



Senator The Hon. Kim Carr Senator for Victoria



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Dear Acting Secretary Anderson,

I write on behalf of the Opposition Senators ahead of the Senate Estimates sessions that are to be held on 26 and 27 May 2021.

While we understand you will always attend Senate Estimates with detailed information regarding the operations of the Attorney-General's Department, I request that you be able to provide the following specific information when you attend Senate Estimates on 26 and 27 May 2021:

1. The number and levels of staff currently employed by AGD;
2. Funding levels for the Australian Human Rights Commission;
3. Details regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Respect@Work National Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces;
4. Appointments to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, including details of when the Attorney-General has – in accordance with paragraph 7 of the 2019 Protocol for Appointments to the AAT – recommended the appointment of candidates who have not been recommended by the President of the Tribunal (or have not been on “the register”) since that Protocol was first adopted in 2019;
5. Details of all applications for legal assistance made by ministers and former ministers under Division 2 of Part 5 of the Parliamentary Business Resources Regulations 2017 dating back to the 2017/18 financial year (including applications made but rejected);

6. Details of all applications for legal assistance that have been made, including but not limited to applications that have been approved, for ministerial staff under Appendix E of the Legal Services Direction 2017;
7. Information about the family law system, including but not limited to the measures outlined in the 2021/22 Budget papers;
8. The Register of Lobbyists;
9. Details of all expenses incurred by the Commonwealth in respect of the prosecution of Witness K;
10. Details of all expenses incurred by the Commonwealth in respect of the prosecution of Bernard Collaery;
11. Details of all expenses incurred by the Commonwealth in respect of its participation in the High Court challenge relating to Queensland's border closure, *Mineralogy Pty Ltd v Queensland*, High Court No B29/2020, and *Travel Essence Pty Ltd v Young*, High Court No S87/2020, including the payment of any costs orders;
12. Provide answers to any outstanding Questions on Notice.

Yours sincerely,

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