bishop?</li><li>c. At Estimates on 26 October, DFAT officials spoke about the "unfortunate juxtaposition" of a signing ceremony with the Cambodian Government on 18 October. The ceremony was also characterised as a "new dimension, an extra dimension, of our relations with Cambodia".</li><li>d. What is the justification for establish a new or</li></ol></li></ol>			
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			<p>extra dimension in our ties with Cambodia at the exact moment when Prime Minister Hun Sen is dismantling Cambodian democracy?</p> <p>4. How does the Government plan to use its term on the Human Rights Council to address human rights concerns in Cambodia?</p> <p>5. Will the Government implement travel sanctions against senior Cambodian officials?</p>			
157	<b>Di Natale</b>	<b>West Papua</b>	<p>1. Is DFAT aware of any human rights abuses that occurred as a result of the recent petition, signed by 1.8 million West Papuans, which called for independence and human rights monitoring?</p> <p>2. Does the Government consider that the banning of this petition by the Indonesian Government was legitimate?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. Does the Government consider the banning of the petition to be an infringement of West Papuans' freedom of speech?</p> <p>3. Since 1 June 2017, what representations has the Australian Government made to the Government of Indonesia regarding human rights abuses in West Papua?</p> <p>4. The Prime Ministers of the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu recently called on the Human Rights Council to investigate long-standing allegations of human rights abuses in West Papua. Will the Australian Government be using its seat on the Human Rights Council to</p>	DFAT	N/A	Written

			progress these calls?			
158	<b>Di Natale</b>	<b>Philippines</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the current status of Australian government assistance to the Philippine National Police in light of the ongoing "war on drugs"? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide a breakdown of any assistance or cooperation programs with the Philippine National Police, and the monetary value of those programs.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Why did the Director-General of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service pose with President Rodrigo Duterte in his signature "iron fist" pose? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Is the Government concerned that such a pose implies that an Australian official supports Duterte's policies?</li> <li>b. Has Mr Warner made any public or private statement to the Philippines Government following that photo to make it clear that he does not condone Duterte's approach in the war on drugs?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. What representations has the Australian Government made since 1 June 2017 regarding extra-judicial killings in the Philippines?</li> </ol>	DFAT	N/A	Written



159	<b>Di Natale</b>	<b>Brain Drain from DFAT</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At the time of the merger between DFAT and AusAID, can the Department please advise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the number of permanent staff in AusAID, and how many of these staff moved into the new integrated Department?</li> <li>b. the number of permanent staff in DFAT, and how many of these moved into the new integrated Department?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. What was the ratio of AusAid to DFAT staff in the new integrated department at the time of integration?</li> <li>3. Can you advise how many people are currently employed in DFAT? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What number and percentage of current employees were originally in DFAT prior to the merger?</li> <li>b. What number and percentage of current employees were originally in AusAID prior to merger?</li> <li>c. What number and percentage of current employees are new to the department since the merger?</li> <li>d. What number and percentage of current employees are contractors?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. In the current Department, what is the ratio of staff who were formerly in AusAid, compared to staff</li> </ol>	DFAT	N/A	Written
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			<p>who were in DFAT pre-merger?</p> <p>5. DFAT oversees Australia's \$4bn aid program. To ensure our aid program is effective in achieving good development outcomes, does the Department agree that it is crucial to have skilled staff with sound development expertise employed in the Department?</p> <p>6. How has the Department sought to replace the loss of development expertise with the departure of former AusAID staff?</p> <p>7. Is this loss of expertise the reason for the increase in significant amounts of our ODA going to Managing Contractors and Consultants to provide technical assistance to DFAT in managing the aid program?</p>			
160	Wong	<b>Governance Programs</b>	<p>(1) What proportion of Australia's ODA program as a whole goes toward governance programs?</p> <p>(2) How many advisers and technical experts are placed within foreign government ministries as part of Australia's Effective Governance Strategy?</p> <p>(3) Can a breakdown of the costs associated with the placement of Australian advisers and experts be provided?</p> <p>(4) Can the Department confirm if these costs are allocated to ODA</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
161	Wong	<b>PNG Governance Facility</b>	<p>(1) What is the budget for the Papua New Guinea Governance Facility?</p> <p>(2) What proportion of Australian ODA to PNG is provided through the Facility on an annual basis?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p>(3) What proportion of Australia’s ODA to PNG is now provided through private managing contractors?</p> <p>(4) Is the Department aware of the number of employees engaged with the work of this facility by the managing contractor?</p> <p>(5) Does the Department have any knowledge of or control of the portion of the \$360 million awarded to ABT JTA for the management of the PNG Governance Facility is attributed to staffing cost?</p> <p>(6) Are any departmental staff seconded and or based out of the Papua New Guinea Governance Facility?</p> <p>(7) Has the Department had any reduction in the number of employees assigned to the area of governance since ABT JTA was awarded the contract?</p> <p>(8) Does the Department maintain a Principal Governance Specialist?</p> <p>(9) How much money has been saved through the consolidation of governance programs into this facility?</p> <p>(1) How has the contractor demonstrated the ‘clear value for money for all activities’ as outlined in the Investment Design Document? Have any activities managed by the Papua New Guinea Governance facility been cancelled due to poor performance or had their funding reallocated to higher priority activities?</p> <p>(2) If yes, why was the program cancelled?</p> <p>(3) What was the cost of the program?</p> <p>(4) What has been done with the funds? Have they been reallocated?</p>			
162	Wong	<b>HIV/AIDS funding in PNG</b>	<p>(1) QoN 81 from the 2017-18 Budget Estimates, states that the Department successfully negotiated with the Global Fund to continue contribution to HIVAID services until December 2018.</p> <p>(2) Can the Department provide an update on funding available in PNG through Global Fund Grants?</p> <p>(3) Can the Department provide an update on Australia’s</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A

			<p>PNG Partnership Fund Grants ?</p> <p>(4) Of the grants awarded, what if any consideration was given to the geographic coverage of programs receiving funding?</p> <p>(5) How does this geographic coverage compare to previous funding models?</p> <p>Can the Department guarantee, following changes to funding and providers that no Papua New Guinean communities that currently have access to HIV/AIDS services will be without access to HIV/AIDS services?</p> <p>Can the Department provide a breakdown of all HIV/AIDS funding in PNG spanning from 2012 to present on the basis of recipients being local NGOs, International NGOs, Managing contractors/private health providers, and multilateral funds?</p>			
163	<b>Abetz</b>	ICCPR	<p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> But what is the government's policy and advocacy in relation to this? Please bear with me, given that this isn't technically Foreign Affairs, but it sort of is. Have we said that the unborn child's right to life in international law should continue to be protected?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Let me take that on notice. I'm not aware that we have made a submission on that particular issue.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator ABETZ:</b> Thank you. The other one that I've been told about, courtesy of the media, is that the United Kingdom, clearly with nothing else on its mind, is moving to change the term in the ICCPR from 'pregnant woman' to 'pregnant person'—clearly a burning matter of great international importance, but it's the sort of politically correct nonsense. I would have thought it's women that fall pregnant, but has Australia made any representations?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Again, I'm not aware that we have done so. I'm pretty sure the answer to your question is no, but again I'll take that on notice and have it checked.</p>	DFAT	Spoken	70-71

			<b>Senator ABETZ:</b> All right.			
164	Wong	<b>Digital Diplomacy</b>	<p>(1) How much does the Department spend annually on digital diplomacy?</p> <p>(2) How many Canberra-based staff does the Department have working full-time on digital diplomacy?</p> <p>(3) Has the Department commissioned research to guide its strategies and tactics in this area?</p> <p>(4) How does Australia's online influence rate when compared against other governments around the world like the United Kingdom, Canada or Israel?</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
165	Moore	<b>Global Compacts</b>	<p>60. As a signatory to the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants Australia has committed to developing two global compacts by 2018: a Global Compact on Refugees, and a Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Can the Department please confirm which department is responsible for these discussions and corresponding work?</p> <p>61. What actions have been taken so far in relation to these compacts?</p> <p>62. What is the timeframe for Australia in relation to discussions internally and with other signatories?</p> <p>63. As a signatory to the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants does Australia intend to review its domestic response to refugees? (for example by further expanding its humanitarian admission program, or introducing more flexible arrangements to assist family reunification for refugees?)</p>	DFAT	Written	N/A
166	Wong	<b>Climate</b>	At the COP21 climate change talks in Paris, Australia committed to investing \$1 billion to address climate change	DFAT	Written	N/A

		<b>Finance</b>	<p>challenges globally:</p> <p>(1) Can the Department provide an update on expenditure to date?</p> <p>(2) What is the breakdown of expenditure by country and region?</p> <p>(3) What is the breakdown of spending on climate adaptation vs mitigation?</p> <p>(4) What percentage of expenditure has been delivered through Australian or local NGOs?</p> <p>(5) Is the Department using the OECD –DAC Climate Markers for budget tagging?</p> <p>(6) If not what method is being used to track this expenditure?</p> <p>(7) Is there a public document that sets out the priorities for spending this \$1 billion to address climate change challenges globally?</p> <p>(8) Does the Department have an internal strategy document that outlines how the \$1 billion to address climate change globally will be spent?</p>			
167	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>Vietnam's export of rice to Indonesia</b>	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Are you able to track Vietnam's export of rice to Indonesia as a measure of your success?</p> <p><b>Prof. Campbell:</b> That's the sort of thing that the economists evaluating the impact of our projects would do.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> You have had a 30-year history of success. What the most prospective venture you're in the at the moment and what's been the most satisfactory achievement that you've got—and where?</p> <p><b>Prof. Campbell:</b> I'd have to take that on notice in precise terms, but—and my colleague Melissa can correct me—we've had extraordinary impact in Vietnam with Australian genetic work on acacias that has delivered an impact</p>	ACIAR	Spoken	123-4

			measured in the billions.			
168	<b>McAllister</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ASL by state</li> <li>2. Headcount of people employed as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Labour Hire,</li> <li>b. Contractors, or</li> <li>c. outsourced staff,</li> <li>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The total number of people who have a log in to the departmental IT system, and the breakdown by category of these log-ins (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other category that has access to the system).</li> <li>4. The total number of people who have a security/access pass into your departmental buildings, and the breakdown by category of these pass holders (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other relevant category).</li> <li>5. A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.</li> </ol>	ACIAR	Written	N/A
169	<b>McAllister</b>	<b>Service delivery</b>	<p>Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?</p> <p>If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental illness?</li> <li>2. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.</li> </ol>	ACIAR	Written	N/A

			<p>3. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years?</p> <p>4. Who provides this training?</p>			
170	<b>McAllister</b>	<b>Digital transformation</b>	<p>As at 31 October 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency?</li> <li>2. For each project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What criteria are you using for assessing success?</li> <li>b. What is the role of the DTA in the project?</li> <li>c. What is the timeframe for completion?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	ACIAR	Written	
171	<b>Abetz</b>	<b>Seasonal greetings message</b>	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary of the Department, or agency head, at the relevant time.	ACIAR	Written	
172	<b>Abetz</b>	<b>Enterprise Agreement negotiations</b>	<p>In the most recent Enterprise Agreement negotiations, was/were any side-agreement/s, protocol/s, arrangement/s, agreement/s entered into?</p> <p>If so, please provide a copy.</p>	ACIAR	Written	
173	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>Statement of Expectations</b>	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What was the rationale for the SOE change?</p> <p><b>Ms Dave:</b> I think that's a matter for—</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> I think it's a question for government.</p> <p><b>Ms Dave:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> I'll take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> What was the rationale, and were stakeholders asking for the SOE to change? Presumably the minister will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Dave:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> He will. Was the consultation prior to the SOE change, or were your instruments just changed?</p> <p><b>Ms Dave:</b> I'm not aware of that.</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> Why don't I take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Okay. Did the minister consult</p>	Efic	Spoken	130



			<p>with Efic before changing the SOE? Was there any modelling which demonstrated a market gap before the SOE was changed?</p> <p><b>Ms Dave:</b> I'm not aware of that.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Perhaps, if there was any modelling, you can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> I'll take it on notice to assist you, Senator.</p>			
174	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>Statement of Expectations</b>	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> How many employees would have been in holding positions at both NAIF and Efic? Is that how it works? Do they hold two positions or are they full time with NAIF? Perhaps you could take these on notice, because there have been a couple areas of questioning in different committees where it's clear that there was a relationship between the Northern Australia Infrastructure Fund and Efic. What we'd like to know is how many employees held positions at both entities and what their positions were; what was their pay scale; has your workload increased since beginning to work with NAIF; how many Efic employees have provided assistance to NAIF; has Efic increased the number of employees it's needed to provide this service with NAIF; quantify how much assistance has been provided—how many FTE positions; and have Efic staff moved from Sydney to assist the NAIF in their work? Unless you have answers to those, I will put them on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Dave:</b> Yes, we'll take them on notice.</p>	Efic	Spoken	130
175	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>Statement of Expectations</b>	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Yes. So, you're not able to identify those; there's a possibility but you're not saying—</p> <p><b>Mr Hopkins:</b> There's a possibility.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> So perhaps on notice, could we get the number of applications since the change in the SOE about onshore projects—just to get a view of the pipeline that's developing there?</p> <p><b>Mr Hopkins:</b> Certainly, Senator.</p>	Efic	Spoken	131
176	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>Statement of Expectations</b>	<p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> How accurate have your previous estimates been over the last three years?</p> <p><b>Ms Dave:</b> Because we can't categorically state in advance</p>	Efic	Spoken	131-132

			<p>what the market gap might be, or what the private sector appetite might be, what we have done is provide ranges.</p> <p><b>Senator GALLACHER:</b> Okay. On notice, can you provide what you've targeted and what's been achieved for three years, and, if you were to go forward into the Efic dividend to the Commonwealth in your corporate plan, what's the methodology, and how accurate have you been in the past?</p> <p><b>Ms Dave:</b> I will take that on notice, because it's the past that I'm not so familiar with.</p>			
177	<b>Gallacher</b>	<b>Office costs</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who are the contracts with?</li> <li>b. How much does each contract cost?</li> <li>c. How often do they visit?</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Who were the contracts with?</li> <li>b. How much was each contract cost?</li> </ol> </li> <li>3) What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from in the last 12 months? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals?</li> </ol> </li> <li>4) What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the department in the last 12 months? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What were the gifts purchased? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Who were they gifted to?</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>5) Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for your department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the monthly cost of this?</li> </ol> </li> <li>6) Do you provide fruit for your department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the monthly cost of this?</li> </ol> </li> <li>7) What is the total bill for your department in the last 12</li> </ol>	Efic	Written	N/A

			<p>months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Taxi hire</li> <li>b. Limousine hire</li> <li>c. Private hire care</li> <li>d. Hire car rental</li> <li>e. Ridesharing services</li> </ul> <p>8) How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the department?</p> <p>9) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?</p> <p>10) What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department?</p> <p>11) How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in the last 12 months?</p> <p>12) How much has the Department spend in legal costs in the last 12 months?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?</li> </ul> <p>13) Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in the last 12 months?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. Photography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Acting training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> <li>d. Ergonomics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. And the cost of these services</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>14) Have any staff who received a redundancy from the Department in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the Department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What was the nature of these works/services?</li> <li>b. What was the total cost of these works or services?</li> </ul> <p>15) How many redundancies were processed by the Department in the last 12 months?</p>			
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			<p>a. Of these redundancies, how many were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Voluntary?</li><li>ii. Forced?</li></ul> <p>b. What was the total cost of all redundancies?</p> <p>16) Does the department have an iTunes account?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. What is the total expenditure in the last 12 months on iTunes?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?</li></ul></li></ul> <p>17) Does the department have an Android account?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. What was the total expenditure in the last 12 months on Android?</li><li>b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?</li></ul> <p>18) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the department in the last 12 months?</p> <p>19) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by the department in the last 12 months?</p> <p>20) How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff in the last 12 months?</p> <p>21) Does any office have coffee machines?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. How many?</li><li>b. What was their purchase cost?</li><li>c. What is their maintenance cost?</li><li>d. Who has access to them?</li></ul> <p>22) How many mobile phones are given to staff?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. How many new mobile phones in the last year?</li><li>b. What is the total cost of these phones?</li><li>c. How many had to be replaced due to damage?</li><li>d. How many were reported as lost?</li></ul> <p>23) How many tablets are given to staff?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. How many new tablets in the last 12 months?</li><li>b. What is the total cost of these tablets?</li><li>c. How many had to be replaced due to damage?</li></ul>			
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			<p>d. How many were reported as lost?</p> <p>24) How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet?</p> <p>a. What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?</p> <p>25) How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill?</p> <p>a. By how much?</p> <p>b. What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones?</p> <p>c. What was the highest monthly cost?</p> <p>26) What was the annual cost of stationary?</p> <p>27) What brand of paper does the Department use?</p> <p>a. Is this paper Australian made?</p> <p>28) Were any refurbishments on office buildings carried out in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. What were they?</p> <p>b. What was the cost?</p> <p>29) Were any internal fitouts/maintenance carried out on office buildings in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. What was the cost?</p> <p>30) How many functions did the Department cater for in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. List of functions,</p> <p>b. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs;</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. Details of any spirits served including brand and vintage;</p> <p>h. Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and</p>			
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			<p>i. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>31) Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the department, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.</p> <p>32) How much has the Department spent on media monitoring in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts.</p> <p>33) How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts.</p> <p>34) Were any members of your department charged with fraud?</p> <p>a. How many staff members?</p> <p>b. What disciplinary action was taken?</p> <p>35) Has the Department undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. With whom?</p> <p>b. For what?</p> <p>c. What was the value of the contract?</p> <p>36) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the Department and agencies within the portfolio? If possible, please provide a break-down of this information by APS/ SES level.</p> <p>37) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in the last 12 months and what was it for?</p> <p>38) How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the last 12 months?</p> <p>39) How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the last 12 months?</p> <p>40) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in the last 12 months and what was the card holder's APS/ SES level?</p> <p>41) How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in</p>			
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			<p>the last 12 months and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>42) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in the last 12 months? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in the last 12 months and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>43) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in the last 12 months, and what was the cardholder's APS/ SES level? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>44) Are any credit cards currently on issue in the Department or agencies within the portfolio connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>45) Can a copy of the Department's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p> <p>46) Does the Department use any labour hire companies to source Departmental staff?</p> <p>47) Does the Department use Labour Hire Agreements?</p> <p>48) How long has the Department used labour hire companies?</p> <p>49) How many staff are employed under via these arrangements?</p> <p>50) How many staff are employed by the Department as contractors?</p> <p>51) Who authorised the use of labour hire companies?</p> <p>52) Do staff under these labour hire arrangements receive as much training and security clearance as permanent staff?</p> <p>53) Do staff under these arrangements receive the same pay and conditions as permanent staff?</p> <p>54) Do these temporary staff have access to the same systems and databases?</p> <p>55) Is this a concern from a security perspective?</p>			
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			<p>56) Please provide a list of all external fees charged to Australian businesses, foreign businesses and citizens for the use of services by the department .</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide the amount charged for each fee.</li> <li>b. Please provide a breakdown of how many times these fees were charged in the last financial year.</li> <li>c. Please provide a breakdown of when each of these fees were increased/ decreased in the last five years.</li> </ol> <p>57) Has Efic spoken to the Minister or Minister’s office about Adani or the Carmichael Mine project or the North Galilee Project?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. What was the nature of these discussions?</li> <li>e. Please provide any documents which were provided to the Minister or Minister’s office.</li> </ol> <p>58) Has Efic had any discussion or contact with Adani or related entities?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f. What was the nature of these discussions and what information has been provided?</li> <li>g. Please provide any documents provided to Adani or related entities.</li> </ol>			
178	<b>Hanson-Young</b>	<b>Australia’s International Commitments</b>	<p>Questions: EFIC is required to give consideration to Australia’s international commitments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How is EFIC satisfying its legislative requirement to have regard to Australia’s obligations under the Paris Agreement?</li> <li>b. Has the EFIC Board ever discussed the Paris Agreement?</li> <li>c. Does EFIC consider Australia’s Paris Agreement commitments when deciding which projects to fund? If so, how?</li> <li>d. Does EFIC undertake a 2-degree global</li> </ol>	Efic	Written	N/A



			<p>warming scenario analysis for major proposals?</p> <p>e. When EFIC considers coal demand, does it use International Energy Agency scenarios?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Does EFIC use the scenario that is compliant with the global target of 2 degrees? Or only the ones that are not consistent with 2 degrees?</li> <li>ii. Does EFIC fund projects that are inconsistent with the 2 degree scenario?</li> </ul> <p>f. In September 2016, EFIC put out a statement saying <i>“the recent rally in the thermal coal market is not sustainable. We forecast... lacklustre demand and robust supply”</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Is this still EFIC’s view?</li> </ul> <p>g. Acil Allen has said <i>“There are sound reasons to be pessimistic about thermal coal prices in the short-, medium- and long-term time frames. This pessimism seems to be justified, even in the absence of intensification of action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in major coal-using economies”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Does EFIC agree with this statement?</li> <li>ii. Does EFIC believe that the banks that are moving away from funding coal are responding to commercial risks?</li> </ul> <p>h. Does EFIC have limits on financial support to projects tied to industries impacted by climate change transition risks such as thermal coal exports?</p> <p>i. EFIC’s description of its Risk Management</p>			
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			<p>Framework in its annual report does not refer to climate change. Has EFIC incorporated climate change risks into its Risk Management Framework?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>2. Does EFIC have any internal transaction limits?</li><li>3. What input did EFIC have in the Trade Minister's decision to amend EFIC's statement of Expectations on 7 September?</li><li>4. In justifying his changes to the Statement of Expectations, the Minister referred to "<i>the stepped-up campaigning of activist groups which is discouraging our major retail banks from financing otherwise-viable exporters in the coal sector</i>".<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Does EFIC agree that private sector providers refusing to finance transactions due to unacceptable credit risk is an essential feature of efficient financial markets?</li><li>b. Please explain how the withdrawal of Australia's major retail banks due to climate risk is an example of market failure.</li><li>c. Has EFIC had discussions with private lenders who view projects as viable but choose not to lend to them for reputational reasons that exceed commercial risks?<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. If so, does EFIC regard this practice as widespread?</li></ol></li><li>d. Has EFIC had discussions with mining companies that consider their projects viable but underfunded for reputational reasons?</li><li>e. Does EFIC's new Statement of Expectations allow it to fund projects where commercial lenders consider reputational risks to be too</li></ol></li></ol>			
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			<p>great?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Is EFIC currently considering funding any coal projects?</li> <li>6. Is EFIC prevented from financing an entity that is being assessed for Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility funding, but has not yet received it?</li> <li>7. Could an entity that has not directly received a NAIF loan, but is in the same corporate group as an entity that has, receive financial assistance from EFIC?</li> <li>8. Is EFIC financial assistance ever provided to projects on the condition that the entity meets ongoing due diligence standards? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Please provide general examples of what standards and entity may be required to meet.</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. Does EFIC conduct ongoing due diligence of projects that have received financial assistance?</li> <li>10. Where a project fails to meet its ongoing due diligence standards, what powers does EFIC have to ensure compliance?</li> <li>11. Has a project that has received financial assistance from EFIC ever failed to meet its ongoing due diligence standards?</li> <li>12. Has EFIC ever exercised its powers (contractual or otherwise) to ensure an entity complies with due diligence standards?</li> <li>13. The Productivity Commission has previously said there is <i>“no convincing evidence of systemic market failures for large firms in accessing export finance, not for resource-related projects in Australia”</i>. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Does EFIC agree with this view?</li> <li>b. If not, does EFIC intend to discuss this with the Productivity Commission?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>			
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			c. Did EFIC consult the Productivity Commission about its new Statement of Expectations? If so, what was the Productivity Commission's view about the new SoE?			
179	<b>McAllister</b>	<b>Staffing and technology issues</b>	<p>Please provide as at 30 June 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ASL by state</li> <li>2. Headcount of people employed as <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Labour Hire,</li> <li>b. Contractors, or</li> <li>c. outsourced staff,</li> <li>d. and the value of each of these contracts for the 2016-2017 financial year.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The total number of people who have a log in to the departmental IT system, and the breakdown by category of these log-ins (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other category that has access to the system).</li> <li>4. The total number of people who have a security/access pass into your departmental buildings, and the breakdown by category of these pass holders (permanent, non-ongoing, casual, labour hire, outsourced, contractors, and any other relevant category).</li> <li>5. A list of organisations/companies that have staff who can log into your departmental IT system.</li> </ol>	Efic	Written	N/A
180	<b>McAllister</b>	<b>Service Delivery</b>	<p>Does any part of your agency/department have a service delivery function, or which has face to face interactions with the public?</p> <p>If yes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do you provide staff with training on how to deal with client aggression or customers experiencing mental</li> </ol>	Efic	Written	N/A

			<p>illness?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Please provide the dates and locations that training has been run over the last 5 years.</li> <li>3. How many of your staff have received this training? How many in the last 2 years?</li> <li>4. Who provides this training?</li> </ol>			
181	<b>McAllister</b>	<b>Digital Transformation Agency</b>	<p>As at 31 October 2017:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What projects are you undertaking in conjunction with the Digital Transformation Agency?</li> <li>2. For each project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What criteria are you using for assessing success?</li> <li>b. What is the role of the DTA in the project?</li> <li>c. What is the timeframe for completion?</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	Efic	Written	N/A
182	<b>Rhiannon</b>	<b>Complaints Procedures in relation to Human Rights / (Boikarabelo)</b>	<p>Is Efic aware of the complaint that was made by community members affected by the Boikarabelo mine in South Africa, which Efic has been considering funding? The complaint detailed serious concerns regarding human rights including restriction of access to the local cemetery, poor community consultation, and threats of displacement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is Efic’s process for handling complaints made by communities affected by potential projects, and how was that process followed in this case?</li> <li>b. What is Efic’s obligation to engage directly with the complainant when a complaint is made?</li> <li>c. What is required for Efic to consider that a complaint has been adequately resolved?</li> <li>d. Does Efic consider this complaint to be resolved? Why?</li> <li>e. How is information from complaints incorporated into Efic’s decision whether or not to fund a project?</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Given that we know that information provided by the proponents of Category A projects may not give a full picture of a project’s human rights, social and</li> </ol>	Efic	Written	N/A

			<p>environmental impacts, how does Efic’s due diligence processes ensure that the IFC standards and Australia’s international human rights obligations are upheld?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What did Efic know about the significant community concerns surrounding the Boikarabelo mine prior to receiving the written complaint?</li> <li>Please detail any independent assessment s Efic conduct s for Category A projects in order to ensure that Efic and Australia’s obligations on social, environmental and human rights risks are upheld?</li> <li>What is Efic’s process or channel for independent consultation with affected communities before a Category A project is approved for funding?</li> </ol>			
183	<b>Abetz</b>	<b>Seasonal Greeting message</b>	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary of the Department, or agency head, at the relevant time.	Efic	Written	N/A
184	<b>Abetz</b>	<b>Enterprise Agreement</b>	In the most recent Enterprise Agreement negotiations, was/were any side-agreement/s, protocol/s, arrangement/s, agreement/s entered into? If so, please provide a copy.	Efic	Written	N/A