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Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	1	Wong	National Party demands	Senator WONG: When did you first see a document that set out the National Party's demands for net zero emissions? Senator Birmingham: Senator, that depends on whether you want to know when I first saw something following the letter that was publicly revealed on Friday, or when I first saw different issues and points of consideration in relation to these policy issues. If it's the latter, then it goes back quite some time. I'd take it on notice. Senator WONG: I haven't actually seen any government documents. I'm still asking about the political level correspondence. It's a letter from Mr Joyce, as you said, in his role as Leader of the National Party, to Mr Morrison, in his role primarily as leader of the Liberal Party—as you said, the coalition. You say you haven't seen that. Have you seen a document or documents which go to the contents of it? Senator Birmingham: Yes. Senator WONG: Right. What are those documents? Senator Birmingham: There are a number of different documents through the whole process of this deliberation, many of which I expect will be made public once the government has formalised its position and announces it. Senator WONG: Okay. How about you tell me some of the number—descriptors? Senator Birmingham: I'll take that on notice.	Hansard	33	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	2	Wong	National Party letter - number of documents	Senator O'SULLIVAN: Can you tell me about the employing people for the first time initiative and what you're doing there around deregulation and supporting small businesses to employ people for the first time? Mr McDonald: I'm sorry, Senator. I wasn't actually in the job at that time, so I'll have to take that one on notice. Senator O'SULLIVAN: Okay. So you're not aware of the checks? Mr McDonald: I am aware of the checks but because I wasn't involved in setting it up and I wasn't in the position, I'm not actually aware of the ongoing— Senator O'SULLIVAN: If you could take it on notice and help me with that, that would be good...	Hansard	34	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Regulatory Reform	25-Oct-21	3	O'Sullivan	Deregulation agenda - supporting small business to employ staff	Senator WONG: When Mr Morrison announced Ms Price's appointment as science minister on 1 October he included this sentence in his press conference: There is also the working together with organisations like ANSTO and the CSIRO in addressing the nuclear capabilities that will be necessary under the nuclear submarine program. Are you able to explain to me what those are or what he meant by that? Senator Birmingham: Officials may wish to add, but from the day on which AUKUS was announced the Prime Minister and government have been clear that, in relation to the relevant safeguards and capabilities that would have to be demonstrated to build, operate and sustain the nuclear powered submarines, there were skills that needed to be established by that time. I'm pretty sure the Prime Minister did indicate that there would be a role for ANSTO or other skilled agencies within government in contributing to that. It relates, as outlined, in terms of those nuclear powered submarines, to those questions of ensuring that all of the skills to ensure they are operated and sustained in a safe way are present in Australia, noting the preconditions that were also announced, which is that there won't be a need for a civil nuclear capability in Australia because of the changed technology around what the nuclear reactors fuelling those submarines are. Senator WONG: Can I say to the department, if there is anything to add to that answer, can that be put on notice please? Ms Foster: We will.	Hansard	38	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	National Security	25-Oct-21	4	Wong	Addressing nuclear capabilities	Senator WONG: Really? The coalition agreement—another secret agreement, speaking of additions to secrecy—is an agreement which goes to the coalition government and machinery-of-government issues and who gets what. You also refuse to release that along with everything else. Was there a new coalition agreement signed when Mr Joyce became leader? Senator Birmingham: I will have to take that on notice. Senator WONG: You don't remember? It's not a trick question; I actually don't know. Senator Birmingham: No, and, to be honest, I just need to double-check.	Hansard	43	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	5	Wong	New coalition agreement	Senator WONG: I'm asking you directly: is there a reference to climate policy in the agreement? Senator Birmingham: I'll take it on notice, but I do so mindful of the precedent about— Senator WONG: Precedent meaning you guys want to keep it secret—that's the precedent. There's no parliamentary precedent. It goes to matters of government, it goes to numbers of ministers and it clearly goes to machinery-of-government issues, including who got the water portfolio. It's an outrage that you keep it secret from the public. You really don't think that the public is entitled to know what you've done to stay in power? Senator Birmingham: The arrangements in terms of the ministry are public for all to see. The arrangements in terms of the policy positions the government takes are equally publicly explained and prosecuted.	Hansard	44	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	7	Wong	Coalition agreement - other policy issues referenced	Senator WONG: Right. Are any other positions referenced in the agreement? Senator Birmingham: I'll take that on notice too.	Hansard	44	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Envrion	25-Oct-21	8	Wong	Other countries committed to net zero emissions	Senator WONG: Can you table a list of all other countries that have committed to net zero emissions to date? Mr Larsen: Yes, I can. Senator WONG: I'll come back to this after the lunch break. You say you coordinate Australia's position vis-à-vis and look at what's happening internationally. We've seen many countries publicly criticise our lack of emissions reduction ambition. Ambassador Thebault, the French ambassador, has talked about the progress of state governments and their 2050 targets and their 2030 targets, which are substantially greater than the coalition government's. Has the French government made representations to the Australian government to raise or to increase Australia's 2030 target? Mr Larsen: I believe in the context of a range of discussions—certainly I have had a couple of discussions with certain French officials. They have not made strong representations to me, but I believe they will have made representations over the course of some time in relation to ambition issues. Senator WONG: At which level? Mr Larsen: I don't have those details, but I can make inquiries. Senator WONG: Ministerial level? Mr Larsen: I don't have those details.	Hansard	47	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office of the Climate Coordinator	25-Oct-21	9	Wong	French government representations - level of representations	Senator WONG: The Italian ambassador, Francesca Tardoli, has also said: 'Circumstances have changed over the last five years and we have to—' I'm paraphrasing—'raise our ambition. There's no second chance if we fail. There's no time to lose. This is not rhetoric let alone on catastrophism; this is science.' Does the department concur with the ambassador's comments? Mr Larsen: I think it's clear that especially countries from the European Union but also some other ones have been pushing for an increased level of ambition in the lead-up to this COP. Senator WONG: So the Italian government has also made representations to the government? Mr Larsen: Not to me, and I don't know the answer— Senator WONG: Could you take on notice who else it has?	Hansard	48	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office of the Climate Coordinator	25-Oct-21	10	Wong	Italian government representations	Senator WONG: When was the last time the Prime Minister or his office met with the British High Commissioner? Mr Larsen: I don't have an answer to that. I don't know. Ms Foster: We'll have to take that on notice. Senator WONG: When did you first become aware—because the relevant point here is not the vehicle; the relevant point is anonymity or lack of transparency. There is a whole separate discussion about the vehicle. When did you understand that this legal vehicle would prevent or would be used, operated, so as to prevent disclosure of donors? Mr Reid: I think, over the course of conversations between 14 and 15 September, it became apparent that the nature of the trust prevented Mr Porter knowing the identity of the donors to the trust. Senator WONG: Who told you that? Mr Reid: I think that became apparent based on what the Office of the Prime Minister was able to tell us, based on what Mr Porter had put into his register. Senator WONG: Did you make a file note of this or subsequent conversations? Mr Reid: I would have had notes, yes. Senator WONG: I'd ask that you table them. Mr Reid: I'll take that on notice.	Hansard	49	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	11	Wong	Prime Minister - British High Commissioner meeting	Senator WONG: Do you often get asked to look at disclosures that are made on the parliamentary disclosures? Mr Reid: We have in the past, yes; it's happened before. Senator WONG: When was the last time before this? Mr Reid: I wouldn't remember; I'd have to take that on notice.	Hansard	49	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	25-Oct-21	12	Wong	Mr Porter's disclosure notice - discussions between Prime Minister's Office and Mr Reid	Senator WONG: How often have you been asked to advise the Prime Minister on a change to a parliamentarian's disclosure on the parliamentary register? Mr Reid: I'll have to take that on notice.	Hansard	54	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	25-Oct-21	13	Wong	Parliamentary disclosures - frequency	Senator WONG: When did Mr Morrison first become aware that Mr Porter had established this entity, or that there had been an entity established, so as to receive these donations? Senator Birmingham: To my knowledge, when the disclosure was made, but if there is any variance to that I will let you know. Senator WONG: Did the PMO or Mr Morrison know that before the disclosure was put in? Senator Birmingham: If there's any variance to that answer then I will contact you [...]. [Senator WONG: I want to follow up on a couple of things, first in relation to Mr Porter. Senator Birmingham, you were following up a range of questions, which essentially went to when the Prime Minister first knew about the proposed blind trust arrangement for Mr Porter. Senator Birmingham: I don't have any further details at present. Senator WONG: Did you try? Senator Birmingham: Well, there are a couple of issues being chased down. Obviously I expect that people are monitoring them. I think what I said was that if I had updates I would bring them back to the attention of the committee, which is what I'll do. Senator WONG: I'm asking if you asked them. This is a very simple question: did the PM know before he was told on the 14th or the 15th? Senator Birmingham: I'm not aware of the details, Senator Wong. Senator Birmingham: I know you're not. You were going to check. This is— Senator Birmingham: I don't have an update at this time, Senator.	Hansard	54	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	25-Oct-21	14	Wong	Parliamentary disclosures - frequency advice to Prime Minister	Senator WONG: So at no stage did you see any updated statement, under the ministerial statements, of his personal interests? Ms Foster: That's correct. Senator WONG: I am asking when Mr Morrison saw that and when his office saw that. Senator Birmingham: I believe it was received on the same day as the update to the House of Representatives but, again, if I need to vary that I will make sure I bring it back. [...] Senator WONG: Going back at this stage, you are taking on notice when Mr Morrison knew. Your assertion is that he only became aware of it on the day that Mr Porter filed his new register of interest in the parliament. Is that your evidence? Senator Birmingham: That's my understanding. Senator WONG: How did he become aware? Senator Birmingham: I'll have to take that on notice. I assume he became aware because a staff member brought it to his attention, but I'll seek to confirm that.	Hansard	54	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	15	Wong	Mr Porter blind trust - Prime Minister's knowledge	Senator WONG: Mr Porter said on the day he resigned: I also considered that the additional disclosures I provided under the ministerial standards were in accordance with its additional requirements. What were the additional disclosures, Senator Birmingham? Senator Birmingham: I might need you to repeat that. Senator WONG: I'm reading from Christian Porter's transcript: I also considered that the additional disclosures I provided under the ministerial standards were in accordance with its additional requirements. I would like to know what those additional disclosures to the Prime Minister were. Senator Birmingham: I'll have to take that on notice. Senator WONG: You don't know? Senator Birmingham: No. Senator WONG: We might come back to that. Did he disclose how much money he got or who the donors were? Senator Birmingham: It's not clear to me from that statement whether Mr Porter was referring to the fact that he made an additional disclosure, which may have been in identical terms to the one made in the House but was an additional disclosure, or whether there were— Senator WONG: I precisely want to know that. Was the additional disclosure that he is referencing here in identical terms to that provided to the House, or did Mr Porter provide additional information to the Prime Minister? Senator Birmingham: Yes, I will take that on notice.	Hansard	55	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	16	Wong	Updated ministerial statement of personal interests - Prime Minister's knowledge	Senator O'SULLIVAN: I'd like to understand—to have played on record, I guess—how Australia's cases of COVID, in terms of where we rank internationally and also by demographics, compare particularly with other countries in the OECD? Ms Frame: Yes, certainly, I would need to take it on notice, to get you the exact numbers. But, as you would be aware, in terms of case numbers—that includes per capita case numbers—Australia is an incredibly high performer in terms of low COVID incidence, lower rates of hospitalisations and also very high vaccination rates, which are continuing to increase, as you would be aware. If there's anything specific—I can get you our exact positions on OECD tables and some other things, which would be different, depending on exactly which metric was applied.	Hansard	57	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	COVID-19 Response	25-Oct-21	18	O'Sullivan	COVID-19 cases - international ranking comparison		Hansard	61	10-Dec-21

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Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	19	Waters	Freedom of Information requests - timeframes	Senator WATERS: Have there or have there not been additional resources applied? I'm sorry, but you're not being very clear. Is there a relevant officer there that might have the detail to hand? Senator Birmingham: Officials can add, if they do have detail, in relation to arrangements in terms of the staff in the PMO who handle FOIs, but otherwise I'd have to take it on notice, in terms of what the actual operational arrangements in the PMO are for staff handling of those. The department would obviously be well placed to talk about how the department resources and handles PM&C questions, as distinct from PMO handling. Senator WATERS: If you have to take on notice what you're doing to fix the problem, I must admit, it does sound like you're not doing anything to fix the problem. I will accept your request to take it on notice, but I really hope the response is that the PMO is dedicating appropriate resources to meeting statutory time frames or, ideally, being more proactive about the release of information.	Hansard	65	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	20	Waters	Freedom of Information requests - additional resources	Senator WATERS: Okay. So, how come it's taken you 11 months and you're still considering action plan No. 3 and you don't have a time frame for when you'll finish considering it? Mr Reid: As I said, the matter's been submitted to government for consideration. Senator WATERS: Well, perhaps the minister could intercede, then. What's the hold-up, Senator? Senator Birmingham: I'm not aware, but I'm happy to take it on notice and try to ascertain the sequence there, if you wish.	Hansard	65	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	21	Waters	Open Government Partnership - action plan	Senator WATERS: Will the passage of that COAG amendment bill impact Australia's rating under that Open Government Partnership and action plan? Mr Reid: No, not in any way I can see. It may relate to commitments under either the second or the third national action plan, but I can't immediately see the relationship. Senator WATERS: Alright. If you wouldn't mind, perhaps you could take on notice to double-check that, including checking on whether there was any requirement to notify of either the AAT case or the bill that then trumped it. Ms Foster: Certainly. We'll do that.	Hansard	66	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	25-Oct-21	22	Waters	Open Government Partnership - COAG amendment bill impact	Senator O'SULLIVAN: Okay. I'm hoping you can help me then. Today there was a question asked by the Leader of Opposition in the House with regard to the National Strategy to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse. Are you able to step us through an outline of the contact between the National Office for Child Safety, the responsible minister and the Australian of the Year, Grace Tame? Ms Sheeh: Yes. On Australia Day, we did find out Ms Tame was the Australian of the Year. She is a notable advocate in this space. Quite soon after we got in touch with the Australia Day Council in terms of how best to engage with her, noting we were conscious she would be very busy and swamped with requests. In March this year, there was a day when Ms Tame gave a presentation to the National Press Club. On that day, not long following that address, Ms Tame met with the head of the National Office for Child Safety, and they discussed the national strategy. Also, at the time of the federal budget, we provided additional information through to Ms Tame's team to advise of the package of measures that were in the budget. Also, in June—I think it was the Monday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend—the head of the national office and Minister Morton travelled to Tasmania to meet with Ms Tame. They did mention the national strategy, but the primary purpose of that consultation was to hear from Ms Tame about her priorities, particularly around things like consent laws. I understand Minister Morton has also had phone conversations with Ms Tame separately, but I'd have to take on notice the dates of those.	Hansard	77	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Intergovernmental Relations and Ref	25-Oct-21	23	O'Sullivan	Minister Morton phone conversations with Ms Tame	Senator GALLAGHER: Can we have a copy of the presentation? Mr Martin: I can certainly take it on notice. [..] Senator GALLAGHER: Can I have a copy of the presentation you used and also the list of issues that were prepared for, for this minister's? That would be useful. Senator GALLAGHER: The Prime Minister wrote to General Frewen on 8 June this year appointing him as coordinator-general. Did the department prepare that draft letter? Ms Frame: I need to take that on notice. We certainly prepared some subsequent material about roles and responsibilities and how General Frewen would be supported across the Public Service. I need to take it on notice whether we actually provided any input to the letter of appointment. Senator GALLAGHER: If you can do that. Also, do you know what date you became aware that the Prime Minister was going to appoint General Frewen as coordinator-general? Ms Frame: On 8 June. Senator GALLAGHER: So you found out on 8 June, the same date the letter went? Ms Frame: I will take that on notice to confirm that, but the Prime Minister told the secretary and I that General Frewen had been appointed. It would be that Secretary Gaejertes—I will have to take it on notice. Senator GALLAGHER: If you can, and also when Secretary Gaejertes might have been advised. So it's not a cabinet appointment. It's a direct appointment from the Prime Minister?	Hansard	79	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	25-Oct-21	24	Gallagher	Estimates training presentation	Senator GALLAGHER: So it's then when you read the Prime Minister's letter it says that he has discussed the appointment with the Chief of the Defence Force. I've discussed this matter with the Chief of Defence Force and I have his agreement. Do you know when that happened? Ms Frame: I don't. I will take that on notice.	Hansard	81	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Intergovernmental Relations and Ref	25-Oct-21	25	Gallagher	Appointment of General Frewen	Senator GALLAGHER: So it's then when you get a phone call and are told, "This is what's happening," is opposed to being involved in developing up the idea? You are the Prime Minister's department. I would have thought that you would have been brought in, perhaps, to help shape this. It was the top priority for the government. Ms Foster: In this instance, because the policy responsibility didn't lie with Mr Reid—he was essentially performing a governance function—it would not be unusual that he was asked to prepare material to put in place arrangements that had been agreed elsewhere. Ms Frame: I can confirm that Mr Reid, when he's clarified those dates—the team that worked alongside the vaccine task force were involved, and we gave some input to that letter. I would have to take it on notice and come back to you with exact dates. Senator GALLAGHER: On that weekend, you were— Ms Frame: Yes. Senator GALLAGHER: Could we perhaps have a copy of the draft letter? Mr Reid: I can take that on notice. I don't have it with me.	Hansard	81	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	26	Gallagher	Appointment of General Frewen - discussions with Chief of the Defence Force	Senator GALLAGHER: You may have heard that in question time this year the Prime Minister referred to a briefing from General Frewen that the government had yet to arrange with the Leader of the Opposition, despite the leader's office agreeing to a briefing on 25 June. Do you know how the Prime Minister's office came to learn that the task force had yet to arrange a briefing for the Leader of the Opposition? How would that information have become known to the PMO? Ms Frame: I can't comment. I don't know, Senator. Senator GALLAGHER: So it wouldn't have come from PM&C? Ms Frame: Sorry, the question was— Senator GALLAGHER: An issue was raised in question time by the Prime Minister that the Leader of the Opposition hadn't been briefed by the task force, despite the task force engaging directly with the Leader of the Opposition to establish a time. I'm wondering how the Prime Minister would have become aware of that information. Ms Frame: I would have to take that on notice. I'm not aware.	Hansard	82	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	25-Oct-21	27	Gallagher	Appointment of General Frewen - draft letter	Senator GALLAGHER: Was Mr Blunden working in the vaccine centre prior to Operation COVID Shield? Ms Frame: I'd need to take on notice when Mr Blunden started. As Ms Foster said, they're not PM&C staff; they are working for the Department of Health. [..] Senator GALLAGHER: So, Ms Foster, you didn't know about Mr Blunden's appointment? Ms Foster: I didn't, but, unlike Ms Frame, I have not been closely involved with health on the COVID rollout. I think if Mr Frame doesn't know then we will need to take it on notice.	Hansard	83	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Intergovernmental Relations and Ref	25-Oct-21	29	Gallagher	Mr Blunden appointment	Senator WONG: Can you tell me on notice, Senator Birmingham, was it August 2019 or March 2020 when this process began? Both dates are on the public record. Senator Birmingham: My understanding is March 2020, but if there's some clarification to make to that we'll do so. Senator WONG: Mr Gaejertes was not on the committee and was not involved in the process. There was no policy work. Were members of the PMO involved in the review? Mr Colquhoun: Not to my knowledge. Senator WONG: Who in the PMO knew and when? Mr Colquhoun: I'm not certain. I think Mr Kiploks knew. Senator WONG: Mr Kiploks knew. He's on the public record. Senator Birmingham: I'll have to take it on notice as to what other staff. Senator WONG: And when... Senator WONG: Come on! What was the date of the cabinet decision to junk the Attack class and proceed with nuclear propulsion? Mr Colquhoun: As you know— Senator WONG: No, that's not correct; you can give me the date. In fact, whole details of it have been given to journalists. Just answer the question: when was the decision made? Mr Colquhoun: I'll have to take that on notice. I don't have the date.	Hansard	84	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	28	Gallagher	General Frewen opposition briefing - awareness	Senator WONG: I'm sorry; I thought there were two agreements under AUKUS—one at the political level and the partnership agreement. What are the correct names? Mr Colquhoun: They're both MOUs at this stage. I understand. Senator WONG: Tell me what they both are. Mr Colquhoun: There's a public MOU and a classified MOU. Senator WONG: Has the public MOU been released? Mr Colquhoun: I believe it has. I'll take that on notice, just to check. Senator WONG: Are they both finalised or are they still being—Mr Colquhoun: They're both finalised. Senator WONG: What date were they finalised? Mr Colquhoun: I don't know. I'll have to take that on notice.	Hansard	87	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	31	Wong	Inter-defence capabilities review - Prime Minister's staff involvement	Senator WONG: Who are the signatories on the MOU? Mr Colquhoun: I don't know off the top of my head. Senator WONG: Is the Prime Minister a signatory? Mr Colquhoun: I don't know off the top of my head. I'll take that on notice. [..] Senator WONG: You don't know. Does anybody at the table know? This forever friends partnership—who was the person who actually signed it for Australia? Senator Birmingham: As I say, obviously it was not only a unique announcement in terms of what the announcement was, it was unique in terms of being a COVID-style announcement, where the three leaders were all remotely in different parts of the world. So whether it has been executed between leaders, as you would expect it to be if they were all there in person, or perhaps between ambassadors, is something that I'm not sure. There may be other officials in between. That's a matter of detail, a point of process and detail that, as you've heard, we will try to get an answer for you on. Senator WONG: Can you table the public— Senator Birmingham: President Biden, Prime Minister Johnson and Prime Minister Morrison. Senator WONG: Yes, I saw the press conference. Can I get a copy of the public MOU? Because I have actually looked online and I haven't found it. I appreciate it might have been searched every detail. Can you provide that? Mr Colquhoun: I'll take that on notice. I will get you a copy as soon as humanly possible.	Hansard	87	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	National Security	25-Oct-21	32	Wong	Cabinet decision to proceed with nuclear propulsion submarines	Senator WONG: Okay. In December 2020 the advice about the possibility of nuclear propulsion is received—nuclear propulsion capability etc. I'd like to understand, first, when did the government first approach the United Kingdom about the proposal? Mr Colquhoun: That's a question best directed to Defence, as they were running the process. Or I can take it on notice. Senator WONG: All the papers tell us that it was all the PM's work, or Mr Kiploks or someone. When did the government first approach the UK about this? Mr Colquhoun: I can take that on notice. [..] Senator WONG: Is it possible to get a timeline of all of this, please? Is that something I could get on notice? Mr Colquhoun: Certainly.	Hansard	88	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	National Security	25-Oct-21	33	Wong	AUKUS MOU	Senator WONG: Senator Birmingham, at a political level, when was the United Kingdom first approached by the Prime Minister, his office or one of the ministers? Senator Birmingham: I'll have to take it on notice. I'm aware, as the Prime Minister has publicly referenced, that he discussed the matter directly with both Prime Minister Johnson and President Biden at the trilateral leaders meeting on 12 June. [..] Senator WONG: What I'm a little confused about is that the reporting seems to suggest the UK were involved well before the United States, which suggests that we were actually looking at the AUKUS Class or successor and we're approaching the US for sign-off, rather than actually approaching for a virgin class. I'm trying to understand who started approaching the United Kingdom, at what level? Was it a chat between leaders? No one can tell me? Do you know? Senator Birmingham: I'll have to take that on notice in terms of the nature of the first engagement, which is what you're seeking.	Hansard	88	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	National Security	25-Oct-21	34	Wong	AUKUS MOU - finalisation date	Senator WONG: Yes, I saw the press conference. Can I get a copy of the public MOU? Because I have actually looked online and I haven't found it. I appreciate it might have been searched every detail. Can you provide that? Mr Colquhoun: I'll take that on notice. I will get you a copy as soon as humanly possible.	Hansard	89	10-Dec-21
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Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	National Security	25-Oct-21	37	Wong	Nuclear propulsion submarines - United Kingdom involvement Department of Prime Minister's Office	Senator WONG: Okay. In December 2020 the advice about the possibility of nuclear propulsion is received—nuclear propulsion capability etc. I'd like to understand, first, when did the government first approach the United Kingdom about the proposal? Mr Colquhoun: That's a question best directed to Defence, as they were running the process. Or I can take it on notice. Senator WONG: All the papers tell us that it was all the PM's work, or Mr Kiploks or someone. When did the government first approach the UK about this? Mr Colquhoun: I can take that on notice. [..] Senator WONG: Is it possible to get a timeline of all of this, please? Is that something I could get on notice? Mr Colquhoun: Certainly.	Hansard	89	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	38	Wong	Nuclear propulsion submarines - United Kingdom involvement Prime Minister's Office	Senator WONG: Can you table the public— Senator Birmingham: President Biden, Prime Minister Johnson and Prime Minister Morrison. Senator WONG: Yes, I saw the press conference. Can I get a copy of the public MOU? Because I have actually looked online and I haven't found it. I appreciate it might have been searched every detail. Can you provide that? Mr Colquhoun: I'll take that on notice. I will get you a copy as soon as humanly possible.	Hansard	89	10-Dec-21

					<p>Senator WONG: What about the US? When and at what level did we first approach the United States about the proposal? Was anyone from PM&amp;C involved in that?</p> <p>Mr Colquhoun: Not to my awareness.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was anyone from the PMO involved in that?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Again, we'll take the same question on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did the Prime Minister first engage with the US about the proposal?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Again, I think he has made some public reference to that, which I think you referenced before. I'm aware that in a face-to-face context he discussed it with President Biden at that meeting in Cornwall. In terms of the prior discussion with President Biden or other officials, I'm not sure.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm assuming that the Carbis Bay meeting on 12 June was not the first occasion on which the Prime Minister made his request for US nuclear propulsion technology—or was it?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I wouldn't want to trade in assumptions but, as I've indicated, I think it's appropriate to get the answer on notice for these earlier exchanges. I understand that you're seeking to understand when and at what level the exchanges were with each of the governments and the political exchanges that may have occurred.</p>	Hansard	90	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	39	Wong	Nuclear propulsion submarines - United States Involvement Prime Minister's Office	<p>Senator WONG: It's been reported in Axios: The Biden administration was first approached by Australia and the U.K. about AUKUS in February and March, at which point the Australians said they would cancel the diesel submarine deal they'd signed with France in 2016 in favor of gaining nuclear technology and expertise from the U.S. and U.K.</p> <p>Before agreeing to anything, the Biden administration sought assurances from Australia that its decision to abandon the French contract was a fait accompli and not dependent on U.S. actions.</p> <p>Did we tell them it was a fait accompli? Did the Prime Minister indicate to the President in Carbis Bay we had already decided to junk the Attack class contract?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I will take it on notice because it's obviously a very sensitive topic you're asking, and I want to make sure there's an appropriate answer. I note that the extent to which conversations between world leaders are detailed is limited, particularly around sensitive or security matters.</p>	Hansard	90	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	40	Wong	French submarine contract termination - discussions with President Biden	<p>Senator WONG: Sure.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you confirm that the Prime Minister advised President Macron of the decision to abandon the future submarines the night before the AUKUS announcement—that is, 15 September?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I believe, in terms of the advice on the final decision—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Mr Brazier, were you involved in that or was Ms Miller?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: I was not involved in that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was Ms Miller?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: I don't believe so.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you confirm it was by text message, Senator Birmingham?</p> <p>Mr Brazier: The Prime Minister has said it was by personal correspondence.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Why are you answering a question when I haven't asked it of you and when you said you had no involvement?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I understand that between—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you confirm, Senator Birmingham, that it was by text message?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I can't confirm that. I do understand—again, this is already publicly known—that between—</p> <p>Senator WONG: What's the nature of the personal correspondence?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: the 13th and the 15th multiple requests for calls were made but that there was other communication that occurred as the PM—</p> <p>Senator WONG: What's the personal communication? Did he speak to him?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: No, I assume not—</p> <p>Senator WONG: So the Prime Minister didn't speak to him.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: that calls of that sort did not occur.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. Fine. He didn't speak to him. So what was the nature of the 'personal communication' the Prime Minister referenced? Email? Text?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I know there has been correspondence. There may well have been texts as well as correspondence.</p> <p>Senator WONG: A letter?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I believe so.</p>	Hansard	90	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	41	Wong	French submarine contract termination - advice to President Macron	<p>Senator Birmingham: Can you table that letter for us?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I don't know whether I can. I will take it on notice.</p>	Hansard	91	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	25-Oct-21	42	Wong	Quarantine Services Australia	<p>Senator WONG: Quarantine Services Australia—are you aware of this group?</p> <p>Ms Frame: That's the proposed model for industry led quarantine, is that what you're referring to?</p> <p>Senator WONG: It's an advisory group.</p> <p>Ms Frame: It's not something we interact with in PM&amp;C, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You've never come across them before?</p> <p>Ms Frame: I've come across the name, but I have not had any engagement with them.</p> <p>Senator WONG: At all?</p> <p>Ms Frame: At all, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You've not been informed on any proposal from Quarantine Services Australia?</p> <p>Ms Frame: As I understand it, they are chiefly engaged with the Department of Home Affairs around the proposal.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I asked if you—PM&amp;C—had any involvement.</p> <p>Ms Frame: I haven't, Senator. I will take it on notice as to whether anyone in my team has, just to make sure. There might have been some contact that I'm not aware of.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Perhaps, on notice, Ms Foster, you could ask the secretary to advise whether or not he has had any discussions with any people in relation to the proposal from QSA Advisory or DPG?</p> <p>Ms Foster: Yes.</p>	Hansard	93	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Executive	25-Oct-21	43	Wong	Quarantine Services Australia and DPG Advisory Solutions - discussions with Secretary	<p>Senator WONG: Right. Was any advice provided to staff by the Prime Minister or Mr Gajetjens or the chief of staff about cooperation with the AFP inquiry?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I'll take it on notice, Senator Wong, but I'm pretty sure I have previously said here that there would have been an expectation of full cooperation.</p>	Hansard	93	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Executive	25-Oct-21	44	Wong	Australian Federal Police inquiry - advice provided	<p>Senator WONG: Okay. Has the Prime Minister or anyone from his office met with Ms Higgins since the April 2021 meeting that was publicised?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Ms Foster: Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Has there been any form of communication?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: There has been communication to some extent in relation to the details—some of the processes, particularly Ms Foster's and Ms Jenkins's processes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Right. So some discussion in the context of the Foster review and also the Jenkins review, but I'm actually asking about whether or not—sorry, I can see how you answered that given the way I asked the question. So there might have been engagement through your process, Ms Foster, or through the commissioner's process, but no communication since April 2021 at a political level? That's a question.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I understand that, Senator Wong. Again, I will take it on notice. Not to my knowledge, but it is possible, even in terms of some of those intersections with reviews, that there might have been some communication. You've said 'at a political level', which kind of sweeps across officers, but I'm not—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I meant ministers or their staff.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Not to my knowledge.</p>	Hansard	94	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	45	Wong	Communication with Ms Higgins - Foster and Jenkins review	<p>Senator WONG: Yes. My question still is: why did the PM not invite her to the summit? Why was she not an invitee of the federal government? I think women, and men, around the country responded to a great deal of courage being shown by Ms Higgins, as was best demonstrated, in terms of numbers, by the march. I would like to understand why the Prime Minister didn't think it was a good thing to pick up the phone and get her to come.</p> <p>Ms Frame: I'm only surmising, but it could be that—Senator WONG: Well, then don't.</p> <p>Ms Frame: The Department of Social Services saw that Ms Higgins was already invited to the summit. That could well be—</p> <p>Senator WONG: But that's just your surmising.</p> <p>Ms Frame: I can take it on notice and find out more information for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. Right, Ms Frame: Certainly we were aware she was attending the summit.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did you become aware of that?</p> <p>Ms Frame: I'll take it on notice. It would have been in the weeks that all state and territory jurisdictions provided their invitee list.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Did you do the invitations?</p> <p>Ms Frame: It was led by the Department of Social Services, but the Office for Women was also involved.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But she wasn't on the Office for Women list?</p> <p>Ms Frame: Not that I'm aware. I'll have to check the timing of when this came in.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'd like to know why not.</p> <p>Ms Frame: I'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. And the time frames—</p> <p>Ms Frame: Yes. That's no problem.</p> <p>Senator WONG: because they go to context, in the circumstances of your surmising.</p> <p>Ms Frame: As I said, we were aware that she was invited to attend the summit.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Were you aware of that at the time the list was done?</p> <p>Ms Frame: That's what I've said I will take on notice.</p>	Hansard	94	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office for Women	25-Oct-21	46	Wong	Women's Safety Summit - Ms Higgins' invitation	<p>Senator MAREILLE SMITH: In August the Treasurer, Mr Frydenberg, told Australians he was staying with the Prime Minister at the Lodge for a salting fortnight. He told Channel 7 Sunrise program he and Morrison were doing their own cooking and cleaning because it was just the two of them there. Is it the case during that period between 23 August and 2 September there were no staff present at the property?</p> <p>Mr Martin: I have to take on notice the exact arrangement with staff during that period. But what understanding was that was not a period when the Prime Minister was in quarantine but the ACT was in lockdown. It would certainly be our normal practice for the household staff to continue to support the household during that period.</p>	Hansard	96	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	25-Oct-21	48	Smith	Household staffing arrangements for the Lodge - ACT lockdown period	<p>Senator WONG: Before we get to the question from Senator Ayres, can I follow up on something because someone has just sent me something? On 6 September, Ms Higgins did tweet some concerns about the National Summit on Women's Safety, saying '... just can't match this Government's actions with the platitudes and warm sentiments they are all extending today'. But relevantly to your time frame, she also says: On another note, I'd like to give a big thank you to the ACT government and the Victims of Crime Commission, who kindly stepped in at the last minute to have me invited as a delegate to listen in to today's event. So I'd suggest to you what that indicates is that Ms Higgins was invited at the last minute by the ACT and the Victims of Crime Commission and was not prior to that on any PM&amp;C or federal government list for invitation.</p> <p>Ms Frame: I was not aware. I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It's just that your evidence before was you surmised she wasn't on the government's list because she was on another list. But what this suggests is she was never on your list.</p> <p>Ms Frame: I said 'it may have been the case'.</p> <p>Senator WONG: If that is the case, if my sort of interpretation of the tweet—and it could be wrong—is correct, my question is: why?</p> <p>Ms Frame: I—</p> <p>Senator WONG: You can take it on notice. Why was she not on any federal government list for the summit?</p> <p>Ms Frame: Well, take it on notice.</p>	Hansard	97	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office for Women	25-Oct-21	49	Wong	Women's Safety Summit - Ms Higgins' invitation ACT Government	<p>Senator MAREILLE SMITH: The question I'm trying to get to the heart of is the responsibility for the vaccination certificates. My understanding is that the responsibility for this lies with Services Australia. That's something you've confirmed. The portfolio minister for that should be Minister Reynolds, yet Minister Robert is taking charge. It just seems strange to me that responsibility for vaccination certificates has fallen to Minister Robert. Can you expand or shed light on that issue at all for us?</p> <p>Mr Fechner: It's not appropriate for me as a public servant to make determinations on the way government organisations build.</p> <p>Senator MAREILLE SMITH: Senator Duniam, can you shed light on that, please? Senator Duniam: I'm not familiar with the determinations that have been made around who is doing what, but I'm happy to take it on notice for you and provide whatever detail I can.</p> <p>Senator MAREILLE SMITH: I'd appreciate that. I'm just trying to get a sense of whether it was Minister Robert's sensational and stellar record on digital projects which meant he got responsibility or if there was another reason. It doesn't really seem to fit.</p> <p>Senator Duniam: Notwithstanding the editorialising, I will take it on notice and we'll get some facts.</p> <p>Ms Frame: Well, take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It's government to government, and you can give me a copy. They're both classified. Are they not?</p>	Hansard	97	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office for Women	25-Oct-21	50	Wong	Women's Safety Summit - Ms Higgins' invitation federal government	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Did the Prime Minister ask to see a copy of that response or for any work to be undertaken about resourcing the hospitals?</p> <p>Ms Frame: I'm not aware of that. I have to take that on notice. I do know that the department have a copy of the response that Minister Hunt sent to the health ministers.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can we have a copy of it?</p> <p>Ms Frame: I'll take that on notice. I don't have it with me; we'll have to get to you. As I didn't reply earlier—I didn't have the response and I had to check that it had been sent. But it has been sent, from Minister Hunt to Health ministers.</p>	Hansard	105	10-Dec-21
Digital Transformation Agency		25-Oct-21	51	Smith	Vaccination certificates - ministerial responsibility		Hansard	137	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	52	Ayres	Overseas travel		Written		10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	National Security	25-Oct-21	53	Wong	AUKUS MOU - finalisation	<p>Senator WONG: It's government to government, and you can give me a copy. They're both classified. Are they not?</p>	Hansard	103	10-Dec-21

						Ms Hall: Each of the six women's alliances have a grant agreement. Under those grant agreements they will develop an activity work plan, which they negotiate with the department. The activity work plan sets out the deliverables that the alliances will produce under their grant agreement, the time frames and the performance expectations. We're in the process of finalising those activity work plans for the new alliances grant agreements now. Senator McALLISTER: Will they be publicly available when finalised? Ms Hall: They're not generally a publicly available document. They are something that the department work with the alliances on, and we from time to time will adjust them, based on changes in priorities or things that the alliances might wish to do or that the department might ask the alliances to do. Senator McALLISTER: Are the grant agreements made public through the ordinary channels? Ms Hall: Not normally. Senator McALLISTER: Can I ask that the grant agreements be tabled? Senator Payne: We'll take it on notice.			
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office for Women	25-Oct-21	55	McAllister	Women's alliances grant agreements	Senator McALLISTER: ... Are the alliances expected to share any media releases about their work as alliances before putting them out? Ms Hall: I would have to take it on notice. I don't believe that's a condition of their grant agreements. From time to time an alliance might share with us a media release—for example, the new National Women's Safety Alliance. When they were found suitable for the funding, they tested their media release with us just to make sure that we were comfortable with it.	Hansard	106	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office for Women	25-Oct-21	56	McAllister	Women's alliances grant agreements - media releases	Senator McALLISTER: Yes, but the Women's Budget Statement said: ... the National Cabinet will focus on women's economic security and further consider existing initiatives, programs and spending at Commonwealth and state and territory level. Has that stocktake been undertaken? Ms Frame: Yes, that has. Senator McALLISTER: And was that presented to the meeting in August? Ms Frame: As far as I'm aware, it was, yes. Senator McALLISTER: Is it possible for that stocktake to be shared with this committee? Ms Frame: I'll take that on notice. It's national-cabinet-in-confidence, but I'll take that on notice. As you know, it's information from the jurisdictions, so it may be that they're comfortable with that.	Hansard	107	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office for Women	25-Oct-21	57	McAllister	Women's Budget Statement - stocktake	Senator McALLISTER: You did lead the paper. Okay. Could we have a copy of the nationally consistent framework principles? You indicated that principles were presented to the national cabinet about the nationally consistent framework. Can we see what those principles are? Ms Frame: I'll take that on notice.	Hansard	107	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office for Women	25-Oct-21	58	McAllister	Women's economic security - nationally consistent Framework	Senator COX: Has it been individuals who have been chosen for that group? Is that the criteria for membership, rather than representative organisations? It appears that there are lots of individuals on there that are not representative— Senator Payne: The appointments are for three years. There are no criteria of which I'm particularly aware, but if I can take any further aspects of that on notice and return to the committee, I will. Senator COX: If you could table that on notice, that would be great. Thank you. [...] Ms Brayshaw: Senator, can I just make one additional point? I note that we'll take that on notice and come back to you, but I did want to mention that, in terms of the membership of the advisory council, it was developed in consultation with the coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak organisations, the NIAA and also the interim chair of the advisory council, who is Sandra Creamer. I just wanted to mention that they were involved in these discussions, but we'll come back to you on notice in terms of your question, Senator.	Hansard	108	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office for Women	25-Oct-21	59	Cox	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council - membership	Senator McALLISTER: Is the Office for Women tracking the initiatives that came out of the Women's Budget Statement? Senator Payne: Yes. Senator McALLISTER: But it's not tracking the initiatives related to women coming through Respect@Work? Senator Payne: No. Who said we weren't tracking the recommendations from Respect@Work? Senator McALLISTER: This is a recommendation from Respect@Work, and you are saying that this funded by somebody else. Do you have no knowledge about the progress of this initiative? Senator Payne: It is funded by another department—the Attorney-General's Department. We are following the implementation and engagement on recommendations from Respect@Work, as we are pursuing the outcomes of the Women's Budget Statement. I don't think they're mutually exclusive, but I'll ask Ms Frame if she has anything she wants to add. Ms Frame: As the minister said, we have a tracking system around Women's Budget Statement measures that the Deputy Secretary of Treasury and I co-convene through a group. But I would need to take on notice the most recent report from the Attorney-General's Department. Attorney-General's would provide information to that IDC about how their measures are tracking, and it would be fed into a comprehensive monitoring of all those measures in the Women's Budget Statement. But I will take it on notice, and we can get you more information about the tracking information we have been provided from the Attorney-General's.	Hansard	111	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Office for Women	25-Oct-21	60	McAllister	Women's Budget Statement - tracking initiatives	Senator RICE: When can we expect the 14 recommendations that are the responsibility of the federal government to be fully implemented? Senator McKenzie: Nice? Mr Padovan: Some are quite complex in nature. As I mentioned earlier, of the 15, seven have been completed and the remaining eight are works in progress. Some of them require work across jurisdictions and across the Commonwealth. Over the next year or two. Senator RICE: Could you take on notice the ones that aren't fully implemented and an approximation of when you expect them to be fully implemented, across each recommendation. Mr Padovan: Will do, Senator.	Hansard	113	10-Dec-21
National Recovery and Resilience Agency		25-Oct-21	61	Rice	Royal Commission into Natural Disaster Arrangements - recommendations	Senator WATT: Okay. When the federal budget was handed down this year, the budget papers provided for the \$50 million in the flood mitigation program, but that funding was not included in the final budget outcome for 2020-21. Is that because money had not been expended in the sense of being provided to the states? Ms Tonkin: I would have to take that one on notice and look into it. My understanding is that the Department of Finance manages that fund.	Hansard	117	10-Dec-21
National Recovery and Resilience Agency		25-Oct-21	62	Watt	Flood mitigation program	Senator AYRES: Mr Singer, I do have some questions for you and I'm going to try and rattle through them. We've got some other time pressures. Mr Joyce was elected leader of the National Party on Monday 21 June, which was a sitting day. He wasn't sworn in until the following day, 22 June, because, I think, the Governor-General was travelling in Queensland. Is it normal for the Governor-General to be travelling outside of Canberra on a sitting day? Mr Singer: That's entirely consistent with convention. There's nothing that suggests the Governor-General is required to remain in the ACT or the surrounding region for a sitting day. Senator AYRES: The coalition parties only hold 76 seats in the 155-seat House of Representatives. What happens if there's a confidence vote or some other constitutional matter that arises and the Governor-General's not in Canberra? Mr Singer: Naturally, like many, we watch these things very closely, and if there was a requirement to bring the Governor-General back to Canberra under those circumstances we would make arrangements to do so. On the particular day that you're referring to, the Governor-General was indeed in Queensland. From memory, we did offer to make arrangements for a swearing in of Mr Joyce that evening. Senator AYRES: There was an offer to return if required but a decision to delay to the following day? Mr Singer: In fact, action was taken to bring the Governor-General back. I think it may have even been in the normal circumstance of his program. Senator AYRES: He may have been travelling for a longer period, but he came back? Mr Singer: I think, from memory, he was due to come back that evening. Senator AYRES: Can you confirm that on notice?	Hansard	122	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		25-Oct-21	63	Ayres	Governor-General travelling arrangements	Senator AYRES: Just so I'm really clear—I understand what you're saying about what Mr Morrison has told the Governor-General, but there's no similar correspondence or assurance from Mr Joyce to the same effect as Mr McCormack provided in August of 2018 when Mr Morrison became the Prime Minister? Mr Singer: I would be happy to confirm that for you. Senator AYRES: Yes, please. That's your evidence now—you'll check and come back to me? Mr Singer: Yes, I'll confirm that, but I'm not aware of a letter having been provided before Mr Joyce's swearing in.	Hansard	101	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		25-Oct-21	64	Ayres	Correspondence from Deputy Prime Minister	Senator AYRES: Senator Blurt's honorary award isn't on the database. Can you tell me why? Mr Singer: I'll just take some advice on that. We'll confirm this for you, but I would expect that honorary appointments would be gazetted in the Commonwealth gazette. Senator AYRES: Senator Blurt is an American parliamentarian who is an active friend of Australia's. Can you tell me how many other honorary awards have been made on the basis of Mr Morrison's recommendation since he became Prime Minister? Mr Singer: Yes. We'd be happy to take that on notice. Senator WONG: And who? Mr Singer: We'll provide a list of who. [...] Mr Singer: Just to confirm, Senator Blurt's honorary appointment within the Order of Australia was gazetted on 5 October. I will come back to you with a full list of honorary appointments.	Hansard	102	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		25-Oct-21	65	Ayres	Honorary Appointments - Prime Ministers recommendations	Senator PATERSON: Indeed, and this is what I'm coming to. If the decision was made with no framework, no documentary evidence, under delegated authority, how do we know that it was consistent with that delegated authority if there's no policy? Mr Hehir: I think you're coming around to why I can't call appropriateness to some extent. It's more a matter for the board to make a decision on whether they think that the managing director was operating within their delegated authority in that context. I can ask my financial audit team whether they've seen the delegations and think they're being consistent. Senator PATERSON: It would be great if you could do that on notice. Mr Hehir: That's fine.	Hansard	127	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		25-Oct-21	66	Pateron	Australian Broadcasting Corporation Managing Director - financial delegation	Senator RICE: When was the last time you saw a copy of that tracking sheet? Mr Hehir: I'm starting to get uncomfortable about where we're heading with this, for the reasons I've set out previously. I'd like to consider those questions on notice, if you've got questions in that area, so I can look at them in that context. I'm sorry, but, as I said before, I don't think us setting out and describing the detail of a document which is— Senator RICE: I don't want the detail. I want the government to give it to us. Mr Hehir: I hear what you're saying, but I'm uncomfortable that the place we're going to is us actually describing documents which weren't in the report. I'd prefer to consider those questions on notice rather than going through you trying to drag out more detail in a context where the minister can't claim immunity on it, and all that, which I think is an important part of the process that we put in place in giving evidence. Senator RICE: I agree with you. We can put in the order for the production of documents, and they can claim immunity for it. Basically, we have evidence from you that such documents exist. The OPD is basically telling us they don't exist at the moment. Having heard from Mr Boyd that this tracking sheet is a document that originated in Minister Lodge's office, where did that go to and from? Mr Hehir: As I said, I'm uncomfortable with us providing that amount of detail without us being in a position to protect the owners of the document.	Hansard	132	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		25-Oct-21	67	Rice	Top 20 marginal seats - tracking sheet	CHAIR: The Auditor-General has taken the response on notice.	Hansard	135	10-Dec-21
Digital Transformation Agency		25-Oct-21	68	Smith	COVID Safe App - DTA labour costs	Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Okay. What were DTA's in-house and labour costs in relation to the app? Mr Thorpe: I may need to take that question on notice, but we can provide that information.	Hansard	135	10-Dec-21
Digital Transformation Agency		25-Oct-21	69	Smith	COVID Safe App - unique detections	Senator MARIELLE SMITH: The last figure that I had on the number of unique detections from the app was 17. Can you give me any data you have up until 4 October for any further unique detections? Mr Thorpe: We've recorded more than 27,500 potential encounters. We've also presented 2,825 unique close contacts and we've been able to identify, through the New South Wales reporting of information, 570 close contacts. Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Okay, but in terms of unique detections, I understand that was 17. Mr Thorpe: I'll have to take that on notice. We don't have an updated settlement.	Hansard	135	10-Dec-21

					<p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: How many had downloaded the app and then deleted it?</p> <p>Mr Thorpe: I'll have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Okay. How many Australians downloaded the app but, for whatever reason, it may be lying dormant and not being used—for instance, they haven't signed in or they have connectivity issues? Do you have that figure in front of you?</p> <p>Mr Alexander: We haven't been reporting on unique registrations and connections. That is part of the privacy controls that we have been really limited on. We haven't reported on that at all. Consistently, we've provided advice to committees that can't report on that data. It relates to the privacy of the collection, so we haven't been able to report on that in the same way, we haven't been able to report which people in which jurisdictions have downloaded the app. We haven't reported on those things. The overall number of registrations is the only number we've been reporting on.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: I haven't been in any of those committees, but that doesn't really make sense to me. This is not identifying data or anything like that, is it?</p> <p>Mr Alexander: It's the controls that were put on the app. We were very limited with the passage of the privacy controls in the legislation in terms of what we could report. Health have been able to report more because they've been engaged with the states and territories and contact tracers, who have provided them permission to provide some more data. Hence health have the data and can provide that for you.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: On the previous question, your colleague said he would take it on notice. Could you also take on notice the question I have just asked and see if you can answer that for me, even in consultation with your colleagues? That would be appreciated.</p> <p>Mr Alexander: Of course.</p>			
Digital Transformation Agency	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	25-Oct-21	70 Smith	COVID Safe App - deletions	Are there any issues the Minister is aware of with the corporation and if so what are those concerns?			
		5-Nov-21	71 Ayres	Bularnu Walawarra Wangkajuru Aboriginal Corporation - Minister's awareness	<p>Senator AYRES: Thanks, Chair. Welcome, Mr Exell and all of your colleagues. On behalf of Labor senators, I'd like to thank you for providing the CDP information so quickly and accept the caveat that you indicated in your opening statement. Senator McCarthy will be asking you and the officers some questions about that in due course, probably after lunch. I have a couple of quick questions for you and then I think I'll hand the call over to Senator McCarthy and Senator Dodson.</p> <p>The government has introduced into the parliament the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Voter Integrity) Bill 2021. Has the agency been asked to provide advice to the minister or the government about that bill?</p> <p>Mr Exell: Thank you for your question. The agency has had some engagement with the AEC and did provide some input into the consideration.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Let me be clear: when you say 'some engagement', the AEC hasn't been engaged in drafting the bill—we established that much in estimates earlier this week—so what was the engagement with the AEC?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I might ask Mr Jacomb to come to the table. I understand there was some engagement with us on aspects of it.</p> <p>Mr Jacomb: We were given an opportunity to have some comment or input on the draft bill. I can't answer your question—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Sorry, the question was in relation to—the acting chief executive indicated two kinds of consultation. There was one with the AEC, and I'll come to the government in a moment. What was the engagement with the Electoral Commission?</p> <p>Mr Jacomb: I'm not aware of that, sorry.</p> <p>Mr Exell: I may have misunderstood the previous advice. If it wasn't the AEC, I take that back.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Thank you for that—</p> <p>Mr Exell: I'll take it on notice, to clarify that engagement.</p>	Hansard	136	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Corporate	29-Oct-21	72 Ayres	Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill - Australian Electoral Commission engagement	<p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Thank you. I might ask a few extra questions in relation to that bill. Has the NAA had any briefings around enrolment of First Nations people across Australia? We had 16 million voters in the 2019 election, and close to 70 to 78 per cent of First Nations people were enrolled. Does the NAA become involved in that and understand what's going on with the enrolment process?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I'm happy to take the specifics of that question on notice. I'm not aware of any more recent consultations around this issue, apart from what we have just provided evidence on. But I'm happy to take that on notice and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Also, does the minister ask for briefings in relation to enrolment and the role of the AEC, in particular around training and/or elections?</p> <p>Mr Exell: Again, I will take on notice the particulars of the question. We have at different times, I recall, over the last year or so, had various meetings with the AEC, but I will take the specifics on notice. And we have provided advice or updates to the minister, but I will come back to you on the specifics.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: You say you've had various meetings with the AEC. Would you be able to identify the dates of those meetings and the focus of those meetings?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I'm happy to look at that.</p>	Hansard	25	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Strategic Policy	29-Oct-21	73 McCarthy	Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill - briefings on enrolment of First Nations people	<p>Senator DODSON: Do you have a role in assessing the report by the Joint Standing Committee on Northern Australia into the Jaukan cases? There are two reports: the interim report, Never again, and the report, A way forward. Do you have any role in analysing that and providing advice to the minister?</p> <p>Ms Kelly: Yes. As you know, that was released last week. We will work closely—as we have for a number of years—with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. We will play a role in reviewing that report and work closely with that department.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: The Never again report was delivered some months ago. Have you provided advice to the minister in relation to that?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I'm happy to take on notice the specifics. But, largely, that is a process that's led by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: You wouldn't prepare anything specifically for the minister for First Nations on the greatest tragedy that's been recorded in Australia's recent history?</p> <p>Mr Exell: There's actually been broader engagement over a period of time around cultural heritage protection, and the minister, for example, has been a part of roundtables with the Minister for the Environment. So there has been advice provided that goes back a period of time.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Is that advice available to us?</p> <p>Mr Exell: As I've said, I'll take that on notice and provide some information where we can.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Okay. And, specifically, the two reports I mentioned would be useful.</p> <p>Mr Exell: Yes.</p>	Hansard	26	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	29-Oct-21	74 Dodson	Never again interim report - advice to Minister	<p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: I would like to go to CDP, please. What's the process and what criteria were used to determine the successful trial sites announced by the minister on 22 October?</p> <p>Mr Bulman: When the trial sites were selected—and I put this evidence to the committee on the bill as well—the department looked at a range of different measures across the 50 CDP regions. We looked at a range of different criteria to get a broad sample of trial sites, so that it was representative of the uniqueness of remote Australia. Some of the items that we looked at were getting a cross-section of jurisdictions. You'll see from the minister's media release that we have one from each of the major jurisdictions where CDP is run. We also looked at differing geographic proximity to regional centres or labour markets. We looked across regions with varying proportions of job-ready CDP participants and looked at other demographics, such as the proportion of Indigenous and non-Indigenous jobseekers. Then we used that to determine the five. The other element that we did, which was incredibly important, was using our regional teams' local intelligence of areas where there would be a good opportunity to trial these pilots.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Who has the minister met with to discuss trial sites? And what commitments were made to those proponents?</p> <p>Mr Bulman: I'd have to take that on notice and work with the minister's office for a response on meetings that he's had. I can talk about the department. We've met with a range of different stakeholders over the period of time. But I'm happy to take the other question on notice.</p>	Hansard	28	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	29-Oct-21	75 McCarthy	CDP - trial site discussions	<p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Mr Bulman, you know nothing about where the minister's gone at all?</p> <p>Mr Bulman: I can talk about the different forms of engagement that our agency has undertaken, given that's our role. I will take on notice, so I can give you accurate information, to work with the minister's office about his travels and conversations. On the bill, it is a very important bill, but just to be clear for the transcript, we outlined in the explanatory memorandum of the bill that it has a potential to impact around 200 jobseekers in a voluntary capacity. That's just to make sure it's clear that the bill isn't impacting on 40,000 people, as you mentioned, Senator. But I'm happy to discuss that further.</p>	Hansard	28	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Minister's Office	29-Oct-21	76 McCarthy	CDP - National Indigenous Australians Agency engagement	<p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Just going back to Mr Exell's input about the co-design groups, can you table, by the end of the day, a list of who will be on the co-design groups for each site?</p> <p>Mr Bulman: We can take that on notice as it forms up. At the moment, we're working through the regions discussing with a range of different stakeholders. Then, over the coming weeks, we'll send our formal invitations. As of today, we're working through talking to a lot of different stakeholders about their involvement in that. For example, in the Northern Territory, our regional team are working through the Barkly region, and you can imagine, given it's 300,000 square kilometres as a region, the team have been talking to the Apurto organisation in Tennant Creek, which represents the traditional owners, and the Central Australian Aboriginal alliance, which represents the 12 language groups across the Barkly region. We've also engaged with the Barkly shire council, the Northern Territory government and Jukurrpa Council Aboriginal Corporation, just to name a few. But the team are working through talking to the various stakeholders. The process following that is that we will invite key stakeholders such as those that I've discussed to join the co-design in each region. There were five pilots.</p>	Hansard	29	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	29-Oct-21	77 McCarthy	CDP - co-design process	<p>Senator THORPE: Yes, thank you. Not an would agree with that, obviously, considering the last Senate estimates that blew that out of the water but since it's a bill that has a potential to impact around 200 jobseekers, so I just need some understanding around that. During the last financial year what percentage of IAS money went to First Nations corporations' organisations?</p> <p>Ms Hope: I might get Mr Ben Burden to come to the table to help you with that.</p> <p>Mr Burden: Senator, if I have your question correctly it's what was the proportion of funding that went to Indigenous organisations. Is that correct?</p> <p>Senator THORPE: That's correct—in the last financial year.</p> <p>Mr Burden: Unfortunately I don't have last financial year numbers to hand. I can give you the proportion which is 59 per cent as at 30 September this year.</p> <p>Ms Hope: We could take that on notice and do a breakdown if that would be beneficial for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator THORPE: That would be great, thank you. How many of the 10 biggest Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding recipients in the last financial year were First Nations owned? Were the first 10 biggest recipients of black money black or was it a mix? Mr Burden: It is a mix. If I can take that on notice I can provide you with a detailed breakdown. Some of the 10 largest, if I may, are Indigenous organisations, some are non-Indigenous organisations and some are government entities. If my memory serves me correctly, but if I can take that on notice I'll provide you with the detail and break out between Indigenous, non-Indigenous and government recipients.</p> <p>Senator THORPE: So black Indigenous Advancement Strategy money is being paid back to the government. They're in that top 10 of big recipients of black money. Is that what you are telling me?</p> <p>Mr Burden: I have a sense that there might be one government entity in that top 10, but I do want to check my memory and check the figures. Some of the money that goes from government to government are payments from the Commonwealth government to state and territory governments, such as for things like housing.</p> <p>Ms Hope: It does go to your question and we're keen to be helpful here, but I think Mr Burden has tried to answer it already in the sense of entities versus organisations. There's probably a different list of organisations. But, yes, we do provide funding from the Commonwealth for housing. I don't think that's technically—and we will check this—an IAS payment. It might be a Treasury to Treasury payment, so it goes to the specific questions, yes.</p> <p>Senator THORPE: Yes, okay. Can you confirm that it's not going to the dog squad of the police in WA or the Northern Territory? Can you confirm that it's not going to fix up some police station like the last bit of our money did?</p>	Hansard	30	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Program Performance Delivery	29-Oct-21	78 Thorpe	Indigenous Advancement Strategy - funded organisations	<p>Senator THORPE: What actions are you taking to increase the amount of funding and number of funding recipients of IAS money by First Nations organisations to ensure the money intended for us actually comes to us, you know? We saw in the last estimates this government are propping up their mates and their billionaire companies. Blackies don't want our money going to these billionaire companies who pay no tax. Can you guarantee that's not going to happen and how are you going to do that?</p> <p>Mr Burden: If I recall, two estimates ago, the former CEO of the agency described for the committee the minister's approach to preferential funding. If I can paraphrase—with all due respect to my paraphrasing—Mr Griggs paraphrasing the minister, the minister's focus is on ensuring that the best possible available service is provided to Indigenous Australians. His preference is that where there is an Indigenous organisation that can provide that service then that Indigenous organisation would provide it. If there is not an Indigenous organisation available to provide that service then it is comfortable with a non-Indigenous organisation providing that service. That applies in certain situations. We see in certain programs, for example, in the schooling program, universities are providing those education services to Indigenous organisations. The key, as my colleague Ms Hope said, is that the point of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy is for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.</p> <p>Senator THORPE: Yes, it is meant to be, sorry, I have one more question.</p> <p>Ms Hope: I was going to add to Mr Burden's testimony, if you would like. One of the things around the posture that Mr Burden has described is what we have seen across the IAS is the increase of Indigenous service organisations. I would be happy to take on notice and break that down for you but in 2014, it was around 35 per cent at the commencement of the IAS and now we see it at 59 per cent for the IAS funded organisations. So we're happy to take that on notice for you and demonstrate the increase in effort and increase in Indigenous organisations.</p> <p>Senator THORPE: Yes, that would be great, thank you.</p>	Hansard	33	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Program Performance Delivery	29-Oct-21	79 Thorpe	Indigenous Advancement Strategy - Indigenous Funding	<p>Senator THORPE: What actions are you taking to increase the amount of funding and number of funding recipients of IAS money by First Nations organisations to ensure the money intended for us actually comes to us, you know? We saw in the last estimates this government are propping up their mates and their billionaire companies. Blackies don't want our money going to these billionaire companies who pay no tax. Can you guarantee that's not going to happen and how are you going to do that?</p> <p>Mr Burden: If I recall, two estimates ago, the former CEO of the agency described for the committee the minister's approach to preferential funding. If I can paraphrase—with all due respect to my paraphrasing—Mr Griggs paraphrasing the minister, the minister's focus is on ensuring that the best possible available service is provided to Indigenous Australians. His preference is that where there is an Indigenous organisation that can provide that service then that Indigenous organisation would provide it. If there is not an Indigenous organisation available to provide that service then it is comfortable with a non-Indigenous organisation providing that service. That applies in certain situations. We see in certain programs, for example, in the schooling program, universities are providing those education services to Indigenous organisations. The key, as my colleague Ms Hope said, is that the point of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy is for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.</p> <p>Senator THORPE: Yes, it is meant to be, sorry, I have one more question.</p> <p>Ms Hope: I was going to add to Mr Burden's testimony, if you would like. One of the things around the posture that Mr Burden has described is what we have seen across the IAS is the increase of Indigenous service organisations. I would be happy to take on notice and break that down for you but in 2014, it was around 35 per cent at the commencement of the IAS and now we see it at 59 per cent for the IAS funded organisations. So we're happy to take that on notice for you and demonstrate the increase in effort and increase in Indigenous organisations.</p> <p>Senator THORPE: Yes, that would be great, thank you.</p>	Hansard	34	10-Dec-21

National Indigenous Australians Agency	Central	29-Oct-21	80	Cox	National food security plan	<p>Senator COX: Can you provide an update on the national food security plan? I'm interested in the amount of money that's been provided through those state based plans through the NIAA to address some of the food security issues.</p> <p>Mr Jeffries: I'll have to take those questions on notice and come back to you with information on that.</p>	Hansard	36	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Central	29-Oct-21	81	Cox	National food security plan - support for grant applications	<p>Senator COX: You're not wrong there, Mr Jeffries. It's usually the best kept secret in Australia, some of these grant rounds. Are any of the remote stores being given any support to apply for these grants?</p> <p>Mr Jeffries: They could invariably be seeking their own support, but certainly from our perspective we are offering them advice throughout the application process. As far as assistance to them to complete the applications, they may be invariably seeking their own support to do so.</p> <p>Mr Exell: On your previous question around the level of information, I'm happy to take on notice and come back to you with advice around what we have done to circulate information. It's certainly our intent that there is a broad understanding and awareness of that round. I don't have the specific details with me, but I'm happy to provide advice to the committee around that and bring that attention of as many people as possible.</p>	Hansard	36	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Strategic Implementation and Standards	29-Oct-21	82	McMahon	COVID vaccine - worker payment	<p>Senator McMAHON: We heard this morning that the Central Land Council paid or offered to pay its councilors and workers \$500 each to receive the COVID vaccination. Is that an appropriate use of stakeholder and taxpayer money? How much is this policy contributing to vaccine hesitancy in communities, where I've had a lot of people tell me that they're not getting vaccinated until they get their \$500 too?</p> <p>Mr Exell: That's a question that is probably best directed to the Central Land Council, that put forward that the initiative. Just to be clear—I'm happy to check this and Mr Bulman may know—that is not taxpayers' dollars in the way that you refer to. That is money that is out of the Aboriginal Benefit Account of the Northern Territory—just to be clear in terms of the source of that funding. That was a decision that they took themselves, and it's probably a question best directed towards the land council.</p>	Hansard	37	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Corporate	29-Oct-21	83	McMahon	COVID vaccine - unvaccinated staff	<p>Senator McMAHON: Can you take on notice how many of your staff will be unvaccinated and, therefore, not able to perform their jobs in two weeks time. Can you take that on notice and get back to us?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I'll take that on notice and see what we can provide in response to your question.</p>	Hansard	38	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	29-Oct-21	84	McMahon	Aboriginal Benefit Account	<p>Senator McMAHON: Can we get a breakdown of how that \$100 million has been spent? I'm happy for you to take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Bulman: Yes, we'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McMAHON: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	38	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Strategic Implementation and Standards	29-Oct-21	85	Thorpe	National Indigenous Australians Agency - preparing communities for COVID	<p>Senator THORPE: That's wonderful. I will take that up. In my previous role, before I became a senator, I was working with a number of communities about preparing for COVID. Then, through my old role, I also supported them to contact the government and say that they needed help. Can you tell me why it's taken almost two years to put these processes in place to protect communities when they were screaming out for it almost two years ago? What has happened? Why didn't you listen in the first place?</p> <p>Ms Hope: Senator, I just want to be clear about your question. The NIAA has been quite proactive in dealing with COVID since February 2020. We've been working across the country. Our initial role, particularly around gathering intelligence from communities was around border closures and we've been working with community workers and a range of kinds of social wellbeing needs, service delivery, CDP, local connection, food security, impacts to culture et cetera. So I'm quite happy, if there are specific cases which you would like us to look at, to take those on notice directly. I'm also quite happy to provide on notice—I'm looking at the time, sorry—a comprehensive briefing on the things that we have done to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities since February 2020.</p>	Hansard	46	10-Dec-21
Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation		29-Oct-21	86	Ayres	Voyages - submissions made	<p>Senator AYRES: Have submissions been made to the minister or to NIAA, about Voyages in particular? These aren't just commercial organisations; they have significant public value. Have any proposals been put to the minister to extend funding?</p> <p>Ms Stroud: If you don't mind, I'll take that on notice. Whether we have formally written, from our board or our CEO, to the minister I would have to confirm after this. I do know that we have reached out and had some conversations and raised the matter and [inaudible] whether there's been anything formal we'll take on notice, please.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: You just faded out at the end there, Ms Stroud, but if I take it that there have been some informal representations made then it must be deep concerning for the board and a core issue for them. But you'll take it on notice in terms of formal representations? I can see Mr Bulman is just trying to jump in.</p> <p>Mr Bulman: Sorry, I didn't want to interrupt Ms Stroud. I think a bit of context on this is useful. The support package for the subsidiary organisations was in line with JobKeeper. There was a unique issue in that JobKeeper wasn't available for Commonwealth corporate entities and their subsidiaries. However, given the significance of Voyages and the institute in Sydney, the government provided essentially the equivalent of JobKeeper and met those time frames. We work closely with ILSIC as well as the CEO of Voyages beyond that to discuss options. I think I met last week with the CEO of Voyages, for example. We had a long conversation about the issues that they face and potential options for employment or other things moving forward. So we are engaged in the matter.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Okay. Thanks, Mr Bulman. Thanks, Ms Stroud.</p>	Hansard	6	10-Dec-21
Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation		29-Oct-21	87	Cox	Ranger programs - cultural tourism	<p>Senator COX: Can you explain to me what role ILSIC plays in the co-management of ranger programs, and how these programs determine how they cut across cultural tourism?</p> <p>Ms Stroud: We don't manage ranger programs specifically. We have a number of ranger positions which we fund through our RIP, or the remote jobs program. We fund a number of ranger positions in ranger groups. Our greatest footprint in the ranger space is providing land management assistance to ranger groups to be able to conduct their business. We've funded multiple ranger stations, plant and equipment, and other capability support to help ranger programs—which we don't actually administer or manage—in order to maximise their land-care footprint.</p> <p>Senator COX: How are these programs determined?</p> <p>Ms Stroud: The ranger programs are NIAA-specific programs, so that would probably be best asked of them.</p> <p>Senator COX: Do they cut across cultural tourism in any way?</p> <p>Ms Stroud: I'll take that on notice. I have no doubt that there are ranger programs we've provided land management assistance for which do cultural tourism as well as the traditional land and conservation care.</p> <p>Senator COX: Do you play any role in helping to secure World Heritage sites?</p> <p>Ms Stroud: We do. Cultural preservation is one of our priorities. There are a number of recent acquisitions in particular, which we can provide out of session, that were purchased purely for their cultural heritage and conservation benefits and importance. I'd have to take on notice whether any of those have any World Heritage listing connection—none pop to mind. Most definitely, protecting cultural sites and enabling groups to preserve and conserve their land are priorities to us in our acquisition and land management program.</p>	Hansard	7	10-Dec-21
Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation		29-Oct-21	88	Cox	Securing World Heritage sites	<p>Senator McMAHON: Right. Moving on in 2016, former employee Mr Allister McCaffrey successfully appealed to the full bench of the Fair Work Commission against unfair dismissal. The presiding commissioner found that the former CEO Mr Michael Dillon, who gave evidence in absentia to the hearing, had deliberately acted with 'dishonest endeavour'. Mr Dillon departed later in 2016. On Mr Maher's appointment as CEO, Mr McCaffrey asked for reimbursement of his legal fees of \$105,000, to which Mr Maher replied: 'Mr Fry has declined the request.' In light of the above—Mr Fry and Mr Maher having their legal fees paid by the ILSIC—would you agree that the ILSIC should reconsider reimbursing Mr McCaffrey for his \$105,000 legal fees, when it was found at law that the ILSIC was 100 per cent at fault?</p> <p>Ms Stroud: Apologies, I don't have on hand the intimate details of Mr McCaffrey's case or any of the interactions with our former CEO and chair. If you don't mind, we could take it on notice—that issue as well as the question you raised earlier about whether our board is considering or, if not, why it has not considered recovering the other legal fees—and get back to you out of session. That would be appreciated.</p> <p>Senator McMAHON: Yes, thank you. If you could take that on notice, that would be great.</p>	Hansard	8	10-Dec-21
Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation		29-Oct-21	89	McMahon	Reimbursement of legal fees - Mr McCaffrey	<p>Senator McMAHON:—My final question relate to this: the 2019-20 ILSIC annual report states that the ILSIC was carrying 97,500 head of cattle, making it one of the top 10 cattle producers in Australia. Approximately \$30 million in infrastructure was put into its properties to carry this number of head. The herd was valued at that time at \$37 million. The ILSIC employed 137 Indigenous people on the properties. At that time, the board's plan was to increase the herd to 150,000 head over the next eight to 10 years. The 2019-20 annual report stated that the ILSIC was now carrying only 40,500 head of cattle, less than half the 2013-14 numbers. If the herd had remained at the 2013-14 level, it would now be valued at \$97.5 million. If it had continued to grow as planned, it would be valued at \$150 million, with sales of approximately \$30 million per year. Why and how has the herd been reduced while Mr Fry and Mr Maher have been at the helm? Ms Stroud: I would have to take on notice the headcount and specific financial details, including the numbers of properties that that herd was spread across. From recollection, it was probably about 14 properties. We now only have eight which we operate. What I can talk to, though, is the ILSIC board's shift in policy in the last couple of years. In short, that shift in policy is now a philosophical view that the ILSIC should not be building assets on its own books; that it should not be operating assets that the Indigenous landholder is better to operate; and that the ILSIC would be better served by supporting landholders to actually operate and benefit their properties themselves rather than the ILSIC doing so. Another philosophical point which the board has resolved in the last couple of years is that it is better for the value of properties and their commercial returns and the assets to be on the balance sheets of the landholders and that the ILSIC shouldn't, in effect, be competing with Indigenous landholders.</p> <p>As we were such a major pastoral operator, many viewed us as being in competition and that we were operating and benefiting from those and building our own asset base. This year the board made a decision that it would no longer be an operator and that it would return to what its core business is, which is to buy and grant land and to support those landholders, including those that own those pastoral stations, to actually operate and manage them themselves. So there is an active exit strategy at the moment, and we are transferring those operations over to the rightful operators, the traditional owners or owners of those properties. In many of them, we are brokered partnerships with other operators and co-investors and partners with those groups that they can operate the stations themselves.</p>	Hansard	9	10-Dec-21
Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation		29-Oct-21	90	McMahon	Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation - cattle ownership and asset ownership	<p>Senator McMAHON: Okay, I realise you may have to take this on notice, but, if those groups and other assets and that \$30 million worth of infrastructure that was put in for that herd size have been transferred over to traditional owners, can you tell me or find out for me what is the herd size now under both the ILSIC and the traditional owners?</p> <p>Senator McMAHON: Thank you. Now I'd like to go to the specific example of Hodgson Downes, which is near Katherine. In 2013-14, it had 13,800 head of cattle. Today it has no cattle and no employment. Would you not see this as a massive squandered opportunity for Indigenous Australians? How and why has this been allowed to happen?</p> <p>Ms Stroud: I will take the specific on notice in terms of the herd size pre and post the ILSIC's exit. I can confirm that Hodgson Downes is an Indigenous held property that the ILSIC was operating. It was not an acquired and granted ILSIC property. There was a lengthy transition out of that, which the ILSIC undertook with the land council and the traditional owners, but we'd be more than happy to provide you with a full briefing on notice.</p>	Hansard	9	10-Dec-21
Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation		29-Oct-21	91	McMahon	Hodgson Downes - cattle	<p>Senator COX: Are you able to tell me which of those stores reinvest their profits back into the community?</p> <p>Mr Bathone: Most of the store profits that go back to the store owners would be reinvested for community benefit purposes, in line with their constitution or the rule book. How they want to invest it is up to the store committees and store directors. Without going into the details of each store, I would say 100 per cent of these stores would be investing a sum of money back into the community benefit account, which would be used for the community benefit overall rather than for an individual purpose. Senator COX: Do you know what percentage of those profits is reinvested in the community? Are you able to give me a figure?</p> <p>Mr Berg: I'd have to take that question on notice because it is different for each store. The decisions don't sit with Outback Stores; the decisions sit with the store owners. For example, a store may have \$500,000 in operating capital in its bank account and \$300,000 of that may have been profit from the previous year. We sit down with the directors four times a year. At the end of the year, we talk about how that money may or may not be best invested into their community or their store. Sometimes, profits are invested into the infrastructure of the store. Sometimes, profits might be invested in a social program for the community—whether it is a playground or some other infrastructure for the community itself. There are 22 profitable stores that we manage. For each of the top dozen or so of those stores, \$300,000 to \$400,000 could be reinvested in the community or in their own infrastructure.</p>	Hansard	10	10-Dec-21
Outback Stores		29-Oct-21	92	Cox	Reinvestment of profits	<p>Senator McMAHON: Yes, so how many are there that, if they don't get vaccinated in the next two weeks, are going to lose their jobs?</p> <p>Mr Berg: It's a tough one. We've got 284 Indigenous employees working in stores, which is on top of our store management and our frontline team. These team members are actually employed by the Aboriginal corporations, not so much Outback Stores, so right now I haven't got an exact number. I can take it on notice and get back to you. I'm from only guidance on some work done last week I would say maybe 15 to 10 per cent are vaccinated. We know specifically that 284 believe 175 are in the Northern Territory. We're pushing to work through about 150 more first vaccinations in the next fortnight to try and maintain those individuals' employment in stores. We are quite positive, and I had some personal discussions with store managers as late as Friday. For example, at the Brewick store—I spoke to the two managers there—they've got seven Indigenous staff, two are vaccinated and they believe that they're well on the way of having good discussions not only with the individuals but more with the leadership in the community about what it means to not be vaccinated in this scenario now. I'm reasonable comfortable that we'll get a pretty good space, but I know that there will be some individuals that will be a little bit hesitant that we may have to have some tough discussions with in the next fortnight.</p> <p>Senator McMAHON: Just to clarify, you estimate you've got about 20 per cent that are vaccinated? So about 80 per cent currently aren't? Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Berg: Yes, that would be a rough estimation. I'm happy to take it on notice and give you some regular updates over the next fortnight because your worry is our worry in this space as well.</p>	Hansard	11	10-Dec-21
Outback Stores		29-Oct-21	93	McMahon	Outback Stores - staff vaccination rate	<p>Senator McMAHON: Yes, so how many are there that, if they don't get vaccinated in the next two weeks, are going to lose their jobs?</p> <p>Mr Berg: It's a tough one. We've got 284 Indigenous employees working in stores, which is on top of our store management and our frontline team. These team members are actually employed by the Aboriginal corporations, not so much Outback Stores, so right now I haven't got an exact number. I can take it on notice and get back to you. I'm from only guidance on some work done last week I would say maybe 15 to 10 per cent are vaccinated. We know specifically that 284 believe 175 are in the Northern Territory. We're pushing to work through about 150 more first vaccinations in the next fortnight to try and maintain those individuals' employment in stores. We are quite positive, and I had some personal discussions with store managers as late as Friday. For example, at the Brewick store—I spoke to the two managers there—they've got seven Indigenous staff, two are vaccinated and they believe that they're well on the way of having good discussions not only with the individuals but more with the leadership in the community about what it means to not be vaccinated in this scenario now. I'm reasonable comfortable that we'll get a pretty good space, but I know that there will be some individuals that will be a little bit hesitant that we may have to have some tough discussions with in the next fortnight.</p> <p>Senator McMAHON: Just to clarify, you estimate you've got about 20 per cent that are vaccinated? So about 80 per cent currently aren't? Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Berg: Yes, that would be a rough estimation. I'm happy to take it on notice and give you some regular updates over the next fortnight because your worry is our worry in this space as well.</p>	Hansard	13	10-Dec-21



National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	127	Ayres	Grants in lieu of jobkeeper	What other organisations were eligible to receive IAS grant funding in lieu of Jobkeeper, similar to that received by USCT? What organisations aside from the IISC received IAS funds for this purpose and what was the value of the grants? CDP providers were advised on May 12, 2021 that participation in activities would now be voluntary, removing the mutual obligation component. Providers report the simultaneous announcement of the policy change and implementation have created communications and implementation challenges on the ground. Why were the mutual obligation components removed without consultation? What incentives are there to now participate in CDP activities? What challenges are being reported to NIAA as a result of this decision?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	128	Ayres	CDP - mutual obligations	What is the intended future for the current CDP providers, and will there be an assurance that no indigenous person are providers still being paid near to full participation payments? What is the relationship between activity participation and CDP payments? Has NIAA decided to pay providers for activities that are not being attended? Is a NIAA intent to pay providers for the next 15 months, for activities not being attended?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	129	Ayres	CDP - indigenous employment guarantee	What is the intent to utilise the new employment services model, where participants self manage their participation? Has NIAA had discussions with non-current CDP providers about the potential to include them into the program?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	130	Ayres	CDP - provider payment	Will there be an opportunity provided to non-indigenous organisations to provide employment services in CDP regions?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	131	Ayres	CDP - activity attendance and payment	If CDP is to change post 2023, what happens to community development and individual participants between now and then - I'm speaking of work-like activities including housing maintenance, access roads maintenance (not supported by federal, state or shire), caring, land-based activities, help at schools, help at child care, getting kids to school and other important matters.	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	132	Ayres	CDP - audit of provider payment	Under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap the Commonwealth made a commitment to a new way of working. The National Agreement also requires that any process allows for a wide variety of people in affected communities.	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	133	Ayres	New employment services model	The NIAA Discussion paper includes a very general consultation timeline which says that "A third and final consultation will be in its evidence to the Inquiry into the Social Security Legislation Amendment (Remote Engagement Program) Bill NIAA"	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	134	Ayres	CDP - non-current providers	Can you table a full breakdown of the funding commitments that accompany the Government's implementation plan? Were these line items in the budget and, if so, can you point the committee to them? Are any of the commitments funded out of the IAS?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	135	Ayres	CDP - non-indigenous provider opportunity	Including the CTG commitments, how much has been committed from the IAS under the forward estimates? Why is the NIAA budget going down over the forward estimates from \$2,193,962,000 in 2021-22 to \$2,165,959,000 in 2022-23? What comments or advice did NIAA provide in relation to the Electoral Legislation Amendment (Voter Integrity) Bill? The communication of the first meeting of the Justice Policy Partnership notes that a high-level work plan was agreed. The Government has announced \$7.6 million in funding to fund the Justice Policy Partnership. Could you provide a breakdown of where that money is drawn from and what it will be used for? Is any of \$7.6 million funded out of the IAS?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	136	Ayres	CDP - program change	Does it include the \$750,000 Indigenous Justice Research Program? Can you provide an explanation for the delay in agreeing to CTG targets for inland waters and community investment, which were due in July 2021? What are the main points of disagreement? Where does the Government expect to be able to announce these targets?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	137	Ayres	National Agreement on Closing the Gap - negotiating a national process	Can you clarify what additional funding has been allocated to the Family Violence Prevention Legal Services (FVPLS) as part of the budget measures to support First Nations women experiencing domestic violence? Of this, what amount is going to existing services and what will be spent on expanding into new areas? What consultation occurred with the National FVPLS Forum or individual FVPLS prior to the announcement of this funding and the intention to expand services to new areas? Please provide the names of service providers and dates consulted.	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	138	Ayres	National Agreement on Closing the Gap - CDP participants expression of views	What areas have been identified for the expansion of FVPLS services? How much of this funding has been delivered to date?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	139	Ayres	Consultation timeline	On 2 September 2021, the Government announced \$13.5 million in funding for 9 service providers for programs to reduce violence against First Nations women and children. Is this funding in addition to the announcements made in the budget? Was this funding in the budget? Is any of it drawn from the IAS?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	140	Ayres	Pilot sites	Was there an open tender process for this funding? What was the nature of the co-design process NIAA engaged in with the services? What were the steps taken and when did it occur? When will the process of co-design of the Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme begin? What is the anticipated time frame to have the process completed? How participants been in the co-design process? What consideration has been given on a communications strategy to reach all possible applicants, including commms. Has a funding profile been established for the \$378.6 million committed over the forward estimates for the program? Where was the allocation was in the budget?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Strategic Policy	5-Nov-21	141	Ayres	Government implementation plan - funding commitments	The current scheme allows families to make an application on behalf of a member of the Stolen Generations who do not have a birth certificate? Does QSNIS hold board elections? If not why not? Does the QSNIS have any representation on its board from Native Title Holders from the regions it represents? What funding is provided to the QSNIS?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Corporate	5-Nov-21	142	Ayres	Indigenous Advancement Strategy - funding	Has the decision of the Minister's office, in relation to any issues between the Native Title Holders and the QSNIS? Budget papers indicate that the ASL staffing levels for the NIAA have not increased over the last 3 years, while additional staff have been added to the NIAA? There have been media reports (https://www.cairbrasil.com.au/story/7436673/indigenous-communities-left-worried-over-2021-budget-cut/) that the ASL staffing levels for the NIAA have not increased over the last 3 years, while additional staff have been added to the NIAA? COVID-19 has seen an escalation on public service demands across the country. This is no exception at NIAA. During the ASL's 2020-21 financial year, how many staff were redeployed to other parts of the NIAA? Can you confirm the date of the last AGM held at the Bulurru Waluwarra Wangkaykuru Aboriginal Corporation?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Corporate	5-Nov-21	143	Ayres	National Indigenous Australians Agency - budget	The reports for the financial year ending 2018 and 2020, indicate the corporation had 9 board members, the same board members for both those reports - is that correct? Are the same board members still the current board members or are the vacancies on the board current? What is the average tenure of the board members? Is there any reason why reports from other previous years are not available on the Orica site?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Corporate	5-Nov-21	144	Ayres	Electoral Legislation Amendment Bill - National Indigenous Australians Agency advice	Given the lack of AGM's what practice is in place for financial reporting? When would expect another AGM to be held?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	145	Ayres	Justice Policy Partnership - high-level work plan	1 Given one of AUSTS objectives is building and preserving a national collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and heritage and making it accessible. As a result of the Julianus grove destruction how your activities in this area changed or increased? 2 If and if you have seen any increase in funding for these activities or have prioritised funds for this work? 3 Is it now 6 months since the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (RIC) received the Waanyi PBC Financial Statements, ORIC would work with Waanyi PBC on proper reporting. What has ORIC done to enable the Waanyi PBC to correct and re- lodge the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Financial Statements? 4 What has ORIC done to help the Waanyi PBC prepare and lodge the 2020 Financial Statements? 5 Waanyi Elders and Elderly Bodies undertook a Joint Venture of Waanyi PBC and Downer has received consents of governance shortfalls in the IISC 6 How is this reporting shortfall being followed up? 7 What communication has been had with the Chair of the IISC regarding this potential contravention of reporting requirements? 8 Why did the Minister table in Parliament the IISC Annual Report without these issues being addressed? 9 In the 2020-21 IISC Annual Report table 1, Table 15 on page 107 records Director's attendance at each Board meeting regarding the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill? 10 Can you please outline what the consultation you have undertaken with the communities you represent looked like regarding the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill? 11 Can you please tell me which communities you consulted with on what days? 12 What notice was given to communities and what support was provided for them to attend the meetings? 13 Did the meetings only contain a briefing of the Bill or did they include genuine consultation, thereby seeking comment and consent on the Bill? 14 Can you please advise which communities explicitly consented to the content of the Bill? 15 Can you please outline what feedback or comment has been received on the Bill, including what changes were requested by Traditional Owners, and how this has been taken back to the Department to take into account during the Bill development process? 16 What changes have you seen made to the proposed Bill as a result of such feedback? 17 Can you please outline what the consultation you have undertaken with the communities you represent looked like regarding the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill? 18 Can you please tell me which communities you consulted with on what days? 19 What notice was given to communities and what support was provided for them to attend the meetings? 20 Did the meetings only contain a briefing of the Bill or did they include genuine consultation, thereby seeking comment and consent on the Bill? 21 Can you please advise which communities explicitly consented to the content of the Bill? 22 Can you please outline what feedback or comment has been received on the Bill? 23 Can you please advise how this community feedback has been provided to the Department to take into account during the Bill development process?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	146	Ayres	Justice Policy Partnership - funding	During the last financial year, what percentage of corporations or organisations receiving IAS funding were First Nations owned? Please also provide a list of these organisations including how much funding was received by each. How many of the 10 biggest IAS funding recipients in the last financial year were First Nations owned? What actions are you taking to increase the amount of funding and number of funding recipients of IAS money by First Nations organisations to ensure the monies intended for First Nations people are actually also coming to us? Can you advise on what has been held with Mr Harold Thomas and the current licensees, the dates of the meetings and what outcomes the meetings had? We are now exactly a year after the Senate Select Committee presented its report on the Aboriginal flag and the public has still not heard any progress on the flag negotiations. Can you please outline what actions are currently being taken to achieve a resolution? Can you advise who in the department holds responsibility over the matter? In evidence to the committee, the Torres Strait Region's (TSRC) advised that their limited funding can restrict what actions they can take when there are instances of misuse of the Torres Strait Islander flag. What actions has the department taken to assist the TSRC in such instances? Has the TSRC seen any changes in funding as a consequence of the inquiry findings?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Strategic Policy	5-Nov-21	147	Ayres	Close the Gap targets - delay for inland waters	Given	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	148	Ayres	Family Violence Prevention Legal Services - funding	• The ANAO incorrectly placed the land into agricultural zoning when it was in an area zoned for Sydney's second airport. • The ANAO incorrectly applied the relevant accounting standard AASB13 paragraph 29 and 30 by applying best use. • The ANAO ignored valuation standards that said potential value needed to be taken into account. • The ANAO failed to refer to previous case law that has said that land being acquired by governments must be valued at best use regardless of intent. • The ANAO appears not to have consulted the Australian Government Solicitor. • The ANAO ignored the findings of a "Joint Study on Aviation Capacity in the Sydney Region", which noted the costs of not building the airport would cost \$24 billion in foregone GDP and around 70,000 jobs. • The ANAO ignored that the Keating government valued land acquired for the airport at around \$30 million when they paid around \$130 million for it. 1. Why did the ANAO get the facts of this audit so wrong? 2. Why won't the ANAO hand over records of meetings with department staff? 3. Did the ANAO have meetings with department staff. If so, how many? 4. Has the ANAO issued a formal apology to the department and its staff that were stood down, especially since they had their hours raised by the federal police and strip searched? 5. Was this orchestrated and why did you refer the matter to police before speaking to them knowing that once a police investigation began they would be gagged and unable to defend themselves in the court of public justice? 6. Have a report from a qualified town planner who has 25 years experience working in Western Sydney who says that the Leppington triangle was actually in the airport zone at the time the Federal Government purchased the land. Given the ANAO report contained allegations that were completely false and defamatory, who in the ANAO is going to take responsibility for such poor auditing and resign?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	149	Ayres	Family Violence Prevention Legal Services - areas of expansion			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	150	Ayres	Family Violence Prevention Legal Services - funding delivery			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	151	Ayres	Family violence - extra funding			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	152	Ayres	Family violence - extra funding tender process			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	153	Ayres	Family violence - extra funding community consultation and co-design process			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	154	Ayres	Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme - co-design process			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	155	Ayres	Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme - communication strategy			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	156	Ayres	Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme - funding			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	157	Ayres	Territories Stolen Generations Redress Scheme - posthumous applications			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	158	Ayres	Queensland South Native Title Services			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	159	Ayres	Queensland South Native Title Services - board elections			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	160	Ayres	Queensland South Native Title Services - board representation			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	161	Ayres	Queensland South Native Title Services - funding			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	5-Nov-21	162	Ayres	Queensland South Native Title Services - values			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Corporate	5-Nov-21	163	Ayres	National Indigenous Australians Agency - staffing levels			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Corporate	5-Nov-21	164	Ayres	National Indigenous Australians Agency - workload			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Minister's Office	5-Nov-21	165	Ayres	National Indigenous Australians Agency - resourcing			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Minister's Office	5-Nov-21	166	Ayres	National Indigenous Australians Agency - staff wellbeing			
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	5-Nov-21	167	Ayres	Bulurru Waluwarra Wangkaykuru Aboriginal Corporation - AGM date			
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	5-Nov-21	168	Ayres	Bulurru Waluwarra Wangkaykuru Aboriginal Corporation - board members			
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	5-Nov-21	169	Ayres	Bulurru Waluwarra Wangkaykuru Aboriginal Corporation - board members average tenure			
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	5-Nov-21	170	Ayres	Bulurru Waluwarra Wangkaykuru Aboriginal Corporation - previous years reports			
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	5-Nov-21	171	Ayres	Bulurru Waluwarra Wangkaykuru Aboriginal Corporation - general returns			
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	5-Nov-21	172	Ayres	Bulurru Waluwarra Wangkaykuru Aboriginal Corporation - financial reporting			
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	5-Nov-21	173	Ayres	Bulurru Waluwarra Wangkaykuru Aboriginal Corporation - AGM			
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies		5-Nov-21	174	Thorpe	Heritage Protection			
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	5-Nov-21	175	Thorpe	Waanyi PBC Financial Statements			
Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	5-Nov-21	176	Thorpe	Waanyi PBC - Joint Venture			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Corporate	5-Nov-21	177	Thorpe	Corporate Governance			
Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation	Minister's Office	5-Nov-21	178	Thorpe	Corporate Governance - Statutory obligation			
Northern Land Council		5-Nov-21	179	Thorpe	Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill - Comment and consent on the Bill?			
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Central Land Council		5-Nov-21	181	Thorpe	Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill - Comment and consent on the Bill?			
Central Land Council		5-Nov-21	182	Thorpe	Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill - Comment and consent on the Bill?			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Program Performance Delivery	5-Nov-21	183	Thorpe	IAS Funding			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Corporate	5-Nov-21	184	Thorpe	Aboriginal Flag			
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Corporate	5-Nov-21	185	Thorpe	Torres Strait Islander flag - misuse			
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	186	Bennick	Sydney's second airport			



Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	187	Reberts	Alleged misuse of disaster funding	1. I spoke on alleged misuse of disaster funding at March estimates where concerns were raised. At your request I raised these issues formally with the ANAO with a view to the agency conducting a further audit along the lines of the 2015 Audit that was reported. I note from your website that such an audit is now being considered for the 2022-23 period. Can you please tell me the state of play of the proposed audit being considered? 2. Can you confirm that no such detailed audit has been completed yet by your agency since the 2015 Report was completed? 3. Did Mr Moon and Mr Hallam meet with the ANAO in 2021 to discuss allegations of NDRA fraud in Queensland. If so, what transpired? 4. Are you aware of a 2021 Report prepared by Mr Moon with reference to alleged misuse of NDRA/DRFA funding?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	188	Reberts	Allegations of NDRA fraud	5. Are you aware if any of the 2015 Report's recommendations were ever implemented?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	189	Reberts	ANAO 2015 report recommendations	Do you know whether embezzled funds from Central Highlands Regional Council were ever reimbursed to the Council?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	190	Reberts	Central Highlands Regional Council	Can you confirm that the proposed audit will be a full, boots on the ground audit with genuine interviewing of parties?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	191	Reberts	Proposed 2021-22 audit	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Could you confirm that the name of the KPMG document is "Financial Strength Assessment of Construct International Pty Ltd"?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	192	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment of Construct International Pty Ltd	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Is there anything in the Financial Strength Assessment to suggest that it relates to an entity other than Construct International Pty Ltd? If yes, please provide details.	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	193	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment - entities	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Have you reviewed the Department of Home Affairs' responses to Question on Notice BE21-182 and Question on Notice No. 4110, in which the Department twice changes its story of what entities the Financial Strength Assessment related to?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	194	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment - Department of Home Affairs	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Does the Financial Strength Assessment, the title of which is "Financial Strength Assessment of Construct International Pty Ltd", make it clear that it does not cover Construct International Pty Ltd? Does the Financial Strength Assessment, the title of which is "Financial Strength Assessment of Construct International Pty Ltd", make it clear that it covers only Construct Pty Ltd?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	195	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment - coverage	In your view, is the document entitled "Financial Strength Assessment of Construct International Pty Ltd" misleading? If not, why do you say it isn't?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	196	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment - tender process	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Did the Audit Office understand the Financial Strength Assessment to relate to Construct International Pty Ltd when it reviewed the limited tender process in relation to the garrison and welfare contract for Nauru?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	197	Ayres	Relationship with Construct Pty Ltd	Based on the Department's responses to Question on Notice BE21-182 and Question on Notice No. 4110, where the Department confirms that it has no recourse to Construct Pty Ltd whatsoever, do you agree that the financial strength of Construct Pty Ltd had and continues to have no relevance whatsoever to the commercial agreement between the Department and Construct International Pty Ltd? If you do not agree with that proposition, why not? With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Is it consistent with the Commonwealth Procurement Rules to award a contract to Construct International Pty Ltd on the basis of a financial strength assessment of Construct Pty Ltd - despite the Department having no recourse to Construct Pty Ltd? If so, please explain why.	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	198	Ayres	Commonwealth Procurement Rules - Construct Pty Ltd	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Was it consistent with the Department's obligation to use public resources properly - including efficiently, effectively, economically and ethically - to pay KPMG to conduct a Financial Strength Assessment of Construct Pty Ltd in circumstances where the Department was proposing to enter into a contract with Construct International Pty Ltd and not proposing to enter into any arrangement with Construct Pty Ltd whatsoever? If it was consistent with that obligation, please explain why and identify other examples of this happening.	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	199	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment of Construct Pty Ltd - KPMG	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Noting that the name of the Financial Strength Assessment is "Financial Strength Assessment of Construct International Pty Ltd", and noting that the Department now concedes that it is no such thing, did officials from the Department comply with their obligation to maintain accurate documentation commensurate with the scale, scope and risk of this procurement? If you think the Department did comply with that obligation in light of this new information, please explain why.	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	200	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment of Construct International Pty Ltd - Department's Procurement	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Noting that KPMG assessed the overall financial risk of Construct to be "moderate to high" on the basis that the company had generated approximately \$70 million of revenue in 2016, and noting that Construct International had in fact generated zero revenue in 2016, what was the overall financial risk of entering into a contract with Construct International Pty Ltd?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	201	Ayres	Construct International Pty Ltd - contract	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: In Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20, the Auditor-General writes that "as part of the tender evaluation process, the department concentrated on an examination of financial viability and commissioned KPMG to undertake a financial strength assessment on each of the four providers" (para 2.80). In light of the new evidence from the Department on Home Affairs, this is clearly inaccurate (noting that the Department has now admitted that it did not commission KPMG to undertake a financial strength assessment of Construct International - or, if it did, KPMG failed to do undertake any such assessment). Will the Auditor-General seek to clarify or amend this aspect of the audit report? If not, why not?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	202	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment - tender evaluation process	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: In Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20, the Auditor-General writes that "[t]he department's due diligence inquiries were limited to financial strength assessments of all four tenders. The financial risk for each was assessed as moderate to high." In light of the new evidence from the Department of Home Affairs, this is clearly inaccurate (noting that, in relation to the Nauru procurement, the Department's due diligence inquiries were limited to a financial strength assessment of an entity that did not tender for the contract). Will the Auditor-General seek to clarify or amend this aspect of the audit report? If not, why not?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	203	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment - tender for contract	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Were you misled by the Financial Strength Assessment? If you do not believe you were misled, please explain why.	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	204	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment - misled	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Are you concerned that: a. the Department of Home Affairs decided to award a contract that is now worth \$1.6 billion to a company that had no staff, generated no revenue and held no assets and did so without a competitive tender, and that decision was made before there had been any due diligence in relation to that company; b. after that decision was made, the Department conducted a due diligence process but no contingency plans were put in place at all in the event the due diligence process determined that Construct International was not a suitable tenderer; c. the Department paid KPMG thousands of dollars of money to produce a financial strength assessment that made Construct International Pty Ltd appear financially viable when, in fact, Construct International was not financially viable at all - it had never even traded; d. in fact, KPMG conducted a financial strength assessment in relation to a completely different company, Construct Pty Ltd, but the document was made to appear as though the assessment was in relation to Construct International - hence the title of the document "Financial Strength Assessment of Construct International Pty Ltd"; and e. on the basis of that misleading Financial Strength Assessment, the Department followed through on the decision it had already made to give Construct International this valuable contract, which is now worth \$1.6 billion, without a competitive tender - and it did not seek any security or guarantees from the company KPMG had, in fact, conducted as financial strength assessment of (Construct Pty Ltd)? If you are not concerned that this is what happened, why are you not concerned? What inquiries have you made to get to the bottom of this?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	205	Ayres	Construct International Pty Ltd - contracted by Department of Home Affairs	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Whose decision was it to make the Financial Strength Assessment appear as though it related to Construct International Pty Ltd?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	206	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment - appear related to Construct International Pty Ltd	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Noting that KPMG says in its Assessment that the only sources of information relied upon by KPMG were (i) Construct International Pty Ltd's audited financial statements for years ending 31 December 2014, 2015 and 2016 and (ii) Construct's website, did you review the audited financial statements provided to KPMG by the Department (or by Construct)? If so, did those audited financial statements purport to come from Construct Pty Ltd or Construct International Pty Ltd? If not, why did KPMG understand those statements to relate to Construct International?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	207	Ayres	Construct International Pty Ltd - Financial Statements	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment of the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Construct International Pty Ltd: Did Construct provide the Department or KPMG with financial statements for years ending 31 December 2014, 2015 and 2016 that purported to relate to Construct International Pty Ltd? If not, were the financial statements altered so that they appeared to come from Construct International and not Construct Pty Ltd and, if they were, who altered them?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	208	Ayres	Construct International Pty Ltd - Financial Statements - altered	When the Department provided KPMG with instructions in relation to the preparation of a Financial Strength Assessment, did the Department ask KPMG to prepare a Financial Strength Assessment in relation to Construct Pty Ltd or Construct International Pty Ltd?	Written	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		4-Nov-21	209	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment in relation to Construct Pty Ltd or Construct International Pty Ltd	A copy of "Fighting Spirit" - a coffee table book talking about the bushfires, the frontline workers, and the recovery, published in partnership between the NRR Agency and New Corps, was delivered to each MP's office. • How much did it cost to produce the book? How were costs split between the Agency and New Corps? A copy of "Fighting Spirit" - a coffee table book talking about the bushfires, the frontline workers, and the recovery, published in partnership between the NRR Agency and New Corps, was delivered to each MP's office. • Which pool of funds has it come from?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Recovery and Resilience Agency		8-Nov-21	210	Waters	Fighting Spirit book - production cost	A copy of "Fighting Spirit" - a coffee table book talking about the bushfires, the frontline workers, and the recovery, published in partnership between the NRR Agency and New Corps, was delivered to each MP's office. • Was it subject to the review against the government advertising / campaign guidelines?	Written	10-Dec-21
National Recovery and Resilience Agency		8-Nov-21	211	Waters	Fighting Spirit book - funds		Written	10-Dec-21
National Recovery and Resilience Agency		8-Nov-21	212	Waters	Fighting Spirit book - review against government and campaign guidelines		Written	10-Dec-21

National Recovery and Resilience Agency		8-Nov-21	213	Waters	Fighting Spirit book - projected profits going to Blaze Aid	A copy of "Fighting Spirit" - a coffee table book talking about the bushfires, the frontline workers, and the recovery, published in partnership between the NRA Agency and New Corps, was delivered to each MP's office. What are the projected profits from the sale of the book that will go to Blaze Aid? Are these funds in addition to direct grants to the organisation?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Public Service Commission		8-Nov-21	214	Waters	Trend of non-ongoing employment arrangements	How would you describe the trend of ongoing vs non-ongoing employment arrangements within the public service?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Public Service Commission		8-Nov-21	215	Waters	Non-ongoing contractors - access to home loans	Are you aware that non-ongoing contractors make a harder for public servants (especially young public servants) to do so?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Public Service Commission		8-Nov-21	216	Waters	Use of consultants or contractors - value for money	Is his omission to the inquiry into capabilities of the APS, Andrew Rodger AO recommendations (include the use	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Public Service Commission		8-Nov-21	217	Waters	APS Gender Equality Strategy - endorsement process	In July 2021, the APSG announced that it was "conducting a refresh of the APS Gender Equality Strategy" to be issued	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Public Service Commission		8-Nov-21	218	Waters	WGEA sends data reporting obligations	What work has been done to prepare the APS for new WGEA gender data reporting obligations for the public service?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Public Service Commission		8-Nov-21	219	Waters	Appeals to the Merit Commissioner	How many appeals has the Commissioner undertaken in the past 12 months?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Public Service Commission		8-Nov-21	220	Waters	Merit Commissioner reviews - process improvement	Which, if any, agencies have the highest number of reviews?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Public Service Commission		8-Nov-21	221	Waters	Parliamentary Workplaces Support Service - funding	Where an agency has a high number of reviews, is any action taken to improve pro/ recruitment processes etc?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Public Service Commission		8-Nov-21	222	Waters	Parliamentary Workplaces Support Service - multiple complaints process	Please outline the funding arrangements for the PWSS - how many people are employed, who is running it, how much	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	25-Oct-21	223	Wong	Submarine briefing - 2019 media reporting	Compare any previous media reporting on the safety of submarines under the Safety Rehabilitation and Compensation Act	Written	10-Dec-21	
					Senator WONG: Perhaps someone can confirm on notice whether the article in which someone has been briefed th	Senator WONG: Perhaps someone can confirm on notice whether the article in which someone has been briefed th	Senator	86	10-Dec-21
Digital Transformation Agency		15-Nov-21	224	Ayres	Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Framework	The US National Institute of Standards and Technology is developing an Artificial Intelligence Risk Management Framework. The Framework "is intended for voluntary use and to improve the ability to incorporate trustworthiness considerations into the design, development, use, and evaluation of AI products, services, and systems." a. Is there a Commonwealth framework for the use of design, development or use of AI in government services? b. Is there a framework of working or under consideration by government? c. Which department would be responsible for developing such a framework?	Written	10-Dec-21	
					Mr Colquhoun: I apologise, I was incorrect. Both MODUs are still classified. Sorry, my mistake. Senator WONG: So all we got is a press announcement? Mr Colquhoun: At this stage. Senator WONG: Is anybody going to release something? Mr Colquhoun: I'm sure there will be more information forthcoming. Senator WONG: ANZUS is public. Well, not all of it. Mr Colquhoun: It's in the very early stages. Senator WONG: It's in the very early stages. Mr Colquhoun: In terms of the 18-month task force work. Senator WONG: But we've announced the partnership. So what's the legal basis of the partnership? Mr Colquhoun: I think you'd best be asking that question of the Department of Defence, or I can take it on notice.	Senator	103	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	National Security	25-Oct-21	225	Wong	AUKUS - legal basis of partnership	Senator AYRES: Has Mr Hirst's name come up in relation to any other grants funding programs that the Audit Office has engaged with? Mr Hirst: I think that would be a very difficult question for Mr Boyd to answer. He doesn't do all of our grants - Senator AYRES: Okay, perhaps it is better directed to you, Mr Hirst. Mr Hirst: I can't recall it, but I don't think I could answer it either. I'm not aware of who the person is that we are talking about. Senator AYRES: He is the federal director of the Liberal Party. Would you on notice be able to tell me?	Senator	103	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		25-Oct-21	226	Ayres	Grant funding program - Mr Hirst	With reference to Auditor-General Report No. 37 2019-20 and the Financial Strength Assessment the Department of Home Affairs commissioned from KPMG in relation to Canstruck International Pty Ltd what inquiries have you made to get to the bottom of this?	Senator	126	10-Dec-21
Australian National Audit Office		5-Nov-21	227	Ayres	Financial Strength Assessment Department of Home Affairs - inquiries made	What inquiries will you make?	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	9-Nov-21	228	Farrell	Indigenous Tourism Fund - update	Please provide an update on the Indigenous Tourism Fund, what activities have been undertaken since July 2021?	Written	10-Dec-21	
					In relation to the Tourism Grants for Indigenous Business Program please advise a. How many successful applications b. Were any applications been declined i. If yes, how many c. How much has been allocated from the program d. How much funding remains	Written	10-Dec-21		
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	9-Nov-21	229	Farrell	Indigenous Business Program - tourism grants	Please provide an update on the Indigenous Tourism Mentoring program including a. how people can access the fund b. how many people are participating? c. what outcomes have been achieved? d. are there any KPI's in the program e. if yes, what are they? f. How are mentors selected? g. Do mentors receive remuneration or in-kind support? i. If yes, what does this look like?	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	9-Nov-21	230	Farrell	Indigenous Tourism Mentoring Program - update	Have decisions been made about how the \$17m for co-investment with the states and territories will be run? If yes, written	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	9-Nov-21	231	Farrell	Co-investment - states and territories	Have any states or territories taken up the governments offer? If yes, how much has been spent?	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	9-Nov-21	232	Farrell	Co-investment - state and territories update	Is the Federal Government working on States and Territories around this fund? If yes, how?	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	9-Nov-21	233	Farrell	Co-investment - Federal Government assistance	How much of the fund has been spent? How much remains? When will this money be spent by?	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Economic Policy and Programs	9-Nov-21	234	Farrell	Co-investment - expenses	What support (including funding commitments) is the NIAA providing to Commissioner Oscar around stage 3 of the	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	9-Nov-21	235	Waters	Women's Safety Ministers' Taskforce - Cabinet confidentiality	In light of Justice White's decision that National Cabinet documents are not subject to the Cabinet confidentiality FO	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	9-Nov-21	236	Thorp	Pathways to Justice - An Inquiry into the Rates of Incarceration of Aboriginal and Torres Stra	The Australian Law Reform Commission's report Pathways to Justice - An Inquiry into the Rates of Incarceration of	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	10-Nov-21	237	Cox	Women's Voices Project - support	What support (including funding commitments) is the NIAA providing to Commissioner Oscar around stage 3 of the	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies		10-Nov-21	238	Cox	Research projects - funding and community based research	In regards to the 14 new National Indigenous-led research projects announced on 11 August: a. Are any of these projects grounded in new and emerging research? If not, why not? b. Are any of these projects grounded in community based participatory research? If not, why not? c. How is AIATSIS collaborating with enable community based participatory research? d. Is AIATSIS running any programs to teach participatory research theory? If so, can you please provide the details of these programs? If not, why not?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies		10-Nov-21	239	Cox	Research projects - participatory research	Can you please outline the work AIATSIS is undertaking around the song lines project, including the methodology	Written	10-Dec-21	
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies		10-Nov-21	240	Cox	Song lines project	What is the Government's short term digital strategy, say for the next twelve months? In a recent article published by the Conversation, Australia's Digital Economy Strategy is slammed for being grossly inadequate when compared to countries like France and Singapore, both of which are implementing similar initiatives that are 10 times bigger. What was the recommendation by the Department of how much money was required for this plan to be successful? How much did it cost for the government to create the Digital Economy Strategy document? Do you think it is value for money? The Australian Computer Society Digital Pulse report compiled by Deloitte says we need 6,000 new technology workers every year for the next five years just to meet growing demand, yet only 7,000 students graduated with IT degrees in Australia in 2019. What is your plan to fix this? Has the Government done its own modelling on future labour needs in the market and has this guided policy? If so, do you believe this policy response is adequate to meet this growing demand? What is the timeline for an Australian Data Strategy - it is due by the end of the year? The Digital Economy Strategy had \$1.2 billion in spending committed in the most recent budget. How much of this does your department have carriage of? Have any external consultants or organisations been hired in the process of developing or implementing this strategy? If there have been external organisations contracted as part of this strategy's implementation, was special consideration given to awarding work to Australian companies, in particular SMEs?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Digital Technologies Taskforce	10-Nov-21	241	Chisholm	Digital Economy Strategy	When and how was the Governor-General informed Mr Joyce had been elected Leader of the National Party again?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	242	Ayres	Mr Joyce's re-appointment to Cabinet	When Mr Morrison was elected Leader of the Liberal Party the then Leader of the National Party, Mr McCormack, was	Written	10-Dec-21	
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	243	Ayres	National Party - assurance of confidence	Did Mr Joyce write to the Governor-General when he was re-elected leader of the National Party in August?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	244	Ayres	Mr Joyce - writing to Governor-General	Did the Governor-General seek any assurances from Mr Joyce following Mr Joyce's election as Leader of the National	Written	10-Dec-21	
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	245	Ayres	Governor-General - assurances sought	Is the former CLP Chief Minister and Federal Liberal Party President, and current head of an agency in the Prime Min	Written	10-Dec-21	
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	246	Ayres	Mr Stone - community representative Council for the Order of Australia	Was he failed Liberal Party candidate and chair of the Conservative Political Action Committee, Mr Mum	Written	10-Dec-21	
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	247	Ayres	Mr Mundine - appointment to Council for the Order of Australia	Is it common to have political appointees appointed to the Council, or is this a new practice?	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	12-Nov-21	248	Ayres	Appointments to the Council for the Order of Australia	Please explain why this grant opportunity was categorised as targeted competitive.	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	12-Nov-21	249	Cox	Indigenous Youth Connection to Culture grant - targeted competitive category	Will entities need to be invited by NIAA to apply for this grant opportunity?	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	12-Nov-21	250	Cox	Indigenous Youth Connection to Culture grant - invitations	Will future IYCC grant opportunities be open to all Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations or ab	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	12-Nov-21	251	Cox	Indigenous Youth Connection to Culture grant - future opportunities	In future, when only invited organisations are able to apply for IYCC and related grant opportunities, will the ration	Written	10-Dec-21	
National Indigenous Australians Agency	Social Policy and Programs	12-Nov-21	252	Cox	Indigenous Youth Connection to Culture grant - rationale of invitations made public	When did the Prime Minister or his office first seek advice from the department on net zero?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	253	Ayres	Net zero advice	Is the Morrison Government's 2050 emissions target the same target set by Mr Abbott when he was Prime Minister?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	254	Ayres	2050 Emissions target	Is Mr Nix's view right to say Mr Morrison wanted a more ambitious 2030 target, but the National Party wouldn't let	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	255	Ayres	Climate agreement with the National Party	What was on the National Party's secret list of demands related to net zero?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	256	Ayres	National Party - list of demands	Why was the list of demands a secret?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	257	Ayres	National Party - list of demands inclusions	Did the National Party's secret list of demands include (a) an extra Cabinet position for the National Party (b) machin	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	258	Ayres	National Party - providing list of demands	Can the full list of demands presented to the Prime Minister be provided?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	259	Ayres	National Party - list of demands Department's involvement	When did the department see the list of demands?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	260	Ayres	National Party - list of demands agreement by Prime Minister	Can the full list of demands agreed by the Prime Minister be provided? When did the department see the list of dem	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	261	Ayres	National Party - list of demands Prime Minister's response	Can the Prime Minister's written response to the list of demands be provided?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	262	Ayres	National Party - list of demands Prime Minister's response	When did the department see the Prime Minister's response to the list of demands?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	263	Ayres	Leaking against the National Party	Is the Deputy Leader of the National Party in the Senate, Senator Canavan, right to believe the Prime Minister's Office	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	264	Ayres	Civil nuclear capability	On 18 September 2021 the Prime Minister said Australia is not seeking to establish a civil nuclear capability, is that s	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	265	Ayres	Civil nuclear capability - departmental advice	Has the department been asked to provide any advice on the pathway to a civil nuclear capability?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	National Security	12-Nov-21	266	Ayres	Necessary nuclear capabilities	When announcing the appointment of Mr Price as Science Minister on 1 October 2021 the Prime Minister said "the	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	267	Ayres	Coalition agreement - climate change policy	Does the current Coalition Agreement address climate change policy?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	268	Ayres	Coalition agreement - copy provided	Can a copy of the current Coalition Agreement be provided?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	269	Ayres	Coalition agreement - amendments	Was the Coalition Agreement amended as a consequence of the deal with the National Party on net zero?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	270	Ayres	Health system capacity to deal with COVID - briefing	When did the Prime Minister receive his last briefing on the capacity of the health and hospital system to cope with	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	271	Ayres	Health system capacity to deal with COVID - briefing frequency	How often does the Prime Minister receive a briefing on the ability of the health and hospital system to cope with i	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	272	Ayres	Health system capacity to deal with COVID - briefing officer	Who is the Prime Minister?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	273	Ayres	Health system capacity to deal with COVID - National Cabinet report	National Cabinet established a cross jurisdictional working group to report back to the Prime Minister and National Cabinet on 3 September on the health and hospital system capacity and workforce needed to meet the expected demands from COVID.	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	274	Ayres	Health system capacity to deal with COVID - meeting with AMA President	Has that group reported to the Prime Minister? If so, (a) when and (b) can a copy of the report be provided?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	275	Ayres	Health system capacity to deal with COVID - meeting with AMA President	Has the Prime Minister met with the President of the AMA since 7 October 2021 to discuss demands on the hospital	Written	10-Dec-21	
Digital Transformation Agency		15-Nov-21	276	Ayres	Vulnerability Disclosure - Current legislative landscape	Does the Digital Transformation Agency have a view on whether the current legislative landscape is a barrier to disclosure? If yes, has the Digital Transformation Agency suggested legislative reforms to the Minister? In August this year, the Prime Minister told the House of Representatives "the government have been completely transparent when it comes to the modelling that has been provided by the Doherty Institute, and we will continue to be when and if further information is presented." Has any Doherty modelling been provided to the department, the National Cabinet or the Prime Minister which has not been released? On what date did the Prime Minister first speak to the CEO of Pfizer International Albert Bourla about the supply of Moderna CEO - phone calls On what date did the Prime Minister first speak to the CEO of Moderna International Stéphane Bancel about COVID On what date did the Prime Minister first speak to the CEO of Johnson & Johnson Stéphane Aderes Gersky about COVID When will Australia start producing mRNA vaccines? In Queensland this year, the Prime Minister referred to a briefing from Lieutenant General Frederick Birt Did the Prime Minister or his office play any role in the appointment of Mr Nigel Blunden to the National COVID Vaxi Has the Prime Minister or his office had any discussion with Mr Blunden about a public service or MOPSI Act staff How has the Prime Minister or his office supported the development of digital platforms, such as WhatsApp, computer membe Has the Prime Minister or his office requested any briefing from the Department on the use of rapid antigen testing	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Risk Analysis and Response	12-Nov-21	277	Ayres	Doherty modelling	It has been reported by Joseph Brookes in InnovationAus that certifications under the Digital Transformation Agencies Hosting Certification Framework have been awarded "contingent on undertakings from the companies that they will reach full compliance with HCF requirements in the future." a. How many certified strategic hosting providers have existing non-compliance issues, including those that are contingent on undertakings that they will reach full compliance in the future? b. Which certified hosting providers have been certified providers but are undertaking that they will reach full compliance? Are these hosting providers currently being used by Commonwealth government entities? c. Has advice been provided to the minister on contingencies if certified providers do not reach full compliance? If yes, what was this advice?	Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	278	Ayres	Pfizer CEO - phone calls		Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	279	Ayres	Moderna CEO - phone calls		Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	280	Ayres	Johnson & Johnson - phone calls		Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	281	Ayres	Australian production of mRNA vaccines		Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	282	Ayres	Opposition briefing from General Freeman		Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	283	Ayres	Appointment of Mr Blunden		Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	284	Ayres	Mr Blunden - future staffing arrangements		Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	285	Ayres	Rapid antigen testing - briefings		Written	10-Dec-21	
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	286	Ayres	Rapid antigen testing - briefings		Written	10-Dec-21	
Digital Transformation Agency		15-Nov-21	287	Ayres	Hosting certification Framework		Written	10-Dec-21	

Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cabinet	12-Nov-21	286	Ayres	Rapid antigen testing - National Cabinet	Who first raised the use of rapid antigen testing in Australia at National Cabinet?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	287	Ayres	Rapid antigen testing - legislative requirements	Has the Prime Minister sought any advice from his Department about any legislative requirements - including at a moment - one valued at \$98,000 from May to December 2021, and one valued at \$93,000 from August to November 2021.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	288	Ayres	Jane Halton - contracts	Ms Jane Halton appears to have been in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet at the moment - one valued at \$98,000 from May to December 2021, and one valued at \$93,000 from August to November 2021.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	289	Ayres	Quarantine Services Australia - Jane Halton interests	What work is Ms Halton doing for the department under each contract?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	290	Ayres	Quarantine Services Australia - departmental advice	Who selected Ms Halton to undertake this work?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	291	Ayres	Quarantine Services Australia - discussions with the Prime Minister's Office	Are there any conflicts between Ms Halton's business interests and her work for the department?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	292	Ayres	Quarantine Services Australia - Cabinet deliberations	If so, how are they being managed?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	293	Ayres	Mr Grebe's employment with Mr Gaetjens	Has the GSA proposal been discussed by Cabinet?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Executive	12-Nov-21	294	Ayres	Secretary's diary	Has the GSA proposal been discussed by the National Cabinet?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Executive	12-Nov-21	295	Ayres	Gaetjens report - timeframe	Did Mr Grebe work with Mr Gaetjens when Mr Morrison's chief of staff?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	296	Ayres	Gaetjens report - work and suspension of inquiry	Can Mr Gaetjens' diary pages for 25 October 2021 and 27 September 2021 be provided?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Executive	12-Nov-21	297	Ayres	Gaetjens report - Prime Minister's Office staff interviews	With reference to the statement by Mr Gaetjens on 25 May 2021 in connection with his inquiry to what knowledge the Prime Minister's Office had about the alleged assault of Ms Brittany Higgins in March 2019:	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	298	Ayres	Gaetjens report - costs	"It'll finish as soon as possible. I can't give you a correct time because I'm relying on people to return statements and issues like that, but there's nothing that I think will be a delay of any significance. I would expect it to be probably weeks, not days - certainly not months."	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Executive	12-Nov-21	299	Ayres	Gaetjens report - conclusion	Why wasn't the inquiry completed within weeks?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	300	Ayres	Meetings with Ms Tame	Please provide a detailed description of the work Mr Gaetjens and other officers of his department undertook in connection with the inquiry between 25 May and 30 August 2021 when Mr Gaetjens again suspended the inquiry.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	301	Ayres	Government staffing committee	Please provide any legal advice that supports the suspension of the inquiry.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	12-Nov-21	302	Ayres	National apology to thalidomide survivors	How many members of the Prime Minister's staff has Mr Gaetjens interviewed since he commenced his inquiry in February 2021, by month?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	303	Ayres	Religious discrimination bill - negotiations	Has Mr Gaetjens interviewed the senior adviser to the Prime Minister who attended a meeting at Parliament House on 4 April 2019 to discuss the termination of Ms Higgins' alleged attacker?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	304	Ayres	Religious discrimination bill - departmental role	What costs has the department incurred in relation to the inquiry to date?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	305	Ayres	Religious discrimination bill - Fofau clause	Does Mr Gaetjens intend to finish the work he started in the months after 10 Feb, or when?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	306	Ayres	Religious discrimination bill - legislative timeframe	On how many occasions has the Prime Minister met the Australian of the Year, Ms Grace Tame, since January 2021?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	307	Ayres	Mr Porter blind trust - advice	Who are the current members of the Government Staffing Committee?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	308	Ayres	Mr Porter - additional disclosures departmental advice	When will the Prime Minister deliver the National Apology to Australian thalidomide survivors and their families announced by the Government in October last year?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	309	Ayres	Mr Porter blind trust - Prime Minister's awareness	Why has more than a year passed with no apology from the Prime Minister?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	310	Ayres	Mr Porter - donor identity	On 18 October Paul Karp at the Guardian reported that the managing director of the Australian Christian Lobby, Mr Martin Iles, told a radio station negotiations on a new religious discrimination bill were ongoing with the Attorney-General and the Prime Minister's Office but were likely to be completed in a "final day or two".	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	311	Ayres	Mr Porter's declaration update required under the Statement of Ministerial Standards	What role is the Prime Minister's Office playing in these negotiations?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	312	Ayres	Departmental advice on implications for the ministerial standards	Who in the Prime Minister's Office is negotiating with Mr Iles?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	313	Ayres	Additional disclosures provided to the Prime Minister	On 18 October Paul Karp at the Guardian reported that the managing director of the Australian Christian Lobby, Mr Martin Iles, told a radio station negotiations on a new religious discrimination bill were ongoing with the Attorney-General and the Prime Minister's Office but were likely to be completed in a "final day or two".	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	314	Ayres	Mr Porter - disclosing sources of money	According to the Guardian, Mr Iles told the radio station the Government had changed its mind and the bill will include a so-called "Fofau clause" - is that the case?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	315	Ayres	Mr Porter - Cabinet resignation	On 1 July 2019 - before the Parliament had even sat in this term - the Prime Minister told ABC 7.30 he was putting Mr Porter to rest.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	316	Ayres	Mr Porter - breach of Ministerial standards	Did Mr Christian Porter seek any advice from the Prime Minister, his office, or this department, before establishing Mr Porter's blind trust?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	317	Ayres	Mr Porter - donor identity	Did Mr Morrison seek any advice from the Prime Minister, his office, or this department, about his disclosure obligation if, as Mr Porter says, his disclosures to the Parliament and the Prime Minister met all requirements, why did he resign?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	318	Ayres	Mr Porter - disclosure obligations - advice	When and how did the Prime Minister become aware his then industry Minister, Mr Porter, proposed to use a so-called blind trust before Mr Porter updated his register of interests on 14 Sept 2021?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	319	Ayres	Declarations of interests	Did Mr Morrison know about the so-called blind trust before Mr Porter updated his register of interests on 14 Sept 2021?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	320	Ayres	Mr Porter's reference to the privileges committee	When did Mr Porter update his additional declaration to the Prime Minister required under the Statement of Ministerial Standards?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	321	Ayres	Mr Porter's reference to the privileges committee - house vote	On 15 Sept 2021 the Prime Minister's Office told the Guardian the Prime Minister had sought advice from his department on implications for the ministerial standards.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	322	Ayres	Minister Taylor - conflicts of interest	When was that advice sought?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	323	Ayres	Commuter car parks program - marginal seat lists	Who sought it - was it the Prime Minister himself, or was it his office?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	324	Ayres	Anti-corruption commission - legislative timeframe	What steps did the department take when it received the request for advice?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Disaster Preparedness, Plans and Inc	12-Nov-21	325	Ayres	Australian crisis management framework - departmental planning	Did the department seek any information from Mr Porter?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Disaster Preparedness, Plans and Inc	12-Nov-21	326	Ayres	Reinvigoration of ministerial forums	Did the department provide any advice to Mr Morrison before Mr Porter resigned from the Cabinet? If yes, can the advice be provided please?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	327	Ayres	Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council - briefing	In the statement he issued on the day he resigned Mr Porter said "I also considered that the additional disclosures I provided under the Ministerial Standards were in accordance with his additional requirements."	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	328	Ayres	Meetings with Mr Greg Mullins	What additional disclosures did Mr Porter provide to the Prime Minister that he did not provide to the Parliament?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Disaster Preparedness, Plans and Inc	12-Nov-21	329	Ayres	Former New South Wales Fire and Rescue chief Mr Mullins - departmental meetings	Did Mr Porter disclose to Mr Morrison how much money he got from donors?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	330	Ayres	Emergency Leaders for Climate Action - meetings	Did Mr Morrison ask Mr Porter where the money came from? If not, why not?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	331	Ayres	CSIRO report - resilience measures for future bushfire seasons	Does Mr Morrison seek any advice from the Prime Minister, his office, or this department, about his disclosure obligation if, as Mr Porter says, his disclosures to the Parliament and the Prime Minister met all requirements, why did he resign?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	332	Ayres	Rapid antigen testing - TGA briefing	Did Mr Porter breach the ministerial standards or not?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	333	Ayres	Decision of the AAT - Patrick's Secretary, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Mr Porter is no longer a minister, but he hasn't disclosed the identity of his donors. Is the Prime Minister comfortable with that?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	334	Ayres	National Cabinet documents - FOI requests	Does the Prime Minister's office, or the department, hold copies of declarations of interests made by ministers to his department on implications for the ministerial standards.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Technology and Business Services	12-Nov-21	335	Ayres	Encrypted messaging platforms - SES staff and MOPSI Act staff	When was that advice sought?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Technology and Business Services	12-Nov-21	336	Ayres	Encrypted messaging platforms - ShareHub storage	Was the decision to vote down the reference a collective decision, or was it a certain's call by Mr Morrison? If it was?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	337	Ayres	Encrypted messaging platforms - used in responses to FOI, order of the Senate or question on notice	Did the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister's office, or this department, ask Mr Angus Taylor if he had any conflicts of interest?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	338	Ayres	Guidance on Caretaker Conventions	Does the Prime Minister's office, or the department, hold copies of declarations of interests made by ministers to his department on implications for the ministerial standards.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	339	Ayres	Caretaker Conventions brief	Has anyone from the department seen a "top 20 marginals" list related to the car parks program?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	340	Ayres	Caretaker Conventions brief	It has been over a thousand days since Mr Morrison stood next to Mr Porter and announced he would establish an anti-corruption commission.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	341	Ayres	COVID-safe arrangements - Prime Minister's Office	On 10 October 2020 Mr Reid told this committee the department had last seen a version of a bill establishing a commission a year earlier.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	342	Ayres	COVID-safe arrangements - domestic travel	It's now approaching Christmas 2021. Has the department seen another version of the bill?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	343	Ayres	COVID-safe briefings	When will the bill be introduced to the Parliament?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	344	Ayres	Rapid antigen testing - staff in Prime Minister's Office	Under the Australian Government Crisis Management Framework, a Deputy Secretary in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet is responsible for setting, and oversight of, whole-of-government crisis management policy.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	345	Ayres	COVID-safe arrangements - election campaign	Which Deputy Secretary is responsible?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	346	Ayres	List of international summits - provided list	How is the Deputy Secretary undertaking the assigned role?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	International	12-Nov-21	347	Ayres	List of international summits	How is the Deputy Secretary involved in planning for the 2022-23 bushfire season?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Regulatory Reform	12-Nov-21	348	Ayres	AutTender notice CN810389 - research services	Why is the Deputy Secretary undertaking the assigned role?	Written	10-Dec-21

Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Regulatory Reform	12-Nov-21	349	Ayres	AusTender notice CN3798633 - market research	With reference to contract notice CN3798633 published on AusTender on 23 July 2021 with a value of \$350,000 for the provision of "market research" by IP505 in the period 17 June to 30 August 2021: What specific services are being provided? Who signed the contract on behalf of the Commonwealth? What were the outputs? Were any outputs shared with the Prime Minister's Office?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Regulatory Reform	12-Nov-21	350	Ayres	AusTender notice CN3819587 - research services	With reference to contract notice CN3819587 published on AusTender on 14 October 2021 with a value of \$132,000 for the provision of "research services" by Kantar in the period 20 September 2021 to 28 February 2022: What specific services are being provided? Who signed the contract on behalf of the Commonwealth? What are the outputs? Have any outputs been shared with the Prime Minister's Office?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	APS Reform	12-Nov-21	351	Ayres	Research contract outputs - COVID-19 sentiment with the Prime Minister's Office	Has the Department shared any research contract outputs relating to tracking COVID-19 sentiment with the Prime Minister's Office? If yes, can details of these contracts - supplier, total cost and AusTender contract notice number be provided?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	APS Reform	12-Nov-21	352	Ayres	Research contract outputs - COVID-19 sentiment at the request of the Prime Minister's Office	If yes, can details of these contracts - supplier, total cost and AusTender contract notice number be provided? Please provide full details of the following contracts, including specific services, contracting officer, outputs and information sharing with the Prime Minister's Office: CN3807402 - a contract with Dynata Global for social policy research worth \$22,642.13	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Policy Innovation and Projects	12-Nov-21	353	Ayres	AusTender notice CN3807402 - social policy research	Please provide full details of the following contracts, including specific services, contracting officer, outputs and information sharing with the Prime Minister's Office: CN3794848 - a contract with DPM Consultants Pty Ltd for "market research" worth \$93,882.50	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Industry, Infrastructure and Environ	12-Nov-21	354	Ayres	AusTender notice CN3794481 - market research	Contract notice CN379855 published on AusTender on 9 June 2021 relates to a contract for \$331,700 for the provision of event management by the Institute of Public Administration Australia. Can the department confirm the contract relates to a two day regulatory reform conference to be hosted by the department in November 2021? How many people will be in attendance? Is \$332,000 the total cost of the conference? If not, please provide details of other costs. The conference website says the cost of participating in the conference ranges from \$110 for a virtual ticket to \$1,380 for non-IPA members. Who is receiving the ticket revenue - taxpayers, or the IPA?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Regulatory Reform	12-Nov-21	355	Ayres	Deregulation conference	Are there more regulations, or fewer regulations, in place now than when the current government was elected in 2013?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Regulatory Reform	12-Nov-21	356	Ayres	Regulations since 2013	On how many days has Mr Barnaby Joyce been Acting Prime Minister in 2021?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	358	Ayres	Acting Prime Minister Joyce - briefing	How many (a) decision briefs and (b) briefing briefs has the department provided to Mr Joyce in his capacity as Acting Prime Minister?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	359	Ayres	Staff travelling overseas	Can full details of the Prime Minister's travelling party for his overseas trip in October/November 2021 be provided, including the number of MOP(S) Act staff and departmental staff who accompanied him, including in advance? Can details of other parliamentarians, MOP(S) Act staff and departmental staff who travelled to the G20 and COP26 in October/November 2021 also be provided?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Policy Innovation and Projects	12-Nov-21	360	Ayres	Communications staff	Please provide a breakdown of staff on the branch by APS classification.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Policy Innovation and Projects	12-Nov-21	361	Ayres	Behavioural Economics Team - staff	Please provide a breakdown of staff in the team by APS classification.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Cabinet	12-Nov-21	362	Ayres	Priorities Delivery Unit - staff	Please provide details of all occasions in 2021 where an officer other than Mr Gaetjens has acted as Secretary of the Unit.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Corporate	12-Nov-21	363	Ayres	Acting Secretary arrangements	Please provide details of the cost of (a) electricity (b) gas and (c) water and (d) television streaming services at 61 Kirribilli House.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	364	Ayres	Utility bill costs	Please provide details of all departmental expenditure on the Prime Minister's Office in 2020-21 and 2021-22 to date.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	365	Ayres	Prime Minister's Office - departmental expenditure	How many domestic staff provide services to the Prime Minister at (a) Kirribilli House and (b) The Lodge?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	366	Ayres	Prime Minister's - domestic staff	Please provide a detailed duties statement for each staff member.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	367	Ayres	Prime Minister's - domestic staff duties statement	Please provide details of all taxpayer-funded wine on hand in the Prime Minister's wine cellar at 61 Kirribilli House (i) The Lodge (ii) The Prime Minister's Office and (iv) the Sydney CPO including: (a) Winery (b) Name of wine (c) Varietal (d) Vintage (e) Number of bottles (f) Cost to the taxpayer What amount has the department expended on wine for the Prime Minister's Official Establishments by year since 2018-19?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Ministerial Support	12-Nov-21	368	Ayres	Prime Minister's wine cellar	Does PM&S underspend \$1.2 million of funding for severely affected regions? See details below	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Government	12-Nov-21	369	Stark	Severely affected regions - underspend	Please provide full details of the following contracts, including specific services, contracting officer, outputs and information sharing with the Prime Minister's Office: CN3807802-AL - a contract with Hous Group for "research services" worth \$176,128.26	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	APS Reform	12-Nov-21	370	Ayres	AusTender notice CN3807887-A1 - research services	On 12 October 2021 the editor of The Australian Network wrote to the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General asking what action was being taken in response to the allegations of shocking behaviour by the former CEO of Sony Australia, Dennis Handlin AO, broadcast on four corners the previous day. People who worked with Mr Handlin accuse him of systemic bullying, intimidation, sexual harassment and discrimination over many years. On 13 October the honours secretariat responded to The Music Network advising "the Court for the Order of Australia investigates matters brought to its attention and considers each case individually." Mr Handlin's conduct has been brought to your attention. How have you considered his case? Is Mr Handlin a suitable holder of one of Australia's highest honours?	Written	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	371	Ayres	Mr Handlin - Order of Australia	Senator McKenzie displayed a National Party corflute during a virtual swearing-in ceremony on 2 July 2021. In answer to question on notice 747 from the last Estimates round, you say: "In practice and by convention, visible indications of party affiliation are not usually displayed during a swearing-in ceremony (in-person or virtual). For any future virtual swearing-in ceremonies this advice will be explicitly provided." Did Senator McKenzie do the wrong thing? If so, has anyone told Senator McKenzie? The written answer says staff at Government House didn't notice the corflute during the technical rehearsal. Does that mean they missed the big green and yellow corflute during the technical rehearsal? Or does it mean it wasn't displayed during the rehearsal but was set up for the real ceremony with the Governor-General?	Written	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	372	Ayres	Senator McKenzie swearing-in ceremony - corflutes	The answer to question number 726 from the last Estimates round shows the estimated cost of the Kirribilli Point Battery project is \$3.7 million, not including GST. Can the public access the land on which this money has been expended? Is the project completed? Is \$3.7 million the total cost?	Written	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	373	Ayres	Kirribilli Point Battery	The contract notice CN3810775 published on AusTender on 9 September 2021 suggests the Office paid \$81,888 for a lawnmower. Can the goods and/or services provided under this contract please be outlined?	Written	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	374	Ayres	AusTender notice CN3810775 - mowing services	Please provide full details of the contracts associated with the following contract notices published on AusTender: CN3818429 published on 1 November 2021 for "project planning services" valued at \$1.57 million to be provided by "Strategic Reform"	Written	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	375	Ayres	AusTender notice CN3818429 - project planning services	Please provide full details of the contracts associated with the following contract notices published on AusTender: CN3803894 published on 10 August 2021 for the provision of road transport by Comcar at a value of \$94,800	Written	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	376	Ayres	AusTender notice CN3803894 - Comcar	With reference to the Rolls Royce maintained by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General for ceremonial occasions: On what occasions was the Rolls Royce used in 2020-21 and 2021-22 to date?	Written	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	377	Ayres	Rolls Royce - usage	With reference to the Rolls Royce maintained by the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General for ceremonial occasions: What was the cost of (a) registration and (b) upkeep and maintenance in 2020-21 and 2021-22 to date?	Written	10-Dec-21
Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General		12-Nov-21	378	Ayres	Rolls Royce - ongoing costs	Has any to be called "National Cabinet" at state and federal health directors that have locked us in?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	COVID-19 Response	12-Nov-21	378	Roberts	National Cabinet - removal of health directives	Your National Cabinet is not a real body, it is just a committee that politicians are hiding behind so you can't be blamed	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Prime Minister's Office	12-Nov-21	380	Roberts	National Cabinet - accountability	How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged in the Critical Technologies Policy Coordination Office at each of 31 December 2021 by: a. the technical qualifications of SES and EL band (or equivalent) employees b. the previous private sector experience of SES and EL band (or equivalent) employees	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Critical Technologies Policy Coordination	15-Nov-21	381	Ayres	Critical Technologies Policy Coordination Office - staffing numbers	On what date was the WGEA Review Team established? Why was it established? What are the terms of reference for the review?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Critical Technologies Policy Coordination	15-Nov-21	382	Ayres	Critical Technologies Policy Coordination Office - staffing profile	Soon after rolling out the government's COVID certificate serious flaws were discovered that enable unvaccinated persons to display a valid-looking digital certificate. Writing in Medium, Richard Nelson detailed his difficulties trying to report this vulnerability, which included trying to report the vulnerability through the Department of Health's Vulnerability Disclosure Program (VDP), through ASC's ReportCyber, and through the feedback forms hosted by Services Australia.	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	WGEA Review Team	12-Nov-21	383	Ayres	WGEA Review Team - Establishment	a. Why doesn't the Commonwealth have an overarching VPD of last resort? b. Has the Digital Transformation Agency provided any advice to government on establishing a whole-of-government VDP? c. UK's National Cyber Security Centre introduced a whole of government VDP and toolkit to assist disclosures, is this something that the Digital Transformation Agency has investigated?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	WGEA Review Team	12-Nov-21	384	Ayres	WGEA Review Team - terms of reference	Singapore's equivalent of the Digital Transformation Agency has recently announced a bug bounty program for government services. Is this something that the Digital Transformation Agency is considering? If not, why not?	Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	WGEA Review Team	12-Nov-21	385	Ayres	WGEA Review Team - staffing	In the US bug bounty programs have existed for the Department of Defence since 2016, is a like program suitable for the GCCO recently produced a report on how government can encourage responsible disclosures of vulnerabilities by security researchers, which recommends easing legislative barriers to disclosure. More recently the Cybersecurity Advisers Network launched an advocacy campaign to reduce legal barriers to security research. Has the Digital Transformation Agency undertaken a review of Australian laws with a view to identifying laws that obstruct the work of independent security researchers?	Written	10-Dec-21
Digital Transformation Agency		15-Nov-21	386	Ayres	Vulnerability Disclosure	Has the Digital Transformation Agency received correspondence from security researchers about Australian laws that obstruct the work of independent security researchers?	Written	10-Dec-21
Digital Transformation Agency		15-Nov-21	387	Ayres	Vulnerability Disclosure - Bug Bounty Program - Singapore	As part of Jane Halton's contract with the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, does Ms Halton provide advice for the Prime Minister on vaccines and has she provided any advice on the Moderna and Novavax vaccines? a) Before Ms Halton's contract was awarded, did she undertake a conflict of interest or private interests statement given her role as Chair of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness, which invests in various vaccines including Moderna and Novavax, and which is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, who have significant investments in vaccine companies? b) Given Ms Halton publicly comments in the media on vaccines and the Australian Government's vaccine rollout, as Chair of CEPI and Chair of the National Review of Hotel Quarantine has she declared her conflict of interest with all media outlets she has appeared on in relation to CEPI's investment into various vaccines? c) Will the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet be renewing Ms Halton's contract that currently ends 31 December and if so what is the process they will undertake to re-eval (ie. via tender process)?	Written	10-Dec-21
Digital Transformation Agency		15-Nov-21	388	Ayres	Vulnerability Disclosure - Bug Bounty Program - United States	Is Jane Halton still the Chair of the National Review of Hotel Quarantine and as part of the Australian Government's appointment process of Ms Halton to this position did she undertake a conflict of interest or private interest statement? Given Ms Halton publicly comments on hotel quarantine matters and given her board position with Crown Resorts, has she declared her conflict of interest with all media outlets she has appeared on	Written	10-Dec-21
Digital Transformation Agency		15-Nov-21	389	Ayres	Disclosures of vulnerabilities - Independent security researchers		Written	10-Dec-21
Digital Transformation Agency		15-Nov-21	390	Ayres	Vulnerability Disclosure - Correspondence from Security Researchers		Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	International	19-Nov-21	391	Bennick	Jane Halton - vaccine advice		Written	10-Dec-21
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet	Social Policy	19-Nov-21	392	Bennick	Chair - National Review of Hotel Quarantine		Written	10-Dec-21