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1	1	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Wong/ McAllister</b>	Access to Archived Email Records – Contact with IPA	Australian Public Service Commission	<p><b>Ms Page:</b> To be able to get some sense of quantum, I would need to be able to access those email records.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Ms Page:</b> The way that our systems are set up—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can't you just ask him?</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Order! Senator Wong, please allow the witness to answer the question.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure. Can't you just ask him?</p> <p><b>Ms Page:</b> His system is set up the same as mine. Our material is routinely archived. For a period of time, we have had no access to those archived emails.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> What period of time, Ms Page? That sounds like a very specific problem.</p> <p><b>Ms Page:</b> I'd have to give that to you on notice, Senator.</p>	Hansard Proof, 26 February 2018, page 30
2	2	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Wong</b>	Email Records – Contact with IPA	Australian Public Service Commission	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes. First, are you prepared to do a search through your Outlook email just for the word 'IPA', and provide the committee with the subject matters of those emails?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> We'd taken that on notice last time—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, I'm asking you now: are you prepared to do that?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I'll take it on notice. Again, I'll talk to Ms Page and determine what's involved, and what time you want it over. One thing that is a constant here—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Are you prepared to?</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 31

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						<p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> is that the contact with the IPA, I must say, is very irregular and very rare.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, then it won't take long, will it?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> You've asked for 18 months, going back—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Just hang on a sec. You can't have it both ways, Mr Lloyd. You can't say on the one hand it is an unreasonable diversion of resources, but then on the other hand tell this committee, 'Actually, it is pretty irregular so there's not much.' They're inconsistent positions.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> No, they're not, with all due respect.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'm not particularly great on the computer but I can type into a search function and press search.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I can do that, but it only goes back a very short time.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I am sure you can access—Ms Page says your archiving search functions is now fixed—I'm sure you can do that, too. I'm asking you a simple conceptual question: are you prepared to provide a list of the emails?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> We will take that on notice. I will get advice about the extent to which we have to go back and the time you're after—</p>	
3	3	Australian	<b>McAllister</b>	Preparing	Australian	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Could you step us through what	FPA Monday

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		Public Service Commission		Responses to Senate Estimates Questions on Notice	Public Service Commission	<p>that process looks like? Does Ms Page prepare a set of draft responses, for example, and you review them? Is that how it works?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> That's normally the case. It's normally the case that we get the transcript of the questions from the committee, and they're distributed to the relevant group manager. That group manager will generally draft a response. If consultation is required, then they come to me. I vet them and approve them or ask for more changes.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So in this instance, Ms Page drafted an initial response. Is that the first step in the process in relation to this question?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I anticipate that was the case—as I say, I expect—that's the normal process: so, I'd get a draft answer coming up, and that, in this case, I anticipate was from Ms Page.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> That is, again, a conditional answer. Ms Page, is that what happened? You were the first point of engaging with this question on notice? You drafted the response?</p> <p><b>Ms Page:</b> Yes, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> And was your original response the one that we received?</p> <p><b>Ms Page:</b> It was, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So you drafted that response,</p>	26 February 2018, page 32 & 33

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						<p>and you gave it to Mr Lloyd, and he reviewed it, as part of a broader set of answers to questions on notice.</p> <p><b>Ms Page:</b> That's right. So we spoke about the questions that we were going through, and you might note, Senator, at question No. 32, for argument's sake, the commissioner was asked also about contact with the IPA. That was a much more simple and straightforward matter for us to be able to clarify, so we were very happy to be able to source that information and include it in our answer to question 32. With question 30, as I said, I drafted that response having regard to the impact that it would have had on us trying to go back to 18 months, looking at emails—</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You've explained that rationale, Ms Page. Mr Lloyd, you then sign off on that and you provide it to the minister. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> Yes, the minister's office. It's the normal process, because they have to submit it to the committee, as I understand it.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Minister, did you see these answers before they were submitted?</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> I'd need to take that on notice. I can't quite recall whether or not they were all provided before the reshuffle occurred, so I'd just need to take that one on notice—sorry; the reshuffle was in December.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Perhaps, then, I might rephrase</p>	

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						<p>my question, which is to ask: who in which minister's office did sign off on those answers prior to them being submitted? And were they sighted by a government minister or merely a minister's—</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> When I was the minister, they would have been sighted by me. I don't know what the process is now in relation to the new minister.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm asking on notice for you to advise the committee: if this was dealt with by the new minister, who signed off on it, and on what date?</p>	
4	4	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>McAllister</b>	Contact with IPA	Australian Public Service Commission	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Was the correspondence that was released under FOI that is the subject of this discussion correspondence with Mr Roskam?</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I would have to check that. I suspect some of it was, but I would have to check. I can't—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> I think, from memory, in the FOI release, the name was redacted.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> It was redacted and I'm asking Mr Lloyd now.</p> <p><b>Mr Lloyd:</b> I would have to check that.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Ms Page, do you know?</p> <p><b>Ms Page:</b> I don't. I don't have responsibility for FOI matters.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Who does have responsibility for FOI matters? Is that you, Ms Connell?</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 35

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						<p><b>Ms Connell:</b> I don't think our FOI officer is here today. As Mr Lloyd said, we can take that on notice for you.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So nobody sitting in the room is involved in FOI.</p> <p><b>Ms Crosthwaite:</b> I am responsible for the FOI section in the APSC.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay. Mr Lloyd said he would have to check whether the correspondence we're discussing, which is about Senator Wong—who it was at the IPA he was corresponding with. Can you tell us?</p> <p><b>Ms Crosthwaite:</b> No, I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	
5	5	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister /Kitching</b>	Confidentiality of Sexual Harassment Complainant	MO - Women	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You're from Western Australia yourself. Were you aware of the identity of the complainant prior to the information being made public?</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can you rule out that no-one in your office knew the identity of the complainant prior to the information—</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> I would need to take that on notice. I haven't spoken to my staff about it. I assume they would not know.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> What about the discussion that a further six women have approached the lawyer representing the original complainant with similar complaints?</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 40

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						<p><b>Senator Cash:</b> I'm not aware of that.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Is your office aware of it?  <b>Senator Cash:</b> I'd need to speak to my office.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Could you do that? Sorry—you're not aware of it. I understand that the only way in which Senator Kitching and Labor senators would be aware is that it's been publically mentioned.</p>	
6	6	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Moore</b>	Women's Participation – G20 Goal	Office for Women	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> It's my understanding that the G20 equivalent is three per cent, and the Prime Minister's statement at International Women's Day made the statement that by achieving the G20 goal that would make sure we would add another \$25 billion to our economy. I just want to clarify this, because it has been discussed: does the \$25 billion actually refer to a three per cent increase or a six per cent increase in women's participation?  <b>Ms Bergin:</b> We might have to confirm that, because I think there may be some confusion between the three per cent and the six per cent.  <b>Senator MOORE:</b> Yes, we just want to make that clear because it was the core statement.  <b>Ms Bergin:</b> Sure. It is a core statement.  <b>Senator MOORE:</b> And, as you know, we celebrate any increase, but we want to make that economic statement clear. We just want to make sure what's accurate. If I can</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 41

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						leave that with you, that would be great. <b>Ms Bergin:</b> We'll provide that to you.	
7	7	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Moore</b>	National Women's Alliances	Office for Women	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> There are no plans to include Women With Disabilities in the National Women's Alliances? <b>Ms Hatfield Dodds:</b> Not as a standalone alliance. What we're trying to do is take disability as a cross-cutting issue. We've got six alliances, as you know; three are issues bases and three are sector based. So rather than form a seventh, we though— having done some consultation with the sector—it would be better to run the voices of women with disabilities through— <b>Senator MOORE:</b> Fantastic. You're hoping that would be—remind me of the timing? <b>Ms Bergin:</b> I think it's in the next two to three weeks; certainly before the end of March. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> And then there will be a public announcement from the minister? <b>Ms Bergin:</b> Yes. <b>Senator MOORE:</b> On notice, can you find out what consultation was done with the sector? We know Women With Disabilities was consulted, but I would expect that you've done other consultations. That would be great. <b>Ms Bergin:</b> Certainly.	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 42
8	8	Department of the Prime	<b>Moore</b>	Funding of Women's	Office for Women	<b>Senator MOORE:</b> That's good. This is another follow-up question, which is to do with funding around the women's	FPA Monday 26 February

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		Minister and Cabinet		Leadership and Development and Grant recipients		<p>leadership and development process. In response to questions on notice at supplementary estimates, the Office for Women has listed two sums of money used to produce the government's workforce participation strategy. One of those sums was \$70,422, which was for Swell Design Group; and then a secondary answer was \$110,206. That was question on notice PM121. Are those two amounts of money separate? Are they two separate allocations, one for \$70,00 and one for \$110,206?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> Just one moment; I want to clarify my numbers there.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> It was for 'Women's Workforce Participation Strategy communications and research'— \$110,206. They're wanting to know, firstly, that they're clearly two separate allocations rather than any kind of doubling up and, secondly, what exactly was the \$110,000 used for and to whom was it given, because we have the data that the \$70,000 went to Swell Design Group.</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> That's right.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> We want to know: how was the \$110,000 used?</p> <p><b>Ms Livingston:</b> I do believe that they are for separate projects. My recollection is that the communications research was focused on talking with laypeople but also experts in the area of women's workforce participation to</p>	2018, page 44 & 45

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						<p>identify the level of their understanding of the issues that are relevant to and impact on women's workforce participation but also how we could best communicate through the strategy with those individuals. I don't have the detail to hand, though. If you're interested in the specifics, I could get that for you.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I am interested in getting the detail about who got it, and it comes back to a question I've asked before: in terms of the consultation process around communications, was there any reason that the office and the department were not able to do this in-house? What kind of strategy was in place? Until we get the detail of the second one, I'm not exactly sure, but, for the first one, it was for the Swell Design Group to design a strategy, implementation plan and website. That was 70,000 grand paid out to an outsource group. Is it a workload issue, a resources issue or an expertise issue that led to that money going outside rather than the work being done in-house?</p> <p><b>Ms Livingston:</b> The contract with Swell was to do the creative design process. It looked at the graphics and the whole look and feel of the website but also the PDF document that was provided.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> And those skills aren't in the department?</p> <p><b>Ms Livingston:</b> Not to the extent that we thought</p>	

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						<p>necessary to produce a high-quality document.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Was that money paid out of the Women's Leadership and Development Strategy grants?</p> <p><b>Ms Livingston:</b> It was.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> My understanding of the grants is that they're for organisations to do things to create opportunities for women. We've talked before—and I'm not going to waste time now—about what the grants do, because that would take three or four hours. But, in terms of the process, I'm trying to balance whether paying out consultancies for creative work actually meets the expectation of what those grants are for—such as community organisations that are always asking for help to run an event in the local community and those things which you can directly link to women's development—and whether the Women's Leadership and Development Strategy grants are the appropriate mechanism for funding creative development.</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> It is a fine line, and certainly the aim of the grants funded under the strategy and the program is very much to do as you say. In this circumstance, we were of the view that it was important to have a very accessible website done quickly that allowed good engagement across the sector with the implementation plan. Hence, we wanted to be able to do that in a way that would facilitate</p>	

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						<p>that engagement with the sector.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> There's no consideration that community organisations could miss out on funding? You know the range of things for which people use this grant application process. I encourage lots of them to do it. Is there no probability that people would miss out on that because of what is really communications development work?</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> Certainly—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Can you take that on notice, because I've run out of time.</p> <p><b>Ms Bergin:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> And can you take on notice how many organisations have been knocked back for grants in the last 12 months. That would be really useful. And I'd like to know how many have got them. We've got the list that comes out, but I'd like to get an idea. I'm always trying to see how that pool is being used. That might then lead to more questions in that area. And I'll put on notice a section of questions about boards—whether people know what's happening with boards and how that's being assessed. We've raised that in previous estimates. It's just some more refined questions.</p> <p><b>Senator Cash:</b> We'll give you a briefing.</p>	
9	9	Department	<b>Wong</b>	Statement of	PMO	<b>Senator WONG:</b> The Prime Minister was asked this	FPA Monday

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		of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Ministerial Standards		<p>specific question by a journalist—I don't know who it was—in his press conference on 25 February:            If Mr Joyce's actions are so profoundly wrong that they force a rewrite of the ministerial standards, isn't that the most powerful argument that Barnaby Joyce should not be a Minister?            The Prime Minister said:            Well, Barnaby is the leader of the National Party, okay? They are our Coalition partners. They have a Coalition Agreement ...            He went on to talk about the standards et cetera. Do I understand from this answer that Mr Joyce would continue until he determined that he would resign, because he was Deputy Prime Minister by virtue of his leadership of the National Party?  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> The ministerial code was amended. In the future if there were a breach in the ministerial code then the appropriate consequences would follow at that time, but that wasn't the situation prior to Thursday—  <b>Senator WONG:</b> The 25th.  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> No, it was the 15th.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Was it? Sorry.  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> The 25th was yesterday.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> My apologies. Does the coalition agreement refer to the ministerial standards?</p>	26 February 2018, page 48

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						<b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.	
10	10	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Statement of Ministerial Standards	PMO	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Does the coalition agreement go to how you get rid of a minister? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice.	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 51
11	11	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Statement of Ministerial Standards	PMO	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Perhaps for you, Senator Cormann: is there any reference to any sexual harassment allegations? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I don't believe so, because that was not something that I was aware of, and I don't believe it's something the Prime Minister was aware of at that point, but I've already taken on notice your question in relation to the letter. <b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you tell us this: what changed? On Wednesday the 21st, the Prime Minister avails himself of a provision in his statement of standards that has existed for two years—in fact, for more, because I think the previous code of conduct had it in it too, but I think the statement of standards is from 2015—that he can ask the Secretary of PM&C to investigate. I think there are other ministers who have been investigated previously. Why does he wait till the 21st? And why does he do it on the 21st? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> In terms of the specific rationale, I'll take that on notice. But my recollection is that, as is inevitably the case with these sorts of stories as they	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 53

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						<p>unfold, new assertions were made at various times, including on that particular day—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sorry, what assertion was made on that day?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Again, I've taken that on notice, in terms of the specific circumstances—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No; I actually don't know.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Perhaps we're going to be here until 11. Maybe you can get some instructions about the provision of the letter. Can you also tell me, Ms Foster: did PM&amp;C draft the letter? Did you provide a brief with recommendations in a draft letter? Was the letter generated in the office?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> To my knowledge, we did not draft the letter.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've received formal advice to confirm that the letter did not include any reference to sexual harassment allegations or any allegations whatsoever. These allegations were not known at the time. I will see whether we can assist the committee in relation to the letter, as you've asked.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> It would be useful to understand what the Prime Minister's position is as to what precipitated the referral.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The issue was developing with new assertions and new allegations made on a quasi-daily</p>	

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						<p>basis—assertions and allegations disputed by the then-Deputy Prime Minister, incidentally. The Prime Minister came to the view, which he gave effect to on 21 February, that a proper formal investigation by Dr Parkinson was warranted, and he gave relevant instructions.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I maintain my request because, with respect, I know you're doing the best—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm happy to add on notice. I want to consult with the Prime Minister to add on notice what he might want to add.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. What is it that actually precipitated it?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Fine.</p>	
12	12	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Formal Investigation Request - Statement of Ministerial Standards	PMO	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> When was the then Deputy Prime Minister informed of the investigation?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I can answer that question. The Prime Minister discussed this with the Deputy Prime Minister at the time, and before asking Dr Parkinson to conduct the investigation. Mr Joyce was aware that the Prime Minister had asked for this investigation to occur.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> On the day?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes, it was on the day.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Who was present in that meeting?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice. I genuinely don't know.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 54

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13	13	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	High Level Meeting - Statement of Ministerial Standards	PMO	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Minister, on 11 February the ABC published a report which revealed that in April last year, about 10 months ago, the Prime Minister's office intervened to insist that Mr Joyce's former media adviser be moved to Senator Canavan's office. The ABC report says:</p> <p>An insider source has told the ABC the Prime Minister's office intervened to ensure Barnaby Joyce's girlfriend was moved from his office.</p> <p>It goes on to say:</p> <p>... the ABC has been told Mr Joyce initially resisted calls to distance himself from her professionally until the Prime Minister's office became involved.</p> <p>After a high-level meeting between the PMO and the Deputy Prime Minister, Ms Campion was moved into a newly created and unadvertised position in Nationals Minister Matt Canavan's team, according to the source.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> You are now putting to me a rumour from an anonymous source. What I can say to you is what the Prime Minister and others have said publicly, that neither he nor his office were involved.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So, you deny that in April last year there was a high-level meeting between members of the Prime Minister's staff and Mr Joyce or Mr Joyce's staff to discuss this issue?</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 57

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						<b>Senator Cormann:</b> My understanding is that that is not the case, but I'm happy to take it on notice to see what I can assist you with.	
14	14	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Statement of Ministerial Standards	PMO	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes, and I'm not actually asserting that. Can I just put what the Prime Minister said, which was the whole basis of the question? Then I'm happy to cede to Senator Patrick.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So, he's asked in the press conference in Hobart: 'When were you first made aware of the rumours about Mr Joyce? Did you ask him directly if they were true when you found out?' He says, 'I can't recall when I first heard rumours, but I can say to you that he did not say to me that he was having an affair.' 'Did you check when you heard these rumours?' 'It's the responsibility of ministers to comply with the standards.'</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I couldn't have put it better myself.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Right; okay.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> It's a perfect statement.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, between now and when we come back, we would like to know—Labor senators will be asking—the extent of knowledge of the PMO about this matter, prior to it becoming public.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 58 & 59
15	15	Department	<b>Patrick</b>	Meeting	International	<b>Senator PATRICK:</b> I've got some questions for the	FPA Monday

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		of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		between High Commissioner Downer and Mr Papadopoulos		<p>secretary of National Security. The questions relate to the meeting between High Commissioner Downer and Mr Papadopoulos in London. I know there's an investigation underway, and I don't intend to go anywhere I think is too sensitive. I'll just start by asking when PM&amp;C first learned that Australia's High Commissioner to the UK, Alexander Downer, had met in London with Mr George Papadopoulos, a foreign policy adviser to the Trump campaign.</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> I'm really just after dates. I don't necessarily want to go to the substance. By what means was that communicated to PM&amp;C? Was it by cable, by email? Or was it simply advice from DFAT?</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> Again, I will have to take that on notice. By way of a general apology I have been largely offline implementing the Home Affairs portfolio setup and the independent intelligence review, so I am going to have to come back to you on some of that detail.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> Maybe these can also be taken on notice. When was Prime Minister Turnbull informed of the Downer-Papadopoulos meeting? Did PM&amp;C brief the Prime Minister and provide any advice in relation to that matter?</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> Again, I will have to take those on</p>	26 February 2018, page 59

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						<p>notice.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> And was the Prime Minister involved in or consulted with respect to giving approvals to pass that information on to US authorities? If so, when did he give that approval?</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> Again, I will have to take that on notice. I hope to be able to respond to you before the evening is out.</p> <p><b>Senator PATRICK:</b> That would be fantastic. Finally, did Australia's ambassador to the United States, Mr Hockey, provide the Prime Minister with a report on his discussions with US authorities about the matter? If so, when was any advice provided to the Prime Minister in relation to Mr Hockey's brief, if any?</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> Likewise, I will take that on notice.</p>	
16	16	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority Inquiry	Government	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> If that is the case, how is Dr Parkinson aware? If it is an entirely independent separate matter, how is he aware? I just want to understand: at a departmental level or at an office to IPEA level, what is the involvement of this portfolio in that audit?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I am just again confirming that the IPEA inquiry was not initiated by the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's office, but I assume that IPEA would have provided appropriate information to the appropriate people as to the fact that this audit was going on. But for</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 60-61

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						<p>the precise circumstances you had best ask IPEA tomorrow.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes, I'll ask them. Ms Foster, how was Dr Parkinson aware of the audit?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> He spoke with the chief executive officer of IPEA in the conduct of his own inquiry.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was that the only way in which PM&amp;C became aware of the audit?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was Dr Parkinson aware of the audit prior to speaking with the CE—was it?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> The CEO.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> The CEO?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes. How does PM&amp;C become aware on the day a separate investigation into whether or not the Statement of Ministerial Standards has been breached? How does Prime Minister and Cabinet become aware of an independent authority's independent audit of the same—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I think that Ms Foster has actually been extremely clear in relation to this. The Prime Minister asks the secretary of PM&amp;C to conduct an inquiry. Obviously, one of the first points of call in the</p>	

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						<p>context of any such inquiry would be to talk to the authority that has got responsibility in relation to parliamentary expenses, and in the course of that communication with them—going by the evidence of Ms Foster—the head of the IPEA made Dr Parkinson aware of her own audit, and in providing advice to the Prime Minister—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you just find out rather than us hypothesising?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> this morning that he, Dr Parkinson, believed that his inquiry should come to a close he pointed out that of course the audit was continuing.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you just find out?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Ms Foster has actually answered the question.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, I don't think she has.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We're happy to take on notice to see—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'd like to understand how it is you became aware. You've given a hypothesis—probably correct—I just want to know. If you could take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Actually, I don't think that Ms Foster just gave a hypothesis.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sorry, Ms Foster, I'm asking you to</p>	

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						<p>take something on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Hang on, sorry—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I am asking: rather than you hypothesising, Senator—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We're not hypothesising.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes, you are. You're saying, 'This is what must have happened.' I would like to—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Sorry, we're not hypothesising; we're giving you the firm evidence that Dr Parkinson, as part of getting his inquiry underway, spoke to the head of the IPEA and was made aware of the inquiry. That was on 21 February, after the Prime Minister had asked him to conduct his inquiry</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So, Ms Foster, prior to that call, was Dr Parkinson or anyone at PM&amp;C aware of this audit?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I don't believe so.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> That bit we can take on notice.</p>	
17	17	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister /Wong</b>	Statement of Ministerial Standards	PMO	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay. There was a <i>Daily Telegraph</i> story by Sharri Markson and Kylar Loussikian on 13 February. They wrote that in August last year the Prime Minister told his Liberal Party colleagues that the relationship between Mr Joyce and his former media adviser was over. Did he communicate that to his colleagues?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm obviously not aware of the source</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 61

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						<p>that story. All I can say is that the Prime Minister has made very clear that he was not aware of the affair and that he was not aware that Mr Joyce was in a relationship with his staffer, beyond, perhaps, having been made aware of rumours at some point. That is really all there is to it. It's very hard for me to comment on an anonymous report.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> But as the Minister representing the Prime Minister, you can give evidence as to whether that is true or not. We are giving you the opportunity to do that. It has been reported that the Prime Minister advised colleagues in August 2016 that Mr Joyce had assured him the affair—these are not my words—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> August 2016?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sorry, August 2017—apologies. I'm quoting directly:</p> <p>Earlier it was revealed Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull told his colleagues in August last year that Barnaby Joyce had assured him his affair with a staff member was over. We simply would like the Prime Minister's response as to whether or not that assertion is true.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take on notice the question in relation to the Prime Minister, but let me tell you again—and I've provided this evidence several times this morning—the Prime Minister made very clear that he was not aware of the affair, had no knowledge of the affair,</p>	

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						had no knowledge of the relationship and had no knowledge that Mr Joyce was in a partnership with Ms Campion until such time as that information was made public in the form of a photograph on the front page of <i>The Daily Telegraph</i> and, subsequently, by Mr Joyce confirming that fact himself. Everything else is essentially just unsourced, anonymous conjecture, which is very hard to respond to.	
18	18	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Government Staffing Committee	PMO	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Which appointments need to be considered by the Government Staffing Committee?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Administratively, I understand all appointments go to that committee. However, in relation to positions in ministers' offices—these are matters for the National Party—but administratively they all go through that process. Again I would refer you to Mr Joyce's statement—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You can get to your defence, which I think is stupid, but I haven't even asked the question for you to get to your defence.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I am answering the question as I see fit. As Mr Joyce confirmed on 10 February, the Nationals were responsible for decisions relating to staffing in the offices of national members through the Prime Minister's Office and the staffing committee, which has an administrative role in informing the Department of</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 67 & 68

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						<p>Finance of relevant changes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you for getting to your defence very quickly. I hadn't even got to that point. I've got a fair way to go. Are you telling me that, in relation to the remit of the Government Staffing Committee, every government ministerial staffing appointment must go to that committee?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> That is as I understand it, but I will verify it on notice to make sure it is 100 per cent correct.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Is there a National Party minister on that committee?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I believe so, but I'll check.</p>	
19	19	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Coalition Agreement – Staffing Allocation	PMO	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So the coalition agreement has a clause in it which specifically goes to the proportion of staff allocated to the National Party?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> To be precise, I was talking about allocation of numbers.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'll come back to you—I'm so sorry; that sounded harsher than I intended. I will come back to that. He just takes us down another path. I'm very pleased you gave that evidence, because what you've just asserted there, Senator Cormann, is that the coalition agreement goes directly to the allocation of taxpayer-funded ministerial staffing positions.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Hang on: the coalition agreement is</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 68

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						<p>about the running of the government. It is about the running of the government by a Liberal-National Party coalition.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So can you please provide it.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> It goes to issues like the fact that the Leader of the National Party is the Deputy Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, please provide it then. If it's a document that goes to the running of government, why are you spending taxpayers' money in the Federal Court preventing it from being released?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> In relation to the previous question, I believe that the Deputy Prime Minister's chief of staff is a member of the Government Staffing Committee.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did you hear my question?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The question in relation to the coalition agreement is obviously not new. You know what the response is.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> What's the response?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The response is that the coalition agreement is the operating document that sets out the administrative arrangements between the Liberal and National Parties in coalition in government. I am happy to take it on notice if there is any opportunity to add to that answer.</p>	
20	20	Department	<b>Wong</b>	Government	PMO	<b>Senator WONG:</b> How long has Senator Birmingham	FPA Monday

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		of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Staffing Committee		<p>chaired it?  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I believe that that is since the most recent reshuffle.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Who chaired it prior to that?  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Previously?  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes.  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.</p>	26 February 2018, page 69
21	21	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Incoming Government Brief – Ministerial Staff	Government	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Ms Foster, can I go back to you. Incoming government or new Prime Minister, I assume there's a brief generated from PM&amp;C which enables a decision to be made about the number of ministerial staff which is determined by the Prime Minister—correct? Just the aggregate number. I'll take you through the process thereafter.  <b>Ms Foster:</b> I don't know the actual process, I'm sorry; I just know that there are a fixed number of personal staff allocated to parties.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> No. Can you please listen to the question? I didn't ask that question. I asked about the decision ab initio for the aggregate number of ministerial staff. That is a brief generated from PM&amp;C—is that not?—because it is a prime ministerial decision. If you do not know, can you please find someone behind you who does?  <b>Ms Foster:</b> And that was the question I was trying to ask:</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 69 & 70

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						I don't know exactly what the process is—whether it's a letter from us—and I will find out.	
22	22	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Government Staffing Committee	Government	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. Was the department involved in any way in the establishment of the Government Staffing Committee?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Not to my knowledge.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did you prepare any briefs, in relation to a staffing committee process, at the time Mr Abbott became Prime Minister? And if so, when?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'll flick through this because it doesn't appear that much can be answered right now. Was there any further advice given to Prime Minister Turnbull about personal staff being hired across government when he became Prime Minister? Can you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Yes.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 70
23	23	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Government Staffing Committee	PMO	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I go to process now. Can someone explain to me, given that the PMO support their staffing committee, if a minister wants to appoint someone at senior adviser or adviser level—what was the level at which appointments had to go?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've taken that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 70
24	24	Department of the Prime Minister and	<b>Wong</b>	Government Staffing Committee	PMO	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I'll come to the National Party because I think it's very interesting the extent to which they follow this process. So the Government Staffing Committee</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 72

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		Cabinet				<p>either tick or don't tick, or concur or don't concur, with the minister's recommendation. Is that recorded in the minutes or is there a letter from the chair to the Prime Minister or to the Prime Minister's chief of staff? How is the recommendation supported?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've already taken on notice the specific questions about minutes and other documentation. You've asked me that previously.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure. But you can't tell me how it's communicated? I just want to know that.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've told you how it's communicated. There's a letter from the Prime Minister's office to the relevant minister, and there's a letter from the Prime Minister's office to the department.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, that's not the question. The question is: how does the committee communicate with the Prime Minister? The committee is there to advise the Prime Minister as to whether the recommendation is supported. I just want to know how that happens.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've already taken on notice those specific processes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You do that. Let's say it's a tick and the Prime Minister then makes a decision, and that decision is communicated to the minister and to the Department of Finance, correct?</p>	

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						<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The decision as to who has been approved for appointment is communicated to the Department of Finance, that's right.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And to the minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> And to the minister, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Is that letter from the Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I believe the letter is from the Prime Minister's office. I've already previously taken on notice that particular question.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> There are two questions. Who signs the letter to the minister about whether the recommendation has been agreed to? Who signs the letter to the Department of Finance advising them that this appointment has been approved?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've taken that on notice.</p>	
25	25	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister /Wong</b>	Government Staffing Committee – Correspondence	PMO	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm hoping it might be possible, Minister, if you could retrieve any correspondence that was generated through this process in relation to Ms Campion's appointment? That includes any of the correspondence generated by the Government Staffing Committee, the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's office. Perhaps, that could be obtained over the tea break and brought back? That would be of assistance.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Over the tea break? You mean now? In the next 10 minutes?</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 73, 76

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						<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I mean in the next 10 minutes.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Well—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, after dinner, then, if you want us to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take it on notice and I'll respond as quickly as I can. Let me say that I've been way more helpful than I experienced when I was sitting in your chair during the period of the previous Labor government—</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are you in a position to provide any of the other documents that we requested, particularly correspondence in relation to Ms Champion's employment?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> A 15-minute break is not sufficient for me to be able to collate that information. I also used the 15 minutes for a comfort break—and, sorry, I have not been able to get the documents that you are chasing. But I've taken it on notice and I'll provide them to you at the earliest opportunity.</p>	
26	26	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Paterson</b>	Living Wage	Economic	<p><b>CHAIR:</b> Thank you. The UK has been favourably cited as an example of how to implement a living wage. Are you familiar with how the UK has implemented its so-called living wage?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Not in detail, but I am aware that the Office of Budget Responsibility has provided analysis of the UK's proposed living wage arrangement, and has provided an</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 75

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						<p>empirical estimate of how many jobs it thinks would be lost. I don't have that number in my head, but I know that is what the Office of Budget Responsibility has done.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Perhaps you could provide that on notice to the committee.</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Are you familiar with what happened to welfare benefits under the UK proposal?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> No, I'm not.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> One of the constant refrains, in this debate, by unions and others is that the proportion of casual jobs as a portion of the overall market has been increasing. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I don't think that is true over the past run of years. I think the proportion of casualisation has been, roughly, constant. But I'd have to check that.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> That's my understanding too. The use of labour hire: has that been increasing?</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> I'm not on top of that.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> The use of independent contractors: do you know if—</p> <p><b>Dr Gruen:</b> Again, I'd have to check the detail.</p>	
27	27	Department of the Prime Minister and	<b>Kitching</b>	Government Staffing Committee	PMO	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Senator Cormann, are there any people on the staffing committee who are not either ministers or ministerial staff?	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 76-

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		Cabinet				<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I don't believe so, no.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I'll give you an example. Senator Abetz, in 2013 or 2014 estimates, said that Mr Loughnane—as you know, a former director of the Liberal Party—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Sorry, I understood your question to mean, 'Is there anyone on the staffing committee that is out of the Public Service?'</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> No, not in the Public Service. As a comparison, Mr Loughnane was on the Government Staffing Committee.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The arrangements would be consistent today with what they were then. But I can verify that for you on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Perhaps you can tell us when that person came off, because the evidence from Senator Abetz was that Mr Loughnane was on it.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I will get that for you on notice.</p>	77
28	28	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Government Staffing Committee	PMO	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Have there been any occasions when Mr Joyce was Deputy Prime Minister that anyone other than the chief of staff from his office sat on that committee?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Not that I'm aware of, but I'm happy to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 78

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29	29	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Coalition Agreement – Staffing Allocation	PMO	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You've said it many times, and you can keep saying it if you wish, but it actually isn't the question. The question arises out of your evidence that the coalition agreement identifies the allocation of staff to National Party ministers. I asked you whether or not that goes to level of positions as well as to aggregate. You've taken that on notice—fair enough. I then asked you whether or not that number—that is, what is specified in the coalition agreement or as subsequently amended by the parties, not how it's given effect through the Finance department—of what is, using your language, politically agreed between the parties has changed over the time Mr Turnbull's been the Prime Minister. You may need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take it on notice. I've broadly answered that question, but I'll see what I can add to that. I should also point out, because you're referencing answers by Senator Abetz, that if you look at the context of the questions that he was asked, he was not asked questions about the appointment process of personal staff for National Party ministers; his comments, as the Leader of the Government in the Senate, were referring to the Government Staffing Committee structure under the Abbott prime ministership. And finally, the Abetz comments came soon after the government was sworn in</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 78

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						and related to the hiring of new staff, not the movements of existing staff, so it was in the context of a new government coming in and a lot of decisions having to be made in one go to ensure that all of the ministers had functioning offices. Obviously, the situation is quite different when you deal with movements of existing staff as opposed to the holus-bolus selection of hundreds of staff in one go.	
30	30	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Coalition Agreement – Staffing Allocation	PMO	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I come back to the movement of staff. I will ask a question about her now: did the Prime Minister, or his office, provide authority by way of letter to the Department of Finance in relation to Ms Campion's new positions with Minister Canavan and/or Mr Drum?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The decisions about movements between National Party ministers' and members' offices in relation to personal staff already in the system are a matter for National Party ministers and members—for the National Party, for that matter. As has been put on the record on several occasions now, the Prime Minister's office has an administrative role in advising the Department of Finance of relevant movements of staff between ministerial offices or other offices as appropriate.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> We're asking you to provide copies of that correspondence, please.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 82

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31	31	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Statement of Ministerial Standards	Government	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Does staff in the Prime Minister's Office provide ongoing training and support to ministers to help them understand their obligations under the Ministerial Standards? Obviously a couple of weeks ago there was a change. There's a new section 2.24. Has there been any explication around that new standard, for example?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> At appropriate times updates are provided to ministers, as appropriate. And at various times additional letters are sent by the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's chief of staff reminding ministers of the need to comply with certain requirements. As far as the most recent update to the ministerial code is concerned, I think every minister would have been aware of the update, as of 15 February. But I'm sure all of the written advice is also in train.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Could we get a copy of that written advice?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> So, written advice has been furnished to ministers after the new section 2.24 was inserted into the statement?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> As I've just indicated to you, I'm very confident that every minister, as of 15 February, was very well aware as to what the new specification in the</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 83

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						ministerial code was. I will provide on notice what documentation has been provided to ministers. <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Thank you.	
32	32	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Queries Received - Statement of Ministerial Standards	PMO	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Could you take on notice the number of queries put to the senior staffer in the Prime Minister's Office in the last two years? Or let's take it back to the last election. <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice, yes.	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 84
33	33	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Australian Border Force Commissioner	Government	<b>Senator WONG:</b> On a very different topic—trying to do something while Senator Kitching is getting herself ready to ask the next questions, and Senator McAllister also—this is in relation to the status of the investigation involving the Australian Border Force Commissioner, Mr Quaadvlieg—is that how I say his name? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I think so. <b>Senator WONG:</b> I understand, from evidence that's been given today, that Mr Pezzullo has said that ACLEI, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity, delivered him a report in the third quarter of last year in relation to the commissioner. Has PM&C seen that report and, if so, when was it provided to PM&C? <b>Ms Foster:</b> I don't believe we've seen the ACLEI report, but I'll confirm that. <b>Senator WONG:</b> You don't believe that PM&C has any knowledge of this report. Is that your evidence?	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 86 & 87

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						<p><b>Ms Foster:</b> No, I said I'm not sure that we've seen the report.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Have you had any involvement with Home Affairs about finalising the government's response to this report?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Are you talking about the ACLEI report?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I just want to understand what's happening. This bloke's been on paid leave for a very long time responding to a series of allegations. I don't propose to go into them. I just want to know what's happened. Who did the investigation? What involvement does PM&amp;C have? Why are people not responding to the report if it was provided in the third quarter of last year—I assume they're not financial year quarters—the September quarter? We're in nearly March. Why has nothing been done and he's still on paid leave?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> What I do know about is the report that Mike Pezzullo asked Dr Parkinson to conduct.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So there's an ACLEI report and a Parkinson report.</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And presumably it's not 'never the twain shall meet'. They are all very competent officers. I assume that Dr Parkinson has considered the ACLEI report. No?</p>	

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						<p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I'll have to take on notice the issues relating to the ACLEI report, but I can tell you that, as I said, in August Mr Pezzullo asked Dr Parkinson to conduct a review and to prepare a report into whether grounds existed for the termination of the appointment of the ABF commissioner. This transfer was done—often that sort of investigation would be done by the secretary of the department but, because of the close working relationship that Mr Pezzullo and Mr Quaedvlieg had had, over a number of years, Mr Pezzullo asked Dr Parkinson to conduct that review.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Could you explain something to me? I understood that Mr Quaedvlieg has been on leave, pending an investigation into his contract, since 29 May 2017. Why did Mr Pezzullo only ask Dr Parkinson to consider the investigation or to deal with the investigation in August?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Let me take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You can't assist?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Not at this time, no.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> If you could—so, why the hiatus? What happens in the interim? The public reporting—and I haven't followed this that closely—is that a set of assertions are made. I'm not going to explore them at all. I just want to understand the investigations process. Mr</p>	

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						<p>Quaedvlieg is put on paid leave, at a very high salary, pending investigation, in May 2017. The evidence you just gave is that Mr Pezzullo only asked Dr Parkinson to conduct an inquiry in August.</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> What I need to establish is what happened between the time of Mr Quaedvlieg being put on leave and the request for this particular inquiry to be conducted, and I'll do that as soon as I can.</p>	
34	34	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Cabinet Document - Breach Investigations	Cabinet	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> More generally in relation to investigations of leaks, how many investigations has the department undertaken since the election?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I'll have to take that on notice, but could I make a distinction that we don't characterise this as a leak. A leak I would define as a government employee choosing to provide classified material to someone who is unauthorised to receive it. The indications that we have from our inquiry so far are that there was no such intent.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 90
35	35	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Ministry List	Government	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Given that you've given such a partisan response, Senator Cormann, could I ask PM&amp;C: do you have a record of how many individuals have served as ministers since Prime Minister Turnbull took office?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> We will take that on notice, but, of course, you know the answer to this. This is not you seeking information; this is you seeking to make a</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 92

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36	36	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Government Staffing Committee	PMO	<p>political point in a very unsophisticated fashion.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> That sounds good. All right. I want to ask about reports that a media adviser in the Chief Government Whip's office has today been sacked after accidentally sending a picture to journalists—a picture of Mr Joyce and Mr Abbott—and it says, 'When you get into trouble in class and you get sat next to a weird kid no-one likes', which is obviously quite disrespectful. Nonetheless, is this an appropriate response, Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Is what an appropriate response?</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Sacking—there are media reports that a media adviser in the Chief Government Whip's office has today been sacked after accidentally sending a picture of Mr Joyce and Mr Abbot to journalists.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Well, I'm not aware of all the circumstances of what occurred. I saw the picture in question. I'm not aware of all the circumstances. I've obviously been here in estimates. So, I'll take that question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> The Minister for Home Affairs was caught making a similar mistake—texting disparaging remarks about a journalist to that journalist. He's still in the cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The Minister for Home Affairs is a</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 94

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						<p>member of the cabinet. You're quite right.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Well, he wasn't disciplined in the same way. I mean, this person's lost their job.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> The reason I'm asking, just to put some context around it, is that we've been speaking a lot this afternoon about the role of the Prime Minister in relation to staffing. And the Prime Minister does have the power under the MOP(S) Act to overturn this decision to sack this staffer. Will he be exercising his authority to do so?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Again, I'm just not going to accept your invitation to provide comments or answers on behalf of the government in relation to circumstances that I'm not aware of. I've read the report. I'm not aware of the circumstances. I'm happy to provide more information on notice, but as we are here today I'm not going to be able to assist you.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> All right. Perhaps you can provide some of that information on notice</p>	
37	37	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Statement of Ministerial Standards	PMO	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I think the issue we're interested in is just the relationship with the statement of standards. We have this statement for ministerial standards. It ought to have a relationship, one imagines, with the expectations that are set out for ministerial staff. I'm just trying to	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 95 & 96

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						<p>understand how they relate to one another. How would you describe that?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Both standards are an attempt to provide guidance—to provide appropriate conduct for people who are employed at Parliament House. In this case, the standard for ministers is done by the Prime Minister and the standard for staff is done, as Minister Cormann said, by the Department of Finance in their broader role of supporting arrangements around MOP(S) Act staff.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> It's just a little bit confusing because the standards themselves say:</p> <p>iv. Implementation of this Statement of Standards is the responsibility of the Prime Minister's Office and the Government Staffing Committee.</p> <p>v. Any sanctions imposed under this Statement of Standards will be determined after consultation with the relevant Minister by the Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister, acting on advice from the Special Minister of State and the Government Staffing Committee.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I conceded too early; it is actually this portfolio. Who in the PMO is responsible for the implementation of the statement of standards?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> It would be the same senior adviser that is available to provide guidance to ministers on ministerial standards matters, but I will get some advice in</p>	

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						<p>relation to this. As per usual—and this is consistent with what then Special Minister of State Senator Faulkner said repeatedly—I don't propose to go into the naming of individual staff—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Nobody has asked that.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> That's fine. We really just want to know if anyone is responsible for implementing it. Is your evidence that there is someone in the Prime Minister's Office who is responsible?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> That is my evidence, and I'll provide on notice what else I can provide you with.</p>	
38	38	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister /Wong</b>	Ministerial Staffing Standards / Statement of Ministerial Standards	Government	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Since the last election, has any member of staff been investigated or had their behaviour otherwise reviewed by the chief of staff?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> When was the statement last updated?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Has it been updated since the government replaced the 2008 code of conduct for ministerial staff—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Sorry?</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Has it been reviewed since the government changed the ministerial code and went to the—</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 96

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						<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> You mean since 15 February?  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> No. The first revision, when Mr Abbott—  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Sorry, no. I think the—  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm trying to understand what you're asking.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes. I think there are two questions. Let's do them separately. The first is: the incoming coalition government replaced the code of conduct for ministerial staff that was put in place by the Labor government with a statement of standards. So I think the first question is: since the replacement as a consequence of the incoming government, has there been any further revision to the statement of standards?  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p>	
39	39	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Acting Prime Minister Arrangements	Government	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> On Thursday 15 February, the Prime Minister announced to the House of Representatives that Senator Cormann would be Acting Prime Minister for the period when Prime Minister Turnbull was overseas for his trip to the United States. When was PM&amp;C first informed that Senator Cormann would be acting for the Prime Minister?  <b>Ms Foster:</b> I think that it was the same day, Senator.  ...  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Ms Foster, at what time on 15</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 97 & 98

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						<p>February were you told?  <b>Ms Foster:</b> I'll take that on notice.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> You don't have an email there, or something that has a time stamp?  <b>Ms Foster:</b> I don't at the moment. I'll have to look for it.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Do you think you could bring it back after the dinner break?  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Again, I can assist you. It's a matter of public record that the Prime Minister made the relevant public announcement at about two o'clock on 15 February, just before the House of Representatives question time. From memory, Senator Wong asked me, by way of a point of order, to provide confirmation to the Senate, which I did. And at some point prior to that I had a conversation with the Prime Minister in which he asked me whether I would be available to act on his behalf, given the circumstances that had emerged.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Thank you, but what I'm really asking is when was PM&amp;C first informed?  <b>Ms Foster:</b> I will find that information out as fast as I can.</p>	
40	40	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Acting Prime Minister Briefings	Ministerial Support	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> How many briefs did PM&amp;C send to acting Prime Minister Cormann during his tenure as acting Prime Minister?  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I will take that on notice.  <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Ms Foster?</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 99

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						<b>Ms Foster:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.	
41	41	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Prime Minister's Visit to the United States	International	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Could I turn now to the most recent prime ministerial visit to the United States, please?</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> Certainly.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Firstly, could you provide me with a copy of the travelling party for that trip from the Prime Minister's portfolio?</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 99
42	42	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Prime Minister's Visit to the United States	International	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay, thank you. Mr McKinnon, as is the usual course for these things, I understand that there is an indication from either side about who is proposed to be in meetings and so forth, and there might be some iteration about that. I want to be clear—when was the Australian government advised that the President would be accompanied by Secretary Tillerson?</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> We'd have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 100
43	43	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Prime Minister's Visit to the United States	International	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you tell me: how long before the Prime Minister left were you advised and who made decisions about who would comprise the Australian delegation travelling with the Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> The Prime Minister's chief of staff, I think in consultation with his senior advisers, made that decision.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> They would determine who would be in which meetings with the President?</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 100

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						<p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I presume that they would determine that. In this case, our Acting First Assistant Secretary, International Division travelled with the Prime Minister and would generally have been in most meetings as well.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes; I couldn't see from this photo. I can see the Prime Minister's national security adviser and Mr Hockey, but I couldn't see who the departmental PM&amp;C person was.</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> The PM&amp;C person—I don't know whether they'd be in that photo—was Hugh Jeffrey.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And the determination as to who would be included in the Prime Minister's travelling party and who would be in the meeting with President Trump—was that the subject of a brief from PM&amp;C?</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> No, it wasn't.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you explain what the decision-making process was.</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I just know that we didn't brief the Prime Minister as to who should be in those meetings, but I'll get the best description of how that process was conducted for you.</p>	
44	44	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Prime Minister's Visit to the United States	International	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you explain to me why, despite the fact that Secretary Tillerson was in the meeting, Foreign Minister Bishop was not?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Foreign Minister Bishop had other,</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 100-101

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						<p>pre-scheduled commitments in Europe, which are a matter of public record. I think she issued a statement to that effect. The Prime Minister was travelling with the trade minister, and Ms Bishop was dealing with some longstanding commitments in the UK and Slovenia, from memory.</p> <p><b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I think that is right as well.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, this is our principal strategic partner, and Secretary Tillerson is in the meeting. So, I am interested as to why the foreign minister was not included with the Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Obviously this was a prime ministerial visit, and the Prime Minister and the foreign minister work as a close team, but—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Not that close, apparently.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> But of course the Australian foreign affairs interests are wide and varied, and the relationship with the United Kingdom is also a very important relationship, and Minister Bishop was fulfilling official duties and responsibilities on behalf of Australia—as usual, with great distinction—in the United Kingdom while the Prime Minister and the Minister for Trade were pursuing Australia's national interests in the US.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was consideration given to the foreign minister attending, given the seniority of the US side and</p>	

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						the inclusion of her counterpart? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Look, I've answered the questions, but I will take on notice whether there's anything else that we can sensibly add to the answers already given	
45	45	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Prime Minister's Visit to the United States	International	<b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you tell me how often, Mr McKinnon, the Australian Prime Minister participates in meetings where the other side's delegation includes the foreign minister without the participation of Australia's foreign minister? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> We'll have to take that on notice.	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 101
46	46	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Rice</b>	Religious Freedom Review - Consultations with Groups & Individuals	Religious Freedom Review	<b>Senator RICE:</b> How many groups and individuals has the panel met with? <b>Mr Walter:</b> It's well in excess of 50. It's probably getting close to the 100 mark if you count individuals. It's a wide range and a very large number. The full number will be included in the report. I'm happy to list some if you'd like that, if that would be of assistance. <b>Senator RICE:</b> If you'd take it on notice—and, if that comes out before the report, that would be valuable.	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 104
47	47	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Rice</b>	Religious Freedom Review – Consultations with Organisations	Religious Freedom Review	<b>Senator RICE:</b> Can we get a list of all of the organisations that the panel have met with so far? <b>Mr Walter:</b> I can give you that list, yes.	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 106

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48	48	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Rice</b>	Religious Freedom Review – Consultations with Organisations	Religious Freedom Review	<p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> Finally, has the panel refused to meet anyone?</p> <p><b>Mr Walter:</b> Has the panel refused to meet anyone? We have had—</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> I respect the right of the panel to exercise its own judgement—</p> <p><b>Mr Walter:</b> Yes, of course.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> in terms of how it uses its time, of course. I'm just curious.</p> <p><b>Mr Walter:</b> I think I would have to take that on notice. I guess it doesn't quite sit with how we've run the process. We've tended to identify the groups that we as the secretariat think that the panel might want to meet with. The panel has thrown in its own ideas about who it might want to meet with. We've also drawn to the attention of the panel the many requests that we have had to meet with the panel. And then we've put a program together based on that. It's not so much a refusal to meet with someone as that we don't have time or have the opportunity to meet with someone because of how fast the program has filled up and the limited time available, if I can put it that way. So it's—</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> The panel can make an informed judgement. It could make a judgement that the sorts of argument that it might hear from one group are very</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 108 & 109

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						<p>similar to if not the same as those from another.</p> <p><b>Mr Walter:</b> Of course.</p> <p><b>Senator SMITH:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> I was just going to follow up. How many organisations have been in that category that the panel has decided it hasn't had the time to meet with, rather than refusing to meet with?</p> <p><b>Mr Walter:</b> It's actually a very small number. It's mainly been individuals who have been not in a professional capacity but are more concerned citizens, for want of a better term, who've said, 'I've made a submission; I'd like to meet with the panel.' It's been more in that kind of vein.</p> <p><b>Senator RICE:</b> Have there been any organisations, however, in that category?</p> <p><b>Mr Walter:</b> I would have to take it on notice and just double-check that.</p>	
49	49	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Commission of the Religious Freedom Review	Religious Freedom Review	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I too have some questions about the Review of Religious Freedom, and it seems a good time to pursue those. When did the department first become aware of the Prime Minister's intention to commission the Review of Religious Freedom?</p> <p><b>Mr Walter:</b> I'm probably not the best person to answer that question, only because I wasn't in the department at the time. I'm on secondment from the Attorney-General's Department. But I presume it would have been at the time</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 109

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						<p>that it was raised during parliamentary debate.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Ms Foster, can you help me?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I'm sorry, Senator; I didn't hear the question.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> The question is: when did the department first become aware of the Prime Minister's intention to commission the Review of Religious Freedom?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I also wasn't there. I'll just see if any of my staff has that answer.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Great.</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> We'll take it on notice.</p>	
50	50	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Religious Freedom Review – Briefing and Consultation	Religious Freedom Review	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> When did the department first formally brief the Prime Minister in relation to the religious freedom review?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I don't have those dates; I'm sorry. I checked to see if anyone else with me has that information, and it would appear not. I apologise for that, and I'll see what we can do to find the information.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm interested to understand what consultation took place before the announcement on 22 November. Were other agencies consulted before that announcement?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> The decision went through the normal deliberative processes of cabinet, so the usual consultations took place. In relation to the precise timing,</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 109 & 110

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						<p>the officers have taken that on notice, but the usual government processes applied to this process.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Well, there are in fact a range of government processes that take place, aren't there, that are possible, and one of those is that—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I referred you to the deliberative processes of cabinet, which are a very specific process.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Indeed. Are there any other processes of consultation outside of the deliberative processes of cabinet that took place before the announcement?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'll take that on notice.</p>	
51	51	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Religious Freedom Review – Consultations agencies and ministers	Religious Freedom Review	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> In answering my question, perhaps you can tell me which agencies were consulted—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Of course.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> outside of the cabinet process—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes; absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> when they were consulted—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> and what feedback they provided in relation to the concept of the religious freedom—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> When it goes to the content of a deliberative process of cabinet and all of the related consultations, obviously we'll have to consider what can</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 110

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						<p>be provided in relation to it, given the usual exemptions of cabinet deliberations. However, with that proviso, we will see what we can do to be as helpful as possible.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Prior to the deliberative processes of cabinet, did the Prime Minister or his office consult with any other ministers or their officers about the religious freedom review?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> That goes to questions that you've asked in a different way before. I'll just add that to the questions taken on notice. It goes to timing of consideration of matters by government, on which I don't have the knowledge that you're seeking with precision, and none of the officers at the table have that knowledge, so, in the usual manner, we'll take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> To make that request more specific, which ministers or their officers were consulted prior to the development of the cabinet submission, when were they consulted and what input did those ministers or their officers have in relation to the form, scope or timing of the religious freedom review?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm very happy to take that on notice, but is there something that you're particularly interested in? I'm trying to understand what you're trying to get at.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm trying to understand how, in the context of a legislative debate around marriage</p>	

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						equality, your government came to the view that it was a priority to conduct a religious freedom review. And so far I've asked about seven questions and you've taken six on notice.	
52	52	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Religious Freedom Review – Expert Panel	Religious Freedom Review	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Ms Foster, did the department provide any advice in relation to the selection of Mr Ruddock?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I don't know. As I said before, I apologise for not being prepared for that series of questions. We had focused on the process of the consultation. The relevant division head for that area recently left the department also, and so that is why we are lacking a bit of corporate knowledge on this tonight.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can I ask you to take on notice whether the department provided any advice in relation to the selection of Mr Ruddock and what that advice was?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Certainly.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can I ask when that advice was provided and whether it was initiated by the department or whether it was something that was initiated by the Prime Minister or another person?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Certainly.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You've indicated that the process of making a decision about the appointment of the</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 111-112

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						<p>expert panel is subject to a cabinet process and that you will be able to provide some information but it will be limited. Were any other stakeholders consulted about the expert panel members?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Again, that is a question that you have asked me before in relation to—</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> It is not, actually. It is 'any stakeholder', by which I mean any person whatsoever.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes, I know, and you've asked me before whether any stakeholder was consulted in relation to matters related to this review. That is a generic question which you're now repeating in a more specific form in relation to one aspect of the review. I've already taken on notice the generic question, and the answer to that generic question, of course, will also apply to the specific.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I actually don't think I did ask you that earlier, but that's good. I'm glad you've taken both on notice.</p>	
53	53	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Religious Freedom Review – Expert Panel	Religious Freedom Review	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> On 14 December, the Prime Minister announced an additional member of the expert panel, Professor Nicholas Aroney from the University of Queensland. Why was that additional appointment made to the expert panel?</p> <p><b>Mr Walter:</b> My understanding is that the Prime Minister thought it was useful to have somebody with a bit more</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 112

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						<p>detailed constitutional law background. Professor Aroney is one of the foremost experts on religion and law in this country. He's also a professor of constitutional law. So it was to bring in somebody with that particular area of expertise.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So the Prime Minister initiated a request for someone to provide that expertise, or was it specifically for the department to consider whether Professor Aroney could provide that expertise?</p> <p><b>Mr Walter:</b> It was more of the latter. The department did provide some information about Professor Aroney's background in terms of publications and those kinds of things.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> When was that information provided?</p> <p><b>Mr Walter:</b> That's a good question. I'm sorry; I don't have an exact date. It was, I think, the week before the announcement was made, but I'll give you the exact date.</p>	
54	54	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Religious Freedom Review – Expert Panel	Religious Freedom Review	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> All right. You've indicated, Minister, that the establishment of the panel originally and the appointment of the expert panel members was a cabinet decision. Was the appointment of Professor Aroney also a cabinet decision?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've got to take that on notice. I've already indicated that the establishment of the committee</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 115 & 116

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						and the initial appointments were a decision by cabinet. It went through the usual process. I'm fairly certain that the subsequent appointment went through the same process, but I'll check that. Again, the government take responsibility for the decisions that we've made. We haven't got anything to hide here. We stand by the decisions of appointing eminent Australians to conduct this inquiry and be members of that panel. In the end, these are decisions for the government of the day. You can have your views. You can express your views. You can criticise them. But, in the end, we are quite comfortable in taking responsibility for the decisions that we've made in relation to this inquiry.	
55	55	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Religious Freedom Review – Expert Panel	Religious Freedom Review	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm interested in understanding who was consulted in relation to Professor Aroney's appointment to the expert panel. <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes, I'll take that on notice.	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 116
56	56	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Religious Freedom Review – Expert Panel	Religious Freedom Review	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can I ask some additional questions? I feel certain you'll take them on notice. Was Mr Dutton consulted as part of this process? <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I've already pointed out to you that it was a deliberative process of cabinet. <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You said you didn't know in relation to Professor Aroney. <b>Senator Cormann:</b> No.	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 118

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						<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> You took that on notice.  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Sorry, I'm getting questions that are somewhat disjointed between different parts of the consideration. You are now asking about the additional questions. I've said to you that I was fairly certain that it was a decision made through the usual government process, but I've taken it on notice. If it was, as I think, a decision of the government, then obviously Mr Dutton is a member of the government—as am I and all of the other members of the cabinet who are publicly known to be members of the cabinet.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Was Senator Fawcett consulted?  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm honestly not aware. Why don't you ask him?  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Because you're behind the table!  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I'm asking you, Senator Cormann.  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm not aware, but I'm happy to take that on notice.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Mr Tehan?  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Again, I'm not aware.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> But you'll take it on notice?  <b>Senator Cormann:</b> Yes, sure.</p>	
57	57	Department	<b>McAllister</b>	NBN – Official	Ministerial	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> That's the premium. Is it	FPA Monday

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		of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Establishments	Support	<p>possible to, on notice, produce copies of correspondence between the department and NBN Co and/or Mr and Mrs Turnbull regarding the connection at Point Piper?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> I'm sure we can look for those connections. The correspondence was all done through the department.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Was the speed selected for Kirribilli House also a hundred megabits per second?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> Yes, it is.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I assume both connections are funded by the department. What's the cost?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> The cost of the plan at Point Piper is \$120 per month, and the cost of the plan at Kirribilli is \$95 per month.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Interesting. Why is there a difference?</p> <p><b>Ms Ganly:</b> I think the difference is the other items that are currently being used at Point Piper, but I would have to get the exact information as to what the difference is, there, for you. I don't have the breakdown but I'll take that on notice and provide why there's a difference.</p>	26 February 2018, page 125
58	58	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Visa Processing Arrangements	Social Policy	<b>Senator KITCHING:</b> I understand that. I'm particularly interested in the proposal to modernise and streamline visa processing arrangements. I understand that as part of this proposal the government is considering whether it would be more efficient to privatise the processing of visa	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 126

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						<p>applications. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> You are asking questions about the Home Affairs portfolio in PM&amp;C estimates. It's not something that off the top of my head I'd be able to assist you with. If you want me to take the question on notice I'm happy to do so.</p>	
59	59	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Prime Minister's Investments	PMO	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Does the Prime Minister through his many trusts invest in Pacific Blue Investments? Perhaps you can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> I'm not aware, but I'm happy to take that on notice to see how we can assist.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 129
60	60	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Formal Investigation Request – Statement of Ministerial Standards	Government	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> First, the documents which were tabled earlier this evening, which included the email from Tanya Rynne, from Malcolm Turnbull to Martin Parkinson regarding Mr Joyce. You tabled these today, Senator?</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Yes, I tabled them.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And then the letter. My first question is that it is clear from the email from the Prime Minister that there was a discussion with the secretary. I'm sure that there was a file note taken by the secretary in that discussion. So I am seeking a copy of the file note.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And if he didn't make a file note, could someone explain why.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Yes. We will take that on notice as</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 129

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61	61	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	Formal Investigation Request – Statement of Ministerial Standards	Government	<p>well.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Second, the security classification of the email, which is cabinet-in-confidence, is written as 'declassified with the agreement of the author'.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Which is the Prime Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Right. Can you just explain to me, or give me a reference for, the legal basis of such classification.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> Firstly, of course, the reason it was cabinet-in-confidence—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> No, I just want to know where.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> If I may. You've asked me a simple question. I will answer it the way I see fit. The first point to make is that the document was cabinet-in-confidence on the basis that it was seeking an inquiry that would ultimately go to the Governance Committee of cabinet. In relation to the processes of declassification, I think Ms Foster might be best equipped to answer that.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you.</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> I'm assuming that the classification was accorded when the intention was for that material to go to the Governance Committee of cabinet. Now that the information is public, the classification no longer is relevant.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I just want to know where—in the</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 129 & 130

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						<p>security manual, in the <i>Cabinet Handbook</i> or wherever—a process is set out whereby such declassification can occur and who's empowered to do it.</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> We will certainly have a look at that. But there are cases in which the classification is a matter of judgement for the author.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> By whom?</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> By the author.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And where is that set out? It is very unusual for a cabinet document to be declassified and provided to an estimates committee like that. All I want—</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> As the officer indicated—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I finish please.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> the initial intention was for the document to go to a cabinet subcommittee but now of course that is no longer the case.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> That is not the question.</p> <p><b>Senator CORMANN:</b> But that is the context in which—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> We're trying to finish at a reasonable hour. That is not the question. I understand that's your factual argument. I'm asking an argument that goes to legal or procedural rules associated with such declassification. Can you point me, Ms Foster, to a security manual, the <i>Cabinet Handbook</i> or some set of procedures which permit declassification for the reasons</p>	

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						<p>you have outlined?  <b>Senator CORMANN:</b> We will take that on notice.  ...  <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I think it's in the Public Service <i>Protective Security Policy Framework</i>. I think the basic rule is that the originating officer can agree that material can be declassified.  ...  <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> Senator, it is the public sector protective security framework manual.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. So someone will come back to me about how that manual enables this to happen?  <b>Mr McKinnon:</b> I will come back to you.</p>	
62	62	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister /Wong</b>	Lobbyists Register – Auditor-General's Report	Government	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Has the Prime Minister provided any feedback or communicated any view to you about the Auditor-General's report?  <b>Ms Foster:</b> Not to my knowledge.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Has he requested any information from you about the Auditor-General's report?  <b>Ms Foster:</b> Not to my knowledge.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, presumably the Prime Minister was briefed about the report.  <b>Ms Foster:</b> I don't know. I'll see whether any of my staff know.  <b>Senator WONG:</b> So, was a brief provided—</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, page 134

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						<p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Hang on: so, we're talking—</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Order!</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> She's taking it on notice, and I'm clarifying what needs to be taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> Sure, but I'm just wanting to put some very important context into the public domain—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Oh, please; don't—</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> and it's one sentence. We're talking about a report that came out on 14 February, so it's not as if this is a report that has been out there gathering dust for an extended period. We're talking about a report that was released on 14 February.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. Ms Foster, when you take it on notice, I wonder whether you can take on notice also—not just that you'll check with your staff—whether a written brief has been provided to the Prime Minister and, if so, on which date.</p> <p><b>Ms Foster:</b> Sure.</p>	
63	63	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>McAllister</b>	User Research Process	Digital Transformation Agency	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So you have worked through an external provider to source individuals who might be involved in this kind of user research process?</p> <p><b>Mr Alexander:</b> Yes. We also have had sessions in our Sydney office where we've recruited people directly through ads or engagement of people that our staff know in user research.</p>	FPA Tuesday 27 February 2018, page 7

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						<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Who's the provider?  <b>Mr Alexander:</b> That's an excellent question. I'd have to take that on notice. I don't have that in my documents.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> A single provider?  <b>Mr Alexander:</b> Again, I'd take it on notice. I'm not sure.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> If you wouldn't mind—  <b>Mr Alexander:</b> I might be able to get the answer in the next 10 minutes.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Terrific. I'd be interested in knowing who the providers are; what the method of procurement was for engaging those providers; and what the value of the contract is to date; and, I suppose, if it's anything other than a fixed-price contract, what the nature of the contract is.  <b>Mr Alexander:</b> Sure.</p>	
64	64	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>McAllister</b>	User Research Groups	Digital Transformation Agency	<p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> I think earlier you said that there'd been hundreds of sessions with user research groups. I think your evidence was that that included some—  <b>Mr Alexander:</b> Groups and individuals.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> —ordinary individuals and some representative stakeholders.  <b>Mr Alexander:</b> Yes.  <b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> What does your stakeholder list look like in terms of how many organisations you are</p>	FPA Tuesday 27 February 2018, page 8

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						<p>engaging with?</p> <p><b>Mr Alexander:</b> In terms of the framework, 21-plus agencies: federal government, state and territory agencies. Twelve groups—I don't have the names of the groups. If you want me to get the names of the groups, I'd be able to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> That would be appreciated.</p> <p><b>Mr Alexander:</b> The numbers but not the names.</p>	
65	65	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Steele-John</b>	Accessibility Requirements	Digital Transformation Agency	<p><b>Senator STEELE-JOHN:</b> I'm happy to hear that, although that goes to my next question, which is around the core user experience requirements. I take you to point 1.4.3, related to contrast, which:</p> <p>... is excluded due to the need for service providers to adhere to their own branding and style guidelines. I very much hope you're aware that this is actually a critical criterion of the WCAG AA level, and noncompliance with it doesn't make sense. I'm sure you can understand my frustration with the idea that the branding and style guidelines of an applicant should be placed above the rights of my friends who are visually impaired.</p> <p><b>Mr Alexander:</b> Absolutely; I'd agree with that. I commit to looking into that. I was unaware of that clause.</p> <p><b>Senator STEELE-JOHN:</b> It's in your draft accessibility requirements and it states very clearly:</p>	FPA Tuesday 27 February 2018, page 9

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						... the following WCAG 2.0 rules ... MUST NOT be evaluated as part of the assessment: It then goes to 1.4.3, in relation to contrast, and 2.4.5. <b>Mr Alexander:</b> I'll take that on notice and come back with a response to you on why that would have been included. I'm not aware of why that would've happened. I assume there's got to be a really valid reason for that. It doesn't seem to make a lot of sense to me.	
66	66	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Steele-John</b>	Government Agency Websites	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator STEELE-JOHN:</b> That's great. Under previous schemes, government agency websites were required to meet WCAG 2.0 level A by 2014. Can you report on the proportion of websites which currently meet 2.0 level A or level AA? If you need to take that on notice, that's completely fine. <b>Mr Alexander:</b> I'll take that on notice.	FPA Tuesday 27 February 2018, page 9
67	67	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Fawcett</b>	Regional Access - Medicare	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I'm happy with your generic process. What I'd like to know is this: given that we're talking about Medicare to streamline and facilitate this process so that parents who live in regional communities, who don't have access physically to a Medicare office, have a way of actually getting a Medicare number for the child so that they can access health services? <b>Mr Slater:</b> We will take that on notice, but, without this sounding like a cop-out, I will take this back to the agency that's responsible for the delivery of that service. It is great	FPA Tuesday 27 February 2018, page 13 & 14

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						feedback, and we'll follow up in terms of whether the specific issue is included in their improvement plans for that service.	
68	68	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Fawcett</b>	Service Providers - Medicare	Digital Transformation Agency	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Sure. My final question also relates to Medicare. I noticed in the work—this is not only consumers but also service providers—you are dealing with the IT systems that they interface with. A rural doctor who needs to take leave for a week to go and do a professional development course, or to just take leave with his family, has to get a locum to come in. To get someone to come and actually provide services in their location can take up to 32 pages of paperwork with Medicare and can take up to six weeks to process, and often the answer doesn't come back until one or two days before the doctor was hoping to go and do their PD course or go on leave, which makes life incredibly difficult for them, as to managing their time. Are you aware of that extent of paperwork? Have you got a plan for how you can utilise the existing data that the government holds about the doctor, about their qualifications and locations, such that, certainly within a given state, a GP who wants to go and work in another location for a week or two weeks to give someone leave doesn't require 32 pages of paperwork and six weeks of processing?</p> <p><b>Mr Slater:</b> Again, I'm not aware of that specific issue,</p>	FPA Tuesday 27 February 2018, page 14

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						and I'm not aware of whether the responsible agency is doing any work in that regard, but I'll make sure they get this information and find out whether they do have a program underway. Peter, are you aware of anything? <b>Mr Alexander:</b> No.	
69	69	Indigenous Land Corporation  Transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Future Fund Board	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	<b>Senator DODSON:</b> Can I ask who the guardians are. Who are these people known as the guardians of the fund? <b>Mr Roddam:</b> The guardians are essentially the Future Fund board. That's just the name of the Future Fund board. <b>Senator DODSON:</b> Do we know who they are, though? <b>Mr Roddam:</b> We could provide the names of the board members on notice. ... <b>Mr Roddam:</b> I've got the answer to Senator Dodson's question about the Future Fund Board. The chairman is the Hon. Peter Costello AC and the other board members are: Ms Carolyn Kay, Mr John Poynton AO, Dr Jane Wilson, Ms Erin Flaherty, Mr Michael Wachtel and Mr Robert Priestley. <b>Senator Scullion:</b> We might just take on notice their backgrounds and why they're on there rather than their names. I know you wouldn't want us to read all that out. We'll take that on notice and provide that to the	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 6 & 12

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70	70	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Dodson</b>	Entity Contracts	Indigenous Land Corporation	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> I want to go to the Indigenous Land Corporation specifically. These are questions as to the 2016-17 financial listings and the Senate order listings of entity contracts. There was a contract for \$110,000 given to Mr Ian Ward-Ambler. Can you tell me what the purpose of that consultancy was?</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> I can. Thanks for the question. That's a contract that extended over four years for Mr Ward-Ambler to chair what was called the Financial, Legal and Investment Committee of the ILC. It was put in place four or five years ago by the board at that time.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> There was another one for \$171,000 to Ridgemill Pty Ltd for repair and maintenance work. If the funds were for refurbishment at the Jumbun community, how many Indigenous employees were recruited and employed by that process?</p> <p><b>Ms Button:</b> The funds to Ridgemill were for it as the project manager to manage the roughly \$3 million housing refurbishment of the Jumbun Aboriginal community, which is about 26 houses. If you don't mind, I'll have to take on notice what the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment rates were through that 12-month refurbishment work.</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 8
71	71	Indigenous	<b>Siewert</b>	Voyages	Indigenous Land	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay, thank you. Can I go to the	FPA Friday 2

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		Land Corporation			Corporation	<p>Voyages issue. You said that the fiscal situation there has improved. It was looking very bad previously. Can you outline very quickly, or maybe take on notice, what that picture is now and what drain it's having on the actual year-to-year expenditure of the ILC?</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> Voyages, as Minister Scullion has pointed out, have done a really good job of turning around the top line, if you like, and the positioning of the resort and obviously the occupancy. I think the ILC commissioned a profitability report on Voyages last year—</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Yes, and didn't really find anything.</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> and certainly found opportunity with respect to their cost structure and improving the bottom-line profitability of that organisation. The recommendations from that report are being executed now, as we speak. Consequently, even this year to date, the performance of Voyages at a bottom-line basis is better than what they had budgeted for because some of those recommendations are now in place.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you take on notice to provide us now with the bottom-line costs, year to year, to the ILC?</p> <p><b>Mr Maher:</b> Yes.</p>	March 2018, page 11 & 12
72	72	Indigenous Business	<b>McAllister</b>	Regional and Remote	Indigenous Business	<b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Okay. I'm just waiting for your statement. The figure I have is that there were 538	FPA Friday 2 March 2018,

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		Australia		Customers	Australia	<p>customers in regional and remote locations—was that the number you used? I'm sorry.</p> <p><b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> I didn't use that in my statement, so I'll just go back to that. We have 700 customers in remote areas, and that's across home ownership, business and investment.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Right. Are you able to—</p> <p><b>Mr Tallis:</b> Sorry, the entire suite of our products.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> So across the entire suite you've got approximately 700?</p> <p><b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> There are 700 in remote areas.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are you able to tell me how many of those are businesses?</p> <p><b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> I can take that on notice.</p>	page 14
73	73	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Dodson</b>	Action Strategy	Indigenous Business Australia	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> I am conscious of a lot of talk. I'm not suggesting it isn't relevant, but have you got an action strategy that goes with this anywhere?</p> <p><b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> That's being developed at the moment collectively by the agencies. There are a couple of gatherings scheduled for the next few months with the reference group and then with the ministerial forum, which I think is scheduled for April. That is coming together at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can I ask about the process arrangements around this? There is a reference group.</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 15

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						<p>Does that comprise external stakeholders or is this an internal government body?</p> <p><b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> I might ask Andrew to comment.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> It involves eight senior Indigenous leaders across northern Australia.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Eight leaders?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Eight, yes. I'm happy to get you that detail on notice.</p>	
74	74	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Dodson</b>	Investment Opportunities	Indigenous Business Australia	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> I understand that. I was part of one of those task forces informing ministers at some other period of my existence—and I applaud what's going on. But we are trying to get a focus into the Ngaanyatjarra country, the Western Desert country, the Pitjantjatjara country and the western part of Western Australia. What is happening in that desert zone, if I can put it that way, in order to create the opportunities for a market economy to be developed? What is the IBA doing to help try and stimulate that and bring in investors to help create those opportunities? That's where we are trying to go.</p> <p><b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> You may have seen late last year we announced an impact investment initiative, a \$50 million initiative, that was open for expressions of interest to the end of February. Through that, we have actually unearthed and are working on a number of really interesting investment opportunities in those regions, which we hope</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 16

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						<p>to announce in the coming months. Again, we are looking at deepening and broadening our engagement with organisations in central Australia. Out of that, I'm confident that we will see some really interesting investment opportunities on Aboriginal owned and held land.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> If you could give us some detail around that. How does this affect Warburton, Menzies and Jamieson—all these places that people put into the hard-case basket. No-one seems to be focusing in on how to create an economy in those places. It's surrounded by miners, very few employment opportunities seem to come and people are living in poverty. We want to be able to get a focus on how to work with the government to make sure that there's some equality around opportunities happening for those people who live in that region.</p> <p><b>Mr Viswanathan:</b> We do have activity in those regions through our investments and through small business. If I can take on notice to provide a greater level of detail, I think I can do that.</p>	
75	75	Aboriginal Hostels	<b>Siewert</b>	Police Checks	Aboriginal Hostels	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> To go back to that question, though: so, everybody in the organisation has a police check?</p> <p><b>Mr Usher:</b> Everybody who starts with us now has to have a police check and pass.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Okay. I just want to be clear: now,</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 23

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						<p>not as they start, everybody, whether they've just started or started since you've been the CEO, has a police check?</p> <p><b>Mr Usher:</b> Well, I haven't checked each one of them, but that's my understanding. And that's certainly the direction.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> It would be useful to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Could you take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Usher:</b> Yes, we'll take that on notice and check.</p>	
76	76	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Keneally</b>	Engagement Timeframe	Closing the Gap Taskforce	<p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> Do you have a time frame for how long engaging will continue?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> I would say that we would engage as long as we can. There will be state consultations which we will be involved in through our network in particular. Many states are starting to focus on their consultations given we have an agreed end date.</p> <p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> You do or don't have an agreed end date? <b>Mr Sloan:</b> We do now have an agreed end date of 31 October. That was agreed at COAG on 9 February.</p> <p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> When will this next be discussed at COAG? Is there a schedule at COAG?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> It's a standing item.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> It will be discussed, I would imagine, at the next COAG meeting. Typically there are two COAG meetings a year. I might have to take on notice the scheduled date for the next one; they bounce around a bit</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 28, 29

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77	77	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	Atlantic Philanthropies	Business Transformation Office	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> It's not about the actual date of Close the Gap, Minister, but I will take you to the speech of the Prime Minister in his Closing the Gap statement. He made reference to Atlantic Philanthropies. Has Atlantic been funded through the Indigenous program IAS?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Atlantic Philanthropies is an initiative of a wealthy American philanthropist. Melbourne university led a consortium of interested parties, including other universities, to win a significant philanthropic donation in the order, if my memory is correct, of \$40 million or more. The Australian Public Service has committed to participate with Atlantic Philanthropies and Melbourne university in creating development opportunities for senior Indigenous staff and to create opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from the community and business sectors to work in the Australian Public Service in placements.</p> <p>The idea of Atlantic Philanthropies is it will run for the next 20 years, at which point the philanthropic donation will have been expended.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Is IAS funding involved, in any way?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How many Indigenous people are</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 30 & 31

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						employed at Atlantic? <b>Mr Tongue:</b> I'd best take that on notice. I think the first course is 15 people. I want to say at least half are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but I'll take that on notice and query Melbourne university.	
78	78	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Engagement with Peak Organisations	Closing the Gap Taskforce	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Besides the two co-chairs from the National Congress, who I'm very pleased were there, all the others are actually people that are appointed by government to bodies, are they not?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> No—sorry, in the Commonwealth?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> In the Commonwealth. I'll come to the states; I'm talking about the Commonwealth.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> Correct.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> So why were peak community organisations not considered?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> This has been raised with us and, as we have said consistently, this is a conversation that has been occurring for a long time and will continue through this process and beyond this process. We have engaged with peaks previously, we will continue to engage with peaks, we are extremely keen to have those views and we will continue to seek those views.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Please provide on notice what occasions on the refresh you have engaged with the peaks.</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 32

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						<b>Mr Sloan:</b> Yes.	
79	79	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Roundtable List of Participants	Closing the Gap Taskforce	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> We'll have to agree to disagree. We're short of time, so I'll continue. I want to quickly go back to the states. Did you outline to the states the process or any guidelines for selection of their reps or were they free to choose the six nominees from the states as they felt was appropriate?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> We broadly talked about the fact that we wanted to try and get a mix of skills and representative young women et cetera, but beyond that—I'm looking at my colleagues—I think that's broadly the sort of broad guidance we gave. We didn't get beyond that.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> Can you table a list of participants?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> In addition to that list, I should point out that all the Commonwealth land councils were also represented—the Northern Land Council and the Central Land Council as well.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> They were Commonwealth nominees?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Yes, they were. We thought they'd be picked up, but we didn't want to make that assumption.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> If you could provide a list of all the nominees that attended, that would be appreciated.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Certainly.</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 32 & 33
80	80	Department	<b>Keneally/</b>	Senators and	Closing the Gap	<b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> Minister, with the greatest	FPA Friday 2

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		of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert/ McAllister</b>	Members of Parliament Attending Consultations	Taskforce	<p>respect, that's ridiculous. Senator Siewert is not suggesting that. She is simply asking that senators and members of parliament be able to come along to future consultations and hear what people are saying if they wish to. You said you have advice that members of parliament would have some sort of influence over proceedings if they were to be there to listen. Can you provide us with that advice? Can you tell us who gave you that advice?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> Minister, you said you had received advice that the presence of MPs would somehow influence proceedings. I ask you again: who gave you that advice and can we see a copy of it?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> We'll take that on notice. It was not that you cannot have parliamentarians or other influences there; they said, 'This is the best way to run consultation processes,' and we are working off that. The advice I have from that means that there were other areas where parliamentarians can provide their input. I will take that question on notice and, as best as I can, provide that advice to the committee.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Minister, who provided the advice? Was it an external provider, or an internal adviser in the department?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> We'll take that on notice. I suspect that</p>	March 2018, page 34 & 35

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						<p>it was an internal process. But there are some conventions now about the best way to conduct these processes.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are those conventions documented?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I have no idea.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is anyone in the department able to tell me whether you have documented your conventions for undertaking consultation?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> We'll take that on notice. We've talked about consultation quite a lot in this committee. In the past, the department has advised that formal notes or records of consultations were not generated, that it was done on butcher's paper. Have formal notes been taken of this consultation process?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> They are being taken?</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Is it your intention to publish the notes from these consultations?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> I don't think we've reached that point yet. Once we have completed the consultations, if some key themes emerge, I imagine that would be the sort of thing we would want to play back to the stakeholders. Verbatim records I don't think we would publish.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Are verbatim records being generated?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> No, we're not generating verbatim records.</p>	

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						<p>We're recording the key themes that are emerging from each of the consultations.</p> <p><b>Senator McALLISTER:</b> Can they be provided to this committee?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> I am happy to take that on notice, and provide you with what we've got.</p>	
81	81	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Cost of the Refresh Process	Closing the Gap Taskforce	<p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I have one final question. Could you take on notice—unless you've got it immediately to hand—the cost of the refresh process. How much it's costing? I'm presuming, because of the extended process, you've had to allocate more. Would that be a correct assumption?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I think we have the costs with us of the Gathering but we don't think we've got other costs.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> It's not the cost of the Gathering. That is of interest, but if you could take on notice—I am after the overall process to date—</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> The end-to-end cost?</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> and the end-to-end costs.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> We can give you Commonwealth costs. I'd have to go out to states and territories to ask—</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> This is estimates for the Commonwealth. I'm interested in the Commonwealth.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> We can write to the states. I will be</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 36

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						<p>writing to the minister about some other matters, if you would like me to include that, I will. Otherwise, I am—</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> I don't want that to hold up the provision of the information about the Commonwealth costs.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Okay.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> but I would appreciate the additional information.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> I can give to date numbers.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> That would be good.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> Special Gathering was 55,436. Roundtables to date have been 58,330, bringing it to a total of 113,766 to date. I'm guessing that doesn't include this week's roundtables.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> We'll take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloan:</b> We'll confirm the date that's up to.</p> <p><b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> And you can provide what's been budgeted—then to now, 31 October.</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> Okay.</p>	
82	82	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Hanson</b>	Land Councils – Oversight Arrangements	Housing Land and Culture	<b>Senator HANSON:</b> I'll do that some time. I won't do it now, but I would be very interested to follow that through and see what's happened there. We're talking about claims. Have you heard of the claim that the Fred family had Kirrama Station taken from them by the North	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 37 & 38

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						<p>Queensland Land Council and Queensland state government? It's claimed that another family, now occupying the station, has told the Fred family that they are not allowed on the land. It's been claimed that North Queensland Land Council is using Doris Fred's signature illegally. Are you aware of such allegations and the Fred family's claim against the North Queensland Land Council?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> No, I'm not. The land council that you speak of doesn't come under a Commonwealth jurisdiction. Can I say, for the jurisdictions that I'm involved in, there are often the circumstances that you speak of, because disputes within families then come back to land councils and they can be quite complex. Perhaps somebody at the table can advise what element of the Queensland government would be responsible for this? Who do those land councils come under?</p> <p><b>Mr Beswick:</b> I'm not aware of the specifics of this particular claim that you're talking about. Within the Queensland government it's the department of resources.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> No, I'm not aware of those specifics, but I'm more than happy—</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON:</b> There's another one that's been brought to my attention that I'll make you aware of. Gordon Charlie and his family had their land and state</p>	

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						<p>compensation money taken by the Cape York Land Council and the Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council. That's another one.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> If you can provide us some details, we'll certainly look into it, to whatever extent we can, and provide you with a response.</p> <p><b>Senator HANSON:</b> Land councils have a considerable amount of power and discretion. How are they held accountable?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> They're usually an elected body and they're held accountable in the same way as all democratically elected bodies are held at election time, if people aren't happy with what they do. I'm not sure about the oversight arrangements. For my land councils, it's different, but they have an opportunity, for example, to make submissions to the Commonwealth Ombudsman. There's quite a comprehensive process. I'm just not sure of what they would be in the Queensland jurisdiction, but, again, I'm more than happy to take that on notice.</p>	
83	83	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Constitutional Recognition	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> On what date did the submission go to the cabinet in relation to the recommendations that came from the Referendum Council?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I'll have to be cautious because it's about cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> I just want to know the date; I don't</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 40

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						<p>want to know what you talked about.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I've been very helpful before and gotten into trouble. I'm talking about a hesitation of a matter of moments. I'm not sure of the exact date. We'll have to take that on notice, but I should be able to find that out relatively quickly.</p> <p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> Did a submission go to cabinet in relation to the—</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> We can't really comment.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> If someone's seeking a date, that's entirely different to something that's happened. I am just trying to take that on notice. As I've indicated, I'm not sure. I'm always cautious about matters of cabinet, as you should be with your experience, Senator Keneally. I'll take that on notice and if we can provide some information we will.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Maybe this next question is of such sensitivity as well, but in whose name was the submission, if one was made, taken to the cabinet?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> We can't comment on that.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> That would be part of the content of a cabinet submission, so we won't be able to comment on that.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Prior to the submission, if it went to the cabinet, how many meetings had the Prime Minister</p>	

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						had with members of the Referendum Council? <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I'll have to take that on notice.	
84	84	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	ANAO Report – Decreased Case Load	Community and Economic Development	<b>Senator SIEWERT:</b> We'll obviously be chasing that again in May. I do have a specific question on the ANAO report, and that is the reference that's made on page 64 to an internal analysis that has shown a drop in the case load of young Indigenous men. Is it possible to get hold of some of the data specifically around that point? <b>Ms Field:</b> I'm certainly happy to take it on notice, Senator, and see what we could provide you.	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 46
85	85	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Fawcett</b>	Consultations Undertaken by the Referendum Council	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	<b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Mr Tongue, this segues from the discussion on consultation. I'm interested to understand what consultations were undertaken by the Referendum Council. <b>Mr Tongue:</b> I will ask some of my colleagues who were involved in that process to come to the table. They'll be able to help you. <b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I'm interested to know, for example, how were people selected for it and why weren't their names included in the report so that the public can get an understanding of who the opinions were delivered by. <b>Mr Roddam:</b> In terms of the regional dialogues, they were largely selected by the host organisation that might have been hosting that regional dialogue and the local	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 46 & 47

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						<p>leadership there. That's generally how the delegates were selected for regional consultations.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Why weren't their names included, even in an annex or something, to the report?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> It's really a question for the council. I think we need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> You can take that on notice. Am I correct in my understanding that the regional dialogues were included in the final report, without any attribution—so, quotes from those dialogues?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> I believe that's correct.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Is that standard practice?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> Again, I think we would need to take that on notice and consult with the council.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Take it on notice; that's fine. Were transcripts produced for each of the dialogues?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> There were communiques from each of the dialogues but not transcripts as such.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> So no record of the actual discussion that occurred?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> That's my understanding, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Have any concerns been raised about the transcripts or lack thereof?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> I would need to take that on notice. I'm not sure.</p>	

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						<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Can you table any records that the department has of the regional dialogues?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> Yes, I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Did the department provide any feedback to the council about how they were conducting these or the lack of record keeping?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> Again, I think we would need to take that on notice.</p>	
86	86	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Fawcett</b>	Attendance at the Uluru Summit	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Can you advise who members of the Referendum Council invited to each of the dialogues?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> Yes. As the dialogues commenced, all Referendum Council members were invited and then there were a couple of consultations for Indigenous Australians only, where not all members of the council were invited. Then, I understand, that changed again and all members of the council were invited for the remainder of the consultations.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> So, I'm assuming all were invited to the Uluru summit?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> That's my understanding, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Did all attend?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> How many of the non-Indigenous members didn't attend, and do you know why?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> Of the non-Indigenous members, did you</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 47

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						<p>say?</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> I would need to double-check that on notice. My understanding is that all of the Indigenous members attended, but I would need to double-check that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Would a fair conclusion to draw from that be that the council was relying essentially on the Indigenous subcommittee as opposed to their direct exposure to the consultations themselves?</p> <p><b>Mr Fox:</b> I'm not sure that's a conclusion that's available to us on the evidence in the data that we've got available to us now, but that's something that we could consider once we've analysed those questions that we've taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> It would be great if you could do that and come back to us. Was there any consultation for the whole community?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> There were written submissions available and also, for want of a better term, virtual consultation processes available. We could provide details of that on notice, if you like.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Sure. But there were no town meetings or workshops or other consultations where people were invited to attend in person?</p> <p><b>Mr Roddam:</b> I would need to double-check on that.</p>	

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87	87	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Fawcett</b>	Referendum Council – Terms of Reference	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Did the Referendum Council have a set terms of reference?  <b>Mr Tongue:</b> It did, yes.  <b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Did they provide advice on options for a referendum proposal, including steps for finalising a proposal?  <b>Mr Tongue:</b> We covered this at last estimates.  <b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Sorry. I'm new to the committee.  <b>Mr Tongue:</b> Certainly what came forward was a single proposal. I think terms of reference No. 4 implied that options would come forward. A view is that there weren't options; there was a proposal.  <b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> That proposal came to parliament. Did it have any advice on constitutional issues?  <b>Mr Tongue:</b> It's difficult for me to characterise.  <b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> You can take it on notice, if you wish.  <b>Mr Tongue:</b> Yes, I'll take that one on notice.  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> I think it's pretty evident that the report did recommend a voice that was enshrined in the Constitution go to parliament. That was part of the advice.  <b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Did the Referendum Council draw on the work of the 2012 expert panel or refer to their work at all?  <b>Mr Tongue:</b> Not that I recall. I'll seek guidance from my</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 48

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						colleagues. <b>Mr Roddam:</b> We need to take that on notice. It came up with a different proposal from what that joint select committee did.	
88	88	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Fawcett</b>	Referendum Council - Funding	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Thanks for the clarification. How much funding did the Referendum Council receive?</p> <p><b>Mr Fox:</b> The council was allocated approximately \$14.6 million over two financial years, 2015-16 and 2016-17. That funding was allocated to the process of constitutional recognition; \$9.5 million of that was allocated to support the Referendum Council and its activities.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I take it you have a table of something there that gives a breakdown of what the funding was spent on. Are you able to table that?</p> <p><b>Mr Fox:</b> I don't have a table but I can list some of the elements.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Could you take on notice a breakdown of what the funding was spent on?</p> <p><b>Mr Tongue:</b> We'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 48
89	89	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Fawcett</b>	Referendum Council – Guidance from PM&C	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> My final question: did the department give any advice or guidance to the council regarding how it thought the terms of reference should be fulfilled?</p> <p><b>Mr Fox:</b> I've only very recently joined the division so I'm not able to answer that question.</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 48 & 49

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						<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Could you take that on notice.  <b>Mr Tongue:</b> We will take it on notice.  <b>Mr Roddam:</b> It's fair to say, in broad terms, the function of the department was to support the Referendum Council in a secretariat sense and that was the primary involvement of the department.  <b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Perhaps take that on notice and see if any guidance was given. My subsequent question would therefore also have to be taken on notice—whether the department feels as though the intent, in terms of that guidance, has been met.  <b>Mr Tongue:</b> We'll take that on notice.</p>	
90	90	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	Indigenous Advancement Strategy – Commonwealth Funding to the Northern Territory	Education, Community Safety and Health	<p><b>Senator McCARNEY:</b> The Royal Commission reported that, as at May 2017, the Commonwealth was funding \$696 million of activities in the Northern Territory—chapter 6, page 230—under the IAS. Can you advise this committee how that funding has been allocated, where that funding has been allocated and the outcomes of this funding, noting the commission was unable to actually get that information.  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> We can have a bit of a crack at it. If I were to answer that, it would take at least a couple of days. That's okay.  <b>Senator McCARNEY:</b> You'll take that on notice?  <b>Senator Scullion:</b> That's okay, but I understand the</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, page 49

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						<p>principles for the basis. The chunky bits we can handle, and if you think after that that we need to take some more detail on notice then we'll be happy to do that.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> We're talking about dollar figures. If it's a case of getting the figures to us on notice, you're welcome to do so.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> My associate secretary will do that.</p> <p><b>Ms Hefren-Webb:</b> All the IAS funding is published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet website. We also provided the royal commission with spreadsheets and printouts of every project we fund under the IAS in the Northern Territory. We can provide that to the committee.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Great. Thank you.</p>	
91	91	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Smith</b>	Secure Cloud Strategy	Digital Transformation Agency	<p>The Secure Cloud Strategy acknowledges a limitation on the Australian Signals Directorate to undertake certification against every cloud service an agency may use. Can you please clarify the DTA's definition of 'cloud service'?</p> <p>a. Does this include certification of the cloud infrastructure layer itself, or is it the application and software based services agencies wish to procure and</p>	Written

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						use? b. Would it be more appropriate for each agency to make their own risk assessments about the software and applications to use within Australian Signals Directorate certified clouds?	
92	92	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Smith</b>	Secure Cloud Strategy – Consultation with Australian Signals Directorate	Digital Transformation Agency	Did the Digital Transformation Agency consult the Australian Signals Directorate before preparing the Secure Cloud Strategy?  a. Would the Australian Signals Directorate have capacity to undertake certification with additional resources? b. Would additional resources for the Australian Signals Directorate provide a better and lower risk alternative?	Written
93	93	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Smith</b>	Secure Cloud Strategy	Digital Transformation Agency	The Digital Transformation Agency Secure Cloud Strategy discusses the “creation of frameworks that enable a better understanding of, and ability to apply, appropriate risk and information management practices to services in a cloud environment”.  a. Can you please advise how frameworks will be developed and what consultation process will be	Written

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						<p>adopted?</p> <p>b. Will the Australian Signals Directorate be involved in the development of these frameworks as the single source of expertise in the government?</p> <p>c. Does the Digital Transformation Agency consult or employ cybersecurity experts?</p>	
94	94	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Smith</b>	Secure Cloud Strategy	Digital Transformation Agency	<p>Can you please advise if government data will remain within Australian borders and under Australian control?</p> <p>a. Which organisations were consulted in the development of the Secure Cloud Strategy?</p> <p>b. What steps are being proposed to ensure data is secure?</p> <p>c. Was any legal advice received about jurisdictional risk for data held by foreign entities?</p>	Written
95	95	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Steele-John</b>	Trust Framework Accreditation Process	Digital Transformation Agency	How will you ensure that Government agency websites meet WCAG 2.0 standards if they do not apply to the Trust Framework Accreditation Process?	Written
96	96	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Steele-John</b>	Trusted Digital Identity Framework – Privacy Safeguards	Digital Transformation Agency	How will privacy safeguards for the Trusted Digital Identity Framework be improved over existing Government systems, which have been susceptible to breaches and hacks?	Written

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97	97	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Consultation Processes with First Nations People	Closing the Gap Taskforce	Any advice provided to you by PM&C in relation to methods for consulting indigenous people. Please table the advice.	Written
98	98	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Consultation Processes with First Nations People	Closing the Gap Taskforce	Any advice provided to you by PM&C in relation to the approach for consulting indigenous people in developing new or refined targets for closing the gap. Please table the advice.	Written
99	99	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Consultation Processes with First Nations People	Closing the Gap Taskforce	Any external advice provided to the department or the Minister in relation to methods for consulting indigenous people. Please table the advice. Please advise the source of the advice, and any costs associated with obtaining the advice.	Written
100	100	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Consultation Processes with First Nations People	Closing the Gap Taskforce	Any external advice provided to you or the department in relation to methods for consulting indigenous people in developing new or refined targets for closing the gap. Please advise the source of the advice, and any costs associated with obtaining the advice.	Written
101	101	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McAllister</b>	Consultation Processes with First Nations People	Closing the Gap Taskforce	Any general guidelines adopted by the department in relation to practices for consulting indigenous people. Please indicate the date on which these guidelines were adopted.	Written
102	102	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>McCarthy</b>	Business Development and Assistance	Indigenous Business Australia	A contract was provided in response to a question on notice – entitled the 2016-17 agreement for Indigenous Business Australia’s Business Development and	Written

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				Program - Contract		<p>Assistance Program (for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 October 2017). A further funding contract was provided after October 2017 estimates for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2019.</p> <p>a) What are the key differences between the criteria for providing services and activities to customers under the contract and the criteria IBA would use if the money was granted to IBA as an appropriation? (That is, does the contract have different criteria for services and activities than what IBA used before the monies were “redirected” through a contractual arrangement?)</p> <p>b) How do the KPIs and targets in the funding contract (see p 11 of the contract) differ from the KPIs and targets used by IBA where money is granted as an appropriation? Are they more onerous?</p> <p>c) Do reporting requirements to PMC under the funding contract differ from IBA’s usual reporting requirements to PMC for other programs? How? Are the reporting requirements under the funding contract more onerous?</p> <p>d) Clause 6.2 of the contract says:  <i>If the Commonwealth requests a revised report, in accordance with Clause 54 of the Head Agreement,</i></p>	

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						<p><i>the Commonwealth will provide, in writing, reasons why it reasonably believes the report is unsatisfactory including suggested changes to the form or content necessary to satisfy the Commonwealth. This information will be provided to the Provider within 10 business days of the Commonwealth receiving the report.</i></p> <p>Please provide a copy of the Head Agreement. Can you explain what this document is and what its purpose is? What does clause 54 of the Head Agreement say? In what circumstances can the Commonwealth say that a report is unsatisfactory in accordance with this clause?</p>	
103	103	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>McCarthy</b>	Business Development and Assistance Program – Written Direction about Administering Funds	Indigenous Business Australia	On 26 May 2017, IBA advised us that the Minister had a power (under s151 of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act) to issue a general written direction about how IBA can administer funds under the Indigenous Business Development and Assistance Program. Senator Scullion advised us first that he had issued general directions under that section, then later corrected the record to state that he had not issued any formal general directions under that section. Has the Minister issued any written general directions under this section since May 2017?	Written

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104	104	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>McCarthy</b>	Business Development and Assistance Program - Written Direction about Administering Funds	Indigenous Business Australia	<p>1) Has the Minister issued any specific or general directions (whether or not in compliance with section 151 of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act) regarding how IBA should administer funds under the Indigenous Business Development and Assistance Program or any other program? That is, has the Minister ever an informal direction or advice about how IBA funds should be administered?</p> <p>2) Do any of the clauses in the funding contract or Head Agreement enable to Commonwealth or the Minister to give directions about how IBA should administer funds under the Indigenous Business Development and Assistance Program?</p>	Written
105	105	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse – Commonwealth Funding of Activities	Education, Community Safety and Health	<p>The Royal Commission reported that as at May 2017 the Commonwealth was funding \$696 million on funding activities in the Northern Territory (chapter 6 page 230) under the IAS.</p> <p>Can you advise this Committee how that funding has been allocated, where that funding has been allocated and the outcomes of this funding?</p>	Written
106	106					Question no longer applicable	
107	107	Department of the Prime Minister and	<b>McCarthy</b>	National Agreements – Remote Housing	Housing Land and Culture	What work is being done to develop a replacement for the National Partnership on Remote Housing that expires in June this year for Remote Housing in all States and	Written

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		Cabinet				Territories?	
108	108	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	National Agreements – Remote Housing South Australia and Western Australia Funding	Housing Land and Culture	What funding is committed to South Australia and WA remote housing post June?	Written
109	109	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	National Agreements – Remote Housing Lease Funding	Housing Land and Culture	You are offering the Northern Territory 2 years funding for a 5 year lease on the communities where the lease expires this year and next year – why are you not offering a dollar for dollar deal equivalent to the length of the lease?	Written
110	110	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	National Agreements – Remote Housing Subleases	Housing Land and Culture	When subleases to the NT Government expire in 44 remote communities and revert back to the Commonwealth Government, who will be responsible for the delivery of housing and maintenance?	Written
111	111	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	National Agreements – Land Servicing	Housing Land and Culture	Will you contribute any money to land servicing? If not why not?	Written
112	112	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	National Agreements – Tenancy Management	Housing Land and Culture	With 5 year contracts being offered by the NT Government for Tenancy Management and Repairs and Maintenance, would you guarantee 5 year funding for these contracts, to ensure that all the work over the past 10	Written

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				and Repairs Maintenance		years is not irreversibly damaged due to lack of funding?	
113	113	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP – Selective Tender	Community and Economic Development	In which CDP regions has the Department opened up for selective tender? Which organisations were affected and how many of these are local Indigenous organisations?	Written
114	114	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP – Organisations Submitting and Expression of Interest	Community and Economic Development	Please provide a breakdown of how many organisations that have been invited to submit an Expression of Interest in delivering in these areas are: a) local community owned Indigenous organisations b) other Indigenous organisations (eg for profit or from a different area) c) non-Indigenous non-profits d) non-Indigenous for profits	Written
115	115	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP – Preferred Providers	Community and Economic Development	What process has been put in place to consult with affected communities over which organisations would be acceptable or preferred as providers in their region?	Written
116	116	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP – Contract Extension	Community and Economic Development	Have any organisations had a contract extension where their overall performance rating was below 3? On what basis was this decision made?	Written
117	117	Department of the Prime Minister and	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP – Funding and Contracting Indigenous	Community and Economic Development	How does the invitation of non-Indigenous organisations (for profit and not for profit) align with previous undertakings about the funding and contracting of	Written

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		Cabinet		Organisations		Indigenous organisations by the Commonwealth?	
118	118	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP – Failure to Meet the RET	Community and Economic Development	Are there any cases in which failure to meet the RET has been decisive? If so, how can you justify this given the current process for revising the RETs?	Written
119	119	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	Indigenous Rangers	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	A commitment was made by the Federal Government at Kalkarinji in August 2016 to a two year extension to ranger contracts. It's now March 2018 and those contract extensions have not yet been received by the more than 100 Ranger groups around the country waiting on that certainty, and contracts run out in June 2018...assuming the government will eventually get round to issuing the contracts why has it now taken 18 months to deliver them, why are they so late?	Written
120	120	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	Indigenous Rangers – 2 Year Extensions	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	Why are only 2 year extensions, instead of another round of five year contracts as government has done previously?	Written
121	121	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	Indigenous Rangers - Contracts	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	Noting that the Federal Environment Minister Mr Frydenberg has recently announced a further five year renewal of the vital Indigenous Protected Areas contracts (67m hectares in over 75 IPAs around Australia, almost half of Australia's entire system of protected areas) out to 2023 from June 2018. Why are Indigenous Ranger contracts matched to the IPA contracts?	Written

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122	122	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Cameron</b>	VET Student Loans Ombudsman	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many complaints and/or requests for assistance has the VET Student Loans Ombudsman received since commencement of the Ombudsman?</li> <li>2. How many of those complaints were closed prior to any investigation?</li> <li>3. How many complaints have been referred onwards? And where have they been referred?</li> <li>4. What were the nature of the complaints that have been referred onto the Department of Education and Training?</li> <li>5. What were the nature of complaints that have been referred onto the Inspector General of Taxation?</li> <li>6. How many complaints have been referred to the AAT – and what was the nature of those complaints?</li> <li>7. How many investigations has the VSLO undertaken?</li> <li>8. How many investigations have been resolved?</li> <li>9. How many investigations found that the RTO failed to comply with its legal obligations?</li> <li>10. How many complaints remain unresolved?</li> </ol>	Written
123	123	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Cameron</b>	VET Student Loans Ombudsman	Commonwealth Ombudsman	Please provide a breakdown of the number of complaints and/or requests for assistance, by the nature of the complaint, in as much detail as reportable. Please include the following categories – Unknown debts; Debt cancellation requests including special circumstances; Pre-census withdrawals not actioned by provider; Course	Written

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						cancellations due to a provider closure.	
124	124	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Cameron</b>	VET Student Loans Ombudsman	Commonwealth Ombudsman	Please provide a breakdown of the number of investigations undertaken, the nature of the associated complaints, and the outcome of those investigations. a) How many of the substantiated investigations relate to RTOs that are still operating? b) How many RTOs does this apply to? c) How many of those RTOs are still operating as VSL providers? d) Please list the RTOs where non-compliance has been found, identifying which of them as VSL approved.	Written
125	125	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Cameron</b>	VET Student Loans Ombudsman	Commonwealth Ombudsman	To date how many requests for assistance and/or complaints has the VSLO received from people who were unaware that they have a VFH debt? a) Under what circumstances are people being made aware that they have a VFH debt? b) How many of the complaints related to RTOs that are still operating?	Written
126	126	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Cameron</b>	VET Student Loans Ombudsman	Commonwealth Ombudsman	At 30 September 2017, the Office confirmed that of the 352 complaints from people who stated they have an unknown loan, debt or enrolment, 231 complaints related to training providers that are still operating. a) How is the VSLO investigating such claims? Please describe the steps in the process. b) How many of these claims have been resolved?	Written

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) How many have been investigated by the VSLO?</li> <li>d) How many of these claims have been substantiated?</li> <li>e) How many providers have been implicated in substantiated claims?</li> <li>f) How many of those non-compliant RTOs are registered to provide VET Student Loans?</li> <li>g) Please provide the identity of RTOs were the claims of unknown debt have been substantiated.</li> </ul>	
127	127	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Cameron</b>	VET Student Loans Ombudsman	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In cases where an RTO has been found to have failed to comply with its legal obligation what information does the VSLO provide to ASQA?</li> <li>2. In cases where an RTO registered to provide VSLs has been found to have failed to comply with its legal obligations, what information does the VSLO provide to the Department of Education and Training?</li> </ul>	Written
128	128	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Cameron</b>	VET Student Loans Ombudsman	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many investigation officers are dedicated to investigating VSL/VFH related complaints?</li> <li>b) What is the average case load for each investigating officer?</li> <li>c) Are there adequate resources to ensure the timely investigation of complaints to the VSLO?</li> </ul>	Written
129	129	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Cameron</b>	VET Student Loans Ombudsman	Commonwealth Ombudsman	What is the average time taken for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A complaint to be 'opened'</li> <li>b) A response to be made to the complainant</li> <li>c) A complaint to be investigated</li> </ul>	Written

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						d) A compliant that has been investigated, to be resolved	
130	130	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Cameron</b>	VET Student Loans Ombudsman	Commonwealth Ombudsman	What steps have been take to ensure that students are aware of the VSLO and the assistance it provides?	Written
131	131	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	CDP – Financial Penalties	Community and Economic Development	What is the average amount of financial penalty incurred by people who received a financial penalty under the Community Development Program, broken down by year?	Written
132	132	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	CDP - Payments	Community and Economic Development	Provide the number of people receiving payments with activity requirements in CDP areas who are exempt from activity test.	Written
133	133	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	CDP – Breakdown of Participants	Community and Economic Development	Provide a breakdown of CDP participants (by no. and percentages) with reference to: a) payment type, b) age, c) gender, d) marital status, e) location (i.e. remote, very remote), f) Indigenous status/CALD status, g) number with vulnerability flags (by type of vulnerability), h) by number of vulnerability flags per person, i) number of years on current payment, j) number of years on any payment,	Written

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>k) with/without earnings,</li> <li>l) with Rent Assistance,</li> <li>m) home-ownership status,</li> <li>n) number of Centrelink overpayments,</li> <li>o) number on Income Management,</li> <li>p) number with participation/activity exemptions,</li> <li>q) number undertaking FT-WFTD,</li> <li>r) number of penalties by type of penalties on job seeker with vulnerability flag/by type of vulnerability,</li> <li>s) number of job seekers who appeal decision, by all stages of appeal, and outcomes of appeal, for 2015-16, 2016-17 and year to date.</li> <li>t) number of ex-prisoners,</li> <li>u) number who claimed the DSP in the previous 12 months, and the number successful/rejected.</li> </ul>	
134	134	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	CDP – Breakdown of Participants	Community and Economic Development	<p>Provide a breakdown of participants who achieved 26 week outcomes under the program (by no. and percentages) with reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) age (and age by Indigenous status),</li> <li>b) gender,</li> <li>c) duration of unemployment,</li> <li>d) duration on income support,</li> <li>e) whether identified as having a disability,</li> <li>f) allowance type,</li> <li>g) remoteness area.</li> </ul>	Written

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135	135	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Youth programs – Commonwealth Funding arrangements	Education, Community Safety and Health	What arrangements have DET and PM&C put in place to ensure that youth programs, childcare centres and mobile playgroups that have been funded through DET/BBF to date will have continued funding through PM&C from July 1?	Written
136	136	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Youth programs – Commonwealth Funding arrangements	Education, Community Safety and Health	Will these programs need to apply for funding under the IAS or will they be directly offered ongoing funding at their current level as per the information that has been provided to them by DET?	Written
137	137	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Youth programs – Ongoing Funding arrangements	Education, Community Safety and Health	Will DET be passing over ongoing funding to PM&C to support these programs or will funding for these programs come out of the existing IAS pool?	Written
138	138	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Youth programs – Ongoing Funding arrangements	Education, Community Safety and Health	In Central Australia there are 7 youth programs that have been developed and sustained over a decade through the Outside School Hours Care funding pool (which later became BBF), these programs are in Ti Tree, Yuelamu, Yuendumu, Arlparra (Utopia), Ampilatwatja, Elliot and Al Curung. What arrangement has been made to ensure that these programs will continue after their funding expires in June 2018?	Written
139	139	Department of the Prime Minister and	<b>Siewert</b>	Remote Housing Program – Commonwealth	Housing, Land and Culture	What is the Commonwealth's national allocation for the ongoing remote housing program?	Written

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		Cabinet		Funding			
140	140	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Remote Housing Program – Commonwealth Funding	Housing, Land and Culture	If the NT represents half the outstanding need and the Minister has allocated \$120m per annum to the NT, is it likely the national allocation will be \$240m per annum?	Written
141	141	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Remote Housing Program – Provision of Funding	Housing, Land and Culture	Can the Department estimate the number of Aboriginal families who will be adversely affected by delays in the provision of funding to each jurisdiction?	Written
142	142	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Remote Housing Program – Commonwealth Funding	Housing, Land and Culture	Has the Department provided the Government with any estimates of the impact of delaying the allocation of new funding?	Written
143	143	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Remote Housing Program	Housing, Land and Culture	Did the Minister make statements to a meeting of Congress in Adelaide on 20 July 2017 which suggested that there would be a continued program and that this had his support? Please provide all available records of the meeting.	Written
144	144	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Remote Housing Program – Future Commonwealth Funding	Housing, Land and Culture	In terms of the Government’s overall forward estimates commitments, is there currently any allocation in the forward estimates for the remote housing program? If so, what are they?	Written
145	145	Department of the Prime	<b>Siewert</b>	Remote Housing Program	Housing, Land and Culture	1. Why did the Government approach the NT first and not approach the other jurisdictions at the same time?	Written

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		Minister and Cabinet		Renewal		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Has the Government now written to all four jurisdictions formally setting out the Commonwealth's offer? If not, why not?</li> <li>3. Was there a delay between the provision of draft letters to the states and the NT by the Department and the finalisation of these letters?</li> <li>4. Please provide all correspondence to the four jurisdictions dealing with the renewal of this program.</li> </ol>	
146	146	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Remote Housing Program Review	Housing, Land and Culture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why has it taken so long to take any action following the review?</li> <li>2. In regards to the review, how many submissions were received from individuals and organisations which had not been invited by letter or email to make a submission? Please list them.</li> <li>3. Please provide a copy of the full document within which this "invitation" was included.</li> </ol>	Written
147	147	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP - Participants	Community and Economic Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many participants have been part of CDP from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2017 (inclusive)?</li> <li>2. How many of these participants had mutual obligations? (broken down by mutual obligation type)?</li> </ol>	Written
148	148	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP - Participants	Community and Economic Development	For participants with an obligation to take part in work-like activities, how many have an obligation to take part in 25 hours per week? Can you give this in overall number and as a percentage?	Written

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149	149	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP - Participants	Community and Economic Development	a) How many participants have incurred short-term financial penalties, serious failures (including CCAs, persistent non-compliance, and refusal or failure to start a job, and how many have incurred eight week penalties? b) Can you please break this down per quarter?	Written
150	150	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP - Participants	Community and Economic Development	What are the most common reasons given by CDP participants during CCAs for non-compliance?	Written
151	151	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP - Consultations	MO Indigenous Affairs	Has Minister Scullion met with Andrew Forrest to discuss CDP and/ or remote work for the dole since announcing a consultation on changes in May 2017? a) If so, how many engagements have there been (and when)? b) What have the nature of these engagements been?	Written
152	152	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP	Community and Economic Development	Can a full list of all the work like activities please be provided?	Written
153	153	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Moore</b>	Australian Government Board Appointments	Office for Women	1. How many women are currently on the Boardlinks list? 2. How many have been added in the past year? 3. How long has the Boardlinks program been running for?	Written
154	154	Department	<b>Moore</b>	Australian	Office for	In response to QoN #116 regarding how many Boardlinks	Written

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		of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Government Board Appointments	Women	<p>candidates have been successfully placed on government boards, you stated:            “This information is not currently collated. The Office for Women is investigating mechanisms to collate this data.”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Does the government know whether the Boardlinks program has led to any women on its list being placed on government boards?</li> <li>2. In each year?</li> <li>3. To which boards, in which portfolios?</li> <li>4. When will the Office for Women begin collating this data?</li> </ol>	
155	155	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Moore</b>	Australian Government Board Appointments - Staffing	Office for Women	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many staff are responsible for running the Boardlinks program?</li> <li>2. What is the annual cost of running the Boardlinks program?</li> </ol>	Written
156	156	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Moore</b>	Women’s Workforce Participation	Office for Women	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When is it anticipated that we will reach 50% women on government boards?</li> <li>2. Does the target apply at a portfolio level?</li> </ol>	Written
157	157	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Moore</b>	Australian Government Board Appointments	Office for Women	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How many women were appointed to Chair and Deputy Chair positions on government boards in the last year of reporting?</li> <li>2. How many appointments were made in total to these positions?</li> </ol>	Written

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158	158	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Moore</b>	Women's Workforce Participation	Office for Women	In his speech to the UN Women Parliamentary breakfast on the 15 <sup>th</sup> of February, the Prime Minister said: "achieving our G20 goal has the potential to add up to \$25 billion to the Australian economy." Do you have any evidence to support the Prime Minister's statement that achieving the G20 goal of closing the workforce participation gap by 25% has the potential to add up to \$25 billion to the Australian economy?	Written
159	159	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Moore</b>	Staffing	Office for Women	Could you please provide: a) The budgeted ASL, how many of these positions are currently filled and whether staff are permanent or on contract b) The rate of staff turnover in the Office for Women: • Since the beginning of the 2017-18 financial year c) The rate of turnover for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet since the beginning of the 2017-18 financial year d) The current organisational chart of the Office for Women?	Written
160	160	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Moore</b>	Women's Leadership and Development Strategy Grants	Office for Women	Please update the response provided to question on notice 121/portfolio question number 71 (2017-18 supplementary budget hearings) to show all grants and expenditure made thus far in the 2017-18 financial year, including funds accrued into the current financial year that have now been expended	Written

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161	161	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Moore</b>	Balancing the Future strategy	Australian Public Service Commission	<p>The Balancing the Future strategy states: “The APSC will review the <i>Maternity Leave (Commonwealth Employees) Act 1973</i> and propose amendments that improve its ease of administration, flexibility in access to provisions, and delivery.”</p> <p>a) Has the APSC begun reviewing the Maternity Leave Act?</p> <p>b) When did this review begin?</p> <p>c) Has the review concluded?</p> <p>d) Who is conducting the review? Will it be done in-house by the APSC? Will any expert advice be drawn on? From who?</p> <p>e) Has the review proposed any amendments to the Maternity Leave Act?</p>	Written
162	162	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Siewert</b>	Petrol Sniffing	Education, Community Safety and Health	<p>1. What is the status of sniffing in Balgo?</p> <p>2. What measures has the Department supported to address the sniffing?</p> <p>3. Do these include ensuring that there are activities based (not just counselling or casework) youth programs available to youth in the community?</p> <p>4. Standard unleaded fuel is still being sold at one outlet in Halls Creek, what action is the Government taking to address this?</p> <p>a) Do these include pursuing the Government’s powers under the LAF Act?</p>	Written

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163	163	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP – Provider Performance	Community and Economic Development	How many CDP providers scored under 3 in Performance Period Four?	Written
164	164	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>McCarthy</b>	CDP – Provider Contracts	Community and Economic Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a) How many existing CDP providers have been told to tender for an extension of their CDP contracts to 30 June 2019? b) Which of these organisations are Indigenous?</li> <li>2. a) Which organisations have been encouraged to tender for CDP provider contracts in the regions covered by part B above? And what regions have these organisations been invited to apply for (broken down by provider)? b) Which of these organisations are Indigenous?</li> </ol>	Written
165	165	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Leyonhjelm</b>	CDP – Barrier for Employment	Community and Economic Development (TBC)	Work for the dole involves six months of community service in a year. In the remainder of the year people are required to apply for real jobs and to take a real job if one is offered. The Community Development Program involves year-round community service, so there is no period during the year in which people are required to apply for real jobs and to take a real job if one is offered. Doesn't this make the Community Development Program a barrier to getting a real job?	Written
166	166	Department of the Prime	<b>Kitching</b>	Ministerial Functions	Corporate	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in	Written

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		Minister and Cabinet				calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	
167	167	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
167	168	Aboriginal Hostels Limited	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please	Written

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167	169	Anindilyakwa Land Council	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>a) List of functions;</p> <p>b) List of attendees;</p> <p>c) Function venue;</p> <p>d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b>);</p> <p>e) Details of any food served;</p> <p>f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g) Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written
167	170	Australian National Audit Office	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please</p>	Written

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167	171	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>a) List of functions;</p> <p>b) List of attendees;</p> <p>c) Function venue;</p> <p>d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b>);</p> <p>e) Details of any food served;</p> <p>f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</p> <p>g) Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written
167	172	Central Land Council	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided:</p>	Written

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167	173	Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
167	174	Digital Transformation Agency	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions;	Written

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						b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	
167	175	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
167	176	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees;	Written

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						c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	
167	177	Office of the Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
167	178	National Australia Day Council	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue;	Written

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						d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	
167	179	Office of National Assessments	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
167	180	Office of the Secretary to the Governor-General	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> );	Written

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						e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	
167	181	Tiwi Land Council	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
167	182	Torres Strait Regional Authority	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served;	Written

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						f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	
167	183	Northern Land Council	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
167	184	Outback Stores Pty Ltd	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including	Written

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						brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	
167	185	Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council	<b>Kitching</b>	Departmental Functions	Corporate	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
168	186	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Executive Office Upgrades	Corporate	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in calendar year 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST <b>inclusive</b> )?	Written
169	187	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Facilities Upgrades	Corporate	Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in calendar year 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list	Written

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						of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> )? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	
170	188	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Staff Travel	Corporate	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in calendar year 2017?	Written
171	189	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Media Monitoring	Corporate	What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in calendar year 2017?	Written
172	190	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Advertising and Information Campaigns	Corporate	What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in calendar year 2017?	Written
173	191	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Promotional Merchandise	Corporate	What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in calendar year 2017?	Written
174	192	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Ministerial Overseas Travel	Government	Can a copy of all correspondence exchanged between Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio and the Prime Minister in relation to approval for overseas travel in calendar year 2017 please be provided?	Written
175	193	Department of the Prime Minister and	<b>Kitching</b>	Government Staffing Committee	PMO	When the Prime Minister or his office write to Ministers to advise them that proposed staffing appointments have been cleared by the Government Staffing Committee, does	Written

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		Cabinet				that correspondence indicate that the appointment has been “approved”, “agreed to”, “authorised” or similar?	
176	194	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Kitching</b>	Functions	Australian Public Service Commission	In relation to expenditure on any APSC functions or official receptions in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> ); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and g) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
177	195	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Kitching</b>	Executive Office Upgrades	Australian Public Service Commission	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Commissioner’s office, or the offices of any Deputy Commissioners upgraded in calendar year 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST <b>inclusive</b> )?	Written
178	196	Australian Public Service Commission	<b>Kitching</b>	Facilities Upgrades	Australian Public Service Commission	Were the facilities of any of the APSC’s premises upgraded in calendar year 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list	Written

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						of costs (GST <b>inclusive</b> )? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	
179	197	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Patrick</b>	Defence Abuse Reparation Scheme	Commonwealth Ombudsman	How many applications have been made to the Commonwealth Ombudsman under the Defence Abuse Reparation Scheme? a) How many reparation payments have been recommended? b) Have many reparation payments have been made? c) How many applications have been rejected?	Written
180	198	Indigenous Land Corporation  Transferred to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Future Fund	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	The press release on the Future Fund claimed that the new fund will be \$1.5 billion better off over twenty years. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could we please have a copy of the modelling referred to in Estimates?</li> <li>• Will Indigenous organisations be able to access funds from the Futures Fund during this period of time?</li> <li>• What mechanism will be available to access funds?</li> </ul>	Written
181	199	Indigenous Land Corporation	<b>Dodson</b>	ILC Website	Indigenous Land Corporation	In the corporate documents section of the web site, the ILC lists the executive salaries data for 2016/17. a) Is it correct that the top four positions in the ILC were paid a total of \$1.9m in salary and bonuses (including over \$550k in bonuses) last year? b) Were payments similar in previous years?	Written

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						<p>c) Were any or all of these four positions subject to the Remuneration Tribunal guidelines; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>If not</b> what policy guidance does the ILC remuneration committee use to award bonuses to ILC executive staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can the policy guidance be tabled?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>If the positions are subject</b> to the Remuneration Tribunal guidelines, can the Department confirm that the Remuneration Tribunal policy has been scrupulously complied with?</li> </ul> <p>d) I note that the CEO of the ILC subsidiary Australian Indigenous Agribusiness Company is on secondment from the ILC,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Was the AIAC position publicly advertised?</li> <li>• If not, why not?</li> </ul> <p>e) Could you confirm that the ILC has been restructured to establish the CEO as a paid position at a high salary band?</p> <p>f) Is it correct that the Board has been reduced in numbers and is largely controlled by executive management (and the ILC Chair) with the ILC CEO being ex officio on all subsidiary boards?</p>	
182	200	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Dodson</b>	IBA Indigenous Impact Fund	Indigenous Business Australia	I understand the IBA is looking to inject \$50 million of its freed up capital into businesses that support Indigenous communities.	Written

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						1) How will businesses be chosen? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What criteria will be used to determine their impact on Indigenous communities?</li> <li>○ If they are Indigenous Business's on what criteria are they determined to be so?</li> <li>○ If they are non-Indigenous business's what criteria is used in selecting them?</li> <li>○ What time frame is imposed/expected for when Indigenous communities should start receiving benefits from this fund?</li> <li>○ Will there be a specific geographical focus? E.g. regional/remote or in a particular part of the country.</li> </ul> 2) Have any investments been made from this fund to date?	
183	201	Indigenous Business Australia	<b>Dodson</b>	Indigenous Home Ownership Program	Indigenous Business Australia	1) How does the IBA measure the long-term outcomes for Indigenous Australians who purchase homes with the assistance of an IBA loan? 2) How many people (including family etc. of home owner) does this program provide housing for? 3) How many are still living in their home after 5 years? 4) Please provide the rate and number of repossessions due to failure to repay loans. 5) Your annual report notes that customers on higher incomes were required to seek financing from other	Written

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						<p>lenders to make loans available to those on lower incomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What was the threshold for determining 'high income'?</li> <li>○ Did this lead to an increase in home loans for Indigenous Australians in remote areas?</li> <li>○ What are the major impediments to Indigenous people accessing loans?</li> </ul>	
184	202	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Amendments to the Native Title Act	Housing Land and Culture	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Please provide details of the number of submissions received on the Government Options paper.</li> <li>2) Please list, by place and people attending, all consultation meetings held by the Department in relation to the Options paper and potential amendments to the Native Title Act.</li> <li>3) Was the AGD present at all consultations?</li> <li>4) How have PBCs that are not members of the National Native Title Council been consulted?</li> </ol>	Written
185	203	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Amendments to the CATSI Act	Housing Land and Culture	<p>Noting that there was a review of the CATSI Act <i>Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act)</i> completed in October last year, for the Office of Registrar Indigenous Corporations, by the law firm DLA Piper:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Could we be provided with a copy of the review report?</li> <li>b) In what specific ways will it inform the future Native Title Act amendments?</li> </ol>	Written

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						c) What are the potential implications for PBCs in these amendments? d) Please identify all consultation carried out with PBCs in relation to the review.	
186	204	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	CDP – Senate Committee Report	Community and Economic Development	1) When does the Government plan to respond to the 22 Recommendations of the Senate Finance and Administration Reference Committee’s report on CDP tabled in mid-December 2017? 2) Please set out the processes underway for considering the Senate Committee recommendations. 3) The Minister has said that the Senate Committee report is “partisan and misleading”. o Can the Department identify which of the 22 recommendations are considered to be partisan and misleading; and o Can the Department produce the evidence the Minister relied on for taking that view?	Written
187	205	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	CDP – Transitional Provisions	Community and Economic Development	What <b>transitional provisions</b> can be made to address the more onerous and adverse elements of the current scheme, while waiting for a new and improved scheme to emerge from the Government and Parliament.	Written
188	206	Department of the Prime	<b>Dodson</b>	CDP - Ministerial	Community and Economic	1) Please define the scope for Ministerial discretion in the Program.	Written

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		Minister and Cabinet		Discretion	Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct that it is within Ministerial discretion to set the specific number of days and hours that jobseekers are required to work under CDP?</li> <li>2) Will the Minister exercise his Ministerial discretion to modify the current obligations and requirements of jobseekers and service providers in such a way as to mitigate the discriminatory and punitive elements of the current CDP identified in the Senate report?</li> <li>• If not, why not?</li> </ul>	
189	207	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	CDP Compliance and Penalty Regime	Community and Economic Development	<p>The Senate Report recommended that the Government move immediately to replace the current CDP compliance and penalty regime with obligations that are no more onerous than those of other income support recipients (Recommendation 1).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the Government support that recommendation?</li> <li>• and if so, when will the Minister move to exercise his Ministerial discretion and change the current regime?</li> </ul>	Written
190	208	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	CDP	Community and Economic Development	What advice did the Minister receive to set those times at a level that significantly exceeds the requirements of other jobseekers in urban and regional Australia and why is that not discriminatory?	Written
191	209	Department	<b>Dodson</b>	CDP – Select	Community and	1) In which CDP regions has the Department opened up	Written

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		of the Prime Minister and Cabinet		Tender Process	Economic Development	<p>for selective tender? Which organisations were affected and how many of these are local Indigenous organisations?</p> <p>2) Please provide a breakdown of how many organisations that have been invited to submit an Expression of Interest in delivering in these areas are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. local community owned Indigenous organisations</li> <li>b. other Indigenous organisations (eg for profit or from a different area)</li> <li>c. non-Indigenous non-profits</li> <li>d. non-Indigenous for profits</li> </ul> <p>3) How many local Indigenous organisations that were providing a service no longer doing so? How have they been replaced?</p> <p>4) What process has been put in place to consult with affected communities over which organisations would be acceptable or preferred as providers in their region?</p> <p>5) Have any organisations had a contract extension where their overall performance rating was below 3? On what basis was this decision made?</p> <p>6) How does the invitation of non-Indigenous organisations (for profit and not for profit) align with previous undertakings about the funding and</p>	

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						<p>contracting of Indigenous organisations by the Commonwealth?</p> <p>7) Are there any cases in which failure to meet the RET (Regional Employment Target) has been decisive? If so, how can the Department justify this given the current process for revising the RETs?</p> <p>8) What has been the result of the investigations into allegations of fraud, misappropriation etc. by providers?</p> <p>9) How many providers are under investigation?</p> <p>10) What issues are being investigated?</p> <p>11) Will, or have, any providers been punished for wrongdoing?</p> <p>12) What funds, if any, are going to be returned to the Government?</p>	
192	210	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Indigenous Procurement	Community and Economic Development	<p>In Questions on Notice from the 2017/2018 Supplementary Budget Estimates PM&amp;C confirmed that it had received allegations about the Adnyamathanha community not accepting the managers of Yuras Business Gateway as Indigenous. Further, it was noted that 'The claims have been assessed by PM&amp;C'.</p> <p>1) What process was undertaken by PM&amp;C to manage this assessment?</p> <p>2) How does PM&amp;C's internal assessment of complaints differ from Supply Nation's 'verification and audit'</p>	Written

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						<p>program?</p> <p>3) What was the outcome of PM&amp;C's assessment and how was this communicated to the Adnyamathanha community?</p> <p>4) How many complaints have been made to PM&amp;C regarding the authenticity of listed Indigenous businesses since the inception of Supply Nation?</p> <p>5) How many contracts have been awarded to businesses with 50% Indigenous ownership since the commencement of the Indigenous Procurement Policy?</p> <p>6) How many contracts have been awarded to business with 100% Indigenous ownership in the same period?</p> <p>7) What mechanisms will be built into the programs underpinning <i>The Indigenous Business Sector Strategy 2018-2018</i> to avoid 'black-cladding' and ensure that all programs are accessed by authentic Indigenous businesses?</p> <p>8) How many businesses have been in receipt of loans or grants to generate success in achieving contracts?</p>	
193	211					Question no longer applicable	
194	212	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Remote Housing Program	Housing Land and Culture	Noting the letters to the States, dated <b>8 February</b> (provided in the response to the Order to Produce Documents indicating changes to the Program), the letter to the WA Minister was postmarked on the <b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Written

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						<p><b>February</b>, the day after the Minister tabled it.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Could the Department indicate when the Minister was provided with briefing and draft correspondence for his signature?</li> <li>2) When was it decided that the National partnership would not be continued and that instead the Minister would enter bilateral negotiations to wind up the program?</li> <li>3) Was this the first letter sent to the WA Minister on this issue since the decision to change the funding arrangements?</li> <li>4) Please outline all correspondence and officials meetings that took place with the WA Government on this specific change to the funding arrangements?</li> <li>5) Could you supply (on notice), the funding that has been provided by the States and Territories to remote housing by year over the life of the Partnership?</li> <li>6) Are there other bilateral arrangements specific to housing that the state of WA could access to meet any shortfall arising from the Commonwealth withdrawal from the National Partnership on Remote Housing?</li> </ol>	
195	213	Department of the Prime Minister and	<b>Dodson</b>	IAS Funding	Programme Office	1) How many applications have been approved and declined in each State and Territory since the Strategy commenced?	Written

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		Cabinet				2) Please provide a summary of IAS expenditure by outcome area in each State and Territory since the Strategy commenced. 3) Please provide a breakdown of the total applications accepted and declined and the respective revenues allocated to – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal community controlled and owned organisations and businesses; and</li> <li>• Mainstream / non- Aboriginal community controlled and owned organisations and businesses.</li> </ul>	
196	214	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Empowered Communities	Policy, Analysis and Evaluation	1) Have the 8 Empowered Communities referred to by the Prime Minister in his Closing the Gap statement been subject to any evaluation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If so, who conducted the evaluations,</li> <li>• when were they conducted and</li> <li>• have the results of those evaluations been made public?</li> </ul> 2) How much has been spent on Empowered Communities since the Budget of 2014? 3) Could we have a breakdown of the funding allocations per community? 4) The Government has said that it supports the concept of a place-based regional governance approach to the	Written

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						<p>administration of Indigenous Affairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To what extent does the National Network within PM&amp;C have the capacity to deliver on such an approach?</li> <li>• What are the specific functions and current level of financial delegations given to the 12 Regional Directors within the National Network?</li> <li>• What authority do Regional Directors have to initiate, negotiate and conclude agreements with regional bodies and local communities?</li> </ul>	
197	215	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Closing the Gap	Closing the Gap Taskforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Is it correct that the WA Government had to pay for their delegates to attend the roundtable that was held on 7 and 8 February?</li> <li>2) Did all other states and territories pay for their own delegates to attend?</li> <li>3) Why was it decided that the Department would not pay for delegates to attend the round table?</li> <li>4) Can the department provide a breakdown of expenditure to date on the Closing the Gap Refresh Process?</li> <li>5) It was said to me by Minister Ken Wyatt in a Sky News interview which aired on 10 February "I think we'll see the Federal Government when we roll out our May Budget will make a serious commitment to closing the gap in all facets in what's been agreed."</li> </ol>	Written

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						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can the Department confirm that there will be money put aside in the May Budget towards closing the gap?</li> <li>6) I understand that Justice Targets are being considered under the refresh. Previously the Minister has been opposed to National Justice Targets – are national targets being considered, or state based targets?</li> <li>7) How will they be funded?</li> <li>8) The Statement from the special gathering states: “The Gathering agreed that existing targets should be retained and critically reviewed, and that the following areas are of highest importance for setting additional future targets as part of this refresh: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Families, children and youth</li> <li>○ Housing</li> <li>○ Justice, including youth justice</li> <li>○ Health</li> <li>○ Economic development</li> <li>○ Culture and language</li> <li>○ Education</li> <li>○ Healing</li> <li>○ Eliminating racism and systemic discrimination</li> </ul> </li> <li>9) Will there be additional targets added to include these areas?</li> </ul>	

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						10) What financial commitments will be made by each category?	
198	216	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Wong</b>	National's staffing allocation	PMO	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. I want to go back to the Nationals' staffing. You gave evidence before the break that the coalition agreement sets out the number of the Nationals' staff. Is that an aggregate number or are there breakdowns in positions in that as well?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I believe it's a percentage. I believe the allocation of staff to the National Party is a percentage of the overall staffing allocation to ministerial offices, but I will check precisely what form that takes. It's part of the operating in a partnership in government.</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, Page 77
199	217	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Kitching</b>	Helpline-Ministerial Standards	PMO	<p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> So you're given a copy of the statement and a letter from the Prime Minister. Is there a helpline?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I'm not aware of a helpline, but anyone who has any questions knows where to ask questions.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> Where is that, though?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> You can always seek advice from the Prime Minister's office or the Prime Minister's department in relation to these matters. There's a phone number, I believe.</p> <p><b>Senator KITCHING:</b> So there is a helpline?</p> <p><b>Senator Cormann:</b> I wouldn't call it a helpline. There's a</p>	FPA Monday 26 February 2018, Page 83

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						phone number for the Prime Minister's office and there's a phone number for the Prime Minister's department, yes. I'm happy to confirm for you— <b>Senator KITCHING:</b> That would be good, thank you.	
200	218					Question no longer applicable	
201	219	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Keneally</b>	Referendum Council – Ministerial meeting	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	<p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> Wasn't there a meeting at the federal parliament, which you attended with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition and other Indigenous members of parliament?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> Again, I'll have to—I've been asked—</p> <p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> It was in the COAG room.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> If I was in the same room as them, does that count? I'm not sure.</p> <p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> It was a meeting and you addressed it, Minister.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> When was that?</p> <p><b>Senator KENEALLY:</b> I don't have the date in front of me, but I have a very clear recollection of the Referendum Council meeting in the federal parliament with the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, you and the Indigenous members of the parliament.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> As I said, I'll take that on notice. To my recollection, when I actually met with the council that's what we were doing. It wasn't part of a public deliberation or anything like that; they were simply in the room. I can</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, Page 40-41

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						remember two occasions: one was the genesis of it, I suppose, and the last one was when they gave us a dissertation on what the report contained.	
202	220	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Referendum Council – Advice to Cabinet	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	<p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> The advice, if there was advice—was there external advice given to cabinet?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> That's a matter for cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> Was there any advice given to you?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I'm a member of cabinet, and that question would encompass that.</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> You may not have been in cabinet that day.</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> I may not have, but, if you're asking me questions of cabinet in terms of the—</p> <p><b>Senator DODSON:</b> I was asking whether were you given advice as the minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Scullion:</b> As a minister, not as part of cabinet, I'll have to check, but my instinct is that, no, I wasn't provide any specific advice. I'll have to check that as well, but I'm pretty sure of that.</p>	FPA Friday 2 March 2018, Page 40-41
203	221	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Prison to Work Report – Identifying and Assessing Disability	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	Since the COAG agreed to implement the recommendations of the <i>Prison to Work</i> report on 9 December 2016, what steps has the government taken to improve processes for identifying and assessing disability - including hearing loss, cognitive impairment, foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) or acquired brain	Written

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						injury (ABI) - among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners in all jurisdictions?	
204	222	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Prison to Work Report – Disability Identification	Indigenous Employment and Recognition	What research has the federal government conducted, as part of the <i>Prison to Work</i> initiative launched in 2016, on improving processes for disability identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners upon entry into prison? When will this research be completed? How will the federal government ensure that any recommendations are implemented by state and territory governments?	Written
205	223	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Dodson</b>	Intervention and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners	Education, Community Safety and Health	A number of parliamentary and agency reports have recommended various improvements to access to justice for people with disabilities by closely considering the recommendations contained in the following reports, and establishing national standards through the COAG process over the next two years (2018-19): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Law Reform Commission, <i>Equality, Capacity and Disability in Commonwealth Laws (2014)</i>,</li> <li>• Human Rights Commission, <i>Equal Before the Law (2014)</i>,</li> <li>• Productivity Commission, <i>Access to Justice Arrangements (2014)</i>,</li> <li>• Senate Community Affairs References Committee Inquiry into <i>Indefinite detention of people with cognitive and psychiatric impairment in Australia</i></li> </ul>	Written

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						(2016) With reference to the recommendations in these four reports: what is the federal government doing, through the COAG process, to improve intervention and support services for prisoners, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prisoners?	
206	224	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Pratt</b>	Programs and Initiatives Funded Under the Stronger Futures Program in the Northern Territory		Can you provide a list of all of the programs and initiatives funded under the Stronger Futures Program in the Northern Territory in September 2013, and provide details on where and how this funding has been allocated, how it was originally to be reported against, how it is reported against now, and changes to any of the funding streams since that time?	Written
207	225	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	<b>Farrell</b>	Departmental Liaison Officers	Government	With reference to PM&C Question number 43 from Senator Bernardi taken on notice in the 2013-14 Additional Estimates in February 2014 which asked: <i>“How many Departmental Liaison Officers were located in each Minister’s office as at 1 January 2008, 1 January 2010, 1 January 2012 and 1 September 2013?”</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can the Department please provide those figures for January 2014, January 2015, January 2016, January 2017, and January 2018</li> </ul>	Written
208	226	Commonwealth Ombudsman	<b>Collins</b>	Student Ombudsman Performance	Commonwealth Ombudsman	1) When will the second quarterly update of the VET Student Loans Ombudsman for the period 1 October 2017 to 31 December 2017 be publicly available?	Written

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						<p>2) How many complaints were received in each of the two quarters from 1 July 2017 to 31 December 2017? For each quarter, how many are open and how many are closed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of the closed complaints in each quarter, how many were closed due to (1) ongoing legal proceedings being taken by the ACCC, (2) ongoing legal proceedings being taken by DET; (3) the availability of redress through a tuition assurance scheme; (4) because the person had not sought a review by their VET provider, and (5) some other reason?</li> <li>• Of the open complaints in each quarter, how many have now (1) proceeded to the investigation stage and (2) been put on hold pending the outcome of legal proceedings?</li> </ul> <p>3) Of the complaints received in the second half of 2017, how many involve a claim that (1) the person was not enrolled in a course and should not have a HELP debt, and (2) the person did not continue a course and have a HELP debt higher than it should be?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many of these complaints have been closed and how many are open?</li> <li>• How many are open, but 'stalled' pending action to remove the 'incorrect' amount of the person's</li> </ul>	

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						<p>HELP debt?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What mechanisms are available to remove such an amount of a HELP debt?</li> </ul> <p>4) How many complaints have been received that relate to Careers Australia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many of these cannot be resolved until the dispute between the Department and TDA over liability under its tuition assurance scheme is settled?</li> <li>• How many of these 'currently resolvable' cases have been closed and how many are 'on hold'?</li> </ul> <p>5) How many reports has the Ombudsman issued to VET providers under Section 20ZV of the Act?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How many of reports have been given to the Minister following such action</li> </ul>	