

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE— BUDGET ESTIMATES – 31 May 2017 and 1 June 2017

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

No.	Senator	Topic	Question	Proof Hansard page, hearing date or written question	Date answer received
1.	Wong	Climate Change / the Paris Agreement and the United States	<p>Senator WONG: You are the first person at the table who has said that. If US participation in the agreement remains in Australia's national interests, has that view been put by the foreign minister to one of her counterparts—her counterpart or another senior official?</p> <p>Senator Cash: I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you also take on notice whether the view that you have described—that is, that US participation in the Paris agreement is in Australia's national interest—has been put by the Prime Minister or by any other minister to a member of the US administration? If it has, can I get some details about when that occurred?</p>	Page 7 and Page 8, May 31	25/7/17
2.	Wong	Overseas Allowances Review	<p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me the value of that contract?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I do not have that information but hopefully we can get that for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That would be useful. Over what period was that contract?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: It was over a period of several months.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Seven months?</p> <p>Mr Wood: The report was completed just before Christmas, so maybe November. It may have been a period of three to four months—but we can confirm those details for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When was the minister provided with a copy?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You said, I think, it was finished in November or December. Was it shortly after that or—</p> <p>Mr Wood: I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 8- 10 May 31	25/7/17

			<p>Senator Wong: When was the Minister Briefed on the outcomes of the review?</p> <p>Mr Wood: We can provide that on notice. The foreign minister did receive briefing on this.</p>		
3.	Wong	Staff numbers	<p>Senator WONG: So In terms of staff overseas, I want to get a sense of how that number has tracked over the years. You said 890 now, so the allowance is not a bad way of assessing the number of people we have. What was the equivalent number, say, five years ago?</p> <p>Mr Wood: We would need to take that on notice. I guess, obviously, we would want to combine the former AusAID and—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Correct. I want to try to compare like with like. I am just trying to get a sense of the overseas footprint. This is not a bad way to understand that.</p> <p>Mr Wood: We disclose that in our annual report, so we could provide you with information from the annual reports.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, because you do not disaggregate with your ASL figure. That is both, isn't it, or is that only—</p> <p>Mr Wood: Sure.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is that only A-based?</p> <p>Mr Wood: The ASL figure that is in the portfolio budget statements combines A-based and locally engaged staff and combines Canberra and overseas. So it is the total amalgam of all of our operations.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I figured that. And you only disaggregate in the annual report, do you?</p> <p>Mr Wood: We disclose in the annual report the numbers of staff who are serving overseas and we obviously also disaggregate by levels. We would also identify locally engaged staff. So we could provide you with information based on previous annual reports.</p> <p>Senator WONG: If you wouldn't mind—but will it be like with like? Often annual reports do headcount, not ASL. What I actually want to know is, of your ASL figure, how many of them are—I am happy for you to give me the annual reports. I am sorry I have not had the opportunity to go through the last few years and look at those figures. But what I would like to understand is, of the ASL figure in the PBS, how many are in each category.</p> <p>Mr Wood: We could provide that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, you might need to have a bit of time to do that. But you understand the question?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Wong: No, but that is a saving. I want to know what the cost of the</p>	<p>Page 13,14 May 31</p>	<p>25/7/17</p>

			grandfathering was. So what is the difference between – and I am not advocating this; I am just trying to understand the quantum, - the option of implementing from 1 July , which is when the measure is implemented, and the policy position that you have – and I understand the merits of that, Secretary – Mr Wood: I will have to come back with that Senator. It was several million dollars.		
4.	Wong	Overseas Allowance Review	Mr Wood: I would probably categorise the allowances into four main categories. We start with the cost of living adjustment—cost of living allowance. We covered a bit of this in the last estimates. Senator WONG: Who is the independent provider who does the index? Mr Wood: We use a company called Employment Conditions Abroad. Senator WONG: Is that an ongoing contract? Mr Wood: I would have to take that on notice.	Page 15, May 31	25/7/17
5.	Fawcett	Overseas Allowances Review	Senator FAWCETT: How many people in the department did take up offers of either financial advice or, for example, briefings? I assume the CPSU would have been involved in offering briefings to people. Ms Adamson: We can get back to you, I think probably during the course of day, on that rather than taking it on notice.	Page 17, May 31	25/7/17
6.	Wong	Overseas Allowances Review	Senator WONG: What is the difference between spendable and disposable? Mr Wood: Spendable is a lower amount. Disposable was essential your gross minus income tax, PAYG withholding. Senator WONG: What does spendable deduct? Mr Wood: Spendable deducted some other compulsory payments, contributions and levies. It is a slightly lower amount. Senator WONG: How much? Mr Wood: I do not have the dollars saved. Senator WONG: You do not have how the \$21 million is disaggregated into those four categories? Mr Wood: Correct. Senator WONG: You could get that on notice though? Mr Wood: We can take that on notice. We provided information to the Department of Finance. Finance did all the costs and then— Senator WONG: What is category F—what is the quantum of that? Mr Wood: I do not have it in dollar terms. I have just got the posts. Senator WONG: But it is a nominal figure, isn't it?	Page 18, 19, 20 May 31	25/7/17

			<p>Mr Wood: It will be a nominal figure, correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is not associated with someone's salary?</p> <p>Mr Wood: It will be a dollar figure.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is just X dollars for Kabul, X dollars for wherever—not X proportion of your salary. Is that correct? Can you just say yes or no?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I would need to confirm that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What is the rate of annual average salary? You said it is paid at that rate.</p> <p>Mr Wood: It is the agency's average annual overseas salary.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes – what is yours?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I would need to take that on notice. It would be over \$100,000.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Are you able to tell me the gross save and then what—do you see what I am saying?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I understand. I would consult with the Department of Finance but we could provide that on notice. The \$37.0 million that is in budget paper no. 2—</p>		
7.	Wong	ODA Programming	<p>Senator WONG: Just on this, Mr McDonald, I was going to come to this in the aid section tomorrow. Obviously, Senator Fawcett is entitled to ask it today. I just want to confirm two things. The OECD DAC high-level meeting communique which altered the definitions of ODA was in February last year—correct?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct—19 February 2016.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But the announcement of the government's alteration to how it reports against that was February this year? Ms Bishop made the announcement, I think, publicly at the ANU Australasian Aid Conference.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I would have to check that, but it is applied—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I thought what I would do is just get a couple of things and then come back to it tomorrow. What I was going to try and get is a sense of the programs, if any, within DFAT which were then affected as part of the ODA definitional change—you brought into the remit of the new definition. And, if possible—and I appreciate it will be other portfolios, but you are the reporting entity—what programs in other portfolios have been brought into the remit of the new definition? We can come back to this tomorrow. I am just flagging this with you. Is that possible?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes, it is. We can certainly do that. It would be easier to do that to be clear on the list of things that are affected by that. You are right in that it comes across portfolios and that it is reported to us. We do not expect initially that reporting of this would be large in terms of it staring. The second bit I would say</p>	Page 30 and 31, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>is: I will check the announcement one that you mentioned, but I actually think it—well, it did apply from the time it was decided by the DAC. I think what is different is the reporting lag of that, but I will check for you and I will clarify it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. That makes sense. So it may have applied for the 2016-17 budget year. If we can come back with that detail tomorrow. I just thought it would be good to flag that and give you some notice. Mr Wood: And, also, a lot of their reporting is based on calendar years.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Reports on calendar year? Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Generally, with the reporting of the OECD, DAC is calendar years.</p>		
8.	Ludlum	Nuclear Ban Treaty	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Understood. The US ambassador, who obviously did speak at the press conference, claimed that nearly 40 nations were boycotting the negotiations. I guess we can just take that as read. We assume that that should not count. Are any of those nations from South-East Asia or the Pacific?</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: Certainly, in terms of the Pacific, Japan and the Republic of Korea are not participating.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: They are two other nuclear weapons umbrella states, by a stunning coincidence.</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: If I can just go through the list, I am quite happy to say that—</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: No; countries in our region—South-East Asia or the Pacific, if you like.</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: There are a number of Pacific countries, beyond Japan and the ROK. But I think it is best that I take that on notice for you, so I can give you an accurate answer, given the numbers involved.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: It only covers half the surface area of the planet, so that is fair enough. Are countries such as Indonesia and New Zealand, two of our closest and most important neighbours, participating in the negotiations?</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: Indonesia and New Zealand are participating, yes.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: They are. Is it your understanding—and maybe this would need to go on notice as well, because you will need to probably do some correlation—that all of the boycotting nations claim protection from nuclear weapons in the way that it is expressed in our defence white paper and in the way that you have just put to us this morning?</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: I will take that on notice for you. I am quite happy to look at those statistics and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Thank you. Did Canada and Germany participate in the protest?</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: I do not believe they did. By the way, it was not a protest but a press</p>	Page 33, May 31	25/7/17

			conference. I do not believe they did, but I had better take that on notice to make sure that you get an accurate answer.		
9.	Xenophon	Timor Conciliation Process	<p>Senator XENOPHON: What is the total amount of money that Australia has spent to date on dispute resolution, litigation, arbitration, mediation and conciliation in relation to this maritime boundary dispute?</p> <p>Mr Bliss: I do not have that figure with me, but I can get that figure to you.</p>	Page 41, May 31	25/7/17
10.	Smith (AG)	Chechnya	<p>Senator SMITH: Can you detail what the five separate representations to the Russian government have been? You mentioned that some had taken place in Moscow and some had taken place here in Australia. I am keen to properly understand this. When we say 'representation', does it mean, like the Kimberley process, for example, where the ambassador is called into the Foreign Affairs Department? Or does it mean the writing of a letter or the sending of an email? I am keen to understand what it is.</p> <p>Dr Strahan: I can run through each of the five occasions. Our ambassador in Moscow, Peter Tesch, raised our concern to the Russian Foreign Ministry in Moscow on 10 April. Our concerns were then formally communicated by diplomatic note sent by our embassy in Moscow on 13 April. This note sought information on the arrests and whether any Australians were affected, which appears not to be the case. Thirdly, the matter was the focus of discussions in the 27 April meeting between the embassy and, again, the foreign ministry. In Australia, the head of our Northern, Southern and Eastern Europe Branch, Mr Kevin Magee, raised our concerns with the ambassador here in Canberra. That was on 28 April. Then most recently—</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Was that a telephone call or a formal meeting?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: I think that was in person, but I will check on that. I am fairly certain it was in person. The last occasion was when the FAS, First Assistant Secretary, of our Europe Division, Louise Hand, raised our concerns at the Senior Officials Talks, which were held in Moscow on 15 May.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Thank you for that. That is most enlightening. A lot of that would be new to Australians. I just want to go to the issue of the use of words. For example, countries similar to Australia—the United States and Britain, for example—have used much stronger language. We use the words 'mass arrest', for example, whereas the Americans have talked about kidnapping, torture and</p>	Page 46, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>murder. The British Deputy Foreign Secretary has talked about the word 'tortured', described them as despicable and cited four deaths. I am wondering whether or not our language has been strong enough or whether or not our language has been consistent with the approach that we have taken in perhaps similar situations previously.</p> <p>Dr Strahan: I note that we in fact in our discussions with the Russians have referred to apparent evidence of assault, torture and killings. So, we have not just said 'arrests'. We have been fairly frank in describing what appears to be the dimensions of some very serious abuses.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: Please correct me if I am wrong. The government statement has not referred to those words, has it? I do not think it has, but if it has I am happy to stand corrected.</p> <p>Dr Strahan: I would have to look at the language which was used in the diplomatic note—that is, the formal piece of paper that we have handed across—and check that for you.</p>		
11.	Gallacher	Diplomatic Corps Trip	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Thank you for that. Just in terms of what you leave behind after the diplomatic corps visits, was the \$26,000 for the eight-hour charter of the boat a competitive tender?</p> <p>Ms Sachs: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I would appreciate on notice if you could advise how these things come about, whether local businesses get an opportunity to bid and presumably showcase their wares by winning a successful tender for a boat trip or whatever.</p> <p>Ms Sachs: We also took the advice of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, which has extensive experience of the services out there.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: If you could provide perhaps on notice the outstanding component that this brief goes to—entertainment that may have been provided at venues either for lunch or in the evening for all of the participants, what the cost of those meals would have been, any alcohol that was consumed, and if there was any additional expenditure with respect to equipment hire, water sports, wetsuits, tickets, tours and the like.</p> <p>Ms Sachs: I can give that information to you now for the dinner that was hosted by the foreign minister at a restaurant called Nu Nu, which is in Palm Cove.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Sachs: The total cost for that, which included venue hire, bar tab, table sides, a three-course dinner and pre-dinner canapes, was \$14,191.00.</p>	Page 49, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>Senator GALLACHER: That was for the 108 participants or the 73?</p> <p>Ms Sachs: No, that was a smaller number. That was just for the dinner. I would have to count up the dinner guests for you. I can provide that to you shortly. That will include the heads of mission and a number of invited guests, who included Mark Sowerby, the Chief Entrepreneur for Queensland; Mr John Gunn, the chief executive officer of the Australian Institute of Marine Science; the Hon. Penny Wensley; the Mayor of Cairns; Professor Sandra Harding, the Vice-Chancellor and President of James Cook University, the chair and appointed director of Tourism Northern Queensland, the Chief Executive of Advance Cairns, the Committee for North Queensland; Mick Lucas, who is the president of the Cairns Chamber of Commerce; the chief executive officer of Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility; the Director of Reef Recovery at the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, and the director of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Foundation. Those were the key ones. We can certainly provide you with that list if you would like.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: If you could break down the total expenditure into the respective categories that we have discussed and provide that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Sachs: Just for the dinner or for the—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: You have given us the \$73,000 headline figure.</p> <p>Ms Sachs: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Then you have given us additional information. Could we see a complete breakdown of that expenditure?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We can do that.</p>		
12.	Waters	Diplomatic Corps Trip	<p>Senator WATERS: Could you take on notice for me exactly which experts apparently said that, because that is the first time I have heard any scientist say that there will not be mass die-off after we have just had a mass die-off? The minister was also reported as having said, 'As long as we lift the local pressures on the reef and as long as there is concerted global effort, then coral reefs around the world can survive and thrive.' In last week's estimates we spoke with the head of GBRMPA, Dr Reichelt, who confirmed that approximately 50 per cent of the reef's corals have died in the last two years. He said that there would be a relatively small fraction of the reef left at its current size and that that is the consensus among the reef scientists that he knows. That really does not sit well with the minister's comments about the reef being able to rejuvenate and there not being a mass die-off. Was the minister deliberately misleading her colleagues or did she simply misunderstand?</p>	Page 53, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>Ms Adamson: Perhaps if I could just add, before Mr Suckling comes in, because I was on the visit that the head of GBRMPA was indeed on the visit himself. He provided briefing to everyone who was there. Whether or not the foreign minister has been accurately reported in relation to that comment, I cannot be certain, because I did not hear her say that.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you could finalise that. We will have to move on. Did you have any comment to add?</p> <p>Mr Suckling: Just to concur with what the secretary said; we have not seen the transcript of what the minister said, but we certainly know that the foreign minister is deeply committed to and leading Australian efforts in terms of highlighting the stressors on the reef, not only through that visit. She very deliberately took the diplomats and the heads of mission to a reef which was showing signs of stress to show them and provided briefings from some of our leading experts in a very frank and candid way in terms of what is happening to the reef. The foreign minister was very clearly wanting to give a sense of our concern about what is happening on the reef but also how well Australia is managing the stressors of that reef as recognised by the World Heritage Committee.</p>		
13.	Singh	Nuclear Ban Treaty	<p>Senator SINGH: I wanted to ask some questions relating to nuclear disarmament, following on from Senator Ludlam's questions earlier but of a slightly different nature. We all know that there was no-one in attendance at the recent UN conference on negotiating a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, but it was webcast. Was anyone from DFAT tasked with monitoring the debates and, if so, whom?</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: Yes, as you say, it was webcast. There was a sustained effort to try and follow proceedings and events. I cannot guarantee that everything was seen, but there was an effort to follow it closely.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Who followed it?</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: If I could take that on notice. It was done through our mission, but I would like to provide you with some more detail there.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Can you provide me what the government's impressions were of the March session?</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: I can only make some general comments. There was a sense that there was a range of views amongst the participants. Obviously, there was discussion about rules of procedure and so forth. There was a range of views between, say, a treaty-like group and a group that wanted a sort of simple declaratory approach. I do not want to use the word 'simple' in the wrong way, but</p>	Page 61, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>a straightforward declaratory approach and those who wanted something more comprehensive. That is probably a couple of impressions. I am happy to consider that further to see if there is anything I can add by way of a more detailed response taken on notice, because I want to do justice to your question.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: All right. Thank you. I will take that. Has the government engaged with any other nations regarding progress made at the first session of the conference?</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: There is a lively discussion about all of these issues in places like Geneva, New York, Vienna, in the margins of things like the NPT Review Conference and so forth. So, what I could say is that there is a very detailed discussion that goes on which captures not just likeminded views but differing views. One of the features of the nuclear disarmament landscape is that everyone is talking to everyone all the time and there are some areas where we agree furiously and some areas where we disagree. There is constant dialogue.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Can you list those nations that there is constant dialogue with?</p> <p>Mr Sadleir: There are so many challenges with the different coalitions including, as you know, Australia is part of cross-cutting coalitions like the NPDI, which includes banned treaty proponents and progressive paper states as well. The NPDI has met quite regularly. If I were to give you an answer to that, it would be a very lengthy one.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I can take it on notice.</p>		
14.	Xenophon	Witness K Passport – Competent Authority	<p>Senator XENOPHON: The question I am asking you as Attorney, as a general legal principle, if there is, for instance, in the issue of competent authority in respect of the—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Under the Passports Act?</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Under the Passports Act. If the competent authority involved is the very authority that has been the subject of allegations in respect of the person whose passport is in question, and there are other competent authorities that can give advice, such as ASIO, do you have any reservations? Leaving aside the issue of Witness K, do you have concerns about issues of potential conflict of interest or whether it is appropriate for that competent authority to recuse itself from being the authority involved and that there ought to be an alternative authority involved?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: In order to do justice to your question I would need to know a lot more than I actually do about the way in which ASIS arrives at recommendations where it is making those recommendations in its capacity as a</p>	Page 68, May 31 and Page June 1	25/7/17

competent authority under the Passports Act. I am not in a position to give you that, even though you ask your question as a general proposition. It is not as simple as that because it depends on the mechanical workings of the act and the way in which ASIS exercises its decision-making process in making any such recommendation. I just do not know. I honestly do not know and, therefore, I think it is best for you, as well as for the process, if we take these questions on notice.

Senator XENOPHON: I have been asking questions about Witness K for a number of years now.

Senator Brandis: I know you have but that is my answer to this question. I want to give you as much information as I am at liberty to but I do not know how much information I am at liberty to give you and there are certain aspects of this matter, which I have just explained, that I simply do not know about so in those circumstances I think my only course is to take the questions on notice.

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Senator XENOPHON: Can I just go to the issue of witness K. It is not in dispute that ASIS is a competent authority relied upon by the foreign minister in relation to the refusal to allow witness K's passport. But I refer the Attorney to the Intelligence Services Act, where section 6 makes it clear that ASIS is not permitted to collect information in respect of people inside Australian territory—in section 6(1)(a). I am trying to understand this. If the agency cannot collect information on people inside Australia, it cannot lawfully have information on witness K. Would a more appropriate competent authority in those circumstances be either ASIO or the AFP to determine whether witness K should have his passport taken away from him or not?

Senator Brandis: That is again—all of these questions about witness K, for reasons that you are familiar with and reasons you are not familiar with that I am not at liberty to reveal, are best taken on notice, so that is what I will do.

Senator XENOPHON: Sure. Can I ask you on notice then for the number of cases, without in any way identifying them, in terms of competent authorities in respect of the Australian Passports Act, in which authorities have been involved—whether it was state police, territory police, the AFP, ASIO or ASIS. I am trying to understand how many cases ASIS has been involved in with respect to this part of the Australian Passports Act.

Senator Brandis: I will take it on notice. Obviously, I do not know the answer. It

			<p>may be that there are security reasons why that cannot be revealed. I just do not know. So I will need to take—one of the reasons I want to take the question on notice is to take some advice about that.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: You are here representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The litigation of the matter before the International Court of Arbitration has ceased in respect of East Timor and the Commonwealth. It is now going to a conciliation. Given that has occurred, on notice can I ask whether the foreign minister is willing to reconsider her decision in relation to the witness K passport.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that question on notice</p>		
15.	Ludlum	Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Let us come to that then. It is handy that we have got the Attorney at the table. Can you talk us through the process of ensuring that Australia's laws align with the Kampala amendment when they come into force? I do not know if it is too soon to ask you this, Senator Brandis, but is it intended that you will introduce a bill to bring Australia in line with our obligations?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I would have to familiarise myself with the Kampala amendment. I will not waste the time of the committee. You are perfectly familiar with the process whereby treaties are ratified through the parliament's own processes as well as the executive government. Were the amendment to be ratified and were its terms to oblige the states parties to give effect to some or all its terms by domestic legislation then ordinarily one would expect that the act of ratification, assuming no reservations, would include the assumption of the obligation to present an implementing bill to the parliament.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is my understanding. Thank you. You said you would like to familiarise yourself with these particular amendments. I might just ask you—my understanding is the ratification would require amendments to our domestic criminal code—whether you could take on notice whether it is the government's intention to introduce a bill at some appropriate time?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Assuming ratification.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Assuming ratification, that is right, that would bring that into effect.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I suspect the answer will be that that will depend upon the happening of future contingencies and, therefore, the government will not be in a position to respond in terms. Nevertheless, I will take it on notice and think about it.</p>	Page 71, May 31	25/7/17

16.	Reynolds	Africa and Australia business relationships	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Secondly, in relation to the government's Australia Awards in Africa program 2016-2020 they provide for a public-private partnership component of that. Are you able to update us? Are there now public-private partnerships or is that something that the department is looking at in future or to expand?</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: To be honest, we are still more in the planning stage. Obviously the Australia Awards program is very well established and we are, in fact, engaged with various mining companies around issues where we could work in common. We are also engaged in some studies together. Part of the issue for the private sector is being able to provide the sort of support, including financial support, that we might need for a genuine public-private partnership, so it is still an evolving matter.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Can I ask you to take that on notice and perhaps provide us with a bit more information in terms of where the discussions are up to or if there are any barriers that we could perhaps look at working with industry on.</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: I would be very happy to do that.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: The next question would be: what actions or programs are taking place through the department, or possibly Austrade, on what we can do to increase this footprint of Australian companies operating and doing other work, a lot of the development work in Africa, and if you have any figures on how many Australians are working in these 200 to 300 companies now in Africa, if we have got some idea of what the Australian workforce is in those countries. So if you could take those on notice because I suspect—</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: I could answer a couple of them.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: If you can answer a couple of them, thank you.</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: On the footprint what we traditionally say, and backed up by our statistics, is around 200 companies in 35 countries in Sub-Saharan Africa are worth around \$30 billion worth of investment in the mining industry. We do not have a state breakdown of those companies. As you say, the majority, over 50 per cent, would be out of Western Australia but there are companies in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane that I am aware of. We could look into that.</p> <p>We are working with Austrade and recently worked on a commercial opportunities strategy which we will unveil more publicly at Australia-Africa Week. That is looking beyond mining into broader commercial engagement, which is something that is a priority for us.</p> <p>We do not have figures on the Australians in the companies. I would definitely have to take that on notice and explore as much as we can. Whether we can get</p>	Page 80- 81, May 31	25/7/17
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			<p>precise numbers would be a bit doubtful. There are sometimes privacy considerations there and even our consular figures—we keep consular lists at our posts in Africa—do not necessarily break those down into companies, so that may be a difficult one.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: So how many people are employed there and how many study in Australia; if we want to increase it we have to be able to define it and sell it locally to say, 'This is something that we are doing.'</p>		
17.	Reynolds	Sustainable Development Goals	<p>In terms of the sustainable development goals, which I understand will be discussed tomorrow, I suspect that there are a lot of things that these companies are doing that would assist the countries in Africa to demonstrate progress against sustainable development goals, but, again, it has got to be captured to be able to be identified and then the lessons learnt from that. Is that something that the department has looked at?</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: I understand Mr McDonald is here to say something.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes. So, it is something. In terms of the sustainable development goals, we can talk more about that tomorrow but in terms of shared value with the private sector, the delivery of the outcomes or the business that they are delivering, I think that is something we are trying to capture and do in partnership and that is becoming more and more prevalent. I was at a shared value forum in Melbourne where I spoke and the Minister for International Development spoke as well. That was about how we can work together, collectively, to provide benefit in terms of what the private sector is delivering in terms of their profit and so on, but equally in terms of development outcomes, so that shared value. It is very topical. It has been talked about a lot by donors and the like so we are capturing that information and wanting to build on it.</p> <p>In addition, we are working through the business partnership platform to jointly work with private sector on co-financing particular projects, so one-for-one financing, for example, to develop projects that otherwise would not be, from a business point of view, something the business would be prepared to go into.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: That is very encouraging because in just doing a bit of a desktop activity on it myself, and having a look at the sorts of things that they are now doing, there are very few of the sustainable development goals that could not be captured in these activities if it was looked at within that framework.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: Can you take that on notice to give us a bit more information about the conference and where that is headed?</p>	Page 81, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>Mr McDonald: Yes. With the sustainable development goals the reality is without private sector finance—and that is why we talked about the sustainable development goals as agenda 2030—the development for finance outcome in Addis Ababa in 2015 was about the financing of the sustainable development goals. Now, financing of the sustainable development goals is trillions of dollars each year to achieve what we want to achieve by 2030. Our current official development assistance is about \$135 billion. It is well short of what we need so this is a real focus across the development sector and donors across that.</p>		
18.	Rice / Fawcett	Representations to Israel and PA regarding human rights issues	<p>Senator RICE: The last area is the ongoing program of house demolitions by the Israeli government in the occupied Palestinian territories. Both the US and EU officials have spoken out about these demolitions, so has the Australian government made any representations to Israel about the house demolitions?</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: My understanding is that we have expressed concern consistent with our approach to a two-state solution that we support.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Can you give me some more details of what concerns have been expressed?</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: I am unable to do that myself at the moment, unless Mr Brodrick can add to it.</p> <p>Mr Brodrick: I do not have specific details. We would have to take that one on notice and get back to you.</p>	Page 83, May 31	25/7/17
19.	Kitching / Moore	Sloper	<p>Senator KITCHING: I would like to go back to the PNG election and the election observations. How many DFAT or AEC staff will participate in the election observation?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I am unable to give you, today, the detail on all of the staff that were there.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Because you are still doing the logistics?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: That is right, but I can give you an outline. I mentioned the AEC staff that would be deployed and we have civilian staff there. The civilian corp are not DFAT staff but they work to us, as you might be aware. There will be four AEC advisers at this stage. There are seven ACC, the Australian Civilian Corps. Do you want just Australian government staff?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: These are all participating in the election process, not formally observing. In terms of the observers, themselves, if you would just bear with me. I have a summary. It is likely there will be four members of parliament and, in</p>	Page 84, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>addition to that, the local civil society organisation's academics will monitor 28 electorates and they will be partnered with ANU. I cannot give you the exact details so I will have to take that on notice and I am happy to do so.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Can you advise the number of DFAT staff who will travel from Australia to PNG to participate in the election observations and what role will those observers have during the election process? So there are going to be four MPs. Is there any need to provide additional security support? Does the AFP do that?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: We are not responsible for the security within Papua New Guinea and at this stage we are not expecting to be providing security support. The AFP, as part of its capacity building, will be training, as it does on an ongoing basis, with the PNG police on how to maintain security during the election period. While I cannot give you the exact figures now, it would be a very small number coming from Canberra; from DFAT, that is. The support is primarily delivered through the post and there will be staff from the high commission going to different locations. Their role is largely one of observer. They do not have a formal status. They are part of support for say parliamentary representatives or international organisations that may be playing a formal role in terms of observation of the elections. There will be a large logistical support provided and that may involve a range of people from other agencies, including the Australian Defence Force.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I was going to ask you about the ADF. So they may be there as well?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: They will definitely be there; in fact, I expect there is already a forward deployment of ADF staff there now. It is just a massive logistical exercise, given the geography.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Can I just confirm, just in term of your question, so that we can take it on notice and come back with the right information, you are looking for the number of DFAT staff from Canberra that will be deployed and a summary of what their roles are?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes. That would be fantastic.</p>		
20.	Abetz	Council for Australian-Arab relations (Remuneration)	<p>Senator ABETZ: If I might continue on from where I left off, Mr Neuhaus gave us the helpful information earlier that there was an official meeting of CAAR in recent times and I was just wondering whether you could take on notice the provision of the minutes of that board meeting and also advise us as to the payment or daily rate that I understand board members or council members get for sitting on the CAAR. I hope <i>Hansard</i> has recorded that and they will be taken on</p>	Page 88, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>notice.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We can answer the Remuneration Tribunal daily rate if you like.</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: If you wish. I would like to give you now the actual sitting fee for the three annual board meetings of the CAAR. Would you like me to present that to you?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, but I think we are under time pressure and that is why I said to take it on notice.</p>		
21.	Abetz	China and executions	<p>Senator ABETZ: Would it be fair to say that from the knowledge that we have of executions around the world, the executions in China are, in fact, more than the rest of the world put together?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I am not certain about that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I am not sure that we will be able to confirm it because the Chinese do not publish data on the number of executions. They have made it public that the number of executions is falling but I am not sure that we would be able to do that calculation for you of the precise numbers.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I was told that one of the alleged reforms in the Chinese judicial system is that the Supreme Court has an online database where it documents death penalty cases. Is that correct or not?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I am not aware of an online database but I do know that China has not revealed the total of its executions every year and it regards that information as a secret.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, but does it have an online database where it documents death penalty cases? That does not mean, as of necessity, that a death penalty is actually undertaken but would that be a pretty good start to glean some information?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If you could. Then my next question is—and I think that we would share a view on this—how robust we believe this list actually is.</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: How robust is the list?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes. So if that list exists of an online database where it documents death penalty cases, if it is determined that such a list exists, and I am informed from a very dubious source, the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>, that such an online database exists which was, as I quote the article, 'Initially touted as a "crucial step towards openness".' 'Crucial step towards openness' is in inverted commas. If I might refer your attention to an article on 11 April 2017 at 12.11 pm</p>	Page 89, May 31	25/7/17

			entitled, 'China hides "grotesque" level of capital punishment: Amnesty' and just see whether the information in that article is reliable. In that article we are told that until 2015 China admits it used organs from executed prisoners as the mainstay of its organ transplant industry but now says it relies exclusively on a voluntary donation system. I was wondering if somebody could verify that to be the case as well. You can take that on notice. This is information gleaned from this <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> article.		
22.	Abetz	Indonesia and (former) Governor Ahok	<p>Senator ABETZ: Thank you for that. What protests, if any, have we made at the two-year sentence imposed on the former governor of Jakarta?</p> <p>Mr Cox: We are aware of the sentence that has been passed on the governor. It has been something that our embassy has been discussing with a range of interlocutors in Indonesia.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: So we are aware and we have discussed. Have we expressed our disgust?</p> <p>Mr Cox: No, we have not.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Have we protested the sentence which I understand was imposed for blasphemy. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Cox: That is right.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: And the blasphemy was that a Christian man thought that it was appropriate to say that Muslims could vote for a Christian?</p> <p>Mr Cox: No. It is within the legal system of Indonesia and we do not comment on the cases that are duly undertaken within the legal system of Indonesia.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: But you know that he was charged with blasphemy?</p> <p>Mr Cox: He was charged with blasphemy, correct.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Can you tell me what the details of that charge of blasphemy were?</p> <p>Mr Cox: The charge was that he used a sentence in the Qur'an or a verse in the Qur'an, Al-Ma'idah 51, and that he misused that particular verse in such a way that was alleged to be blaspheming.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: How did he use that verse?</p> <p>Mr Cox: I am not an expert on Islamic law and I could not comment.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: What did he say in using that verse? Is that known to us?</p> <p>Mr Cox: It was ruled by the court that he blasphemed by the use of that particular verse.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: To your knowledge or to the department's knowledge at all, was the blasphemy that he said Muslims could vote for Christians?</p> <p>Mr Cox: No. I think that is an overly simplistic interpretation.</p>	Page 90, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>Senator ABETZ: Always oversimplistic; so what actually was it? Tell me what it was?</p> <p>Mr Cox: I think it was alleged that he used the verse, Al-Ma'idah 51.</p> <p>CHAIR: One moment, if you would.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Which says?</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Abetz, one moment.</p> <p>Mr Cox: I do not have the verse with me.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: You can take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Are you raising a point of order, Mr McDonald, or not?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: No.</p> <p>CHAIR: I am sorry, Senator Wong, on a point of order.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I think it is whether these are properly questions for this officer. I understand the issues that Senator Abetz is raising but the officer, who has been very cooperative and sought to assist, is hardly going to be able to give a chapter and verse explanation of a judgment of a foreign court, whatever people's views are about that. I just wonder if we are getting to the end point of the capacity of the officer to answer questions.</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you. I have heard your point of order and I am sure the officer has heard also and needless to say he can either seek to take the answer on notice or seek counsel from the minister or the secretary. Senator Abetz, in asking you to return to the topic and taking that into consideration, you have about one minute left.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Could you take it on notice to get the officials in Indonesia to provide the details of the case?</p> <p>Mr Cox: Yes.</p>		
23.	Ludlum	UNSCR 2334	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I note that you point out, quite correctly, that Australia was not a member of the Security Council at the time that resolution No. 2334 passed. We are, nonetheless, a paid-up member of the United Nations more broadly. Are you trying to imply there that the resolution should only be binding on those members of the UNSC that signed up to it, because that is not how I understood that institution to work?</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: And I am not seeking to imply that. We all know the force of UN Security Council resolutions.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: What did the first of the Secretary-General's reports find and was there an inclusion of Australia's response to our obligations to this resolution? We do not just get to set aside the ones that we do not like.</p>	Page 97	25/7/17

			<p>Mr Neuhaus: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I presume you are not seeking to imply that either.</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: I would have to take that question on notice and come back to you on that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Do you know, off the top of your head—I get that you might not have it in front of you— whether there was a response by the Australian government?</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: I am not aware whether there has been any response as yet.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: You have undertaken to take that on notice and I appreciate that.</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: We will take that on notice.</p>		
24.	Ludlum	West Papua	<p>Mr Cox: He engaged with a wide range of interlocutors.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Let us get a sense of what you mean by 'regularly'. How many times has an embassy official travelled into West Papua since 1 January 2015?</p> <p>Mr Cox: Since January 2015?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Cox: I will get that figure for you on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I would appreciate that. If you can break up for us how many of those visits were related to Senator Brandis's visit in August 2016?</p> <p>Mr Cox: Yes. I will get that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: On notice, also, could you provide a list of West Papuan organisations with whom the embassy has met since 1 January 2015?</p> <p>Mr Cox: 2016?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: 2015.</p> <p>Mr Cox: Yes, we can get you that on notice.</p>	Page 98, May 31	25/7/17
25.	Wong	Violence against Coptic Christians in Egypt	<p>Dr Strahan: My division, the Multilateral Policy Division, does a set of reports for the Administrative Appeals Tribunal—country information reports, and we do one on Egypt. The report on Egypt makes it clear that Copts are subjected to high levels of violence. That report is shared with and discussed with our colleagues in the immigration department, with our post in Cairo, and with the relevant geographic division here.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Are the reports public?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: Those reports are released on request to the applicant in refugee cases and their lawyers, at this point in time.</p> <p>Senator WONG: How often are those reports prepared?</p>	Page 102, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>Dr Strahan: We do two things with the reports. One is that we do a regular, big update of the report, usually on about a yearly basis. But what we have instituted in the past year is shorter updates in response to particular incidents or surges in violence.</p> <p>Senator WONG: In respect of Egypt and, in particular, Copts, have you done an update to the report since at least the two incidents that we were discussing previously?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: No, we have not, because we would note that the report already notes that the Copts are subjected to a high level of violence. And I must say, in the last few days the Coptic community here has actually spoken to us about the content of the report, and they are grateful that the report does underline the fact that there is a high level of ongoing violence.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am asking for a copy of the most recent report.</p>		
26.	Gallacher	Minister Ciobo's Travel	<p>Senator GALLACHER: I would like to ask a question or two on the guidelines on overseas visits by ministers. Ms Adamson, you confirmed on 2 March 2017 that Mr Ciobo attended a number of G'day USA events. Ms Adamson, you further added that Mr Ciobo was accompanied to the USA by his deputy chief of staff and two advisers from his office. When we look at the guidelines for overseas visits by ministers, that appears to be not in accordance with those guidelines.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: The guidelines typically cover two staff members and ordinarily that is all that Mr Ciobo would have with him. Sometimes it is even one, but mostly two. On very rare occasions—and this was one of them—a third staffer travels. That is normally because of a combination of the length of the trip and the span of responsibilities, if you like, that he covers. In this instance, it was a longer-than-normal visit because it took in a visit to Davos in Switzerland and, in the US, New York City, Austin and LA, and there was a range of responsibilities that required three staff members. But, as I said, that is exceptional for Mr Ciobo.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Could we get the duration of the trip? It was a trip to Davos in Switzerland—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: The duration of the trip was 15 days from 16 to 31 January.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: What was the purpose of the Davos trip?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Ms Logan has a great deal of detail on this which she can convey to you.</p> <p>Ms Logan: The purpose of the visit to Davos was primarily to attend the World Economic Forum and some other events associated with that.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Can you provide on notice the date on which Mr Ciobo</p>	Page 105, May 31	7/8/17

			<p>submitted his itinerary (for travel to the Prime Minister for review and approval and the date on which the Prime Minister subsequently approved the travel.)</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Did any other cabinet minister seek approval to travel with more than the regulated number last year?</p> <p>Ms Logan: The Foreign Minister has on occasion travelled with three advisers.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: The Foreign Minister always travels with three?</p> <p>Ms Logan: No. She usually travels with two. But in exceptional circumstances she has travelled with three, as the secretary said, due to the breadth of issues that she covers during a visit.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Can we get the number of times the guidelines have been approved by the Prime Minister this year to exceed the designated—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: That is for this department obviously?</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Yes—so it would be trade and foreign affairs.</p> <p>Ms Logan: Yes.</p>		
27.	Singh	Programs to assist marginalised women in India	<p>Ms Klugman: We are, though, active in terms of advocacy for women's rights through our High Commissioner in Delhi, Harinder Sidhu. There is some work that we do through what we call our direct aid program, which is a small-scale assistance budget that exists in most countries, and most embassies have access to such a budget. For example, we have supported small-scale sustainable development projects to organisations helping women, including marginalised women. I would be very happy to give you further detail about the groups and the sorts of activities on notice, if you are interested in that.</p>	Page 109, May 31	25/7/17
28.	Kitching	Ministerial Travel-Foreign Minister	<p>Senator KITCHING: Good. Also, what was the official business on 8 January 2016 in Portsea?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: We have already taken that question on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Sorry, this is in the additional estimates, so the questions on notice that came from those estimates. We were told: This is a question for the foreign minister as she has discretion over events that she attends.</p> <p>If there was official business, why did the department not provide that as an answer or, indeed, why did it not provide some detail, as you have just been able to do, Senator Brandis?</p>	Page 28 – page 32 (also page 16) June 1	25/7/17

		<p>Senator Brandis: So you are asking why the department answered a question in a particular way.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I am asking, if there was official business—as the foreign minister herself told the Department of Finance—why was that not reflected in the responses to the questions on notice from the additional estimates period in March of this year?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: You don't say, do you, that there is a discrepancy? You merely say that the question was answered in a different but not inconsistent way.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that questions on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: In relation to the Melbourne Cup, the relevant period in the documents of 2015, how many of the meetings that the foreign minister had were on 3 November 2015?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that questions on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: In relation to the relevant dates in January, which you also have, how many meetings did the foreign minister attend on 8 January 2016 in Portsea? From 9 to 10 January 2015, which the minister notes is official business, how many meetings did she attend on those dates?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take those questions on notice. But I think I have already taken them on notice, because you asked what official business—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: No.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: was conducted. Now you are asking about meetings; is that right?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: No. If you could listen, Senator Brandis. What I asked was, of those you have listed and the ones you are taking on notice, how many of those meetings were on the dates I have just given?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: In relation to the relevant dates in January, which you also have, how many meetings did the foreign minister attend on 8 January 2016 in Portsea? From 9 to 10 January 2015, which the minister notes is official business, how many meetings did she attend on those dates?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I will take those questions on notice. But I think I have already taken them on notice, because you asked what official business—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: No.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: was conducted. Now you are asking about meetings; is that right?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: No. If you could listen, Senator Brandis. What I asked</p>		
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was, of those you have listed and the ones you are taking on notice, how many of those meetings were on the dates I have just given?

Senator Brandis: I will take that on notice.

Senator KITCHING: Thank you. Now, could I just go back to the issue around how the diary is managed. Let me read an extract from additional estimates on 2 March. This in in relation to questions around the 2016 Melbourne Cup. The *Hansard* states:

Senator Brandis: No, I did not say she was there in her capacity as foreign minister; I said that in 2016 she was the foreign minister and it is not uncommon—

Senator KITCHING: Has there been a reshuffle that we do not know about?

Senator Brandis: for senior ministers to be invited to and to attend important national events, of which the Melbourne Cup is one.

Senator KITCHING: I ask: was she conducting ministerial business there, Ms Adamson?

Then there was a bit of banter and it continues:

Senator KITCHING: Did she arrive or depart in Comcars?

Ms Adamson: I will have to take this series of questions on notice.

If the foreign minister is attending to official business, how is that diarised in the department? If it is diarised in the department, why did that not come back in the questions on notice?

Ms Adamson: The answer is that the minister's diary is kept in her office. We do not keep records of every event that she attends. We would only keep a record if we were requested to provide a brief for a meeting on which she needed briefing. At this stage, she is very well across a wide range of issues. So even a meeting with—

Senator KITCHING: What about speeches?

Senator Brandis: Can Ms Adamson finish her answer, please?

Ms Adamson: The answer is that we don't keep a record of the minister's diary in the department.

Senator KITCHING: Were any briefs or speeches provided to the foreign minister for any of the events that either Senator Brandis has found out about or that he has taken on notice? In which case, why were they not noted in the questions on notice from the additional estimates period? I would like to know why we didn't get that detail when we asked the questions on notice.

Ms Adamson: We will take that on notice. But, as I said, it is not necessarily the

			<p>case that the minister requires or requests a briefing for an official—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I think where we were was that I was going to list the responses to the questions on notice that Ms Adamson is going to take on notice. They are Nos 21, 22, 41, 42, 68, and 69. For the sake of completeness, there was a series of questions asked by Senator Fawcett, and that is question No. 29. There are a number of questions on notice, and some of them refer back and forward to each other. A number of the questions on notice were responded to in No. 69, for example, if that helps. So I am giving you a very complete list there, Ms Adamson.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Thank you.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: As we understand it, your question, in relation to each of the answers provided to those questions taken on notice, is: why were they answered in that way? Is that right?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes. I will accept that wording. But I will also add, with the official business, why was that not listed in the questions on notice or the fact that she was on official business?</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you. So we understand that. We have had some preliminary responses from the Attorney-General and particularly from Ms Adamson. But for completeness, at the request of Senator Kitching, I will request that you come back to the committee having considered those questions on notice and your responses to them.</p>		
29.	Abetz	Aid to Rwanda	<p>Senator ABETZ: Can we fly to Africa and Rwanda in particular. Do we provide aid to Rwanda?</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: We do provide some limited aid to Rwanda. We have had a longstanding relationship with Rwanda. We supported its entry into the Commonwealth. Over the years we have provided Australia Awards support and we have supplied support for governance. I have not come up with my African brief in front of me, but we do have that in detail if you would like to have that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes, if you could provide that on notice, I would be much obliged.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you mean that you have not got it in the room or you have not got it at the table?</p>	Page 113, May 31	25/7/17

			<p>Mr Neuhaus: I do have some further detail in the room.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I am happy for it to be taken on notice, given the time constraints.</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: There are a couple of pages of it, so perhaps it is best on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes. Please spare us reading that into the <i>Hansard</i>.</p>		
30.	Abetz	Violence against Christians in Pakistan	<p>Senator ABETZ: Thank you. Can somebody assist as to what monitoring occurs in relation to the Christian minorities in Pakistan, who seem to get an exceptionally raw deal? Given the time, and if there is no official in the room, the <i>Hansard</i> will record that and I will put it on notice. I will be happy with that.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Senator, I think Ms Klugman is here and able to assist.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I am happy to have placed the question on notice.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We are happy to take your question on notice, but we want to make sure we have got officials at the ready to answer, which I think we do.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: That is all good. Thanks, Chair.</p>	Page 114, May 31	25/7/17
31.	Wong	Request to increase Australian deployment to NATO RSM in Afghanistan	<p>Senator WONG: Can I go to the recent announcement of additional Australian troops to Afghanistan. I simply want to understand DFAT's knowledge of the sequence of events and if you were or were not advised. When was NATO's request for Australia to increase its deployment first communicated, insofar as DFAT became aware? All of this is about what DFAT knew.</p> <p>Ms Klugman: I am just looking at my notes to get you that answer. I will have to take that on notice. It was in the last couple of months, but to give you the precise timing I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I will just flick through them, and you can take on notice which ones you need to.</p> <p>Ms Klugman: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me when DFAT first became aware that NATO had requested that Australia increase its deployment? Who was the request communicated to? How was the request received? When was the foreign minister first briefed about the request?</p> <p>Ms Klugman: For the detail of that I will take those questions on notice. The request from NATO was put through Defence channels initially. For the question on the precise date on which the foreign minister was notified, let me get that for you on notice.</p>	Page 116, May 31	25/7/17

32.	Kitching	Constitutional developments in Turkey	<p>Senator KITCHING: And the chair might stop us before we have explored it fully. Is the department concerned about the observance of human rights in Turkey?</p> <p>Ms Hand: Yes. Following the coup there have been a series of detentions, where a large number of people are held in custody pending trial, and compromises to the judiciary and press. We have been watching it and we have taken opportunities to raise it with the Turkish authorities.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What about with regard to the Kurdish people? I guess they are the largest ethnic minority.</p> <p>Ms Hand: I guess we would summarise that by saying that we think the prospects of the peace process involving the Kurdish community have been set back or stalled given the events following the coup.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Has the minister responded? Has she made any public comments or remarks on the constitutional developments in Turkey, or raised any concerns regarding the treatment of the Kurdish people?</p> <p>Ms Hand: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 118, May 31	25/7/17
33.	Ludlum	China, Tibet and human rights	<p>Senator LUDLAM: For the last couple of years parliamentarians, diplomats and journalists from Australia and also globally have been banned from travelling freely into Tibet. The visit to China by this parliament's Law Enforcement Committee, which was scheduled for April, would have taken them into Tibet. I am interested to know if you have any idea why that was cancelled. There was a fair bit of media reporting around it. I figured I would just go straight to the source and ask you.</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I was not dealing directly with the parliamentarians, but as far as I know they were going to Beijing and they were going to Hong Kong. I was not aware that a visit to Tibet had been—</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: There may not have been. All I have got to go on is press clippings. Are you able to just take it on notice as to whether that is the case or not?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Could you just confirmed for us—I think he nodded, but Hansard will not have picked it up—that the delegation of 2009 that was led by then Senate President John Hogg was the last time an Australian delegation has been able to officially visit Tibet?</p>	Page 120, 121, 122 May 31 2017	25/7/17

			<p>Mr Fletcher: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: To my understanding, that is the only time.</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I think that is correct, but we can check that.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I appreciate it. I just want to go now to a couple of high-profile political prisoners. I do not know how this number is arrived at. This is according to the Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, and goodness knows how they are able to ascertain this. They are of the view that there are 2,110 known political prisoners in Tibet today. I understand that Australia has advocated in the past for individuals. I have raised a couple of cases here in estimates committees in the past. I wanted to ask you about the Panchen Lama, who disappeared 22 years ago on 17 May. He is alleged to have been kidnapped by the Chinese government a couple of days after he was recognised as the 11th Panchen Lama by the Dalai Lama in 1995. The kid was six years old at the time. Is Australia still advocating in his cause? When was the last time that his fate was raised with Chinese authorities?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I will take that on notice. I know we have raised his case. I do not know when the last occasion was, but we can give you an answer on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay. That is as it should be. The other gentleman I want to ask you about is a Uygur blogger by the name of Ilham Tohti. Again, I am probably badly mispronouncing his name.</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: No, he remains in detention. It is a case that we raise periodically.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Is there any response or any news at all about his condition or circumstances?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I will take that on notice.</p>		
34.	Moore	Defence export controls	<p>Senator MOORE: I would like to put one more question on notice on Yemen and I think it would go to your area, Mr Neuhaus. In our discussions with Defence yesterday, one area was the sale of armaments and the export licences given by Defence to Australian companies selling on to other countries. Whilst this is all confidential and you cannot have the detail, one of the issues was: a number of things have to be signed off before an agreement is made, including discussions with DFAT. How is that discussion between Defence and DFAT initiated and which area handles it? I would imagine it is the geographic area. Rather than taking time tonight I will put it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Neuhaus: I am very happy to take that, and there will be others who will be</p>	Page 126 and 127, May 31	25/7/17

			able to contribute to that.		
35.	Wong	FM Travel to South East Asia	<p>Senator WONG: That would be a good thing, wouldn't it? Regarding the foreign minister's trip to South-East Asia—Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines—I think you gave me some of that on notice, but I do not have it at my fingertips. Can you remind me when the minister last visited these three nations?</p> <p>Mr Cox: Ms Bishop visited Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines in March 2017. I think it was the week of the 13th.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I know that; I meant prior to that. I just referred to that. Sorry, I was asking questions about the visit to Singapore, Malaysia and the Philippines—media release March 2017. I want to know, prior to that, when she last visited.</p> <p>Mr Cox: The minister has made a series of visits to South-East Asia—</p> <p>Senator WONG: If you do not know, could you take it on notice, rather than—</p> <p>Mr Cox: I am sorry, I do not have a list. I will get that for you on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I would like that, and I would also like the prior visits to Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. I apologise, I know I asked for at least a couple of those, but I cannot locate the question on notice answer at the moment.</p> <p>Mr Cox: We will get you a list of the visits since—</p>		25/7/17
36.	Wong	Former PM Abbott's trip to Europe	<p>Senator WONG: You are free; you can escape, at least for the moment. We are nearly finished, anyway. I did lobby for an early meeting, but nobody was interested. I want to know about the former Prime Minister, Mr Abbott, travelling to Europe in March of this year. ...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Total cost?</p> <p>Ms Logan: I don't have costs.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Because you do not attribute them or because you do not want to tell me?</p> <p>Ms Logan: I don't have them, but we can try to find out some of the costs.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Whatever you can. You cannot tell me when the department became aware of this travel?</p> <p>Ms Logan: It would depend from post to post. It depends also when posts become aware of the visit. Sometimes they email us and tell us it is coming and what assistance has been requested. Sometimes they only tell us afterwards, when</p>	Page 132, May 31	25/7/17

			we ask. But that is not hard to find out.		
37.	Gallacher	Overseas Property Office & Chanceries	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Do you normally own accommodation overseas outside the head of mission? Do they live on site as they will in, say Jakarta, if they are at a certain level? I think most of the people in Jakarta actually preferred to live in Jakarta; they did not want to live in the compound. What are we talking about here?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: There is a wide range of accommodation arrangements for Australian officials overseas. Some of them are indeed in owned properties—a number of them in compounds, as you know. But there has been a practice for what we often refer to as attached agencies to take on their own leases for residential accommodation. The standards for those have varied and the approaches to those have varied. This measure gives the Overseas Property Office the full authority and the leverage, if you like, to draw all of those various strands together, to standardise, as Mr Wood has said, the floor space per person, and to consolidate where we can rental arrangements on particular sites. Even small differences, as you would know, can make a—it gives us more power in the market, potentially, also. We need to investigate in more detail but it was something that we wanted and we think that ultimately there will be scope for efficiencies.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: We would appreciate it if, on notice, we could have a look the business case for that. What does the footprint look like at the moment, where are you going, and how are you going to achieve it? It was not immediately clear to me that that is what you were doing. I thought you were going to do something eminently sensible like have a look at your portfolio, see how much rate of return it is getting, see how much income it is getting and make sure that you do not have to go to the budget for X hundreds of millions of dollars like you need to in Washington to repair a building and have a temporary chancery for five years. You have an iconic list of properties. Could we get a list of all the properties you own in the missions?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes. We can take that and the question you have just referred to on notice.</p>	Page 7, 8, 9 June 1	25/7/17

		<p>Senator GALLACHER: It is quite a disparate group of properties. I had the wonderful opportunity to have a wander through Australia House in London, which was built in 1918 or thereabouts and is a stunning example of Australian materials and a stunning building. And then if you cross the water to Washington—people cannot walk safely past our building. I find that extraordinary. So could we have a list of the properties, with the location, the nature of the property—chancery, HOMs—and the book value of the property? I think this is a really interesting issue. I remember the Tokyo property at the height of Japanese economic power being one of the most highly priced pieces of real estate in the world. The current market value of the properties would be very interesting. It really does challenge the Public Works Committee in particular when we are looking at, in the public interest, value for money, any income production—you very rarely come forward with the actual income-producing disclosure. So if you do segregate the costs back to the different departments of AFP, Defence or whatever and it is income producing, that should be abundantly clear. It is not always clear in the work that Mr Nixon has done with the Public Works Committee. One example of how you did it really well was in Paris, where you spent a high sum of money but you tagged on the amount of rent you were getting, so we could just move through to the next job. But we should know the commercial arrangements in respect of these properties.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We are very happy to make more information available. We do see it as a significant responsibility of DFAT to manage the overseas property portfolio as efficiently as we can over time. The departmental executive and I take a close interest in that and receive regular reports. But we are very happy indeed for Mr Nixon and his colleagues to brief you in more detail</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: And do you know the astounding thing about that, Mr Wood? It is that I knew that but not one other member of the committee knew that, because you did not put it in your proposal up front. I knew because we had actually visited the Jakarta and Bangkok sites and it had been disclosed that the Bangkok site—which is still perfectly functional; it has just been outgrown by 20-storey buildings either side—would be sold, obviously to a developer to build a multistorey building or some such, and that it would be reinvested. It is pretty untidy when you do not actually underpin your business case with where the funds are coming from. What were the costs of this measure? You are meeting it from within existing resources. So if we could have a look at the footprint, what it is going to cost to evaluate and where the money is coming from, that would also be</p>		
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		<p>helpful.</p> <p>Mr Wood: I also note that there is a small staffing element of this. There are three staff who are transferring over from Austrade into the DFAT Overseas Property Office to assist with this transition.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: If you could give us the staffing levels and the anticipated breakdown of costs, that would be very handy. Where do things like Qatar—where you leased a five-star building and fitted it out for what I thought was an extraordinary amount of money—fit in your portfolio? How do you account for leased properties? Presumably you own most of the properties—or is it a fifty-fifty split? I do not think that is really it.</p> <p>Mr Wood: I am happy to come back with some detail on that. You are right: it is a split between owned and leased accommodation. I am happy to come back with information on that.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: It would be interesting to see where that fits in this consolidation. And a list of the agencies that normally are your tenants? There must be some complex formula where you devise a rental amount for the different tenants that you have. And I suppose that that would be different in—having visited Thailand, where a lot of immigration-type offices have a bigger footprint, maybe they pay more there than they do in other parts.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We can provide you with that detail, Senator.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: We know that there are fewer and fewer buildings owned in Australia. What is the general position with respect to overseas properties? Do we own more than we lease?</p> <p>Mr Wood: That is one of the things that we will need to come back on.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: You do not know?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I do not know.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Mr Nixon would know. He is not here.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Senator, I am confident that we lease more than we own. But, as Mr Wood says, we will come back to you with the precise proportions. We have certainly made it a practice to continue to own iconic properties, such as Australia House in London, as you mentioned, and a number of others. Over time, though, decisions are made in terms of the best use of public money about whether it is more efficient to lease or to continue to own. The nature of the global property market is changing, as you know. That creates sometimes some new opportunities—a new property comes on the market which we are able to take more efficiently. So, as Mr Wood has said, the review is intended to deliver better</p>		
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			value for money for the Commonwealth. We also are very keen to improve service delivery, to reduce the Commonwealth's overseas property footprint and to reduce the resources involved in handling overseas property matters. We are very happy to engage in discussion with the committee and with you, given your particular interest in this, as we go through that process.		
38.	Kitching	G'Day USA	<p>Senator KITCHING: Can I take you to the specific questions? I am looking at question 2 in additional estimates question on notice No. 69, which says: How many venues in total were requested to provide a hire quotation?</p> <p>You are saying that 13 venues were sort of looked at but they may not have been asked to provide a quotation.</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: Absolutely. As you could imagine, there would have been a lot of scoping work done, which is useful for future years as well. But, if they were not going to be available, then they will not have been asked to provide a hire quotation. Or, if the size was inappropriate or the set-up could not be accommodated, then there is no point in asking them for a hire quotation.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: So was only one in the end asked—the one left standing?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I will have to double-check that. That is why the question was answered in that way—to indicate that there were a lot of venues considered. But I will chase up an answer to that specific question.</p>	Page 33, June 1	25/7/17
39.	Wong	Philippines' war on drugs	<p>Senator WONG: I particularly want to ask questions about a call that has been widely reported between President Trump and President Duterte. It is a transcript that has been reported on CNN, in the <i>Washington Post</i> and the <i>New York Times</i> which suggests that the president congratulated President Duterte on his approach to the war on drugs in a phone call on 29 April. This is the transcript that has been reported in those media outlets:</p> <p>I just wanted to congratulate you because I am hearing of the unbelievable job on the drug problem... Many countries have the problem, we have a problem, but what a great job you are doing and I just wanted to call and tell you that.</p> <p>Is there anything you can tell me about that transcript? Has that been discussed with the Americans as to whether or not it is an accurate transcript?</p> <p>Mr Cox: No, I am not aware that we have discussed that with the US administration.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do we want to get someone from the division that covers the Americas? Because it is a question that is about the extent to which—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes, but a number of our divisions are engaged with our relationship with the United States. It is a broad and very significant relationship.</p>	Page 37, June 1	25/7/17

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40.	Wong	Refugee resettlement deal with Australia	<p>Senator WONG: Okay. Have any countries expressed an interest? All of these questions leave aside the American arrangements. Have any third countries expressed any interest in exploring further a refugee resettlement agreement with Australia?</p> <p>Mr Goledzinowski: Discussion I think might continue with some countries.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So there are discussions currently on foot with some countries. I am trying to be fair. Is that an accurate indication?</p> <p>Mr Goledzinowski: We have raised the question with some countries and in some cases we are awaiting a response.</p>	Page 38, June 1	25/7/17

			<p>Senator WONG: In respect to others, have there been any positive responses from the ones who have not come back to us?</p> <p>Mr Goledzinowski: That starts to, if I may say, go into an area that previously has been the subject of public interest immunity claims.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. On this occasion I will not press that. That does not mean I am conceding the point, just so we are clear. With how many countries are discussions still on foot? I am not asking for which countries.</p> <p>Mr Goledzinowski: No, I appreciate that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I might do that in my next question.</p> <p>Mr Goledzinowski: A number of countries. I would need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: More than one? Less than five?</p> <p>Mr Goledzinowski: I would really need to—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: They will take the question on notice.</p>		
41.	Wong	Ciobo's attendance at BRI meeting in Beijing	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you very much. I will go to Mr Ciobo's attendance at the BRI meeting in Beijing. Was the media release of 14 May in which he announced his attendance at the BRI forum drafted in the minister's office? I am sorry, I will have to get you a clean copy because I have scribbled on this. It talked about the BRI being a key event. It will be on his website. Who drafted that? Was it drafted by the department initially and then the minister's office?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We will need to check that for you.</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Normally media releases are drafted in the department and then provided to the office, where they may be amended before release. I will have to take that on notice. I do not recall how or where the draft was done and how it was put together.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. I will come back to that. I will just ask the secretariat to print off a clean copy. Can you tell me who attended the event in addition to Mr Ciobo?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: From the department, I believe it was the assistant secretary for east Asia branch, at the time Jason Robertson.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Anyone else?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Someone from the embassy doubtless was there as well. Mr Ciobo would have had one or two of his staff as well.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can anyone tell me if it was one or two.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes, we should be able to check that for you.</p>	Page 39 and 40, June 1	25/7/17

42.	Moore	Support for women in elections (possible QoN)	<p>Senator MOORE: Thank you for the detail on the female voters. I had heard that there were special programs there. Can we see whether we have a bit of a model around what form of support we give for women in elections? I know we have a history of supporting elections when asked to do so, but particularly in the Pacific because of the acknowledged issues around elections and engaging with women. I thought some of those strategies that you outlined seemed particularly practical, and I am just seeing whether we are creating a bit of a database about what works, how much it costs and getting a knowledge base on the best way of doing this work. People have been struggling for years about the best way to engage. Thank you.</p>	Page 42	25/7/17
43.	Rice	Travel Advice for the LGBTI community	<p>Senator RICE: Have you done any engagement with the LGBTI community here in Australia to determine their needs as travellers?</p> <p>Mr Philp: I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So, you do not know whether you have done any? Would you be the person to know if you had done any?</p> <p>Mr Philp: Yes. We did a lot of consultation with various different focus groups and traveller groups, but it was a couple of years ago. I do not recall specifically, which is why I said I would take it on notice. We do not do—if this is your question—consistent consultations with those groups any more than we do with a lot of the other groups. We simply do not have enough staff to be doing that consistently across every interest group. We think it is a particular issue for us and for Australian travellers, but we are reasonably confident of our mechanisms for looking at what is needed by travellers of all sorts.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator RICE: Would you agree that suggesting to LGBTI travellers it would be appropriate to seek local advice could indeed be very dangerous and is exactly what you should not be recommending they do?</p> <p>Mr Philp: Local advice in this case refers to our Indonesian-level advice, but you are right; it could be misleading in this case.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Yes. Would you consider removing that as a matter of urgency from your site?</p> <p>Mr Philp: We will look at the overall language if you wish.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator RICE: So it is a rolling review. What was implied in your response to the person who communicated with me was that there would be a broad review of</p>	Page 42, 43, 44	25/7/17

			<p>the country pages.</p> <p>Mr Philp: I would have to take on notice what we did about that particular answer. I think that is probably the fairest way to put it.</p> <p>Senator RICE: In terms of, say, the review of the Indonesia pages and the review of Aceh, how long would you expect there to be a review given the change in circumstances in Indonesia with the arrest of the 120, or whatever it was, gay people in Jakarta recently as well as the caning in Aceh?</p> <p>Mr Philp: I could not tell you off the top of my head when Indonesia is next to be reviewed. I would expect that next time we update it we will have some references to those events.</p> <p>Senator RICE: When would that be?</p> <p>Mr Philp: As I said, I cannot tell you off the top of my head, but we update travel advice in response to specific events. These days it is particularly in response to terrorist events, which affect all Australians, to political events. But something like that could well trigger it. I could undertake to you that we will certainly look at those pages within the next few weeks.</p>		
44.	Wong	Former TTIM Mr Robb & One Belt One Road	<p>Senator WONG: I will go now to comments by former trade minister Robb, who also attended the forum and made some public comments reported on AAP and in a range of papers. The headline is 'Complacent Australians missing out. Andrew Robb worries Australians aren't seizing opportunities with China, believing the job is done because of the free trade deal.' I am not going to ask you to comment on that per se, but I am going to ask whether or not Mr Ciobo met with former trade minister Robb at the forum?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I do not know that. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Has Mr Robb met with the foreign minister since his retirement from parliament?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: We will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Has Mr Robb met with officers of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including overseas posts, since his departure from the parliament?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Has Mr Robb, in any of those interactions, if there are any, encouraged what he might describe as a more constructive Australian approach to the BRI?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: We will include that as well.</p>		7/8/17

45.	Wong	ODA decrease & FM awareness	<p>Senator Wong: I want to know, after the pause—I will use your language so we do not have an argument—is it the government's policy position that indexation reverts to the CPI rate?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I would like to take that on notice to give you a precise answer. As I have said, the measure description refers to indexation recommencing.</p> <p>Senator WONG: This is a question for Mr McDonald or the secretary, frankly. This is a policy question. You do the numbers as per the budget and as per how things are allocated, but what is the policy position? Does it revert back to a CPI indexation rate or is it not yet determined?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: The government has not yet enunciated publicly the policy position about which you are seeking advice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: The measure description states that the 'government will achieve savings of \$303.3 million over two years by maintaining the level of ODA funding from 2019-20 with indexation to recommence at 2021-22.' Are you now telling me the government has not yet made a decision as to what that indexation will be?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: No, I am not saying that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What are you saying?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I said that the government had not publicly enunciated, but if it is there in the paper that is a public enunciation of it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is a reasonable estimates question to know what 'indexation to recommence in 2021-22' as identified in the measure means.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: As Mr Woods said, we would prefer to take that on notice and be correct, but my—</p> <p>Senator WONG: How do you—</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Can I finish, if I can?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, of course.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I am trying to help not hinder.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am frustrated, because I do not know how you do your budgets if you do not know what money you are going to get in the out years, given that you have multiyear projects that you are committing to.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We always budget over the forward estimates, which is what this</p>	Page 53, 54 and Page 59, Page 60- June 1	25/7/17

			<p>is showing. We know the funding up to the end of forward estimates, which is \$4.010 billion, as Mr Woods said. But what the wording says is 'recommence indexation' in the budget papers here. That would be my expectation. I will clarify that and confirm that for you.....</p> <p>Senator WONG: I will try to wrap up quickly. I know Senator Moore has lots of questions. When did the department become aware of the budget decision that the ODA budget would be reduced? It is reduced from what it was, so let us not get into that. When did you become aware?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We will have to check the exact date that we became aware of the—</p> <p>Mr Wood: It was during the budget process. Obviously, we receive the cabinet minutes the week before budget. It was during the budget process.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did the foreign minister become aware?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I cannot answer that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Perhaps that can be taken on notice.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was the foreign minister present at the meeting at which the decision was made to reduce the ODA budget?</p>		
46.	Fawcett	Water and Sanitation Infrastructure in PNG	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I am also interested in sustainability of results. In previous estimates I have particularly looked at the WASH figures in Papua New Guinea where we have helped build infrastructure but within 24 months availability has gone backwards because the infrastructure has crumbled. I have raised questions previously about what we have done to ensure that not only is there the upfront capital to build but there is also consideration of money to maintain, either from us or through the recipient nation. Can you give us an update on where you are going with those considerations of making sure that these investments are sustainable so the populations who are benefiting have that in the long term?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I may have to turn to a colleague for the specific case in Papua New Guinea, but overall, as a principle, the government is very clear that they are keen to deal with sustainability issues by moving upstream, if you like, in that policy agenda, so working with governments around their financing allocations and their budgeting for maintenance. That is an area that we are actually spending an</p>	Page 62	25/7/17

			<p>increasing amount of time and work on. It is difficult to always show results in that space because you are talking about the upstream policy allocations and, as you know, budgetary considerations are often difficult and fraught, but that is the space that we need to be working in in order to get that allocation to support the maintenance work. I would have to take on notice the specific issue of maintenance in Papua New Guinea.</p>		
47.	Fawcett	iXc activities	<p>Ms Rauter: I was going to add to what Mr McDonald was saying around the InnovationXchange. In term of the 29 partners and the innovators that we have now invested in, most of them are still at the experimental stage, but we are seeing some great examples starting to emerge of those innovators, through the catalytic support that we have provided, actually securing commercial investment and also securing partnerships with other organisations where they have been able to go into new markets, for example, the Spirulina project that we supported through our aquaculture program. It has now partnered with BRAC to enter into the Bangladesh market. There are great opportunities there for women farmers, for income, production and also for improving our ocean sustainability through those projects.</p> <p>There are myriad examples that we could go through and certainly starting to emerge some good development impact from those investments.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: I am assuming you have internal reporting that highlights where you are up to with each of those partnerships. If it is not going to create additional work for you, could you perhaps provide those to the committee as an answer on notice as to the activities that the exchange is up to?</p> <p>Ms Rauter: I am happy to do so. We will also be publishing shortly what we call an interactive map which details not only the innovation activities of the InnovationXchange but also more broadly across the department. That will be available publicly through our website.</p>	Page 64, June 1	25/7/17
48.	Singh	Eye-care and vision health ODA programs	<p>Ms Adamson: I can tell you that in 2015-16 the total spend on eye health and avoidable blindness activities through ANCP was \$7.5 million. Funding is provided to the Fred Hollows Foundation, the Brien Holden Vision Institute Foundation, Christian Blind Mission Australia and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. I can also tell you that Vision 2020 Australia has received an estimated \$20 million since 2009 under previous budget measures.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: But you cannot give me any current budget figures?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: What I can say is that the department has provided \$204,000 in</p>	Page 69, June 1	25/7/17

			<p>Cambodia, Vietnam and PNG under an agreement. That DFAT Vision 2020 agreement ended just very recently, on 21 May 2017.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: So there is nothing?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: No.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: This is for this budget for which we are having estimates?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: That is right.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: So there is nothing going forward?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes, there will be, through ANCP. ANCP is decided by the NGOs in terms of those priorities so I am sure next financial year, based on other financial years, that ANCP will have funding to this area. When I say I am sure—and I am happy to be corrected if I am wrong—I think the secretary has just outlined a number of those NGOs that are using that funding for that effect, for example, Fred Hollows.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: That is fine but the secretary has given me figures relating to 2015-16 of \$7.5 million. This estimates is about going forward to 2017-18 and beyond, so what I would like—and I am happy to have it on notice—is what the government spend will be on eye healthcare and vision care programs for this budget and beyond, whether it is in ANCP or in ODA.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I can clarify. With ANCP we would need the reporting from the NGOs on that. That is normally towards the end of the year, if I am not mistaken, because they decide how to spend that funding that is allocated to them.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: But if it is an NGO called Vision 2020 or an NGO called Fred Hollows—</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I will make an assumption.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I think we know what they are going to spend the money on.</p> <p>Mr Exell: The secretary has given you the most recent completed period. Going forward, this current financial year will be an estimate for us to provide, so until that year is fully—</p> <p>Senator SINGH: That is fine.</p>		
49.	Singh	Australia Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons.	<p>Australia Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons, the AAPTIP, independent mid-term review final report released in October 2016 charts the funding allocated to this program. It ends, though, in 2017-18, so I am asking if you could please update us on how much funding has been allocated to this program after 2017-18.</p> <p>Mr Green: Yes. I am going to have to apologise. I do not have the figure in front of me. I will get it for you.</p>	Page 68, June 1	25/7/17

		<p>Senator SINGH: Let us talk about that because the review also indicates that there has been a reduction of \$5 million in funding to the program in this coming year, the 2017-18 year. In 2016-17 it goes from \$13 million to 2017-18 of \$8 million; can you explain why there has been a reduction?</p> <p>Mr Green: I cannot. I will take that question on notice. What I was driving at before was that the special summit will be held in March of next year which will flow forward to the following financial year where we are focusing on additional support for the AAPTIP program.</p> <p>Mr Wood: If I could assist, in looking at the mid-term review that you are referring to, the program has a budget of \$50 million over five years, 2013 to 2018, so that adjustment is simply the final instalment to the program. It is that profile of the \$50 million over the five financial years from 2013-14 to 2017-18.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Yes. I have got it in front of me. I can see that. Has any additional funding been provided since October 2016?</p> <p>Mr Green: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: One criticism of this AAPTIP, in the actual independent mid-term review final report itself, is that the program has not concentrated its efforts on securing strategic prosecutions. I will read out what the report says. The report found if the program focused on cases with the potential to disrupt key nodes in trafficking networks, set useful legal precedents or influenced public attitudes that it might achieve wider impact on the trafficking problem. Could you explain or provide an update on what steps are being taken to respond to this particular finding and what the program is doing to secure strategic prosecutions?</p> <p>Mr Goledzinowski: We can come back to you with more details on some of this by taking it on notice, but I wanted to just quickly mention that in a general sense the focus of AAPTIP, over recent years, has been helping the countries in the region develop policies and helping them to develop their own capacities to deal with a range of issues. Criminal prosecution, of course, is one of those and there will always be a question about where the balance of a limited amount of aid money should go, how much of it towards prosecution and how much of it towards policy. From my experience—and I am by no means an expert in this area—it is a very live debate amongst practitioners as to where the money is better spent.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: I would be happy for you to take on notice some details on</p>		
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			those programs that you have just offered.		
50.	Moore	Sustainable Development Goals & Global Compact website	<p>Ms Smith: I am not going to correct Mr McDonald. I will just add to what he has shared with you. If I could start with your comment about whether there is anything public on what is happening on the SDGs. I can tell you that today, with DFAT funding, the Global Compact Network, which is a business association, has launched a website for their members which is going to be a forum for tools for sharing experiences.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I am sure there was much celebration around that.</p> <p>Ms Smith: There was a lot to celebrate.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: It is a wonderful thing. I was being unnecessarily sarcastic. That is a really positive development in terms of the process. How are we going to find out about it?</p> <p>Ms Smith: It is a public website. I can get you details on that. It is going to be a way that GCNA members can access experiences from each other. They already get together. They have forums, workshops and things like that.</p>	Page 71, June 1	25/7/17
51.	Ludlam	Paga Hill PNG	<p>Senator LUDLAM: That is remarkable. Are you aware of any allegations of human rights abuses or corruption or involuntary displacement in the development at Paga Hill and, if so, could you detail them for us?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I am aware of media reporting on some issues around Paga Hill, yes.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Have you done anything to verify or validate those media reports?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: There is a documentary, that I am aware of, that has been broadcast in Australia and there.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That was not my question. Have you done anything to verify or validate that media reporting?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I would have to check with the high commission if they have done any specific inquiries.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: If you could. I would like to know whether the UN basic principles and guidelines on development-based evictions and displacement were followed in the development of this event, in fact, that Australia is supporting.</p>	Page 74, June 1	25/7/17

52.	Smith	Chin Human Rights, Myanmar	<p>Senator SMITH: There are nine of what they call NaTaLa schools. The concern that has been raised by the special repertoire on international human rights issues is that these schools may be restricting the religious expression of Christians. There is a concern that these schools might, in fact, be imposing a Buddhist religious observance. I am curious to know why, given the international commentary, we would not be aware of them because, of course, specifically if we are assisting children in compulsory education and assisting teachers why would it be that we would not be aware of these international concerns that have been raised by the Chin Human Rights Organisation about how these particular schools might be restricting religious expression, in this case Christian expression. I am particularly interested to know of the considerable sums of money, the \$30 million that we send to Myanmar, if any of that money is finding its way to these schools when the Chin Human Rights Organisation, which has a large population of Chin people in my home state of Western Australia proportionately, so I am just curious to know why we do not know about it.</p> <p>Mr Green: I would be surprised if our embassy did not know about it. I would be very happy to get you some information on it from them.</p> <p>Senator SMITH: That would be great. I have invited the Chin Human Rights Organisation to visit Australia later in the year so I would very grateful if officials could make themselves available to meet with the Chin.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Certainly.</p>	Page 76, June 1	25/7/17
53.	Ludlam	ANCP and Empowering women and girls	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I understand that. Can you see the point that I am making? Ninety-seven per cent of your budget is not being spent with ANCP partners and with non-government organisations. Why is the proportion so low when they appear to be an extraordinary multiplier? I am wondering why they are occupying less than three per cent of the ODA budget.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I can just add that the last time I looked—and we can take this on notice—the funding for NGOs was around 14 per cent of the program or thereabouts. You are talking about a specific aspect of the program.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: That has been fairly constant over the last few years but we can get that for you exactly.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes. I do not want to labour the point but I think you understand what I am getting to.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I will move on.</p> <p>Mr Isbister: Can I just add to that?</p>	Page 75, June 1	25/7/17

			<p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes, please.</p> <p>Mr Isbister: It is also an issue about the absorption capacity and the ability for NGOs to effectively deliver on that. NGO programs and community development programs are quite intensive in terms of how they are managed, the resources and the staffing, both here and overseas, so I think part of this, in coming up with a simple like for like, is not necessarily a fair way of interpreting how you allocate that. What the evaluation highlighted was the effectiveness of it. As Mr McDonald has said, it has not resulted in a commitment and increase to the program.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I take your point. This is the last one from me. You have undertaken, Mr McDonald, to take that on notice so I appreciate that.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes, I have.</p>		
54.	Ludlam	SDGs and Empowering Women and Girls	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Target 4 of our aid focus, empowering women and girls status and what you have achieved. We have raised a couple of questions before and you have replied to us in question on notice No. 409 that shows that 20 per cent of overseas development aid is managed by managing contractors. You have reported, 'An increasing proportion of investments in this sector involve partnerships with private sector entities whose awareness of and ability to address gender inequalities in agriculture, fisheries and water needs strengthening.' I am interested to know ...if the target of empowering women and girls has not yet been achieved and a large proportion of our budget spend is going through private sector partners, what we are doing to ensure that managing contractors, as partners in ODAs, are actually delivering on the desired outcomes for the aid budget, with particular reference to empowering women and girls and gender equality?</p> <p>CHAIR: A brief response please and take the detailed response on notice.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: The expenditure on contractors, again, is fairly consistent. In terms of our gender strategies, they are inbuilt in all of our investments. The measurement we have around the target is at least 80 per cent being effective in the integration. That has been progressively increasing and it is up to 78 per cent. It is our most robust indicator, so the evidence underpinning it is very strong and it is a big focus.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: We are out of time and the chair is winding me up. Can you provide us, on notice, with anything in writing that shows how you are achieving that, the mechanics of how that is done?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes.</p>	Page 75, June1	25/7/17

55.	Moore	Disaster risk reduction	<p>Senator MOORE: ...Can the department provide a breakdown of how funding is spread across the three areas of disaster risk reduction, preparedness and response? Is that something that is best for you to talk to me about, Mr Isbister, or give that to me on notice? That is a general question.</p> <p>Mr Isbister: I could just quickly outline how the disaster risk reduction is funded through different programs and then the details of that we can provide on notice.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: You can put that on notice, yes.</p>	Page 79, June 1	25/7/17
56.	Gallacher	FTAs labour market testing / service supplier obligations / FTA modelling	<p>Senator GALLACHER: ... Has the government directed the department to retain labour market testing in future free trade agreements? I know you cannot say yes or no but you could be a little clearer than what you are.</p> <p>Senator McGrath: I could jump in here. That is a matter of government policy. I think that would be up to the minister, so I could take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So it is a policy question?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: It is a matter for the minister, so I can take that on notice.</p>	Page 82, June 1	7/8/17
57.	Gallacher	FTA Movement of people provisions	<p>Senator GALLACHER: How many existing free trade agreements have movement of people provisions?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I am looking to my colleagues. We have 10 FTAs in place as well as the WTO general agreement on trade and services. From my recollection all of them have some type of commitment in this area, with the exception of our FTA with the US.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So 10, but if it is more than 10 you will supply that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I will.</p>	Page 82, June 1	7/8/17
58.	Gallacher	FTA	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Would you be able to give a list of professions now eligible under Australia's contractual service obligations and is the list of professions which are eligible under contractual service supplier provisions consistent in the Chinese, Korean and Malaysian free trade agreements?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: ... I would appreciate if you could take on notice the differences between eligible professions under contractual service provision in the Chinese, Korean and Malaysian free trade agreements.</p> <p>Mr Brown: I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Could you provide a list of all eligible occupations</p>	Page 83, June 1	7/8/17

			<p>under the contractual service provider provisions for each of Australia's free trade agreements on those?</p> <p>Mr Brown: Yes.</p>		
59.	Gallacher	FTA Modelling	<p>Senator GALLACHER: There is a statement by the Hon. Mr Keith Pitt: 'The process always includes modelling on our behalf as to what is in the best interests of our country.' Can someone, perhaps the minister or the department, explain what that statement means, given the evidence we have heard here? Your evidence, I believe, summarised, is it is not a case per se for modelling. There may be in individual circumstances. The minister does not direct it. The minister can direct it but does not direct it in every case. So where was Mr Pitt coming from when he said, 'The process always includes modelling on our behalf as to what is in the best interests of our country.'</p> <p>Senator McGrath: My understanding is that he has expanded upon his comments on his website, but I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: You are not aware of what he said?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: I can take that on notice.</p>	Page 85, June 1	7/8/17
60.	Gallacher	The Belt and Road Forum trade statement	<p>Senator GALLACHER: We agreed to it. If I ask you could you provide a copy of it [the press release from the ChAFTA meeting on 24 March 2017] the answer would be?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: The reason we cannot get a copy of it is because it is not publicly released?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: It has not been. Normally you would expect the Chinese to have issued it on their website. That has not happened yet but I am sure we can get a copy.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So that is on notice as well?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Yes.</p>	Page 89, June 1	7/8/17
61.	Roberts	Free Trade Agreements	<p>How many international trade agreements have been adopted and repealed in Australia since 1901 (or at least since 1967) ... along with page counts and counts of positive and negative command words/phrases?</p>	Written	7/8/17

62.	Roberts	Trans Pacific Partnership	Why do international trade agreements like the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) require so many pages such as the TPP's 8,300 pages?	Written	7/8/17
63.	Roberts	Free Trade Agreements	Why are international trade agreements referred to as free trade agreements when most if not all of these agreements since at least the 1930s appear to be managed trade agreements which facilitate governments picking winners & losers?	Written	7/8/17
64.	Gallacher	Qatar Embassy	<p>Has the Department signed the 10 year lease for the Embassy in Doha, Qatar?</p> <p>If so, what was the start date of the lease and when does the lease conclude?</p> <p>Has the \$7.04 million fit out of the building been completed?</p> <p>Did the fit out come in at budget, over budget, under budget?</p> <p>What was the final cost of the fit out?</p> <p>How many staff does DFAT and Austrade have working in the embassy?</p> <p>With several Gulf States severing their ties with Qatar, has that been a problem to our footprint in Qatar?</p> <p>Is the department monitoring the allegations made by the Gulf States?</p> <p>Is Australia re-considering their footprint in Qatar?</p>	Written	25/7/17
65.	Wong	Innovation Xchange	<p>Innovation Fund</p> <p>1. The 2016 /2017 budget allocated \$50 million to the Innovation Fund, however the 2016/17 Estimated outcome in the Orange book puts it at \$41.2 Million.</p> <p>i. Can the Department outline why the full \$50m allocated was not spent?</p>	Written	25/7/17

- ii. Has the unspent amount been repurposed?
- iii. Where has this unspent money been allocated?
- iv. What was the process of re allocating this money?

InnovationXchange Travel - G'Day USA

- 2. How many InnovationXchange Staff travelled to the United States to participate in or attend G'Day USA?
- 3. Can the Department provide a list of events InnovationXchange staff attended at G'Day USA and note which staff were key note speakers, participants in panel discussion and/or participated in workshops/members of the audience?
- 4. Did any members of the International Reference Committee attend G'Day USA and if so did DFAT meet any of their expenses?
- 5. Can the Department provide a breakdown of costs associated with the travel and accommodation of InnovationXchange staff and/Reference Committee members to G'Day USA.
- 6. Can the Department advise where this expense is allocated within DFAT's budget.
- 7. What development outcomes did InnovationXchange staff achieve by participating in G'Day USA
- 8. Has any funding been allocated for the 2017 -18 period for staff to attend G'Day USA events this year?

Skoll World Forum

- 9. What is the Skoll World Forum and what development outcomes were achieved by InnovationXchange staff attending?

			<p>10. Is Sally Osberg still a member of InnovationXchange’s International Reference Committee ? Were any of Ms Osberg’s expenses met by DFAT</p> <p>11. Did any other members of InnovationXchange’s International Reference Committee attend the Skoll World Forum, and if so did DFAT meet any of their expenses?</p> <p>12. How many staff from InnovationXchange attended the Skoll World Forum in Oxford England?</p> <p>13. Can the Department provide a breakdown of costs associated with the travel and accommodation of InnovationXchange staff and/Reference Committee members whom attended the Skoll World Forum ?</p> <p>14. Can the Department advise where this expense in attending the Skoll World Forum is allocated within DFAT’s budget.</p> <p>InnovationXchange Projects</p> <p>15. Can an update of the table provided in response to Additional Estimates QON 111.2 be provided? Can this table also provide funding allocated to each project/program and outline monitoring and evaluation processes these projects/programs are subjected too.</p> <p>16. With reference to the Department’s response to Additional Estimates QON111.2, projects listed reference funding for collaborative approaches, unlocking finance , accelerating investment ready innovations, launching online platforms to connect innovators and funders and providing efficient access to high quality innovative expertise.</p> <p>i. Does the InnovationXchange provide funding for innovations which have product development as the core deliverable?</p> <p>17. Can the Department provide guidelines as to the parameters of projects that will be funded, including for specific funds such as the Global Innovation Fund and Seed Pacific?</p>		
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Investing in Women -Asia

18. How does the Department assess the Investing in Women - Asia program as being innovative ?

19. Over the course of the 2016 -17 period, can the Department advise how many women led SMEs have been identified to take part in the Investing in Women - Asia program?

20. Over the course of the 2016 -17 period, can the Department advise how many business coalitions have been created as part of the Investing in Women program?

i. What is the structure and governance of these coalitions?

ii. Are coalitions formed on geographic or industry basis?

iii. Which governments have engaged with this process?

iv. How are unions and other worker's rights groups engaged in this process

v. How are employers and employer groups engaged in this process?

21. Can the Department provide examples of how the Investing in Women – Asia project has delivered improvement to employment conditions for women ?

i. How many women have benefited from these improvements?

InnovationXchange Seed Pacific

22. How many project submissions were received by Seed Pacific in the 2016/17 financial year?

23. How many projects received funding through Seed Pacific in the 16/17 financial year?

24. How many applications does the Department anticipate Seed Pacific will receive for the 2017 -18 financial year?

			<p>25. What process does DFAT use to measure the social impact of Seed Projects?</p> <p>i. How is this impact monitored throughout the life of Seed Projects?</p> <p>26. Can the Department provide a list of all projects which have received funding through Seed Pacific outlining how the projects are innovative and how they met the criteria outlined on the InnovationXchange website;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Business viability and sustainability</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Inclusiveness (including gender)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Measurable social impact</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Integration within the Pacific context</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sensitivity to unintended consequences</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Ability to affect change across the value chain</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Leverage additional investment towards development outcomes</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Due diligence of the organizations involved</i> 		
66.	Wong	Gender-Agriculture Fisheries and Water	<p>32. Has the department come to any conclusion as to why agriculture, fisheries and water sector is so significantly below the 80% gender target?</p> <p>33. Total funding for Fisheries, Agriculture and Water was \$50.0Million for 2016/17 and remains the same for 2017/18</p> <p>i. Has the proportion of projects funded which address gender equality increased for this financial year?</p> <p>34. What additional steps will DFAT take to ensure Agriculture Fisheries and Water does not continue to fall behind on meeting the gender target?</p>	Written	25/7/17
67.	Wong	NGOs and Engaging the Private Sector	<p>46. Does the Government's target for engaging the Private Sector in the delivery of Australia's International Development program refer to collaboration of private sector and NGO such as the type of programs implemented by InnovationXchange or is the awarding of contracts to the private sector also calculated as part of this target?</p>	Written	25/7/17

			<p>47. How many contracts which contribute to the delivery of Australia's International Development program has the department put out to tender for the 2016/17 period</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many of those tenders were awarded to accredited Australian Non-Government organisations? ii. How many were awarded to For Profit or private organisations? iii. How does the ratio of NGO to Private compare to previous years? <p>48. Can the Department provide a list of the projects put to tender and awarded to for profit organisations outlining the funding received, countries projects will be delivered and progress of project ?</p> <p>49. Can the Department provide information on the proportion of ODA awarded to each private company</p> <p>50. Will any contracts awarded as part of Australia's International Development program be affected by the freeze to CPI increases?</p> <p>51. At what point in the tender process are private companies required to outline how they will address the Department's Gender target ?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How is this commitment monitored and evaluated throughout the funding cycle? <p>52. At what point in the tender process are private companies required to demonstrate consideration for Disaster Risk reduction as part of the Tender process?</p> <p>53. What involvement does the ODE have in the evaluation of contracts awarded to for profit organisations?</p> <p>54. NGOs who receive funding under the ANCP program are able to quarantine a small percentage of the funding to meet overhead costs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Does any ODA contribute to the overhead of private sector companies that are successful in their tender for International Development projects? ii. What mechanisms does the Department have in place to ensure that private corporation receiving ODA are paying their proportion of tax to the 		
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			Australian government?		
68.	Wong	Australian NGO Co-operation Program (ANCP)	<p>42. How many Australian NGO's will receive funding through the ANCP program for the 2017-18 period?</p> <p>43. Can the Department provide a breakdown of Australian NGOs who will receive funding through the 201-18 ANCP program and the investment priorities met by these funding decisions?</p> <p>44. How has the Department communicated funding decisions to 2017-18 ANCP recipients?</p> <p>45. What percentage of Australia's overall International Development Program's budget for 2017 -18 budgets goes towards the ANCP program? How does this compare to the last 5 years?</p>	Written	25/7/17
69.	Wong	Disaster Risk Reduction	<p>Disaster Risk Reduction, Preparedness and Response</p> <p>27. The 2017-18 Budget allocates \$39 million to Disaster Risk Reduction Preparedness and Response. Can the Department provide a breakdown of how funding is spread across the three areas of Disaster Risk Reduction, Preparedness and Response?</p> <p>28. How will DFAT determine if projects should receive funding through the "Response" element or through the Emergency Fund?</p> <p>Early Warning Systems</p> <p>29. Can the Department advice how early warning systems and communication in the immediate aftermath of Cyclone Cook and Donna faired in light of Australia no longer provide shortwave radio service?.</p>	Written	25/7/17

			<p>30. Of the DRR preparedness and response programs that are funded either directly by DFAT or through the ANCP program, how many have a focus on early warning systems?</p> <p>31. Have any programs sort additional funding in order to shift early warning and response mechanisms to medium or digital transmission?</p>		
70.	Wong	Pacific Island Fisheries Forum	<p>35. Senator Ruston visited Solomon Islands for the Pacific Island Fisheries Forum in March of this year.</p> <p>i. Given this investment priority has failed in meeting its Gender target, did the Assistant Minister undertake any efforts to raise the need for gender equality in the Fisheries sector?</p>	Written	25/7/17
71.	Wong	Aid - Health - Product Development Partnerships	<p>36. In 2014/15, Minister Bishop committed \$30m per year for 3 years to global health research. The Product Development Partnerships (PDP) spend is clearly documented as \$10m divided between three PDPs each year). Could DFAT provide full data on how the remaining \$20m/year was spent for the past three years? What other global health R&D projects were funded?</p> <p>37. The PDPs have delivered significant results from their funding. Could DFAT provide data on the outcomes from non-PDP research funding they have provided?</p> <p>38. Are there any plans to renew funding to the three Product Development Partnerships (PDPs) making new medicines and diagnostics for global health? If so, how much funding will be provide and for how many years?</p> <p>39. Are there plans to fund more PDPs, beyond these three, in particular those making vital global health tools including: a. New reproductive health tools for women b. New vector control tools including insecticides c. New vaccines for AIDS, TB and malaria</p> <p>40. Are there plans to expand its global health R&D funding to include not only overseas PDPs but also key Australian groups making vital global health medicines (e.g. Inhaled oxytocin to prevent maternal haemorrhage) ?</p>	Written	25/7/17

72.	Moore	Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	<p>The government has confirmed Sustainable Development Goals as a priority with DFAT to lead work across the whole of government.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can DFAT provide an indication of who has been assigned lead responsibility for each SDG, and which has significant contributor roles or just input into other agencies' work on SDGs? 2. Can DFAT provide details of staff numbers assigned within DFAT? Have these roles have been resourced? Does this represent additional funding & where has this come from? 3. Indicate when DFAT commenced data collection work towards mapping SDGs to indicators? Provide an outline of the process devised for each of the SDGs that DFAT has been assigned 4. Provide a overall progress report on the suitability of existing data collection use for mapping SDG indicators 5. Can DFAT provide details of which indicators have been identified as either: (i) having existing data collection metrics that maps directly to an indicator, (ii) others which capture partial data for an indicator, or (iii) gaps where indicators presently cannot be captured? 6. Provide details of DFAT planning regarding which indicators can commence routine reporting of data. 7. Has the government decided on whether to voluntary report to the international community on SDGs? Outline what timeframe for multilateral commitments? Has DFAT made any plans towards preparing for Voluntary National Reporting (staff assignment, drafting timelines, etc.) ? 8. The Foreign Minister announced funding this year to develop Individual Deprivation Measure (IDM), metric around poverty that is both gender sensitive & inclusive, through a partnership between ANU, IWDA & DFAT. Has DFAT 	Written	25/7/17
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			evaluated and decided to use the IDM as a data tool for future SDG work ?		
73.	Moore	Regional Health Security Fund	<p>41. In DFAT's aid budget document, the Regional health Security Fund now appears to be described as a 'Regional Health Security commitment'.</p> <p>a. Is the Fund going ahead?</p> <p>b. How much funding will it receive and when will it be disbursed?</p> <p>c. If the Fund is not going ahead, what will replace it?</p> <p>42. Is the department aware of Medical Research Future Fund funding to CEPI ? Was the department involved in this decision in any way through its focus on emerging disease threats?</p> <p>43. Does DFAT have a clear strategic or operational plan to guide its global health R&D investments and to coordinate these with other government agencies providing funding in this area, including the NHMRC, MRFF, Department of Defence, Austrade and Department of Industry?</p> <p>a. Can DFAT provide a copy of this plan?</p> <p>b. If it does not exist, is there a decision for developing a plan?</p>	Written	25/7/17
74.	Moore	Green Climate Fund and Climate Smart Investment	<p>54. Can DFAT provide an indication of when and what further Australian contributions to Green Climate Fund?</p> <p>55. Are there still just 27 projects being supported by Australia?</p> <p>56. Can details be provided of any new projects being funded?</p> <p>57. Given the projects supported, how much has actually been spent to date of Australia's contribution?</p> <p>58. In the context of Australia being re-elected to lead the GCF board in 2017 and the US having only handed over \$1B of its \$3B pledge to help developing countries deal with global warming, what planning has DFAT undertaken to offset risk of the US not delivering on its pledge?</p>	Written	25/7/17

			<p>59. Has the issue of enlarged pledges to GCF been raised at GCF board meetings? For Australia specifically?</p> <p>Climate Smart Investment</p> <p>Following up on the response to QoN#092 from the last estimates, around the Prime Minister's commitment of \$300M for Climate Smart Investment for the Pacific Islands.</p> <p>60. With respect to the PM's 'climate smart' investment pledge, has DFAT finalised the design for this program to be implemented in 2018? When will the the new strategy be announced and published? Who the lead agency is and how they are resourced? Who is being consulted, both within and outside government, on the strategy?</p> <p>61. Can DFAT expand on what is meant by a focus on adaptation in terms of delivering aid for this project?</p> <p>62. Has DFAT worked through the details of what the benefits are for regional aid from \$75M investment intended to be 'climate smart'?</p> <p>63. What sort of assistance is to be provided to get bilateral aid programs to invest \$150M?</p> <p>64. If this is to be aligned with Pacific national priorities for addressing climate change, then provide an outline of what these priorities are?</p> <p>65. Where is DFAT at with planning towards implementing the program in 2018?</p>		
75.	Moore	Support for Polio Eradication	<p>44. What funding is Australia providing to Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in 2017-18 & 2018-19 to complete the process of polio eradication?</p> <p>45. Can DFAT advise which programs the World Bank has supported with the \$36 million Australia is contributing? What have been the outcomes so far from these programs?</p>	Written	25/7/17

			<p>46. Does the government remain committed to full eradication of polio? If so, will it support an increase of \$15 million per year over the next three years to see this through?</p>		
76.	Moore	PNG Governance	<p>47. Given that the PNG Governance Facility (PGF) will consolidate the majority of the ongoing governance projects into a single facility, can DFAT be more specific about the extent of the facilities' funding coverage of Australian aid ?</p> <p>48. Can DFAT clarify amounts around annual Australian aid spend on: [i] funding for the governance facility, including to the managing contractor ? [ii] funding amount being administered through the facility of Aust total aid spend in PNG ?</p> <p>49. The PNG Governance Facility is intended to coordinate strategic decision making. Can DFAT clarify how the strategic management committee relates to the senior management group?</p> <p>50. In the PNG Partnership Fund documentation, the senior management group not DFAT is indicated as advising on budget allocations, discretion on the number of proposals funded etc. Is this is the case ? What is the composition of the senior management group ?</p> <p>51. At what point in governance does the Australian government get involved? At what point in governance does the PNG government get involved?</p> <p>52. Can DFAT clarify that grants funded through PNG Partnership Fund are expected to be in the range AUD\$3-10M for up to 3 years ? Are smaller grant proposals being encouraged to develop consortia to scale up activity?</p> <p>53. Also, can DFAT confirm all grants administered through PNG Partnership Fund are required to be co-financed ? Clarify the required co-financing is 10% of the final budget being proposed ?</p>	Written	25/7/17

77.	Moore	Disaster Risk Reduction	<p>82. Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is budgeted together with preparedness and response, with the breakdown unclear. What is the specific allocation of ODA to DRR initiatives? What is the difference between ‘response’ funding in this grouping and the Emergency fund? How will Australia Improve tracking, reporting and transparency of DRR financing and DRR ODA allocations?</p> <p>83. The Australian Humanitarian Partnership appears to be providing disaster prevention and preparedness funding only to the Pacific. How will Australia address the underlying cause of disaster risks in highly-hazard prone locations in Asia?</p> <p>84. In the government meeting our Grand Bargain commitments made at the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit, how much funding will be channelled to local actors this financial year? Alternatively, how does Australia intend to support local organisation capacity building to be able to have the systems to effectively absorb and use these funds in line with humanitarian principles?</p> <p>85. How is Australia honouring the global commitments it made to support governments and communities, particularly at the local level, to achieve the 4 priorities of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction?</p> <p>86. Meaningful investment in DRR requires addressing the causes of risk and vulnerabilities, not just preparing people to respond. How is the Government addressing the increasing and multiple risks from climate change within this budget? How is the budget tackling the drivers of risk and inequality?</p>	Written	25/7/17
78.	Moore	Global Partnership for Education	<p>78. Has DFAT considered the effect that the freeze on Australia’s ODA proposed for 2019-20 & 2020-21 would have on Australia’s future commitments to multilateral health, education and environment initiatives? If the response is ‘yes,’ what is DFAT’s assessment of the likely impact?</p> <p>79. What factors will the Government consider in deciding the level of future</p>	Written	25/7/17

			funding for the Global Partnership for Education?		
79.	Moore	Gender Equality	<p>80. What measurement tool is DFAT using to report on the 80% investment in gender equality? If it is different to the OECD DAC gender equality reporting framework, what rationale exists for using different tools?</p> <p>81. Given the stated priority towards gender equality investment, why was there no consistent information on gender equality expenditure in the Australian Aid Budget Summary 2017-2018?</p>	Written	25/7/17
80.	Moore	Aid Evaluation	<p>17. Is DFAT's process of evaluation of aid effectiveness conducted at the level of whole of program or whole of country?</p> <p>18. Is a program regarded as advancing gender equity because a target number of investments satisfy this at their outset?</p> <p>19. During implementation, how is gender equity advancement tracked? Is this at the program level or individual investment level?</p> <p>20. What statistical measures are used to evaluate gender equity advancement at whole of program level?</p> <p>21. Is a program evaluated as a success due to achieving their primary objectives?</p> <p>22. Given the government has repeatedly emphasised quality over quantity in delivery of the aid program, what qualitative evaluation of programs has DFAT conducted ? What qualitative measures were involved in such evaluations ? What qualitative measures were utilised to determine gender equity advancement ?</p>	Written	25/7/17

			<p>During estimates hearings on 1st June 2017, DFAT confirmed performance and effectiveness is measured annually for projects worth over \$3M.</p> <p>23. Why doesn't the department monitor all individual investments within programs?</p> <p>24. Can DFAT confirm that across all investments the threshold for them to be monitored is \$3M? Is that determination made only at the outset?</p> <p>25. For monitored investments, does the department gather specific data on gender equity advancement ? What sort of metrics? How is gender equity advancement determined for a specific investment?</p> <p>26. Where not all investments are monitored, how is a qualitative evaluation of whole of program effectiveness conducted? How is advancement in gender equity determined?</p> <p>27. The Foreign Minister only recently acknowledged the need for a data tool that captures the extent of poverty experienced by women. What are the current measures of poverty used by DFAT to report on the disadvantage experienced by women in the region ?</p>		
81.	Moore	PNG Health	<p>Aid - Health (HIV & TB in PNG, Product Development Partnerships, R&D)</p> <p>Papua New Guinea HIV funding</p> <p>28. Following the decision to defund community HIV organisations in PNG, what funding has DFAT allocated to enable existing HIV organisations to survive until they are able to source alternative funds?</p> <p>29. In light of the sudden retraction of health services in 2017, what plans does DFAT have to provide ongoing HIV prevention, since in its absence, PNG faces an unsustainable health problem?</p> <p>30. What assurances can DFAT provide that under a managing contractor for</p>	Written	25/7/17

		<p>Australian aid, the HIV client base can be re-engaged through this disruptive period for health service provision?</p> <p>31. Can DFAT outline its plans for a national study of HIV in key affected populations? Clarify what was meant in estimates hearings around "a 12-month position to coordinate and improve advocacy by HIV NGOs"?</p> <p>32. Indicate which HIV NGOs out of 20 applicants have been approved, those deemed worthy of further consideration and development, and those rejected in the partnerships fund bidding process ? Aid - Health - Product Development Partnerships</p> <p>36. In 2014/15, Minister Bishop committed \$30m per year for 3 years to global health research. The Product Development Partnerships (PDP) spend is clearly documented as \$10m divided between three PDPs each year). Could DFAT provide full data on how the remaining \$20m/year was spent for the past three years? What other global health R&D projects were funded?</p> <p>37. The PDPs have delivered significant results from their funding. Could DFAT provide data on the outcomes from non-PDP research funding they have provided?</p> <p>38. Are there any plans to renew funding to the three Product Development Partnerships (PDPs) making new medicines and diagnostics for global health? If so, how much funding will be provide and for how many years?</p> <p>39. Are there plans to fund more PDPs, beyond these three, in particular those making vital global health tools including: a. New reproductive health tools for women b. New vector control tools including insecticides c. New vaccines for AIDS, TB and malaria</p> <p>40. Are there plans to expand its global health R&D funding to include not only overseas PDPs but also key Australian groups making vital global health medicines (e.g. Inhaled oxytocin to prevent maternal haemorrhage) ?</p>		
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			<p>Tuberculosis treatment in Papua New Guinea</p> <p>33. Can DFAT report on progress toward agreed goals in the 2012 Development Partnership Agreement between Australia and Papua-New Guinea for increasing tuberculosis detection and treatment completion rates? How has this progress has been assessed?</p> <p>34. The worst of PNG’s multidrug resistant tuberculosis is concentrated in the country’s Western Province, especially on the island of Daru. Can DFAT report on any improvements to treatment and care at Daru Hospital? Can DFAT report on measures to assist the Hospital in managing its budget?</p> <p>35. Can DFAT report on the impact of Australia’s commitment to nationwide health system strengthening for tuberculosis services in the Western Province and National Capital District?</p>		
82.	Moore	Human Trafficking	<p>Modern Slavery / Human Trafficking</p> <p>66. Can DFAT outline the key areas of focus around the role of the Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking for Australia?</p> <p>67. Provide an overview of the ambassador's working relationship with the Operation Sovereign Borders & Joint Agency Task Force?</p> <p>68. Can DFAT indicate the travel conducted by the ambassador during 2016-17?</p> <p>69. In what way does the ambassador come to be involved in cases where modern slavery is involved?</p>	Written	25/7/17
83.	Moore	IxC	<p>InnovationXchange</p> <p>71. Why does the government’s key innovation body not support product innovation, including development of: a. More effective new drugs being developed against drug resistant TB and</p>	Written	25/7/17

		<p>malaria</p> <p>b. New drugs to prevent haemorrhage in childbirth, being developed by Australian organisations</p> <p>c. New diagnostics for Zika, Ebola, dengue and chikengunya being developed by Australian organisations</p> <p>d. New tools to more than double the rate of cervical cancer detection in poor countries???</p> <p>72. What has been the budget for the InnovationXchange in 2014/15, 2015/161 & 2016/17? How much of each figure was assigned to Official Development Assistance?</p> <p>73. Has there ever been an evaluation of the Innovationxchange? If yes, when and where is it available? If no, why not?</p> <p>74. Have any members of the International Reference Group of the InnovationXchange received remuneration for their services? a. If yes, please provide details of the remuneration provided and to who?</p> <p>75. Please provide the dates of all the meetings of the International Reference Group.</p> <p>76. Are the minutes of the International Reference Group publically available? a. If yes, please provide a copy of all minutes of the International Reference Group b. If no, why not?</p> <p>77. What is the specific nature of the Innovation Xchange's involvement in each of the following? What is the assigned budget for each? What outcomes has the InnovationXchange's involvement in each produced? (a) The Education in Emergencies Challenge: A MIKTA initiative delivered by Australian Aid (b) Vietnam Water Initiative (c) DFAT Technology Against Poverty Prize (d) mSupply project (e) Hamutuk project</p>		
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84.	Moore	<p>Family Planning</p> <p>9. In the GREEN book part 2 2015-16 at p.25, within a footnote, DFAT presents the finalised figure for family planning expenditure in 2015-16 as \$23.7M. Does this figure represent total ODA expenditure on Reproductive health care and Family planning? Explain how this figure relates to the Australian Health ODA table on the same page? Outline how this figure relates more widely to the Australian ODA tables with Reproductive health care and Family planning categories, namely Research, Gender Equality, Disability Inclusion, Health and Maternal & Child Health?</p> <p>Using the same international methodology agreed at the 2012 London Family Planning Summit, can DFAT confirm the family planning expenditure figures for 2014-15 and 2013-14?</p> <p>10. With reference to the GREEN book part 2 2015-16 at p.25, a footnote indicates "<i>...family planning and reproductive health program data presented in this publication has been compiled using DAC sectors which differs from the methodology developed by DFID for tracking family planning expenditure</i>" Can DFAT explain why these data reporting changes were necessary when consistency to comparison is critical to monitoring from 2012 through to 2020? Can DFAT outline the key differences in methodology that were deemed important in the new process and outline what are DAC sectors?</p> <p>11. Can DFAT provide details of all inclusions for: [a] the Australian Research ODA table under the Family planning and reproductive health category</p>	Written	25/7/17

		<p>[b] the Australian Gender Equality ODA table under the Family planning and reproductive health category</p> <p>[c] the Australian Disability Inclusion ODA table under the Family planning and reproductive health category</p> <p>[d] the Australian Health ODA table under the Reproductive health care and Family planning categories</p> <p>[e] the Australian Maternal & Child Health ODA table under the Reproductive health care and Family planning categories ?</p> <p>12. With respect to Family Planning in PNG, following up on the response to QoN#074 (sections 9-12) from last estimates, most NGO funding ended in Dec2016, yet the new PNG Partnership fund has only just concluded asking for grant proposals. Hence, what plans does DFAT have to ensure Family Planning service continuity through the change in governance arrangements?</p> <p>13. Will DFAT clarify whether the proportion of PNG funding allocated to Family Planning will be maintained or enlarged with the new arrangements?</p> <p>In the response to QoN#146 from the last estimates, consultation has been undertaken with UNFPA, IPPF and MSI to arrive at an assessment of the impact of the US imposition of a global gag rule.</p> <p>14. Has DFAT realised global funding for Family Planning is experiencing a time of exceptional need and that these cuts put at risk Australia's aid investments? Has the government undertaken any systematic review of the potential risks to Australia's aid objectives? Does DFAT acknowledge that Australia is obliged to contribute more as an international citizen? Has DFAT discussed this matter with the minister?</p> <p>At the estimates hearings, the department advised that Australia had received an invitation to the forthcoming Global Summit on Family Planning to be held in London, England in July.</p> <p>15. Given this event happens at a critical time for family planning globally, has any decision been made about attendance?</p>		
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85.	Farrell	DFAT – Market Research	<p>For the 2016-17 financial year, what was the total amount spent by the Department/agency on market research (either as a whole contract or as part of a contract)?</p> <p>For each contract for market research in 2016/2017, can you please provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subject of the market research; • The supplier; • Whether the supplier has been engaged previously and if so, for which contracts; • The total value of the contract; • The term of the contract (time); • The date that the decision was taken to seek market research on the topic; • The date the contract was opened to tender or selection process; • The date the supplier was engaged; • Whether the contract was subject to a tender process, including whether there was a full, partial or closed tender process; • Does the supplier exist on a pre-approved supplier list, if so, when were they added to that list; • Whether the Minister, or the Minister's Office, requested that the research be conducted; • Whether the Minister approved the decision to conduct market research; • Whether the Minister approved the contract with the supplier; • Whether the Minister or the Minister's office was consulted on questions asked; • Whether the Minister or the Minister's office received a copy of the market research; 	Written	25/7/17

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, was the Minister or their office consulted before the decision was taken to conduct research, if so – in what form did that consultation take (written, verbal other); • If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, did Minister or their office make any amendments or changes to the Department’s proposal for market research to be conducted, if so, what changes and to what aspects were they made; • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research were other departments or agencies consulted? • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research were other Ministers, or the Prime Minister consulted? • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the expected cost change, if so how? • At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the scope, questions or supplier of the research change? • Have any topics or questions of market research been conducted and subsequently conducted again by the same or different supplier? 		
86.	Xenophon	DFAT - Contracts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What percentage of contracts entered into by the Department in FY 2015/16 were limited? 2. What was the total value of these limited tenders? 3. Across the department, please provide a list of all contracts in FY 2015/16 that involved a limited tender contract to an entity for services below \$80,000 followed by a limited tender contract (either in FY 15/16 or 16/17) to the same entity for services below \$80,000 or above \$80,000 (please list the two contracts by AUSTENDER number). Please provide the justification (and any documents relating thereto) for the limited tender of any second contract that was above the \$80,000 threshold. 4. Across the department, please provide a list of all contracts in FY 2016/17 that involved a limited tender contract to an entity for services below \$80,000 followed by a limited tender contract to the same entity for services below \$80,000 or above \$80,000 (please list the two contracts by 	Written	25/7/17

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87.	Xenophon	Free Trade Agreement - Singapore	<p>The amendments to the Singapore FTA include procurement commitments from state governments which were not in the original agreement, which only made commitments on Commonwealth government procurement.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the government guarantee that these commitments are consistent with current state government procurement policies which seek to use government procurement to support local industries through use of Australian made steel and other initiatives to support local small and medium-sized enterprises? <p>The amendments to the Singapore FTA include commitments to remove labour market testing for hundreds of occupations covered by the temporary Visa 457 category which was still in place when the amendments were negotiated. Since these amendments were made public in March 2017, the government in April acknowledged the exploitation of vulnerable temporary workers employed under the Visa 457 category and announced the abolition of this Visa category, its replacement with other provisions. It also claims to have a policy of reintroducing labour market testing for temporary workers, to test if local workers are available before temporary overseas workers are employed. This appears to mean the amendments to the Singapore FTA are inconsistent with current government policy to reintroduce labour market testing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Will the government renegotiate these amendments? 	Written	7/8/17
88.	Xenophon	TPP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What has been the total cost of negotiation in respect of this treaty, including the cost of FTE officials? 2. Please break out the travel costs and advise locations that Australian Officials have flown to? 	Written	7/8/17

89.	Xenophon	Government Procurement Agreement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the status of the GPA? 2. What has been the total cost of negotiation in respect of this treaty, including the cost of FTE officials? 3. Please break out the travel costs and advise locations that Australian Officials have flown to? 	Written	7/8/17
90.	Xenophon	Aid	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you please provide the budgets for foreign aid over the last three financial years? 2. Please provide a list of programs that have either been put on hold (for any reason), had their funding reduced, or been terminated over the last three financial years. For each program, please stated: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Target Country b. The budget amount at program inception c. The cut against the original budget d. The reason for the hold, reduction or termination. 	Written	25/7/17
91.	Senator Bilyk	DFAT - Laptops	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many laptops are currently on issue to staff of the Department and agencies in the portfolio? 2. Can an itemised list showing make and model please be provided? 3. How many new laptops were purchased by the Department and agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2016? 4. What was the total cost (GST <u>inclusive</u>) of purchasing laptops for staff of the Department and agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2016? 5. How many laptops did the Department and agencies in the portfolio have to be replace due to damage in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST <u>inclusive</u>)? 6. How many laptops were reported lost or stolen in calendar year 2016? What was the cost of replacement (GST <u>inclusive</u>)? 	Written	25/7/17

92.	Lambie	PNG - Kokoda	<p>1. In reference to the number of Australians trekking across the Kokoda Trail each year. During the period 2004-2008 when the Kokoda Trail was managed by a PNG CEO annual trekker numbers increased from 1,584 to 5,621 – an increase of 72 per cent. Since the Australian Government assumed responsibility for its management trekker numbers have declined from 5,621 in 2008 to 2,597 in 2016 – a decrease of 53 per cent.</p> <p>What are the reasons for the significant decline in trekker numbers each year since the Australian Government assumed control of the trekking industry in 2008?</p> <p>2. In reference to the fact that some trek operators licensed by the PNG Kokoda Track Authority do not have Public Liability Insurance cover: Does the Australian Government have a Duty of Care to warn Australian trekkers of the consequences of incurring an injury or illness that may result in a permanent disability if they trek with a company that does not have a Public Liability Insurance policy?</p> <p>3. With reference to the interpretive signage at Owers Corner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the cost of the contract for the Interpretive Design Company to design and install interpretive panels at Owers Corner in May 2016? b. Has the Interpretive Design Company, or any other company been contracted to design and develop any other interpretive panels along the Kokoda Trail? <p>4. In reference to the engagement of the Dr Andrew Connelly as Military Heritage Advisor with the PNG National Museum and Art Gallery:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is the position of Military Heritage Advisor with the PNG National Museum and Art Gallery funded by the Australian Government? b. What is the salary of the Military Heritage Advisor? c. Why was the position of Military Heritage Advisor advertised during the Christmas holiday period i.e. 19 December to 8 January 2017? d. Why was the advertisement restricted to institutions which would have 	Written	25/7/17
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			<p>been substantially closed during the holiday period?</p> <p>e. Why was the position not advertised with the Australian War Memorial?</p> <p>f. What qualifications does Dr Connolly have in regard to the protection and interpretation of Australia’s military heritage in accordance with the Principles of Commemoration along the Kokoda Trail?</p> <p>5. In reference to the Kokoda Strategic Plan 2012-2015 developed by the Australian CEO of the PNG Kokoda Track Authority during the period 2009-2012: With reference to Strategy 1: Increase the benefits and opportunities for landowners and track based communities:</p> <p>a. Strategy 1.1.3: Implement guest house certification and booking systems. What systems are now in place for booking campsites and certifying guest houses?</p> <p>b. Strategy 1.1.5: Developed and implemented a strategic marketing plan to increase trekker numbers. Why did trekker numbers decrease every year during the 2012-2015 trekking period?</p> <p>c. Strategy 1.1.6: Implement Standards for porters and guides. Why has this objective been ignored?</p> <p>d. Strategy 1.1.7: Develop livelihoods opportunities. What specific livelihood opportunities were developed during the period 2012-2015?</p> <p>e. Strategy 1.1.8: Develop cultural tourism opportunities. What specific initiatives were implemented for cultural tourism during the period 2012-2015?</p> <p>6. With reference to Strategy 2: Preserve the unique values and legacy of the Track and enhanced the trekking experience:</p> <p>a. Strategy 2.1.1: Clearly identify the values that need to be preserved and have them recognised formally in planning and other processes (e.g. Sustainable Master Plan). What specific military heritage values have been recognised?</p> <p>b. Strategy 2.2.2: Implement Track Management Guidelines.</p>		
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			<p>What management protocols are currently in place for the Kokoda trekking industry?</p> <p>c. Strategy 2.2.3: Reinforcing and regulating tour operator licensing system. What management protocols are currently in place to regulate the tour operator licensing system?</p> <p>d. Strategy 2.2.4: Put in place sustainable maintenance programs for track infrastructure and services in partnership with relevant stakeholders. What specific programs were put in place for the sustainable maintenance of the Kokoda Trail?</p> <p>e. Strategy 2.2.6: Develop a capacity strategy that provides trekker number targets that maintain the desired trekker experience. What were the trekker number targets for each year during the period 2012-2015?</p> <p>7. In reference to Strategy 3: Facilitate improved mutual respect, trust and understanding between stakeholders:</p> <p>a. Strategy 3.3.1: Establish MOU's and MoA's with all key stakeholders clarifying roles and responsibilities. Were MOU's and MoA's with all key stakeholders established and where were they published?</p> <p>b. Strategy 3.3.4: Ensure local communities cultural values and belief systems and practices are respected and observed. Have the 'cultural values' and 'belief systems' been identified and published?</p> <p>8. In reference to Strategy 4: Set in place good Governance and Management arrangements to guide and evaluate its operation:</p> <p>a. Strategy 4.4.1: Finalise and implement Governance review outcomes. When were the Governance review outcomes finalised and where have they been published?</p> <p>b. Strategy 4.4.2: Ensure effective participation by all Management Committee members. Are there any specific examples of effective participation by Management Committee members during the period 2012-2015?</p>		
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			<p>c. Strategy 4.4.4: Develop capacity of Management Committee members to communicate and work as a team. In view of the fact that the Kokoda Track Authority has not published a newsletter for the past two years how is this objective being achieved?</p> <p>d. Strategy 4.4.5: Develop and use agreed plans and processes such as Strategic Plan, Business Plan, Communication Strategy to assist good management practice. In view of the fact that there is not a single management protocol in place for the management of the Kokoda trekking industry what is the current status of these plans?</p> <p>e. Strategy 4.4.6: Devise and implement a marketing strategy to increase tourism yield. Was a marketing strategy devised, published and reviewed in view of the fact that trekker numbers declined each year during the period 2012-2015?</p> <p>9. In reference to Strategy 5: Work to become a sustainable and effective organisation:</p> <p>a. Strategy 5.5.1: The Management Committee supplies clear guidance and evaluation to management. Have these guidelines been published and what system of management evaluation is currently in place?</p> <p>b. Strategy 5.5.3: Develop, use and evaluate performance against clear operational plans linked to the Strategic Plan. Have operational plans been developed and published?</p> <p>c. Strategy 5.5.4: Develop, maintain and update internal financial and administrative processes and procedures. Did the Kokoda Track Authority publish an Annual Report for each year during the period 2012-2015 and were they published?</p> <p>d. Strategy 5.5.5: Develop sustainable revenue streams and ensure adequate financial reserves are maintained. Which specific sustainable revenue streams were developed during the period 2012-2015 and what financial reserves were established by the end of 2015?</p>		
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			<p>e. Strategy 5.5.6: Provide clear reports on finances and performance to KTA’s stakeholders. Were reports on finances and performance distributed to KTA’s stakeholders during the period 2012-2015?</p> <p>f. Strategy 5.5.9: Explore opportunities to benefit tour operators by exploiting total buying power (i.e. bulk purchase of hotel accommodation, insurance, flights). Were these opportunities explored during the period 2012-2015 and what were the outcomes?</p> <p>10. With reference to Senate Question 1943 (11) and (12) which advised that an expert consultant had been engaged to produce a Kokoda Safety Map at a cost of \$41,849.50 AUD:</p> <p>a. Has the accuracy of the Kokoda Safety Map been validated by the Kokoda Track Authority?</p> <p>b. Is the map currently distributed to Kokoda trek operators and/or trekkers?</p> <p>c. What is the current status of the map?</p> <p>11. With reference to Kokoda Initiative signs along the Kokoda Trail advising that:</p> <p>‘This project has been funded by the Kokoda Initiative – a partnership between the Governments of Papua New Guinea and Australia – Supporting better education, health, water and sanitation in the Kokoda Track region, Oro (Central) Province’:</p> <p>a. What is the purpose of the signs?</p> <p>b. How many of these signs have been installed along the trail and in what locations?</p> <p>c. What was the cost of the design, development, transport and installation of each sign?</p> <p>12. With reference to the engagement of consultants for the Kokoda Initiative:</p> <p>a. Which Australian consultants have been engaged by the Australian Government between 2012 and 2017 to assist the Kokoda Initiative and the Kokoda Track Authority and what was the total cost incurred to engage</p>		
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			<p>each consultant?</p> <p>b. What was the: (a) budget; and (b) actual cost and outcome, per consultant engaged by the Australian Government to work on projects along the Kokoda Trail, between 2012 and 2017?</p> <p>c. Can the Minister provide a list of the NGOs that have received funds for projects along the Kokoda Trail between 2012 and 2017, including details of the: (a) tender process; (b) funds allocated; and (c) outcomes of each project undertaken per NGO?</p> <p>13. With reference to Senate Question 1947.</p> <p>a. The Minister advised that ‘the Sustainable Livelihoods Project aims to increase the capacity of Kokoda Track communities to generate income from tourism by adding value to the trekking experience. It has included activities such as a study exploring issues of demand and supply and labour availability; three Pilot Projects in 2010-11; and activities undertaken in 2011-12 developed with reference to the outcomes of the Pilot Projects’.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I. What outcomes were identified from each of three Pilot Projects referred to?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">II. What initiatives have added value to the trekking experience and what is the estimate of how much additional income has been generated as a result of the program?</p> <p>c. The Minister advised that the objectives for the Livelihoods Project were to ‘Identify micro-business development opportunities along the Kokoda Track corridor, focussing on tourism and rural enterprises associated with the trekking industry’.</p> <p>Can the Minister provide a list of the micro-business development opportunities that were identified and provide a list of outcomes for each one?</p> <p>d. The Minister advised that the Livelihoods Project would ‘develop low maintenance recommendations without the need for highly sophisticated technical knowledge’.</p> <p>Can the Minister provide a list of the ‘low maintenance recommendations’ made as a result of the project?</p>		
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- e. The Minister advised that the Livelihoods Project would ‘reduce migration to the towns and encourage a more stable and satisfied village community’. Can you please provide an assessment of the effectiveness of this objective in regard to the village of Nauro?
- f. The Minister advised that the Livelihoods Project would ‘involve women and young people in greater income earning activities, thus raising their economic status in village society’. Can the Minister please provide details of the outcomes of this objective in each village along the trail?
- g. How much funding was provided for the Livelihoods Project for each of the following years:
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- What value-added programs are operating along the trail in 2017 as a result of the program?
14. With reference to Senate Estimates Question 1946: The Minister advised that ‘the Australian Government provided \$99,974 AUD to fund Conservation Volunteers Australia for infrastructure and track maintenance along the trail during the period 2010-2012. The Minister advised that local villagers were trained and ‘qualified as track builders that the Kokoda Track Authority can draw on for future work’.
- a. If the Minister’s statement was correct why were Rangers from the Queensland National Parks engaged to do the same work along the trail as the Australian Conservation Volunteers were engaged to do up till 2012?
- b. What is the total cost of the work being undertaken by the Queensland

			<p>National Parks Rangers in April-May 2017?</p> <p>c. How long will Rangers from Queensland National Parks be engaged in track maintenance along the Kokoda Trail?</p> <p>d. What is the total budget for the track maintenance program?</p> <p>15. Can the Minister give an assurance that the Kokoda Trail is safe for trekkers to traverse?</p> <p>16. Why has the Australian Government failed to develop a master plan to protect and interpret the military heritage of the Kokoda campaign along the Kokoda Trail between Owers Corner and Kokoda since it assumed responsibility for the Kokoda Initiative in 2009?</p> <p>17. The term ‘Kokoda Trail’ is the official geographic name gazetted by the traditional owners of the land i.e. the independent sovereign nation of Papua New Guinea. It is also the official name of the battle honour awarded to the Papuan Infantry Battalion. The PNG Prime Minister, The Hon Peter O’Neill referred to the battles along the ‘Kokoda Trail’ in his speech at the 75th anniversary Anzac Dawn Service at Bomana War Cemetery on 25 April 2017.</p> <p>18. Why does the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby defy the normal diplomatic protocols by referring to the name ‘Kokoda Track’ in PNG?</p> <p>19. What level of Australian Government funding has been provided to the PNG Kokoda Track Authority for the following financial years:</p> <p>a. 2012-2013;</p> <p>b. 2013-2014;</p> <p>c. 2015-2015; and</p> <p>d. 2015-2016.</p> <p>20. Has the PNG Kokoda Track Authority published audited Annual Reports</p>		
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			for each financial year since 2012-2013 through to 2015-2016?		
93.	Brown	China Australia Year of Tourism – Return on Investment	<p>1. Please provide the total cost and return on investment (ROI) figure achieved or expected for each of the following CAYOT events, along with a description of the methodology used, detailing any assumptions used in the calculations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Opening ceremony in Sydney Chairman Li Jinzao Guest of Government visit VIP Trade Mission and YOT celebration – Beijing and Shanghai Tourism Australia Business Events Showcase Australian Football Rules match Australian Tourism Exchange Marketing and airline partnerships campaign activities <p>2. Please provide a list of Australian Government and Australian agency attendees to each event including Ministers and staffers and accommodation costs per person, per night.</p>	Written	7/8/17
94.	Moore	Cancun conference – Disaster Risk Reduction	<p>Mr Isbister: There was a conference that Minister Fierravanti-Wells attended in Cancun a week ago that took forward this agenda and we contributed to that but we also have investments around disaster risk reduction in each of the country programs, and particularly in the Pacific region. That could be investments around bill-back better. It could be around engineering approaches and so on. The overall percentage of ODA on that this year is about 2.9 per cent of our—</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator MOORE: There will be a lot of questions on notice including: can the department provide a copy of the ministers' programs from their conference?</p>	Page 79 and 80, June 1	25/7/17
95.	Brown	Ministerial office budgets	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide full details of what the Greater China Travel Mission plus Year of Tourism Closing ceremony entail. Please provide a full break down of costs. 	Written	7/8/17

96.	Gallacher	Staff costs	<p>Question</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who are the contracts with? b. How much does each contract cost? c. How often do they visit? d. Please provide an annual cost. 2) Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Who were the contracts with? b. How much was each contract cost? 3) What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from 1 January 2016? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals? b. Please provide an annual cost. 4) What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the department in the past 12 months? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What were the gifts purchased? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Who were they gifted to? 5) Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for your department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the monthly cost of this? 6) Do you provide fruit for your department? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the monthly cost of this? 7) What is the total bill for your department in the past 12 months: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Taxi hire b. Limousine hire c. Private hire care d. Hire car rental e. Ridesharing services 8) How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the department? 9) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost? 10) What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department? 11) How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in the past 12 months? 	Written	25/7/17
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		<p>12) How much has the Department spend in legal costs in the past 12 months? a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?</p> <p>13) Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in the past 12 months? a. Social media i. And the cost of these services b. Photography i. And the cost of these services c. Acting training i. And the cost of these services d. Ergonomics i. And the cost of these services</p> <p>14) Have any staff who received a redundancy from the Department in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the Department? a. What was the nature of these works/services? b. What was the total cost of these works or services?</p> <p>15) How many redundancies were processed by the Department in the past 12 months? a. Of these redundancies, how many were: i. Voluntary? ii. Forced? b. What was the total cost of all redundancies?</p> <p>16) Does the department have an iTunes account? a. What is the total expenditure in the past 12 months on iTunes? i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?</p> <p>17) Does the department have an Android account? a. What was the total expenditure in the last 12 months on Android? b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?</p> <p>18) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the department in the last 12 months?</p> <p>19) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by the department in the last 12 months?</p> <p>20) How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff?</p> <p>21) Does any office have coffee machines? a. How many? b. What was their purchase cost?</p>		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. What is their maintenance cost? d. Who has access to them? 22) How many mobile phones are given to staff? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many new mobile phones in the last 12 months? b. What is the total cost of these phones? c. How many had to be replaced due to damage? d. How many were reported as lost? 23) How many tablets are given to staff? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many new tablets in the last 12 months? b. What is the total cost of these tablets? c. How many had to be replaced due to damage? d. How many were reported as lost? 24) How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet? 25) How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill in the last 12 months? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. By how much? b. What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones? c. What was the highest monthly cost? 26) What was the annual cost of stationary? 27) What brand of paper does the Department use? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is this paper Australian made? 28) Were any refurbishments on office buildings carried out in the last 12 months? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What were they? b. What was the cost? 29) Were any internal fitouts/maintenance carried out on office buildings in the last 12 months? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the cost? 30) How many functions did the Department cater for in the last 12 months? Please provide a <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. List of functions, b. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; c. Function venue; d. Itemised list of costs; 		
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		<p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;</p> <p>g. Details of any spirits served including brand and vintage;</p> <p>h. Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and</p> <p>i. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>31) Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the department, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.</p> <p>32) How much has the Department spent on media monitoring in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts.</p> <p>33) How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided.</p> <p>34) Were any members of your department charged with fraud?</p> <p>a. How many staff members?</p> <p>b. What disciplinary action was taken?</p> <p>35) Has the Department undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. With whom?</p> <p>b. For what?</p> <p>c. What was the value of the contract?</p> <p>36) How many full time staff or equivalent are working on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership?</p> <p>a. Will RCEP include Investor State Dispute Settlement clauses?</p> <p>b. Will RCEP include the removal of labour market testing?</p> <p>c. Will RCEP extend the patent time period on biologics?</p> <p>d. Will RCEP include enforceable labour standards?</p> <p>37) What is the scheduled conclusion date for the Australia/ India free trade agreement?</p> <p>a. How many full time staff or equivalent are working on the Australia/ India free trade agreement?</p> <p>38) Has any analysis of a bilateral FTA between Australia and Canada been conducted by the department?</p> <p>39) Has any analysis of a bilateral FTA between Australia and Mexico been</p>		
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		<p>conducted by the department?</p> <p>40) Has any analysis of a bilateral FTA between Australia and Peru been conducted by the department?</p> <p>41) Has any analysis of a bilateral FTA between Australia and Vietnam been conducted by the department?</p> <p>42) How many full time equivalent staff are working on the TPP?</p> <p>43) How many full time equivalent staff are working on the free trade agreement between Australia and Indonesia?</p> <p>44) How many credit cards are currently on issue for staff in the Department and agencies within the portfolio? If possible, please provide a break-down of this information by APS/ SES level.</p> <p>45) What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in calendar year 2016 and what was it for?</p> <p>46) How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>47) How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2016?</p> <p>48) What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in calendar year 2016 and what was the card holder's APS/ SES level?</p> <p>49) How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in calendar year 2016 and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>50) How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in calendar year 2016? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in calendar year 2016 and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>51) What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in calendar year 2016, and what was the cardholder's APS/ SES level? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>52) Are any credit cards currently on issue in the Department or agencies within the portfolio connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>53) Can a copy of the Department's staff credit card policy please be provided?</p> <p>54) Does the Department use any labour hire companies to source</p>		
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			<p>Departmental staff?</p> <p>55) Does the Department use Labour Hire Agreements?</p> <p>56) How long has the Department used labour hire companies?</p> <p>57) How many staff are employed under via these arrangements?</p> <p>58) How many staff are employed by the Department as contractors?</p> <p>59) Who authorised the use of labour hire companies?</p> <p>60) Do staff under these labour hire arrangements receive as much training and security clearance as permanent staff?</p> <p>61) Do staff under these arrangements receive the same pay and conditions as permanent staff?</p> <p>62) Do these temporary staff have access to the same systems and databases?</p> <p>63) Is this a concern from a security perspective?</p>		
97.	Gallacher	Board Appointments	<p>1) Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the department, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.</p>	Written	25/7/17
98.	Gallacher	Staffing	<p>1) Have any staff who received a redundancy from the Department in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the Department?</p> <p>a. What was the nature of these works/services?</p> <p>b. What was the total cost of these works or services?</p> <p>2) How many redundancies were processed by the Department in the past 12 months?</p> <p>a. Of these redundancies, how many were:</p> <p>i. Voluntary?</p> <p>ii. Forced?</p> <p>b. What was the total cost of all redundancies?</p> <p>4) Were any members of your department charged with fraud?</p> <p>a. How many staff members?</p> <p>b. What disciplinary action was taken?</p>	Written	25/7/17

99.	Gallacher	PR, advertising, media and market research costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the department? 2) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost? 3) What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department? 4) How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in the past 12 months? 5) Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in the past 12 months? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Social media <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services b. Photography <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services c. Acting training <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services d. Ergonomics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services 6) How much has the Department spent on media monitoring in the last 12 months? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts. 7) How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns in the last 12 months? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided. 8) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the department in the last 12 months? 9) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by the department in the last 12 months? 10) Has the Department undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. With whom? b. For what? c. What was the value of the contract? 	Written	25/7/17
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100.	Moore	UN Peacekeeping	<p>70. Can the department provide a breakdown of UN peacekeeping missions over the past five years ? Provide details of their locations across the globe ? Also, details of funding levels for each peacekeeping mission ?</p>	Written	25/7/17
101.	Gallacher	Non-Tariff Barriers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Which entity/department is responsible for assisting exports into China? 2. Was the Blue Hat regime disclosed and discussed as part of CHAFTA? 3. What assistance is given to exporters to enable them to access the Chinese market? 4. What efforts have been made by the department, Minister or any other department (as appropriate) gone to address the non-tariff barriers faced by the complementary medicines industry in China. 5. Has the Department or Minister engaged with Chinese authorities to address the non-tariff barriers facing the complementary medicines sector? 6. Cognisant of a recent decision to withdraw proposed registration programs, if a permanent solution to the current regulatory uncertainty is not found, has DFAT modelled the value of the economic loss to the Australian Complementary medicines? 7. Has the impact of Phytosanitary Certification and Non-Tariff Barriers since signing CHAFTA been in line with expectations? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is it below expectations? b. Was it not foreseen in the making of the agreement? 	Written	7/8/17
102.	Wong	Travel by former prime ministers	<p>Can the Department provide an updated version of the tables outlining travel by former prime ministers since its response to 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates question on notice #16?</p>	Written	25/7/17

103.	Wong	Roles, responsibilities and deliverables for special envoys	<p>Further to the response to 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates question on notice #28, can the Department provide:</p> <p>(a) Any updates to the information provided since its response to the question on notice?</p> <p>(b) Roles, responsibilities and deliverables for each of the special envoys and special ambassadors listed?</p>	Written	25/7/17
104.	Wong	Ministerial travel	Can the Department provide an updated version of the tables outlining all ministerial travel from 20 October 2016 to present since its response to 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates question on notice #89?	Written	7/8/17
105.	Wong	Heads of mission and heads of post	<p>Can the Department provide an updated version of the tables listing:</p> <p>(a) New heads of mission and heads of post appointments; and</p> <p>(b) Posts due to be vacated</p> <p>since its response to 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates question on notice #90?</p>	Written	25/7/17

106.	Wong	Multilateral replenishments	Can the Department provide an updated version of the tables listing multilateral replenishments since its response to 2016-17 Supplementary Budget Estimates question on notice #91?	Written	25/7/17
107.	Wong	Proposed laws to prevent registered child sex offenders from travelling overseas	<p>Proposed laws to prevent registered child sex offenders from travelling overseas</p> <p>(a) When was the Department first aware of the announcement made by Ministers Bishop and Keenan on 30 May 2017, <i>Tougher laws on child sex tourism</i>?</p> <p>(b) How many briefs was the Department asked to prepare on this policy prior to the 30 May 2017 announcement?</p> <p>Proposed laws to prevent registered child sex offenders from travelling overseas</p> <p>Is the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or the Attorney-General's Department the lead agency on this policy?</p> <p>Proposed laws to prevent registered child sex offenders from travelling overseas</p> <p>(a) What was the role of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in this policy change?</p> <p>(b) What was the role of the Attorney General's Department in this policy change?</p> <p>Proposed laws to prevent registered child sex offenders from travelling overseas</p> <p>(a) What will be the role and responsibilities of the Department of Foreign Affairs and</p>	Written	25/7/17

			<p>Trade in implementation of the changes?</p> <p>(b) What will be the role and responsibilities of Attorney General's Department in implementation of the changes?</p> <p>Proposed laws to prevent registered child sex offenders from travelling overseas</p> <p>(a) What level of cooperation has existed between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Attorney-General's Department in the development of this policy?</p> <p>(b) What level of ongoing cooperation will exist between the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Attorney-General's Department on the implementation of this policy if legislated by the Parliament?</p>		
108.	Wong	Passport services	<p>Given the role now performed by Australian Border Force in relation to passports, is the Department aware of any discussions about the transfer of this function to Australian Border Force?</p> <p>Are there plans to transfer passport functions to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or Australian Border Force?</p> <p>If so:</p> <p>(a) Has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade been consulted about the transfer of these functions?</p> <p>Has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provided advice to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or any other minister, about the possible transfer of these</p>	Written	25/7/17

			<p>functions and if so, when?</p> <p>(a) Has a decision been made to transfer passport functions to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection or Australian Border Force?</p> <p>If so, when and by whom was a decision made?</p>		
109.	Wong	Homeland security portfolio	<p>Has the Department been consulted about any plans for the establishment of a homeland security-style portfolio?</p> <p>Given reports that a homeland security-style ministry is being considered by the Government, is the Department in discussions about the establishment of a homeland security-style portfolio?</p> <p>Has the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or any other minister, discussed with the Department any discussions or plans to establish a homeland security-style portfolio?</p>	Written	25/7/17
110.	Wong	Property	<p>With reference to page 102 of 2017-18 Budget Paper No. 2, which outlines the budget measure to centralise management of the Commonwealth's overseas property portfolio:</p> <p>In relation to the Department's own property portfolio, does a summary of properties owned by the Department already exist?</p> <p>Is the Department able to provide a summary of the Department's property</p>	Written	25/7/17

		<p>portfolio, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) A list of properties;(b) The location of properties(c) The nature of property;(d) The book value of the property;(e) The current market value of the property; and(f) Any other commercial arrangements concerning the property? <p>With reference to page 102 of 2017-18 Budget Paper No. 2, which outlines the budget measure to centralise management of the Commonwealth's overseas property portfolio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Noting the cost of this measure will be met from within the existing resources of the Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio, can the Department provide further details on the expected costs of this measure?(b) In providing the budgeted cost of this measure, can the Department please also provide a breakdown of expected costs? <p>With reference to page 102 of 2017-18 Budget Paper No. 2, which outlines the budget measure to centralise management of the Commonwealth's overseas property portfolio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Which agencies will now trust management of their overseas properties to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade?(b) Will these other agencies be contributing to the costs to be incurred by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade?(c) How many properties does the Department expect will now be under its management?		
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(d) What is the total value of properties that will be under the Department's management?

With reference to page 102 of 2017-18 Budget Paper No. 2, which outlines the budget measure to centralise management of the Commonwealth's overseas property portfolio:

- (a) Is the measure expected to provide savings over the longer term?
- (b) If so, when does the Department expect savings to be realised?
- (c) Can the Department provide, for each year over the forward estimates, the projected impact of this measure on the Department's budget?

With reference to page 102 of 2017-18 Budget Paper No. 2, which outlines the budget measure to centralise management of the Commonwealth's overseas property portfolio:

- (a) If savings are realised, towards which budget will this savings be allocated?
- (b) Will the savings be attributed to the Department's budget, or to individual agencies whose property is being centrally managed?

With reference to page 102 of 2017-18 Budget Paper No. 2, which outlines the budget measure to centralise management of the Commonwealth's overseas property portfolio, and the description indicating the measure "will provide opportunities to leverage existing DFAT capabilities and capture economies of scale in service provision":

Can the Department expand on what is meant by this description?

Does this mean that there will be a consolidation of the Commonwealth's overseas

			<p>properties?</p> <p>With reference to page 102 of 2017-18 Budget Paper No. 2, which outlines the budget measure to centralise management of the Commonwealth’s overseas property portfolio, and the description indicating the measure “will provide opportunities to leverage existing DFAT capabilities and capture economies of scale in service provision”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Are there already plans to sell off elements of the Commonwealth’s overseas property portfolio? (b) Have any targets been set for sale of overseas properties? (c) On what basis will decisions about possible sales be made? <p>With reference to page 102 of 2017-18 Budget Paper No. 2, which outlines the budget measure to centralise management of the Commonwealth’s overseas property portfolio:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Does the measure include the examination of alternative commercial arrangements for accommodation and if so, what are they? (b) What advantages are these alternative arrangements expected to offer? 		
111.	Wong	Membership of statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government	Can the Department please provide a list of current appointees (not just appointments made as provided in accordance with the Minchin Order), where appointments were made by the Government (through Executive Council, Cabinet and ministers), to statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies including the term of the appointment and remuneration for the position and the place of permanent residence by state or territory of the appointee.	Written	25/7/17

		business enterprises and all other Commonwealth bodies			
112.	Wong	DAP	<p>Direct Aid Program (DAP)</p> <p>36. Can the Department provide a breakdown by Post and Country of share of the \$22 Million allocated to the Direct Aid Program in the 2017-18 Budget?</p> <p>37. Of the \$22 Million allocated to the DAP program, what proportion is allocated to the International Development Fund?</p> <p>38. Can the Department provide a breakdown of DAP projects/ programs funded in 2016-17 by country/ post, funding amount, recipient of funding and outcomes achieved?</p> <p>39. What support if any is provided to connect DAP recipients with more substantial funding streams offered by DFAT or indeed to the third party funding sources?</p> <p>40. Is the Direct Aid Program required to meet DFAT's gender target?</p> <p>i. If yes, for the program as a whole? Or is each post required to meet the gender target?</p> <p>ii. Do DAP projects contribute to individual country gender targets?</p> <p>iii. What is the current percentage of DAP funded projects that address gender?</p> <p>41. Has there been any change in posts eligible for DAP funding</p>	Written	25/7/17
113.	Kitching	Jordan	<p>What is the magnitude in dollar terms of aid to the Kingdom of Jordan?</p> <p>2 Does Australia, in addition, provide security advice and share intelligence in the war against DAESH?</p> <p>3 Can the Department confirm that King Abdallah II was in Australia in November 2016?</p>	Written	25/7/17

			<p>4 I understand from reports in the Jordan Times, on 25 November 2016 that the Prime Minister and King Abdallah discussed “extremist forces in our region and actually quite beyond” and that the Prime Minister said that Jordan and Australia will “stand together in rejecting those who seek to impose their perverse world views on others through division and violence”. Can the Department confirm that this is true?</p> <p>5 Has DFAT ever financially supported the Jordan Media Institute (JMI)?</p> <p>6 What is the reason or purpose behind DFAT’s support for the Jordan Media Institute?</p> <p>7 Jordan Media Institute provides Arabic-speaking students of journalism with a world-class education and it is sustained by foreign support including support from Australia. Is the Department aware of any links between the Jordan Media Institute and criminals or terrorism?</p> <p>8 Is the Department aware of an individual named Ahlam al-Tamimi, who has been convicted for her role in organising and orchestrating the suicide bombing of the Sabbaro Pizzeria in January 2001?</p> <p>9 Can the Department confirm that one of the 15 people killed in that terrorist attack was Malki Roth, an Australian/American dual national?</p> <p>10 Can the Department confirm that Ahlam al-Tamimi was released despite her convictions to Jordan, where she was employed by Hamas as the presenter of a weekly television program?</p> <p>11 Has the Department ever received any complaints about Australian taxpayer funds supporting the Jordan Media Institute? If yes, what did the department do about these complaints?</p>		
114.	Wong	North Korea Sanctions	<p>With reference to the 28 February 2017 media release issued by the Minister for Foreign Affairs (Ms Bishop) announcing an expansion of sanctions against North Korea:</p> <p>(a) What sanctions did Australia have in place against North Korea prior to the 28 February 2017 announcement?</p> <p>(b) What new sanctions were introduced following the 28 February 2017 announcement?</p> <p>(c) What is the purpose and intended effect of each of the new sanctions?</p> <p>(d) Have all of the new sanctions announced on 28 February 2017 been implemented in full and if not, when will they be?</p>	Written	25/7/17

115.	Rhiannon	Efic - Boikarabelo Coal Mine in South Africa	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community complaint: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has Efic received a formal complaint from a community in the area of the Boikarabelo mine? b) What action is Efic taking to address this complaint? c) Will Efic send representatives to meet with this community? 2. Economics and finance <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is Efic aware of <u>the report</u> by The Australia Institute and Jubilee Australia ‘African White Elephant: Should Australian Taxpayers finance a South African coal mine?’ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, please provide details why. b) Does Efic have any response to the report? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Is Efic aware of any factual errors or other major problems with it? c) Is Efic aware of the <u>financial difficulties</u> faced by Noble Group, the major shareholder in Boikarabelo proponent, ResGen? Please provide details. d) Do Noble’s problems make Efic involvement in the project more or less likely? Can you explain why? 	Written	7/8/17
116.	Rhiannon	Efic -Export of Livestock for Slaughter	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has Efic has carried out any formal or informal risk assessments with regards to the trade in the export of livestock? 2. In the risk assessment matrix, what is the level of reputational risk to Australia presented by the live export trade and its inherent level of suffering inflicted on exported animals? 3. Does Efic believe the live export trade does not carry any reputational risk? Please explain. 4. Is Efic in talks with any live export companies or agencies about any aspects of the industry in Australia or overseas? Please provide details. 5. Is Efic in the process of providing finance to any companies involved in any aspect of the live export trade? If so, what country[ies] will the live exports be sent to? 6. Is Efic increasing its support for packaged meat exporters? If so, what form of support is being provided currently and what support was provided in the past? 	Written	7/8/17
117.	Waters	Efic -Conflict of Interest	<p>Background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annabelle Chaplain is a director of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation, EFIC, which advises NAIF. The EFIC Board’s involvement in advising NAIF is unclear, but at minimum, there is an apparent conflict 	Written	7/8/17

			<p>of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ms Chaplain is an independent non-executive director of Downer EDI. She owns shares in Downer EDI. ○ Downer EDI has an existing commercial relationship with Adani Enterprises Ltd and its subsidiary Adani Mining Pty Ltd: Downer has contracts worth over \$2bn over 7 years with Adani if the project goes ahead. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Hopkins, the Efic board secretary, told EJA in response that no Efic directors to date had “any need to recuse themselves from discussions at the Efic Board concerning the NAIF”. • This was because the Efic Board was “not required to have, nor does it have any actual knowledge of the projects that NAIF is considering”, Hopkins said. • Efic was a “service provider” to NAIF and “not the decision maker” on “specific transactions” made by the NAIF board. <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What involvement does the NAIF Board have in projects you assist with for NAIF? 2. You’ll be aware of the reporting about Ms Annabelle Chaplain a director of the EFIC and director of Downer EDI, which has a very substantial commercial relationship with Adani. Has Ms Chaplain ever been involved in any work on Adani’s NAIF application? 3. Barnaby Joyce was quoted in a Guardian article saying, “If there’s a claim that there’s a conflict of interest and the conflict of interest is against the law, then of course we’re going to check that out.” – What has been the progress of that investigation so far? 4. Has he talked to anyone at EFIC? 5. Has the Department done so? 		
118.	Waters	Efic -Adani Loan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has EFIC considered insuring or guaranteeing commercial bank loans for the Adani coal project? 2. Have you discussed the project with anyone? Who? When? 3. Why haven’t you responded to journalists’ requests for information about this matter? 4. It is my understanding the EFIC legislation allows the Minister to approve an insurance contract for an overseas transaction if it assists the development of a foreign country and is in the national interest. The wording of the legislation 	Written	7/8/17

			allows considerable wriggle room, suggesting that only part of a transaction needs to be in the public interest. Currently Adani could not secure loan insurance because of a ministerial mandate from previous Trade Minister Andrew Robb, which lays out criteria Adani does not meet. My question – can this mandate be changed, and have you ever considered changing it so that Adani would be eligible?		
119.	Gallacher	Efic/NAIF - SLA	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Would we be able to get a copy of that SLA?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: I will take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	7/8/17
120.	Gallacher	Efic – Australian Content Audit	<p>Mr Pacey: We have a program of sampling. We do not do every application. But for every application to Efic we determine information on the level of Australian content as part of that application.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Have you ever made any mistakes? Has there ever been any sampling that has surprised you or been untoward?</p> <p>Mr Pacey: Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps you could take that on notice, because if you are having a go it would be unusual to have made a mistake, I would have thought.</p> <p>Mr Hunter: We will take that one on notice.</p>	Spoken	7/8/17
121.	Xenophon	Efic – NAIF Resourcing	<p>Mr Hunter: I can assure you that we are not drawing resources away from our small-business team to assist with the NAIF. That is not happening.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: On notice, could you tell me where the resources have been dedicated from? I presume it is a matter of adding up the time sheets. If you could give me those details, I would be grateful.</p> <p>Mr Hunter: We can do that for you.</p>	Spoken	7/8/17
122.	Xenophon	Efic – NAIF Resourcing	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Have any of those staff that have worked on NAIF been taken from those 35 staff that have worked with SMEs?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: I could not say to you unequivocally, but, to the extent anyone from the SME team has charged time to the NAIF, it would be minimal. We will take that on notice for you. The skill sets are quite different. NAIF is about big projects, obviously. Small business is about small business.</p>	Spoken	7/8/17

123.	Xenophon	Efic – Recruitment to Support NAIF	<p>Mr Hunter: We have a team of people that are responsible for completing SME transactions. They would sum 10 to 12 people. Those people have special skills based on servicing SMEs.</p> <p>To come to the second part of your question, for example, we have a finance team that is responsible for producing management accounts. So, whilst four of our finance team have been involved in the NAIF, my guess is that the amount of time they would have spent on the NAIF would be relatively limited. It would be the same with IT, for example. We had our IT people originally get involved in the NAIF to ensure that the Cairns office was appropriately set up, but the number of people who would be working on it on a regular basis would be quite limited. But it is helpful, when we provide you with the hours were spent we can give you a bit of a breakdown so that you can see that a lot of it is coming from our support services. To be honest, there has been little bit of spare capacity, which is one of the reasons why we took the initiative to say to the industry department that, rather than creating a new team to service the back office of the NAIF, we think we can do it within our own team.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: So there is an acknowledgement of some spare capacity and that spare capacity has been used, so you have not had to recruit any extra staff?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: No, we have had to recruit some additional staff to support the NAIF.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: How many?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: I will take that on notice. It is a small number.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Under 10?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: Yes, under 10.</p>	Spoken	7/8/17
124.	Xenophon	Efic – NAIF Resourcing	<p>Senator XENOPHON: On notice, unless you have the information now, what other tasks have staff been diverted from in Efic to work on NAIF?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: I will take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	7/8/17
125.	Ludlam	PNG LNG Risk Assessment	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Are you serious? I thought the question was reasonably clear. What are the risks to Australia being repaid if we end up with another Bougainville on our hands through civil unrest, armed or otherwise, in the impact area where people are likely pretty pissed off that they are \$400 million short of the royalties that they are owed? Does that present any kind of material risk to the Commonwealth getting its money back?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: No, they have really failed to answer anything at all. If you</p>	Spoken	7/8/17

			<p>could provide for us anything on notice that would give some comfort as to this risk assessment, and if that is a document that you would be able to table for this committee—</p> <p>Mr Hunter: We will take that on notice, yes.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I imagine it is the size of a phonebook—I know it is probably not a trivial or superficial piece of work—but I am interested specifically in the risks of the kinds of matters that we have been discussing.</p> <p>Mr Hunter: We will take that on notice.</p>		
126.	Ludlam	PNG LNG Risk Assessment	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Anything that you can tell us at all. Is there anything that EFIC feels it might be responsible to do, given that Australia—this is your largest ever loan. For example, has the foreign minister or anybody in the department picked up the phone to the PNG authorities to ask why these payments are not being made?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: That is a question for the department and we will take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	7/8/17
127.	Ludlam	PNG LNG/Oil Search Ltd Bribery Allegations	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Okay. Maybe it is just me. EFIC, on behalf of Australian taxpayers, has loaned half a billion dollars to a project that, due to non-payment of royalties, is now inflaming tensions in PNG. Okay. I am going to take the chair's advice and change tack, because I do not think we are getting anywhere here. One of the PNG LNG's joint venture partners with Exxon Mobil is an entity called Oil Search Ltd, and they have revealed to Jubilee Australia that they are making payments to the PNG police and military. They were asked at their AGM on 19 May this year what the legal basis for those payments was and they were not able to answer. I am wondering, firstly, whether you guys have any visibility—I am not going to call it 'bribery' yet; I am interested in your take on it—on whether these are facilitation payments or what they are? Secondly, were you aware that that was taking place?</p> <p>[...]</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: So what do you do to validate them?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: We will take it on notice because, at this stage, you have not been able to confirm for us that they relate specifically to the PNG LNG project. Oil Search does have other interests in the country. We will take it on notice and we will give you an answer.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Isn't it your job to do that? I am happy to assist as much as I can from this side of the table, but isn't that what these policies are for?</p>	Spoken	7/8/17

			Mr Hunter: We will take the question on notice and provide you with an answer.		
128.	Ludlam	PNG LNG Transaction Risk Assessment	<p>Senator LUDLAM: That is great. Are you able to table that assessment for us in relation to project in particular?</p> <p>Mr Hopkins: We could table the process of the transaction risk assessment for you and provide details of what it involves.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That would be really valuable. Can you table the actual assessment that was conducted for this project?</p> <p>Mr Hopkins: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Hunter: We will take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	7/8/17
129.	Farrell	Efic – Market Research	<p>For the 2016-17 financial year, what was the total amount spent by the Department/agency on market research (either as a whole contract or as part of a contract)?</p> <p>For each contract for market research in 2016/2017, can you please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The subject of the market research; 2. The supplier; 3. Whether the supplier has been engaged previously and if so, for which contracts; 4. The total value of the contract; 5. The term of the contract (time); 6. The date that the decision was taken to seek market research on the topic; 7. The date the contract was opened to tender or selection process; 8. The date the supplier was engaged; 9. Whether the contract was subject to a tender process, including whether there was a full, partial or closed tender process; 10. Does the supplier exist on a pre-approved supplier list, if so, when were they added to that list; 11. Whether the Minister, or the Minister’s Office, requested that the research be conducted; 12. Whether the Minister approved the decision to conduct market research; 13. Whether the Minister approved the contract with the supplier; 14. Whether the Minister or the Minister’s office was consulted on questions 	Written	7/8/17

			<p>asked;</p> <p>15. Whether the Minister or the Minister's office received a copy of the market research;</p> <p>16. If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, was the Minister or their office consulted before the decision was taken to conduct research, if so – in what form did that consultation take (written, verbal other);</p> <p>17. If the decision to conduct research was initiated by the department or agency, did Minister or their office make any amendments or changes to the Department's proposal for market research to be conducted, if so, what changes and to what aspects were they made;</p> <p>18. At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research, were other departments or agencies consulted?</p> <p>19. At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct, market research were other Ministers, or the Prime Minister consulted?</p> <p>20. At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research did the expected cost change, if so how?</p> <p>21. At any stage in the life of the proposal to conduct market research, did the scope, questions or supplier of the research change?</p> <p>22. Have any topics or questions of market research been conducted and subsequently conducted again by the same or different supplier?</p>		
130.	Gallacher	Efic- costs	<p>EFIC</p> <p>1) Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance?</p> <p>a. Who are the contracts with?</p> <p>b. How much does each contract cost?</p> <p>c. How often do they visit?</p> <p>2) Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices?</p> <p>a. Who were the contracts with?</p> <p>b. How much was each contract cost?</p> <p>3) What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals?</p> <p>4) What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the department in the</p>	Written	7/8/17

			<p>last 12 months?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What were the gifts purchased? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Who were they gifted to? <p>5) Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for your department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the monthly cost of this? <p>6) Do you provide fruit for your department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the monthly cost of this? <p>7) What is the total bill for your department in the last 12 months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Taxi hire b. Limousine hire c. Private hire care d. Hire car rental e. Ridesharing services <p>8) How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the department?</p> <p>9) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?</p> <p>10) What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department?</p> <p>11) How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in the last 12 months?</p> <p>12) How much has the Department spend in legal costs in the last 12 months?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought? <p>13) Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice in the last 12 months?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services b. Photography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services c. Acting training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services d. Ergonomics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services <p>14) Have any staff who received a redundancy from the Department in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the Department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What was the nature of these works/services? b. What was the total cost of these works or services? <p>15) How many redundancies were processed by the Department in the last 12 months?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Of these redundancies, how many were: 		
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- i. Voluntary?
 - ii. Forced?
- b. What was the total cost of all redundancies?
- 16) Does the department have an iTunes account?
 - a. What is the total expenditure in the last 12 months on iTunes?
 - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?
- 17) Does the department have an Android account?
 - a. What was the total expenditure in the last 12 months on Android?
 - b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?
- 18) What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the department in the last 12 months?
- 19) What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by the department in the last 12 months?
- 20) How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff in the last 12 months?
- 21) Does any office have coffee machines?
 - a. How many?
 - b. What was their purchase cost?
 - c. What is their maintenance cost?
 - d. Who has access to them?
- 22) How many mobile phones are given to staff?
 - a. How many new mobile phones in the last year?
 - b. What is the total cost of these phones?
 - c. How many had to be replaced due to damage?
 - d. How many were reported as lost?
- 23) How many tablets are given to staff?
 - a. How many new tablets in the last 12 months?
 - b. What is the total cost of these tablets?
 - c. How many had to be replaced due to damage?
 - d. How many were reported as lost?
- 24) How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet?
 - a. What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?
- 25) How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill?
 - a. By how much?
 - b. What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones?

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| | | | <p>c. What was the highest monthly cost?</p> <p>26) What was the annual cost of stationary?</p> <p>27) What brand of paper does the Department use?</p> <p>a. Is this paper Australian made?</p> <p>28) Were any refurbishments on office buildings carried out in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. What were they?</p> <p>b. What was the cost?</p> <p>29) Were any internal fitouts/maintenance carried out on office buildings in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. What was the cost?</p> <p>30) How many functions did the Department cater for in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. List of functions,</p> <p>b. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;</p> <p>c. Function venue;</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs;</p> <p>e. Details of any food served;</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;</p> <p>g. Details of any spirits served including brand and vintage;</p> <p>h. Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and</p> <p>i. Details of any entertainment provided.</p> <p>31) Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the department, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.</p> <p>32) How much has the Department spent on media monitoring in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts.</p> <p>33) How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided.</p> <p>34) Were any members of your department charged with fraud?</p> <p>a. How many staff members?</p> <p>b. What disciplinary action was taken?</p> <p>35) Has the Department undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months?</p> <p>a. With whom?</p> <p>b. For what?</p> | | |
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131.	Xenophon	Policy on Workplace Bullying	<p>Senator XENOPHON: The department's policy on workplace bullying—is that something that is clear and enunciated in the course of the department's website?</p> <p>Ms Mansfield: Senator, there is I think no room for doubt that the department has a very clear policy on our approach against any form of bullying and harassment. The secretary has made it absolutely clear from day one in the department, and her predecessor likewise. I can say that we have strengthened our processes and we have strengthened the area within the department that provides advice to help where there may be cases and to help to advise on how to prevent it.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: On notice if you could just—I presume that the workplace bullying policy is on the website.</p> <p>Ms Mansfield: It will be on our intranet.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Can you provide—I will have more questions to ask about this today. Would that be something that can be provided to me in the course of these estimates?</p> <p>Ms Mansfield: We do not typically provide our internal policy documents, but let me have a think about that and get back to you.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: It is relevant—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I am sure we can give you what it is that you are looking for, because it is absolutely consistent with broad Australian Public Service guidance.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Therefore, there ought not to be a difficulty in providing details of the workplace bullying policy, which presumably is on the intranet and available—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: That is what I said, Senator. We can provide that.</p>		25/7/17
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