

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE— SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES, 22 OCTOBER 2015
 Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Q No.	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page, or Written	Date Rec'd	Date Tabled
1	Dastyari	Syria - humanitarian assistance	In a table, provide a breakdown of our total humanitarian contribution to Syria and Iraq (\$230 million) in 2015-2016. Without going into specific detail, which partners has the contribution been allocated to and what has it provided assistance to?	Page 6	04/12/15	04/02/16
2	Dastyari	Syria - humanitarian assistance	At 9 September, the UN requested over \$7.4 billion in funds for 18 million people. When were the UN requests to participate made and how (e.g. were the requests submitted to FMO or DFAT?)	Page 7	04/12/15	04/02/16
3	Dastyari	Syria - humanitarian assistance	As late as 5 September, Minister Bishop was saying that we would not increase humanitarian assistance and she rejected calls to increase humanitarian assistance. Then an announcement was made on 9 September. Minister, what happened between 5 September and 9 September to change the government's view?	Page 9	04/12/15	04/02/16
4	Dastyari	Syria - humanitarian assistance	When were you advised that the decision had been made regarding the \$44 million?	Page 10	04/12/15	04/02/16
5	Wong	Syria - humanitarian assistance	Senator WONG: How long prior to the announcement was the decision made? Mr Isbister: As the secretary said, up until then there had been consistent advice going around on what the needs were and what our response would be. In terms of the actual decision on the \$44 million, we will take that on notice. Senator WONG: Who did you tell us the decision was made by?	Page 10	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>Mr McDonald: The decision was made by the government.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you for that, no kidding. Was it a decision by the foreign minister? Was it a decision of a subcommittee of the cabinet? Was it a full cabinet decision? I am asking the level at which it was made. That is not an unreasonable question.</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I am trying to recall the particulars. My understanding is that the decision followed a discussion at cabinet level or it appears to be NSC level and was subsequently announced. I do not know if that helps.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So can people please provide us with the date of that NSC discussion?</p> <p>Mr Varghese: I am not sure we are in a position to do that.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Brandis: So I am taking your question on notice to get it clear. What I will try to do, because I think it will be helpful to the committee for the future, is, if on reflection the position is that the government does not propose to respond, I will set out the response with specificity the grounds.</p>			
6	Wong	NSC	Can you take on notice whether the foreign minister or her office had any knowledge of this story [Daily Telegraph: spy chiefs to get a seat at the top table, Simon Benson] appearing prior to it appearing?	Page 12	04/12/15	04/02/16
7	Dastyari	Public Diplomacy	You said there are 70 different Twitter handles that you manage. Are you able to provide all 70 of them on notice?	Page 14	04/12/15	04/02/16
8	Wong	Public Diplomacy	Explain to me what the public statement or message is in relation to the red face? Is it that we do not like him or are angry with him?	Page 15	04/12/15	04/02/16

9	Wong	Communication guidelines	Can a DFAT officer, under your guidelines/policy—whatever your management framework of that is—convey government or official information that is unclassified via such applications?	Page 17	04/12/15	04/02/16
10	Wong	Aid allocation	Confirm whether the full - \$982million – cuts to the aid budget for 2015-16 have been implemented. Provide full breakdown.	Page 19	04/12/15	04/02/16
11	Wong	Aid allocation	Provide information on every country page for those that have been impacted by budget cuts announced for 2015-2016.	Page 20	04/12/15	04/02/16
12	Ronaldson	Aid allocation	<p>A) ActionAid was referring to the \$5.7 billion, which I understand was cut from the aid programs in the last 15 months of the last government—is that correct?</p> <p>B) We had a \$5.7 billion cut and a further \$750 million was taken out of the budget for the onshore processing of asylum seekers. Can you confirm that Australian aid to the following countries and regions was cut to pay for the onshore processing asylum seekers: the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, Timor-Leste, Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, China, Mongolia, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Nepal, Bhutan, the Maldives, the Palestine territories and the Sub-Saharan Africa?</p> <p>C) Did the cut include a reduction in the humanitarian emergency fund?</p>	Page 21	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>D) Can you provide a list of projects that were delayed or cancelled as a result of the former Labor government's \$5.7 billion cut to the aid program and the \$750 million reprioritisation that occurred?</p> <p>E) According to OECD data, the majority of the OECD DAC countries reduced their foreign aid budgets in 2014. Do you know how that compared to previous years?</p>			
13	Wong	Aid allocation	What programs are affected, cancelled, rescoped or altered as a result of the 2015-16 budget?	Page 23	04/12/15	04/02/16
14	Wong	Aid – Gender	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide breakdown of \$15 million allocated to 'global programs.' - Provide criteria document for \$26.5 million worth of proposals. - How many proposals involved NGOs? - Is it correct to say that, of the \$50million, \$35½ is essentially funding existing programs? 	Page 25, 27-28	04/12/15	04/02/16
15	Dastyari	Aid – Innovation	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Let's take a step back and unpack this for me. There is innovation exchange. I got a little bit confused. I tried to get on top of this. I went through the different announcements that were made. In 2014-15, it was listed as a \$20 million item, but you are saying that is part of the \$140 million.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Mr Wood, how much of that \$20 million has actually been spent?</p> <p>Mr Wood: It is \$20 million per annum. I would need to take that on notice in terms of what we spent this financial year. I think we spent about \$20 million last year.</p>	Page 34	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>Senator DASTYARI: Are these four programs the totality of the \$20 million budget? Can you give me a breakdown of what the dollar allocation for each of these four programs is?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We are happy to take that on notice and provide that.</p>			
16	Rhiannon	PNG (Bougainville)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have any DFAT representatives had talks with Mr Tanis in his position as the interim secretary of the Department of Referendum, Veterans Affairs and Peace regarding the referendum proposal? - What dealings has DFAT had with Adam Smith International regarding mining in Bougainville? - Are advisors provided to the Autonomous Bougainville Government working on mining related activities? 	Page 40-41	04/12/15	04/02/16
17	Rhiannon	PNG (Bougainville)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does DFAT have an individual program that relates to post-traumatic stress? - Specific to training of Bougainville Police Service, where are the facilities being built and who makes the decision on where those police facilities should be built? - Is the decision on the possible location in the context of where the mining operations are and how that would need to be managed? 	Page 42-43	04/12/15	04/02/16
18	Williams	Samoa	How much ODA to Samoa is directed to roads?	Page 43	04/12/15	04/02/16
19	Ludlam	Rohingyas	If they are not recognised as citizens of Myanmar, are they effectively stateless? What would their status be in international law?	Page 51	04/12/15	04/02/16

20	McEwen	New Colombo Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide the number of applications received, number of acceptances so far, completion rate, and evaluation of the plan? - Identify the country in which the student required consular assistance? 	Page 53	04/12/15	04/02/16
21	McEwen	New Colombo Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Was the process to invite all members and senators done in conjunction with the foreign minister's office? - Were the invitation letters to coalition senators and members sent out on exactly the same day as those for labor senators and members? Could you clarify the date and timing of those invitations? 	Page 54	04/12/15	04/02/16
22	Dastyari	Funding allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide individual budget allocation for the Public Diplomacy Division. 	Page 55	04/12/15	04/02/16
23	Dastyari	Fashion diplomacy	<p>Page 57</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the memorandum of understanding with the Australian Fashion Chamber publicly available? <p>Page 58</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Were instructions provided to departmental staff about how they should engage with, or how they should use #fashiondiplomacy? - Is it appropriate or not appropriate for them to be using #fashiondiplomacy and which photos they should or should not be using #fashiondiplomacy for? 	Page 57-58	04/12/15	04/02/16
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24	Rhiannon	Scholarships	For the overall national education programs within the Australia Awards program, provide a breakdown of the funding allocation by specific program and country.	Page 61	04/12/15	04/02/16
25	Rhiannon	International Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What involvement does Pearson Australia, or any of its national or international branches, has with Australian aid programs—either bilateral or NGO funded programs or multilateral funded programs? - Provide a breakdown for-profit companies delivering education programs. Out of the Australian aid budget for the current and last financial years, what amount in dollars and what proportion as a percentage is going to non-government organisations, international finance institutions and multilateral organisations other than the IFIs? 	Page 61-62	04/12/15	04/02/16
26	Rhiannon	Aid to PNG	Some of the people working for the PNG government who are funded fully or partly by Australian aid money could be working on refugee programs. Is that correct or incorrect?	Page 62	04/12/15	04/02/16
27	Rhiannon	Aid to the Palestinian Territory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Referring to question 45 from February 2015 and how many projects funded by Australian aid were destroyed by the Israeli army during the 2014 war in Gaza, can you provide an update? - Referring to question 46 from February 2015 and the homes that were demolished when Israel invaded Gaza, what is Australia's involvement in the reconstruction of homes? 		04/12/15	04/02/16
28	Rhiannon	Mekong River Commission	<p>Page 64</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the Australian government have any involvement with that study that is being prioritised by the Mekong River Commission? - What measures has the Australian government taken to ensure that the scoping study for the Theun-Hinboun expansion dam project in Central Laos is made public? 	Page 64,89	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>Page 89</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Referring to the joint statement in June 2015 and the concerns that were outlined regarding the impact of the Don Sahong Dam, what actions has DFAT taken to ensure such a study is carried out? - With respect to the consultation process, what is the Australian government's understanding of the status of the PNPCA being undertaken by the joint committee working group? - What specific engagement has DFAT had with the Mekong River Commission since the June meeting? 			
29	Gallacher	Aid to PNG, Timor-Leste and Indonesia	<p>Senator GALLACHER: There are a few issues I want to speak about—and to do them justice, Mr McDonald, you probably need to take them on notice—and they go specifically to our programs in Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. In particular, if these statistics are correct, the awful statistics that more than half, 58 per cent, of all Timorese children have had their growth permanently stunted by malnutrition; that half, or 49.5 per cent, of all children in Papua New Guinea have had their growth permanently stunted by malnutrition; and that more than a third, 36 per cent, of all Indonesian children had had their growth permanently stunted by under nutrition. We have had aid programs in all those places for a very long time. They are significant recipients of our aid.</p> <p>The other interesting statistics are their economic growth: in Papua New Guinea's case, a growth rate of 5.8 per cent from 2004 to 2013; Timor-Leste, an annual growth rate of 14.6 per cent from 2007 to 2012; and Indonesian, an annual growth rate of 5.8 per cent from 2004 to 2013. In summary, we have been there a long time. We have had aid programs a long time. The stats are appalling—my word not yours. Their economic</p>	67	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>growth rates are reasonable, in fact, they are very respectable in world terms. Where are we failing in achieving reductions in these appalling outcomes after the such a long investment? I appreciate it is a very complex question, but I would appreciate if you could take it on notice unless you want to make comments straightaway.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We will check those statistics but, if you want to have a discussion on it now, I will have one of my health people come to the table to speak about it. But nutrition, particularly in Timor-Leste, is one that I am familiar with and is one that we have been focused on with the aid program. You are absolutely correct in terms of the improvement you need because, as you know, that impacts on learning and everything else that occurs in the country. One thing we are trying through the innovationXchange is a nutrition new initiative that links up various aspects of nutrition. It is not just health; it is about education, water and sanitation. And we use mobile technology to help inform people about nutrition and what they should be and should not be eating and those sorts of things. I am happy to provide you with more detail on that.</p>			
30	Gallacher	Green Book	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Will the green book include all the data and detail previously provided in the blue book?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I think the answer to that is that the website includes information that is consistent with the blue book. I think in the green book you will have the budget allocations—the way I understand it—the statistical information, which will be the same, but it will have additional information in it for these other agencies. Can I just say that the other reason for this is that some countries currently include in their public representation the whole-of-government efforts. The UK comes to mind for me. We might be able to take it on</p>	Page 69	04/12/15	04/02/16

			notice, but other countries do a similar thing to the green book.			
31	Gallacher	SDG	<p>Regarding total official support for sustainable development and the proposal for the post-2015 measurement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has the Australian government made any submissions or provided any advice to the OECD on that proposal for the post-2015 measurement? - Does DFAT have a view on the potential usefulness of the TOSSD framework? - Have you made any representations? - Do you have a formal view on it? - Has DFAT made any assessment of the likely inputs to measurement of Australia's TOSSD? - Will Australia be making a contribution to settling an approach to TOSSD at the OECD DAC high-level meeting in 2016? 	Page 71	04/12/15	04/02/16
32	McEwen	Enterprise Agreement	- Regarding domestic violence leave provisions, could you clarify the status of either the guidelines or whatever else you are proposing that you think would equate to having an actual clause in the enterprise agreement?	Page 76	04/12/15	04/02/16
33	McEwen	Graduate Intake	Provide details on the graduate intake for the years 2008 to 2014 (inclusive), as well as the retention rate of graduates. This should include former AusAID and DFAT.	Page 77	04/12/15	04/02/16
34	McEwen	Strategic workforce plan	Provide a copy of DFAT's strategic workforce plan 2015-19.	Page 78	04/12/15	04/02/16
35	Waters	Adani	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide the date of the meeting between the Secretary and the Queensland government, where either the infrastructure facility or matters pertaining to northern Australia, specifically the Adani project, were discussed - Provide the date of the meeting between the Secretary and Mr Adani or any associates. 	Page 79	04/12/15	04/02/16

36	Rhiannon	West Sahara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the government's official position regarding the status of West Sahara? - Does Australia consider Western Sahara to be part of the sovereign territory of the Kingdom of Morocco? - What is the total funding of aid projects in Western Sahara? What are those projects? 	Page 80	04/12/15	04/02/16
37	Rhiannon	PNG	The PNG Auditor-General has raised serious questions about the Bougainville government. Does DFAT have any knowledge about this report?	Page 80	04/12/15	04/02/16
38	Rhiannon	PNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under the Mining Act, can landowners control access granted to their lands under an exploration licence by executing a land access and compensation agreement? - Are you aware that the Mining Act overrules the customary law principle that entry onto land is only permitted once consent from landowners has been obtained? - The Mining Act authorises trespass without permission onto land in certain circumstances. Is this the correct interpretation? 	Page 81,83	04/12/15	04/02/16
39	Dastyari	PNG	Provide the website link for guidelines APS employees in overseas advisor positions.	Page 83	04/12/15	04/02/16
40	Gallacher and Rhiannon	Aid advisers	<p>Page 83</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many advisers funded by the Australian aid program are classified as international—that is, where the required expertise cannot be sourced locally or the required skills being transferred to the beneficiary country can only be obtained from abroad? - Are any international advisers working in positions based in Australia? - Are any Australians engaged as international advisers? - Are any current advisers former employees of AusAID or DFAT? How many? - Are any international advisers funded by the aid program in Australia on specific employment related 	Page 83-86,88	04/12/15	04/02/16

		<p>visas?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide a breakdown of the number of advisers classified as international by duration—short- or long-term over six months—country, program, project. - Provide a breakdown of cost per position. - Provide a breakdown of the number of Australian public servants engaged in aid funded advisory roles through employment arrangements or contracts on Australian Public Service terms and conditions. - Which Australian government agencies have contributed personnel? Are you taking that on notice? - What programs and projects are the advisers working with, in which countries and at what cost? <p>Page 85</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many current advisers are direct sourced and how many participated in a competitive selection? - How many current advisers are paid more than the maximum rate for each category and job level? <p>Page 86</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How many advisers in each category and job level are paid the maximum rate? - Who is responsible for verifying that the contractor and adviser performance register is both up to date and checked by DFAT staff prior to an offer of employment being made? - Does a good performance record mean that referee reports are not necessary to conclude an offer of employment? - In addition to the remuneration rate agreed to for the discipline group and job level, what additional entitlements or allowances an adviser might be eligible for, and the guidelines and rates that apply to these? - Is the cost of advisers, their allowances and support 			
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			costs, exclusively met as administered expenses, or are departmental resources used to meet some of these costs? Page 88 - Provide any information specifically for people working in PNG and Bougainville to be provided to the committee.			
41	Gallacher	HOM/HOP appointments	Provide updated version of QoN 35 from budget estimates, 3-4 June about appointments made and upcoming posts that will be vacated.	Page 89	04/12/15	04/02/16
42	Gallacher	Minister's register	- Was the minister's media pad ever connected to the APH system? - Did the minister ever return or dispose of it at any stage? - Has the Foreign Minister taken the Prime Minister's advice and started using Wickr or Confide to communicate private messages?	Page 90	04/12/15	04/02/16
43	Gallacher	Salaries	- Is any part of any salary of DFAT locally engaged staff funded as an administrative expense? - If so, under what provision has this been approved within DFAT and the Department of Finance? - Provide details of the number and level of positions funded as an administrative expense. - Provide the rationale for the use of the administered funding for each of the positions against specific program outcomes. - Provide details on the number of DFAT employees and DFAT locally engaged staff whose salary is funded in part or whole as an administrative expense as of 1 March 2014 and 1 March 2015.	Page 91	04/12/15	04/02/16

44	McEwen	Dr Lomborg	- Advise whether Dr Lomborg's appointment on the international reference group is for an initial period of 12 months. - Advise whether there is the possibility of an extension to the initial appointment period beyond 12 months.	Page 92	04/12/15	04/02/16
45	Gallacher	Overseas post staff	Provide the number of staff that will be attributed to new embassies in Ulan Bator, Phuket, Doha and Makassar.	Page 93	04/12/15	04/02/16
46	Wong	Wong motion	Low compliance rate with submitting QoNs from Budget Estimates, 3-4 June by the FADT's deadline. Provide details on circumstances.	Page 94	04/12/15	04/02/16
47	Wong	TPP	Are there any differences between the draft investment chapter to the TTIP and the TPP investment chapter?	Page 101	04/12/15	04/02/16
48	Rhiannon	PACER+	What were the outcomes from the meeting in October?	Page 102	04/12/15	04/02/16
49	Wong	FTA Tariff Portal	What was originally budgeted for the portal and how does the \$1.02 million expenditure compare to this?	Page 109	14/12/15	04/02/16
50	Wong	TPP	Specific to sugar access, how often has additional quota allocation been made historically?	Page 110	04/12/15	04/02/16
51	Xenophon	TPP	- Referencing Professor's Howes' piece on ChAFTA, will the same level of transparency apply to work agreements where foreign workers are brought in, even with labour market testing? - Professor Howe gives specific instances of electricians, plumbers, welders, engineers and nurses where Chinese workers can replace Australians in our labour market, and says that it is a break from other agreements. What is your understanding of this?	Page 112	04/12/15	04/02/16
52	Whish-Wilson	TPP	If there is a violation, for example, of labour standards in a TPP country, how do you actually prove that? Who polices it?	Page 113	04/12/15	04/02/16

53	Whish-Wilson	TPP	Which countries out of the 11 other TPP countries has Australia committed not to apply labour market testing to? Which categories has Australia committed not to apply labour market testing?	Page 113	14/12/15	04/02/16
54	Whish-Wilson	ChAFTA	With reference to the 457 visa program: - What government regulatory measures are prohibited by other procedures of similar effect? - What government regulatory measures are permitted?	Page 114	04/12/15	04/02/16
55	Wong	Scottish Pacific Business Finance [Efic]	- How did the Scottish Pacific Business Finance eventuate? - Who was it initiated by (was it Efic or them?) and what reviews and due diligence were undertaken? - What was the decision-making process? - Are there any ex-EFIC staff working at Scottish Pacific? - Are there any former directors of EFIC who are currently working at Scottish Pacific?	Page 130	04/12/15	04/02/16
56	Fawcett	SMEs [Efic]	- There was an intention at previous estimates to decrease the amount of support to major resource projects. Has that occurred? - What has been the impact on SMEs that have been engaged in the supply chain for resource projects?	Page 132	04/12/15	04/02/16
57	Back	Emergency Fund	(1) Regarding the Emergency Fund (also known as the Emergency Humanitarian Fund) administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: (a) What is the intended purpose of the Fund? (b) What was the budget allocated to the Fund in: (i) 2010-11; (ii) 2011-12; (iii) 2012-13; (iv) 2013-14; (v) 2014-15; (c) For any changes to the budget profile noted in (b):	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>(i) What was the reason for this change in budget?;</p> <p>(ii) What other government priorities were funded (more) or (less) because of this change?;</p> <p>(iii) What is the page number and what is the official budget document this change in budget was published in?;</p> <p>(iv) What is the website or other public document this change in budget was published in?</p>			
58	Bullock	Development Assistance Funds	<p>DFAT Development Assistance Funds, Contracts and Abortion</p> <p>1. Provide copies of the following contracts listed in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, <i>2014-2015 Senate Order on Non-Corporate Commonwealth Entity Contracts Listing Relating to the Period 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015</i>:</p> <p>(i) International Planned Parenthood Federation, Contribution to International Planned Parenthood (Global), \$8,500,000, 1/6/2012-30/6/2016;</p> <p>(ii) International Planned Parenthood Federation, Contribution to International Planned Parenthood (Global), \$5,000,000, 22/5/2015-31/12/2016;</p> <p>(iii) International Planned Parenthood Federation, Regional Partnerships for reproductive Health Program (Pacific), \$4,500,000, 15/12/2014-31/12/2017;</p> <p>(iv) Family Planning NSW, Australian Non-Government Organisation Program 14-15 (Global), \$300,000, 1/7/2014-30/6/2015;</p> <p>(v) Marie Stopes International Australia, Australian Non-Government Organisation Cooperation Program 14-15 (Global),</p>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>\$1,859,148, 1/7/2014-30/6/2015.</p> <p>2. For each of the above contracts please specify:</p> <p>(i) for each financial year 2012-13 to 2014-15 payments made under the contract;</p> <p>(ii) what payments are still outstanding; and</p> <p>(iii) for the years 2015-16 to 2017-18 what payments are expected to be made.</p> <p>3. Are any other contracts with International Planned Parenthood Federation; Family Planning NSW; or Marie Stopes International Australia under consideration or being negotiated?</p> <p>4. Are there any other current contracts with organisations that provide abortion related services?</p> <p>5. Are there any other contracts under consideration or being negotiated with organisations that provide abortion related services?</p> <p>DFAT Development Assistance Funds, IPPF and Family Planning Association of Nepal</p> <p>1 Has the Family Planning Association of Nepal been a recipient of pooled donor funding from IPPF a proportion of which has been received from Australia?</p> <p>2 Does the Family Planning Association of Nepal provide abortions? What percentage of abortions performed in Nepal are provided by Family Planning Association of Nepal?</p> <p>3 Is the Department aware of the peer reviewed article Frost, M., Puri M., Hinde P. (2013) "Falling sex ratios and emerging evidence of sex-selective abortion in Nepal: evidence from nationally representative survey data" <i>BMJ Open</i> 3 (5)?</p> <p>4 If not will the department obtain and read a copy of this article?</p> <p>5 In the light of the evidence for a significant</p>			
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			<p>incidence of sex selection abortions in Nepal, what measure, if any, have been put in place by the Family Planning Association of Nepal to ensure that no abortion it provides is being carried out for the reason of sex selection?</p> <p>6 Notwithstanding IPPF's contract being subject to the Family Planning and the Aid Program: Guiding Principles which prohibit the use of Australian funds for sex selection abortion, is it the case that the Department has no documentation that indicates that the Family Planning Association of Nepal is aware of the obligation not to spend Australian funds on sex selection abortions?</p> <p>7 Even if the Family Planning Association of Nepal was aware of this obligation isn't it the case that it receives a general grant from IPPF's unrestricted donor pooled funds and would have no means of distinguishing Australian derived funds from other donor derived funds?</p> <p>8 Can the Department guarantee that no Australian funds have been used to fund sex selection abortions in Nepal?</p>			
59	Leyonhjelm	Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By what criteria does the Government determine whether it should pursue a free trade agreement with a country? - In what ways does Taiwan satisfy those criteria? In what ways does it not? - Is the Government aware of any interest from Taiwan in pursuing a free trade agreement with Australia? - Will the Government consider pursuing a free trade agreement with Taiwan? If not, why not? - Is the Government aware of any interest from Taiwan or Cambodia in being included in the Trans-Pacific Partnership? Has the Government canvassed, or will it 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>canvass, with other TPP countries the future inclusion of Taiwan or Cambodia?</p> <p>- Could Australia pursue a free trade agreement specifically with Cambodia, to operate alongside the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement?</p> <p>-What potential benefits not achieved in the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement could be achieved in a free trade agreement between Australia and Cambodia?</p>			
60	Hanson-Young	Aid to Cambodia	<p>- How will the \$40 million dollars in increased aid be spent in Cambodia?</p> <p>- What projects have been funded, specifically with that \$40 million, to this point?</p>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
61	Siewert	Montara oil spill	<p>1. Since the Indonesian Government's formal request for assistance to resolve the Montara oil spill situation in 2014, what further communication has taken place regarding this issue between the two nations?</p> <p>2. What action has the Australian Government undertaken since this formal request for assistance?</p> <p>3. Are there any future steps planned regarding this issue?</p>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
62	Rhiannon	PNG	<p>1. With regards to the Bougainville Mining Act, what issues been raised about the consent mechanisms and the lack of independent safeguards in the Act?</p> <p>2. Given DFAT's stated commitment to opening up markets and creating business friendly environment – please provide a list of what activities will investment be mostly directed on Bougainville?</p> <p>a) Please provide details of consideration or support for any economic activity outside of minerals?</p> <p>3. Has any consideration been given to supporting the development of mechanisms to improve revenue collection on Bougainville, particularly from overseas companies in Bougainville?</p> <p>4. What funding requirements exist with regard to</p>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>fiduciary and governance frameworks to ensure minimisation of financial waste and mismanagement?</p> <p>a) Are any projects being funded that address these issues in Bougainville?</p> <p>5. Is corruption is a serious barrier to reaching development goals in Bougainville?</p> <p>6. Are there any concerns about the Australian, Filipino and Chinese companies coming in to Bougainville via non-transparent mechanisms to win exploration licences and agro-industry deals there?</p> <p>7. How secure is the Bougainville Peace Agreement?</p> <p>8. What barriers and constraints exist in relation to ensuring the Bougainville referendum will be held within the window period?</p> <p>a) Are there any signs Is the Department confident of opposition from PNG with regards to this?</p> <p>b) Is the Department confident the ABG can realistically take the reins of statehood in a 20-30 year window?</p>			
63	Wong	#fashiondiplomacy	<p>DFAT and the Australian Fashion Chamber have entered into an MoU agreement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What was the total cost of holding the MoU signing event on 31 August? o Were the costs shared with the Australian Fashion Chamber? In what ratio? o How many people were invited? o How many attended? o How was the invite list determined? o What there catering? o What did it consist of? o What was the per head cost of catering? o Were there security costs? o Was the event held in Sydney? o How many DFAT personnel flew to Sydney for the event? o How many Ministerial staff? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did the AFC present the Minister with a gift at this event or at any stage? What was it? What was its approximate value? 			
64	Wong	Cultural diplomacy funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How much funding is provided to the AFC in total through the DFAT Cultural Diplomacy Program? ○ Besides the AFC, have other organisations been awarded fashion-related grants? To what total value? ○ Where else in the DFAT budget is there spending related to fashion? How are the fashion events held at diplomatic missions funded? ○ How much in total is the Department spending on fashion diplomacy this year and across the forwards? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
65	Wong	#fashiondiplomacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Does #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy] extend beyond the Department's engagement with the AFC? ○ How does the Department define #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy]? ○ Is #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy] hard or soft diplomacy? ○ Does #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy] affect what employees of the department wear? ○ Do overseas staff wear Australian made fashions? ○ What instructions have been provided to DFAT employees re: #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy] and their personal engagement with it? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

66	Wong	Public Diplomacy Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How much of the annual Public Diplomacy Budget (\$5 million in 2015-16) goes toward #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy]? ○ One of Program 1.1’s deliverables is: “promotion of high-quality public diplomacy, international media and cultural visit programs which improve understanding of Australia and Australian Government foreign and trade policies;” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How does #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy] reflect Australian Government foreign policies? ▪ How does #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy] improve understanding of Australia in a non-trade/economic sense? ▪ How does #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy] reflect Australian Government trade policies? ▪ Does the Department believe that #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy] accurately reflects a broad and diverse range of Australian people, cultures and values? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
67	Wong	Overseas Fashion Events	<p>Fashion related events have been held over the past 12 months in New York, London, Paris, Istanbul, Jakarta and New Delhi:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Were there more than six events? Please provide a comprehensive list of events of this type over the last 12 month period. ○ Who were the invitee and attendees of each event? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who managed the guest list for each event? ○ What were the overhead costs, costs of catering, security costs, etc. for each event? ○ What was the purpose of each event? ○ What were the outcomes of each event? ○ Can the Department provide any examples of Australian designers or labels being picked up overseas as a result of these events? ○ Were DFAT Heads of Mission (HoM) instructed to hold these events? ○ Were the events held in HoM Residences or in the embassies/high commissions? ○ What instructions have been provided to Heads of Mission regarding fashion diplomacy and associated events? ○ Future events – which missions will hold future events? What is planned? 			
68	Wong	Role of DFAT/government in promoting fashion	<p>The Foreign Minister, Ms Bishop has said, “It is clear to me that government has a clear role. Of course the fashion industry hasn’t been sitting around waiting for government to assist. They’ve been out there pretty much on their own, being able to promote themselves, promote their industry.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is the fashion industry in need of government assistance? ○ What criteria make the fashion industry more worthy of this support than another industry? ○ Has the Department done modelling on the economic benefit of supporting the fashion industry? ○ Has this modelling been compared to other industries? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How does it compare 1.) in terms of scale of economic benefit and 2.) in terms of benefit to the greatest range of people including a positive impact on marginalised or disadvantaged people? 			
69	Wong	Attendees of Paris Fashion Week under Cultural Diplomacy grant	<p>DFAT has supported five established and one emerging designer in attending Paris Fashion Week through the Cultural Diplomacy Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What was the application process? ○ How were the winners chosen? ○ Why five established and one emerging rather than the other way around? Aren't emerging designers more in need for the financial support that comes through a Cultural Diplomacy grant? ○ What was the value of the grant given to each of the six recipients? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
70	Wong	#fashiondiplomacy overall programing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How does the Department characterise the purpose and objectives of the Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy program? ○ Whose idea was Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy? Was it the Minister's own idea? ○ How has the Department supported this idea? ○ When did the Department first begin working on #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy]? ○ What are the Department's expectations of the Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy initiative? ○ What are the expected outcomes and achievements? ○ Has the Minister received any fashion related gifts? ○ Have these all been properly declared on her register? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

71	Wong	Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 2014-15 Budget listed an Innovation Fund of \$20 million for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 years. Does all of the “Innovation Fund” budget line go toward the innovationXchange? ○ Is all of the innovationXchange funding (\$140 million over 4 years) classified as ODA? If not, what percentage of the \$140 million is ODA? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
72	Wong	Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Besides the specific projects discussed in estimates, what else is the innovationXchange responsible for? ○ What is its role within DFAT exactly? ○ Whose idea was the innovationXchange? ○ Was this pitched by the FMO to the Department or vice versa? ○ What are the achievements of the innovationXchange? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
73	Wong	Comments by the Foreign Minister – innovation Xchange	<p>The Foreign Minister, Ms Bishop has describing the innovationXchange as a "gorgeous little funky, hipster, Googly, Facebooky-type place".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does "gorgeous" mean in the context of our aid program? ○ What does "funky" mean in the context of our aid program? ○ What does "hipster" mean in the context of our aid program? ○ Would the Department describe the innovationXchange as “hipster”? ○ Are “gorgeous”, “funky”, and “hipster” qualities the Department seeks in its innovationXchange staff? ○ What does “Googly” mean and how does it relate to aid delivery with effective outcomes? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does “Facebooky” mean and is this a quality the Department is looking for in the aid program? 			
74	Wong	Outfitting of the innovationXchange office space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Does the innovationXchange office space have bean-bags? ○ How many bean bags? ○ How much did each one cost? ○ Has an OH&S evaluation been done on the bean bags? ○ Does the innovationXchange office space have a ping pong table? ○ How is this ping pong table contributing to the goals and targets of our aid program? ○ Is this ping pong table assisting in the expansion of our diplomatic footprint? ○ How much did the ping pong table cost? ○ Who can use it? ○ How often is it used? ○ Are there rules around its use? ○ What are those rules? ○ How are those rules enforced? ○ Has an OH&S evaluation been done of the table? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
75	Wong	Leadership of the innovationXchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who is in charge of the innovationXchange? ○ Who is on the board of the innovationXchange? ○ How often do they meet? ○ Do they ever all meet in person? ○ Do they produce reports? ○ Can those reports be provided publicly? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
76	Wong	Bloomberg	<p>Michael Bloomberg has put \$20 million toward an innovationXchange project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where will those funds appear in the Budget statements? ○ How will the spending be accounted for? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

77	Wong	Aid Funding	<p>In the Senate Estimates in June DFAT provided a table which revealed that in Vietnam, Philippines, Burma, Laos, Mongolia and Pakistan that for the 2015-16 financial year more money had been ‘committed expenses’ (where contracts are in place) than the subsequent budget allocations in the 2015-16 budget. This has presumably meant that contracts have had to be terminated or renegotiated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can the Department please advise what specific programs have been impacted by those terminations/renegotiations? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
78	Wong	PNG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In the 2014-15 budget outcome there was a \$50 million underspend to the budget estimate in PNG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is the reason for that? ○ What programs were not implemented as a result of the underspend? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
79	Wong	Aid investment plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why do the Aid Investment Plans report of varying benchmarks and criteria? ○ Does our aid program not have overarching measures? ○ Why does each country program not report to those? ○ Will future Aid Investment Plans report against the Global Development Goals (or SDGs)? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
80	Wong	Health Spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Could the Department please confirm the current percentage of bilateral ODA allocated by DFAT to health programs? ○ What was the percentage of bilateral ODA allocated by DFAT to health programs in FY2014-15? ○ Could the Department please confirm how much bilateral ODA allocated by DFAT to health programs has been cut as a result of the cuts announced in the Mid-Year 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>Economic and Fiscal Outlook in December 2014 and implemented in the 2015-16 budget?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Could the Department please confirm the quantum and percentage of bilateral ODA administered by DFAT invested in health programs in East, South and West Asia in FY2015-16? ○ Could the Department please confirm the quantum and percentage that has been cut from health programs in East, South and West Asia since FY2014-15? ○ Given the vulnerability of the Asian region to diseases such as SARS, Avian Flu, Tuberculosis, how have these cuts affected the ability of countries in the region to tackle potential disease outbreaks? ○ Have these cuts increased the risk of diseases travelling to Australia from countries in the Asian region? 			
81	Wong	Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can the Department please provide a breakdown on how much it will spend on climate change action in 2015-16, including funding to the Green Climate Fund?’ ○ Can the Department please provide a breakdown on how much it will spend on disaster risk reduction in 2015-16, and how this compares to the level of spending in 2014-15? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

82	Wong	Aid to Delivery Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Can the Department confirm whether any repayments to any multilateral partners such as the World Bank and Asian Development Bank will be reduced in FY2016-17? ○ What is the proportion of DFAT ODA delivered by NGOs, contractors and multilateral organisations for 2014-15? ○ What is the estimated proportion DFAT ODA delivered by NGOs, contractors and multilateral organisations for 2015-16? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
83	Wong	Gender Equality Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Foreign Minister released a press release on budget night which stated that the 'Government will also establish a \$50 million competitive gender equality fund'. Could the Department please specify the amount of new/unallocated money that will form part of this fund? ○ Could the Department provide information on how the gender equality fund will work? ○ What is meant by a 'competitive' fund? ○ When will the fund be established? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
84	Wong	Green Book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Minister has announced that DFAT will produce an aid "Green Book". When will the Department release a Green Book? ○ How regularly will a Green Book be updated and released? ○ What consultation has occurred domestically and internationally on the framework for a Green Book? ○ Will the Green Book present information consistent with an OECD TOSSD framework? ○ Will the aid sector be consulted on the 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> production of a Green Book? ○ Will the Green Book result in any changes to the classification or presentation of Federal Budget documentation. ○ Is DFAT consulting other Government agencies on presentation of information in a Green Book? If so which Departments? ○ Will the Green Book include all of the data and detail previously provided in Blue Books? ○ Will the Green Book improve transparency and accountability in the aid program? 			
85	Wong	Fraud in the Aid program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why did Secretary Varghese write to <i>the Australian</i> newspaper on 27 August about reporting of fraud and corruption in the aid program? ○ Are there potential impacts on DFAT or the delivery of Australia's aid program in allowing misinformation to be reported about willingness to address fraud and corruption? ○ When did the Department first find out about the investigations by this newspaper, which was based on FOI requests? ○ What options for a public response to the release of these FOI requests and likely reporting around them were prepared internally within the Department? ○ What decisions were made on those options? ○ Was there an opportunity to provide comments in the original story of 24 August which would have corrected the claims addressed in Secretary Varghese's letter of 27 August? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
86	Wong	Administered Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is any part of the salary of any DFAT employee employed under the provisions of the Public Service Act funded as an administered expense? If so, under what provision has this been approved 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>within DFAT, and by the Department of Finance?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please provide details of the number and level of positions funded as an administered expense. ○ Please provide the rationale for the use of administered funding for each of the positions against specific program outcomes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is any part of any salary of DFAT locally engaged staff funded as an administered expense? If so, under what provision has this been approved within DFAT, and by the Department of Finance? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please provide details of the number and level of positions funded as an administered expense. ○ Please provide the rationale for the use of administered funding for each of the positions against specific program outcomes. ○ Please provide information on the number DFAT employees and DFAT locally engaged staff whose salary was funded in part or in whole as an administered expense as at 1 March 2014 and 1 March 2015. 			
87	Wong	DFAT Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has DFAT ever had four portfolio Ministers previously? • Has this meant that internal readjustments need to be made? • Has this been difficult or caused any complications? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
88	Wong	Ministerial travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an updated version of the table provided in Budget Estimates 2015, QoN #33 including the following information on Minister Bishop and Minister Robb's travel over the period from 4 June 2015 to present: 	Written Q	14/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How many days did the Minister spend in country? ○ Did s/he travel on a commercial or RAAF (VIP) flight? ○ What was the purpose of the visit? ○ How many staff travelled with him/her? ○ Which staff members travelled with him/her? ○ Who did s/he meet with in country? ○ What were the outcomes of those meetings? 			
89	Wong	Diplomatic footprint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “On 31 January 2015, DFAT had 803 A-based positions overseas.” In the context of the latest staffing review conducted by Secretary Varghese: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has this number changed? ○ Is it likely to change with new embassies opening? ○ By how much? ○ What posts are changing in size - growing or shrinking? • Overseas posts - embassies and high commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are there any embassies and high commissions which are planned to be closed? ○ Are there any embassies and high commissions that are expected to be merged with one another? ○ The post in Kiev was established following the crash of MH17 and the funding was due to conclude in September: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has funding for this post been continued beyond 2015-16? ▪ Will this post be made permanent? ▪ Will the post be shut down? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
90	Wong	Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please provide an updated version of the tables 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

		and postings	<p>provided in Budget Estimates QoN #35</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have further appointments been made since the last Estimates? 			
91	Wong	Government Partnerships for Development	<p>Government Partnerships for Development (GPDF) is a competitive funding program which provides funds to eligible Australian public sector organisations to partner with public sector organisations in developing countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many expressions of interest (EOI) were received? • When did the Department assess that there would be no funding to proceed with any of the EOIs received? • Who made the decision that there would be no funding available for GPDF Round Three? Was this at a departmental or ministerial level? • How much departmental resources were used administering the Round Three process? • What outcomes did these resources deliver, including the assessment of individual EOIs? • Was there any assessment about the other negative consequences of not proceeding with Round Three, including wasted time by other public sector agencies, wasted resources by universities or NGOs, or raised expectations with international partners? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
92	Wong	3 September parade in Beijing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 3 September China hosted a parade commemorating the end of World War II. • Who represented Australia? • When did China invite Australia to send representation? • When did we confirm we would have representation? • Who decided who would represent Australia? • Was the Department consulted in the process of 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>deciding who would attend?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did DFAT officials or the Australian Ambassador to China attend? If yes, who and how many? 			
93	Wong	SSM and relations in Asia	<p>In July, Barnaby Joyce linked our relations with Asia to a case against same-sex marriage, saying that Asians will see Australia as “decadent” if a bill for same-sex marriage goes forward in Parliament:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the Department aware of these views? • Can the Department cite any cases where the Department has found this to be true? • Have any of our Asian neighbours raised Barnaby’s comments with the Department? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
94	Wong	Australian in the Asian Century white paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the Secretary’s views on the AiAC white paper? • Does the Department still refer to or use the white paper? • Is there any record of the paper on the DFAT website? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
95	Wong	Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How did the Department first hear of the reduction in cattle quotas made by Indonesia (in July this year)? • What was the diplomatic response of the Department when Indonesia dramatically reduced its permits for live cattle exports around 15 July 2015? • Did the Department provide advice to Minister Joyce on his public response to the reduction? • What were the exact dates of Minister Joyce’s visit to Indonesia? • What were the purpose and outcomes of his visit? • How many days was he in Jakarta? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sites or locations did he visit? • Did he visit a farm? • Who did he meet with? 			
96	Wong	AUSMIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the Department provide advice on the language in the recent AUSMIN statement? • In a press conference before the meeting Minister Bishop referred to aircraft rules for operation in Syria as a priority but there is no sign of it in the communique. What caused this issue to drop off the agenda? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
97	Wong	Expo Milan 2015 - World Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia has opted not to participate in this year's World Fair. • Who made this decision? • Was the Department consulted? • Did the Department do a cost benefit analysis of participation? Please provide a copy of that analysis's findings. • Is the Department aware of the theme of this year's World Fair - "Feeding the planet. Energy for life" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is this a theme to which Australia could make a meaningful contribution? • Of the 130 countries participating, some of our nearest neighbours including Indonesia and Timor-Leste are represented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the implications for our role in the region given that Australia is not amongst those representing the Indo-Pacific? • Of the 130 countries participating, all members of MIKTA with the exception of Australia are represented (Mexico, Indonesia, Turkey, and 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>South Korea).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the implications for our role as a middle power given that Australia is the only member of MIKTA not participating? ○ Have members of MIKTA raised this with the Minister or with the Department? • Previous expos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How was the decision made for Australia to have a pavilion in the Shanghai Expo in 2010? ○ What were the benefits of participating in Shanghai five years ago? ○ How have we seen evidence of those benefits? ○ Was participation in the Shanghai Expo worthwhile? ○ How and why is the 2015 Expo different to the 2010 Expo? ○ How was the decision made for Australia to have a pavilion in the Aichi Expo in 2005? ○ What were the benefits of participating in Japan ten years ago? ○ How have we seen evidence of those benefits? ○ Was participation in the Aichi Expo worthwhile? ○ How is the 2015 Expo different to the 2005 Expo? ○ In 1988, Australia hosted the World Expo in Brisbane. Does Australia's non-participation this year reduce our chances are successfully bidding and hosting the Expo in a future year? 			
98	Wong	Russia	<i>On 27 September it was reported that Julie Bishop would "buttonhole" President Putin at the UN:</i>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does buttonholing have something in common with shirt-fronting? • Did Julie Bishop buttonhole President Putin? • Was it more or less successful than when Mr Abbott shirtfronted President Putin? • Was a photo opportunities with koalas a part of the buttonholing process? 			
99	Wong	Africa AIPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why are there not individualised aid investment plans for any African countries? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
100	Wong	Pacific – Buka post	<p><i>The 2015-16 Budget included an announcement on Expanding Australia’s Diplomatic Footprint which will include a new post in Buka (Papua New Guinea). The Budget notes: “A new post in Buka will provide greater focus for Australia’s development assistance to Bougainville”.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the cost of the new post in Buka? • What staffing arrangements will be made for the new post in Buka? • How many staff? • What levels? • Who will head the post? • What is the planned address of the new post in Buka? • What progress has been made with the PNG Government since the botched announcement after the budget? • On Thursday 14 May 2015 Radio Australia ran a report stating: “A spokesperson for Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has denied allegations the Abbott Government failed to consult with Papua New Guinea over a decision to open a new diplomatic mission in Bougainville. According to Ms Bishop's office, Australia's High Commissioner 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>to PNG had also formally advised the O'Neill government of its intention to announce a new diplomatic presence in the lead-up to the 2015 budget.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Was Mr O'Neill lying in his public statements? ○ Why would Mr O'Neill make such clear public statements if his government was properly consulted about the proposed post in Bougainville? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the Buka post raised at a Prime Ministerial level during the recent PIF leaders meeting in Port Moresby? 			
101	Wong	Coca Cola Aid Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the Australian Government still intend to utilise Coca-Cola to distribute medical aid in the Pacific? • What level of funding does the Australian Government plan to give Coca Cola to perform this task? • Have any meetings occurred between DFAT and Coca Cola in relation to Aid distribution? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
102	Wong	Fijian Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On May 7 this year Fijian Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama named Australia as being among the “coalition of the selfish”. He went on to say “We do not see Fiji’s interests reflected in the stance being taken by Australia and New Zealand ... especially on the biggest threat to our security we have ever faced collectively as Pacific islanders — the rising sea levels caused by climate change,” he said. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What was the Australian Government’s response to these comments? • Mr Bainimarama called for an end to Australia and New Zealand’s “undue influence” on the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) and said he would 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>continue to personally snub the forum while Canberra and Wellington's dominance continued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What was the Australian Government's response to these comments? 			
103	Wong	Climate Change – Pacific leaders - Australia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many Small Island Pacific States publicly called for Australia to do more on Climate Change in the lead up to this year Pacific Island Forum leaders meeting which the then Prime Minister Tony Abbott attended on Australia's behalf. Kiribati's president Anote Tong was quoted as saying (in relation to climate change) "I think they need to come to the party, if they really are our friends then they should be looking after our future as well. What we are talking about is survival, it's not about economic development... it's not politics, it's survival." Tuvalu's prime minister Enele Sopoaga was quoted as saying (in relation to climate change), "We're simply seeking for the rights of small island states to survive." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there a feeling amongst some Pacific Island states that Australia has abandoned them? ○ Did Australia formally contact Fiji, Kiribati or Tuvalu's governments following these statements? If so when? Who made contact? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
104	Wong	Pacific Islands Forum (held September 2015 – Port Moresby)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this year's forum the leaders released a communiqué entitled - Pacific Island Forum Leaders Declaration on Climate Change Action 46th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Summit – Port Moresby 2015 • Were Australian officials involved in the drafting of this communiqué? • What was Australia's position on this element of the document? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
105	Wong	Peter Dutton –	Upon returning to Australia the then Prime Minister	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

		Sea Level Joke	<p>Tony Abbott and the Minister for Immigration Peter Dutton were overheard joking about rising sea levels in the Pacific Islands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were Australian officials onshore or offshore contacted regarding the Dutton gaffe? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so who? when? How was it received? • Did Australian offer any formal apologies to any Pacific Island countries as a result of the Dutton gaffe? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so who? when? How was it received? • Did either the former Prime Minister of the Immigration Minister call members of the PNG Government to apologise for the gaffe? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so who? when? How was it received? 			
106	Wong	Pacific Development and Investment Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Third Pacific Islands Development Forum Summit of Leaders ended in Suva Friday 4th September 2015. This meeting approved the Pacific Islands Development Forum Charter and launched the PIDF as an international organisation. • How does the Government view the PDIF as a regional organisation? • What role does the Government see for Australia in the PDIF? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
107	Wong	Vanuatu	<p><i>On 23 May 2015 the Foreign Minister announced additional support to the long-term recovery of Vanuatu from Tropical Cyclone Pam, the most powerful cyclone ever recorded in Vanuatu:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a breakdown of the \$35 million in additional aid. • How did the government come to the figure of \$35 million for the additional recovery package? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
108	Wong	Death Penalty (Pacific)	<p>Foreign Affairs Minister Julie Bishop in April this year was quoted in the Herald Sun saying Australia's opposition to the death penalty was "an issue we can</p>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>discuss with nations in our region”. “It is an important issue... I think it is time for us to have a significant discussion about the application of the death penalty for drug offences in our region,” she said. In Budget Estimates, Secretary Varghese noted that this was still a work in progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since making that statement has Ms Bishop discussed Australia’s stance on the death penalty with Governments in our region? • Which Governments has she discussed that issue with? • Whom within that Government has she discussed that issue with? • What benefit has come from those discussions? • In 2014 another of our immediate neighbours to the north - Papua New Guinea - reinstated the death penalty. Has Ms Bishop had discussions with the PNG Government about Australia’s stance on the death penalty? 			
109	Wong	Ambassador for Women and Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an updated version of Budget Estimates QoN #118 - an updated table of Natasha Stott Despoja’s travel and international engagement since May 2015. 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
110	Wong	G20 – privacy breach	<p><i>In Budget Estimates Secretary Varghese indicated that the privacy breach around the time of the G20 was not the Department’s responsibility. However, it is a diplomatic matter with diplomatic consequences:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even though the breach was not caused by DFAT, has the Department taken diplomatic steps to remedy the situation? • Which Governments have DFAT apologised to or communicated with about the breach? • What steps have been taken to ensure it does not 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>occur again?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the Minister briefed? 			
111	Wong	Death penalty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What steps had the Government taken to develop a regional response on the death penalty? • How have these steps been taken? • In what forums? • How many personnel have worked on this? • What has been done at the leadership level? • What further steps are planned? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
112	Wong	Financing for Development Conference	<p><i>The Third International Conference on Financing for Development was held in Addis Ababa on 13-16 July 2015. This Conference was a major summit in the lead up to the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals at the UN in September:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When was the Minister's last trip to Africa? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Which countries did she visit? ○ What was the purpose of the trip? ○ Who did she meet with? • What level of representation has Australia sent to conferences of similar status to the UN Financing for Development conference in previous years? • What level of representation did other countries send to Addis Abbaba this year? • On what basis did DFAT decide to that the most senior Australian representative would be Deputy Secretary Ewen McDonald? • There was a joint statement issued at this summit by MIKTA (Mexico, Indonesia, Korea, Turkey, and Australia). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who were the other governments represented by? ○ Were they more or less senior than the Australian representative? • Deputy Secretary Ewen McDonald talked about 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>‘investment’ a total of 10 times in his speech at Addis Abbaba, but didn’t mention that the Australian government had cut Australia’s aid program in Africa by 70 per cent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Were the aid cuts to Africa raised with the Australian delegation? ○ Or aid cuts more generally? ○ What discussions were held about the obligation of countries to increase their ODA, in line with long standing international targets? 			
113	Wong	United Nations Climate Change Conference 2015 (Paris, France – December)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Department yet determined how many officials and who will attend in December? • Will there be Ministerial attendance? • How many Ministers and which ones? • Please provide an update on how the Department is preparing for the Conference. 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
114	Wong	Multilaterals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an updated version of the chart provided in Budget Estimates QoN #18. • Please also provided forward estimates. • Can the Department confirm whether any repayments to any multilateral partners such as the World Bank and Asian Development Bank will be reduced in FY2016-17? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
115	Wong	Humanitarian assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an update on what we are providing in Syria • Please provide an update on what we are providing in the rebuilding of Gaza • There has been an increase in the scale, frequency and impact of humanitarian disasters around the world. In the last few years, funding has been given to Syria, South Sudan, Typhoons Hagupit and Haiyan in the Philippines, the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, Cyclone Pam in Vanuatu, earthquakes in Nepal and humanitarian support 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>to Iraq. The need for assistance is only likely to continue into the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Given the diminishing Australian aid budget and the rising global need – how is Australia preparing to respond to humanitarian crises, both in our region and globally? ○ Given the scale of the cuts, how will the Department decide which countries will receive funding for humanitarian disasters and how much they will receive? ○ Overall, how much money will the Australian government allocate to humanitarian crises annually? ○ What percentage of the aid budget will go to humanitarian crises? 			
116	Wong	Australian Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide total student numbers for the Australian Award programs from 2007-08 to present. • Please provide total costs of the Australian Award programs from 2007-08 to present. 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
117	Wong	Cultural visits program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an updated list (similar to the response to Budget Estimates QoN #119) since May 2015 including the following parameters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who participated in each activity? ○ What were the outcomes of each activity? ○ What were the costs associated with each activity/participant? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
118	Wong	Public diplomacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an update on DFAT's public diplomacy budget (similar to the response to Budget Estimates QoN #120). • Please provide forward year estimates. • What percentage of the \$7 million in 2015-16 is going toward #fashiondiplomacy [Hashtag Fashion Diplomacy]? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
119	Wong	Digital	<i>See DFAT Media Release from 25 of September titled 'A</i>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

		<p>diplomacy</p>	<p><i>Digital DFAT</i>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The release was in response to an article in The Age by Danielle Cave titled “global diplomacy has gone digital and Australia has been left behind”, is that correct? • How many Twitter accounts does DFAT currently run today? • How many followers do all of those accounts have? • The response from DFAT on the 25th of September claimed that the @dfat Twitter account was more popular than its Canadian, French and Japanese counterparts. • Canada’s Foreign Ministry is split into 4 departmental areas – public diplomacy, foreign policy activities, trade and development – the total sum of which is well over 200,000 followers. Is it in fact correct that Canada’s Foreign Ministry accounts are much larger than Australia’s? • France’s Foreign Ministry has well over 670,000 followers of its @francediplo account. How did DFAT come to the conclusion that it is more popular than its French counterpart when the total sum of DFAT-run account followers don’t even add up to main French Foreign Ministry account? • Does DFAT still stand by the claim that it has more followers than the Japanese Foreign Ministry? • In the ‘A Digital DFAT’ release, DFAT claimed that a recent Tweet from Ambassador Paul Grigson’s @DubesAustralia account reached 28 million users. Does DFAT still stand by this number? • Who signed off on sending out the release ‘A Digital DFAT’? • Were there any social media consultants who 			
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			worked on the release and if so, are they the same consultants that were employed to assist DTAF's digital diplomacy platform?			
120	Wong	New Colombo Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the Department please provide results from the ongoing evaluation of the New Colombo Plan? • Does the Department hold any statistics on the students who apply for access to the New Colombo Plan? • What statistics are kept? • Provide a copy of any statistics kept. • Please provide details on the instances of students studying overseas under the New Colombo requiring consular assistance. • Section 8 of the New Colombo Plan Guidelines booklet sets out how complaints and feedback will be handled. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How many complaints have been received? ○ How many? For what reasons? ○ Have any complaints been escalated to the Commonwealth ombudsmen? • According to the New Colombo plan Guidelines booklet there are 4 selection criteria used to pick students. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who is conducting assessments against the selection criteria? ○ Are statistics kept regarding these assessments? ○ Please provide these statistics if possible. • Total numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please provide a total number of students who have studied overseas under the New Combo Plan since the pilot. • Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are any New Combo Plan funds classified as ODA? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

121	Wong	Incarceration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an update to the number of Australians currently incarcerated overseas. • Have there been changes to consular services affect the degree of assistance for them? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
122	Wong	Peter Greste	<p><i>In late September, during an informal meeting in the UN, the Egyptian government communicated to Julie Bishop that Peter Greste would be granted a full pardon:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a formal update on this matter. • What guarantees were provided? • When were they provided? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
123	Wong	Ambassador's residence in Rome	<p><i>\$2.7 million was spent to renovate the Ambassador's Villa in Rome. \$1 million of the \$2.7 million went to hiring a temporary residency for the ambassador for the duration of the renovation, while only \$1.7 million actually went towards renovation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did the renovation of the villa involved? • How long did the renovation last for? • Where did the ambassador stayed while the renovation took place? • When Amanda Vanstone was ambassador, the residency was renovated in 2010. • Will there be another renovation in another 4 to 5 years' time? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
124	Wong	Sustainable Development Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given Australia's recent commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, what steps is the Department taking to implement, measure, and fund the Sustainable Development Goals within the aid program in FY2015-16 and FY2016-17? • How will Australia deliver on its commitments to the SDGs without funding to support those commitments? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
125	Wong	North Asia FTAs	The CIE Report "Economic benefits of Australia's North Asian FTAs" dated 12 June 2015 was	Written Q	14/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>prepared for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When did the Department first commission this study? • Did the Department receive any drafts of this report? If so, did the Department or the Trade Minister's office make any comments or requested changes? • What was the cost of this report? 			
126	Wong	Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a status update on negotiations between Australia and India on the Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement. • In relation to the round of negotiations held in India in October 2015: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where were the negotiations held? - Who attended on behalf of Australia? - Did the Minister lead a business or other delegation on the sides? If so, please provide the names and positions of those in the delegation and an outline of the delegation's activities. • Are the parties working towards concluding negotiations by the end of 2015? If so, how realistic is this timing? • What is the relationship between the Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement and RCEP? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would the broader regional trade agreement make the bilateral redundant? If not, what are the benefits of having two separate trade agreements concluded around the same time? 	Written Q	14/12/15	04/02/16
127	Wong	Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please provide a status update on negotiations between Australia and Indonesia in relation to this economic partnership agreement. - When and where are the next scheduled negotiations? Who will attend? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

		Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is there any timeframe for the negotiations agreed between the parties. - Please provide an update on the export, import and two-way trade statistics between Australia and Indonesia on a monthly basis over this year. - If Indonesia formally commences negotiations to join the Transpacific Partnership Agreement, will Australia suspend or end negotiations on a separate bilateral trade agreement with Indonesia? 			
128	Wong	Australian Gulf Cooperation Council Free Trade Agreement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please provide a status update on the Australian Gulf Cooperation Council Free Trade Agreement. - Has a date for recommencement negotiations been notified? If so, please provide details. 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
129	Wong	EU-Australia FTA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have negotiations on an EU-Australian FTA commenced? If not, are they scheduled to commence this year? - Please provide a status update on this proposed FTA. 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
130	Wong	Existing FTAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has DFAT undertaken or participated in any reviews or joint committee meetings in relation to any of Australia's existing FTAs? If so, please provide details, including, when, where, attendees, agenda and outcome. - Does the Department monitor newly concluded FTAs by other countries with a view to identifying whether most favoured nations provisions in any of Australia's existing FTAs are triggered? If not, why not? If so, please identify any triggered MFN provisions and impacts on other FTAs? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
131	Wong	TPP – General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What activities relating to the TPP has the Department been involved in since the conclusion of negotiations? - Please provide an update on the Department's costs incurred relating to the TPP negotiations, as well as costs 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>relating to activities following the conclusion of negotiations, including “legal scrub”. Please detail costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When will the text be released? - How many side letters are part of the TPP? How many side letters is Australia party to? - When does the Government anticipate tabling the TPP and related NIA and RIS in Parliament? - How many countries need to ratify the agreement before it comes into effect? - When is the agreement anticipated to come into effect? - What is the anniversary date for each annual tariff reduction? 			
132	Wong	TPP – Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to the TPP provisions on FDI, please provide a table of applicable FIRB thresholds that will become applicable to each TPP member country seeking to invest in Australia. • Please outline the improvements obtained for Australian outward investment to other TPP member countries, especially US, NZ, Japan, Singapore and Canada (the top 5 TPP countries in which Australia has existing investments). 	Written Q	14/12/15	04/02/16
133	Wong	TPP – Medicines/Data Exclusivity for biologics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please explain the “5 years + 3 years” arrangement relating to data exclusivity period on biologic medicines in the TPP. • What are the special transitional provisions for developing countries? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why have organisations like Medecines Sans Frontiers (MSF) made statement such as “the big losers in the TPP are patients and treatment providers in developing countries.” (Reference: 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>http://msfaccess.org/about-us/media-room/press-releases/statement-msf-conclusion-tpp-negotiations-atlanta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are some of the flow on consequences of the different IP protection periods? (Eg, potential impact on medical research and trials conducted in Australia?) 			
134	Wong	TPP – Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the agricultural industry one of the big winners from the TPP? • Are the agricultural market access concessions equivalents throughout the TPP members? • Did Canada, the US or other countries carve out agricultural measures and barriers, or otherwise add safeguards or added measures? If so, please describe. • In relation to agricultural market access, will the TPP effectively render JAEPA redundant? Are there any remaining benefits or preferences under JAEPA for Australian agricultural industry? If so, what? • What information and evidence does DFAT have in relation to this industry’s ability to significantly increase its exports? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who commissioned and provided the evidence? - Does the information or evidence consider non-FTA factors, such as the water rights issue and environmental impacts? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
135	Wong	TPP – Environment Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does the TPP promote and enforce environmentally sustainable trade? If so, how? If not, why not? - DFAT has stated that the TPP will include the most extensive environmental chapter Australia has negotiated as part of a free trade agreement. How many FTAs has DFAT negotiated with binding environmental 	Written Q	14/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>chapters? Is this the first?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Who did DFAT consult in respect to the proposed text of the environmental chapter? What has been the reaction of the consulted groups to the final negotiated position? - Will the TPP chapter require Australia to make any legislative or regulatory additions or changes? If so, please describe. - How will environmental obligations be enforced? - There are reports that environmentalists say the TPP environmental chapter will not have sufficiently binding language and that the TPP overall will make it more difficult to address climate change (Reference: thinkprocess.org/climatechange/2015/07/31/386695/tpp-environmental-chapter). Are they correct? If not, why not? 			
136	Wong	TPP – Movement of Natural Persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to any TPP outcome for the temporary movement of contractual service suppliers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the definition of “contractual service suppliers”? - What period of stay has been agreed for contractual service suppliers?; - Is the definition and length of stay reciprocal for Australian contractual service suppliers entering any of the other 11 TPP member countries? If not, please explain the differences? Why is it not reciprocal? • Please outline the terms of temporary movement of installers and servicers of machinery and equipment under the TPP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the definition of “installers and servicers?” 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What period of stay has been agreed; - Is the definition and length of stay reciprocal for Australian installers and servicers entering any of the other 11 TPP member countries? If not, please explain the differences? Why is it not reciprocal? • Has Australia reserved policy space for labour market testing? Did Australia reserve policy space in its existing FTAs with any TPP members? If so who? Will the TPP provisions override these prior agreements with respect to labour market testing? 			
137	Wong	TPP – Labour Chapter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please describe the scope and content of the Labour Chapter. - Who did DFAT consult in respect to the proposed text of the labour chapter? What has been the reaction of the consulted groups to the final negotiated position? - Will the TPP chapter require Australia to make any related legislative or regulatory additions or changes? If so, please describe. - How will labour obligations be enforced? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
138	Wong	RCEP	<p><i>Status</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the status of these negotiations? • How many chapters have been concluded? What are they • How many chapters are yet to be concluded? What are they? • What “breakthroughs” were made at the 3rd RCEP Ministerial Meeting held on 24 August 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia? • What was the outcome of the 10th Meeting of the RCEP Trade Negotiating Committee held in Busan Korea from 12-16 October 2015? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When and where are the next meetings? • Please provide a breakdown on the department costs in negotiating this agreement as well as itinerary and attendee information at all RCEP related meetings this year. <p><i>Interaction with other FTAs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 16 countries negotiating the RCEP, seven are members of TPP. How will these two overlapping regional agreements sit together? • Will Australian exporters be faced with different rules? How will they be able to select the best set of rules for their products or services? • How will the conclusion of RCEP affect Australia's bilateral negotiations with India? Will those negotiations be terminated or wrapped up into the broader regional agreement. • How will Australia's bilateral FTAs with various RCEP members (ie, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, NZ, Singapore, ASEAN) be handled after the conclusion of RCEP? Will they be "wrapped up" into this regional framework or, as with the TPP, left to co-exist and add to the complexity of overlapping trade agreements? <p><i>Extending Membership</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it likely, or possible, that China and non-TPP members may join the TPP? Which, if any, RCEP members have expressed interest to join the TPP? • Is it likely, or possible, that the US and non-RCEP member join the RCEP? 			
139	Wong	Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific concept (under APEC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At what stage is the commissioned "<i>Collective Strategic Study on Issues Relate to the Realisation of the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific</i>"? • Who is undertaking the study? Are any private entities engaged? If so who and under what procurement method? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What contributions will Australia make to this study? Has DFAT engaged external consultants in this regard? If so who and what are the cost and terms of the engagement? • The first draft of the Study is due for completion by January 2016, with a final by the end of 2016. In response to written question on notice no. 149 from Budget Estimates, DFAT advised that drafts of the study will not be made publically available. Why? What external consultations are being held in relation to FTAAP? Could the study be made public? Are other countries considering making the study and other material relating to FTAAP public? 			
140	Wong	PACER Plus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a status update on this agreement, including the number of closed chapters, open chapters and sensitive areas? • When are negotiations anticipated to be completed? Is the legal text to be completed this year? • In response to Budget Estimates Question on Notice no.150: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DFAT advise that although Australia has agreed to 5,000 working holiday visas per year for Chinese citizens, no working holiday visas will be provided to PACER plus countries. What is the reason for this? - DFAT advised that it has committed approximately \$14 million in aid funding to support the Pacific Forum Island Countries in negotiating the PCER Plus Agreement. Please provide details of how these funds have been spent. 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
141	Wong	WTO	<p>Doha Rounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a status update on WTO Doha Rounds, including work in preparation for the 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>Ministerial round at the end of 2015.</p> <p>Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a status update on the negotiations of the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), since the update provided as part of Budget Estimates. • Have the parties submitted their final market offers (as timetabled for 15 September 2015)? If not, when are they expected? • What conclusion date are the parties working towards? • When and where are the next scheduled meetings relating to TiSA? <p>Agreement on Environmental Goods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the prior update provided as part of Budget Estimates, please provide a status update on the negotiations of the Agreement on Environmental Goods. • When and where are the next scheduled meetings relating to this agreement? <p>The Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the prior update provided as part of Budget Estimates, please provide a status update on the progress of Australia's accession to the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement. • Please provide a status update on how many other countries have acceded to this agreement or are engaged in accession negotiations. • Is Australia's accession offer publically available? If so, please provide; if not, why not? • Does Australia's offer contain any carve outs? Please describe. • What are the results of DFAT's consultations with State and Territory Governments on accession to the GPA? Did any State or Territory oppose the 			
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			<p>accession or request limitations or carve outs? If so, please describe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was the decision to accede to this agreement made before or after the close of public consultations? If before, why? • Will accession to this Agreement require any legislative, regulatory or policy changes at federal and/or state/territory level? If so, please describe. • What is the anticipated timeframe relating to accession to this Agreement and commitments coming into effect. • What are the economic and job related impacts of accession to this Agreement? Please describe. 			
142	Wong	APEC	Please provide an update on progress and activities by Australia relating to APEC, including future planned meetings and activities.	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
143	Wong	IORA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since DFAT's response to question on notice no.156 from Budget Estimates, please provide further updates on progress and activities of IORA, including the Working Group on Trade and Investment. • Please provide details to the progress and activities of the Business Forum, as well as list of any Australian business members or participants. 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
144	Wong	WTO- Trade disputes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a status update on WTO disputes to which Australia is involved. • Please provide a status update on ISDS arbitrations to which Australia is a party. • In particular, what is the status and progress of Australia's defence of its plain packaging legislation in relation to the ISDS arbitration claim by Phillip Morris. When is this arbitration likely to conclude? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

145	Wong	FTA Promotional Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide an update on the development on the new online FTA dashboard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the development within budget? If not, why? - When did the dashboard first become active for exporters? - How much use has the dashboard had to date? - Has there been any user feedback? If so, please provide. - When will the ChAFTA part of the portal become live? - What additional features and FTAs are planned to be added? What is the project timeline and cost for these additions? • In relation to the North Asia FTA seminar series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please provide an update on seminars held since early June 2015, including location, attendees and costs. - How have the seminars to date been assessed and regarded? Will any changes be made to future seminars? - Please provide a copy of the FTA seminar materials. - Please provide a copy of the analysis of the completed questionnaires collect at the end of each seminar. - What seminars are currently planned, including location and invitee list? 	Written Q	14/12/15	04/02/16
146	Wong	QoN 80 from Budget Estimates, 3-4 June [Efic]	<p>In response to question on notice no.80 from Budget Estimates 2015, EFIC stated that it is currently working on an LNG project in PNG with the US Export Import Bank.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is the nature of this project and Australia's involvement? Does it involve Australian SMEs or larger companies? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is EFIC working with an export-import bank, or similar, in any other country? Please describe. - Is cross-border syndicate export finance a growing area for EFIC? Will it assist Australian exporters to participate in major projects and/or global value chains? 			
147	Wong	QoN 157 from Budget Estimates, 3-4 June [Efic]	In response to question on notice no.157 from Budget Estimates 2015, EFIC advised that despite the increased staff levels in Queensland there has been no increase in Queensland SME exporters supported by EFIC. What is the reason for the failure to increase support for Queensland SMEs?	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
148	Wong	Scottish Pacific Business Finance [Efic]	<p>On 25 June 2015, EFIC announced that Scottish Pacific Business Finance Pty Ltd became the first non-bank approved to partner with EFIC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How did this partnership eventuate? Who initiated? When? What reviews and due diligence exercises were undertaken? - Were other non-bank partners considered? If so, who? If not, why not? - Who approved the partnership? - What does the partnership mean for both EFIC and Scottish Pacific Business Finance? Are there any financial incentives between the two? - Are there any existing or prior relationships or interests between board or senior management of Scottish Pacific and the Government or EFIC? - Are there any ex-EFIC staff working at Scottish Pacific Business? - Since the approval at end of June, how many SME transactions has this new partnership supported or considered? Please detail. 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
149	Wong	Amendments to the EFIC Act [Efic]	Amendments to the EFIC Act allowing direct lending to “all” goods, not just capital goods came into effect in March 2015.	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has EFIC received a noticeable increase in requests for financial assistance pursuant to this change? - How many direct lending projects has EFIC effected pursuant to this change? Please describe the entities and projects. 			
150	Ludwig	Departmental Rebranding	<p>1. Has the department/Agency undergone a name change or any other form of rebranding since the leadership change in September, 2015? If so:</p> <p>A. Detail why this name change / rebrand were considered necessary and a justified use of departmental funds?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a copy of any reports that were commissioned to study the benefits and costs associated with the rebranding. <p>B. Provide the total cost associated with this rebrand and then break down by amount spent replacing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage. • Stationery (please include details of existing stationery and how it was disposed of). • Logos • Consultancy • Any relevant IT changes. • Office reconfiguration. <p>C. How was the decision reached to rename and/or rebrand the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who was involved in reaching this decision? • Please provide a copy of any communication (including but not limited to emails, letters, memos, notes etc) from within the department, or between the department and the government regarding the rename/rebranding. <p>2. Following the changes does the department share any goods/services/accommodation with other departments?</p> <p>3. What resources/services does the department share</p>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>with other departments; are there plans to cease sharing the sharing of these resources/services?</p> <p>4. What were the costs to the department prior to the Machinery of Government changes for these shared resources? What are the estimated costs after the ceasing of shared resource arrangements?</p>			
151	Ludwig	Staffing - employment of non-Australian citizens	<p>I refer you to section 22 (8) of the Public Service Act 1999 which says:</p> <p>"An Agency Head must not engage, as an APS employee, a person who is not an Australian citizen, unless the Agency Head considers it appropriate to do so."</p> <p>1. Does the department have guidelines or similar to assist Agency Heads to assess when it is appropriate to hire non-Australian citizens? If no, do individual agencies have their own guidelines? If yes to either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide a copy. • When did they come into effect? • Can Agency Heads decide to go against the advice? If yes, under what circumstances? <p>2. Are Agency Heads required to provide a reason to anyone for hiring non-Australian citizens? If yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are they required to report the reason to? • Does this reporting happen before or after the hire has been made? • Is this reason provided in writing? If no, how is it provided? • Can you please provide a list of reasons that have been used since the Federal election in September, 2013. <p>3. Are there any provisions to over-rule a Head of Agency's decision to hire a non-Australian citizen? If yes:</p>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who can over-rule this decision? • Under what circumstances can it be over-ruled? • How many times has this occurred since the Federal election in September, 2013. 			
152	Ludwig	Ministerial Staffing	<p>Since the leadership change in September, 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been any change to the staffing profile of the Minister's office? 2. Provide a list of changes to staffing numbers, broken down by classification level, and role. 3. Please provide a breakdown of any redundancies that have been paid to staff who left the Minister's office since the change in leadership. 4. Please provide the total cost of Ministerial staff salaries in the office from before the change. 5. Please provide the total cost of Ministerial staff salaries in the office as of now. 6. Were any staff hired for the office since the change, but have subsequently left in the time between then and now? If yes, how many? How long did each stay? What was their role? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
153	Ludwig	Ministerial Personalised Stationery	<p>Since the leadership change in September, 2015, how much has been spent by the Ministerial office on personalised stationery for the Minister and the Minister's staff? Please provide a cost breakdown by type of stationery purchased and the quantity of each and whether it was for the Minister or for staff.</p>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
154	Xenophon	East Timor	<p>I refer to an article written by Dr Stephen Grenville for the Lowy Institute, called 'A Response to Senator Xenophon'. The article was translated to Tetum and published on the website of the Australian Embassy to East Timor. My original op-ed in the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age was not similarly translated and</p>	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			<p>published by the Australian Embassy to East Timor.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who requested and obtained approval from the Lowy Institute to translate and publish the article? 2. Who commissioned or authorised the translation? 3. If the Embassy is going to translate and publish 'A Response to Senator Xenophon', why didn't it translate and publish the original article? 4. What exactly is DFAT's objection to a median line delimitation of the maritime border with Timor-Leste? 			
155	Xenophon	Israel-Palestine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to the latest figures released by the Israeli Prison Service, 48 per cent of Palestinian minors prosecuted in Israeli military courts were transferred to prisons inside Israel in violation of Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention. 2. Given that the transfer of prisoners out of the West Bank amounts to a war crime, what representations has the Government made to its Israeli counterpart regarding this violation of international law? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
156	Xenophon	Indonesia	What kind of assistance did Australia provide Indonesia during the Asian Financial Crisis? Please itemise the programs and dollar amounts.	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
157	Brown	UNWTO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Has Australia's withdrawal from UNWTO take effect? What date did this occur? •Had Australia not withdrawn, what would have been the total membership cost for the next membership year? •Has the cancellation of Australia's membership resulted in any changes to the events at which Australia is represented? •Which UNWTO events was Australia represented at in the last 10 years? Please provide event name, date, location, nature of participation and whether any ministers attended. •Which Australian organisations remain as affiliate members of UNWTO? 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

158	Wong	Fashion diplomacy	<p>Senator DASTYARI: Has Minister Robb taken time away from his trade deals and trade work to help with these initiatives?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Minister Robb spends a great deal of time overseas promoting Australia, in particular by negotiating, as he has done with more success than any trade minister in Australian history, trade agreements with our principal trading partners. No doubt every breath Minister Robb takes when he represents Australia on the world stage is devoted to representing and advancing the interests of Australia in the broader sense.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: That was not the question. Mr Tranter, has Minister Robb been involved in any of these initiatives?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Have you personally briefed Mr Robb or his office about any of these issues? I understand other things happen that you may not be aware of, but have you personally briefed him?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: Mr Robb has been briefed on these initiatives through the course of our briefing for Minister Bishop on her participation in these events.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: Sorry, I do not understand what that means. I get that Minister Bishop has been briefed. I am asking: have you briefed Minister Robb?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: Minister Robb has been briefed on our fashion diplomacy initiatives, yes.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: By who?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: By the department through my division.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: So he has been briefed on it. Has he participated in any of the events? Has Minister Robb been #fashiondiplomacy?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: You will take that on notice?</p>	Page 59-60	14/12/15	04/02/16
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			Mr Tranter: I will take that on notice.			
159	Bilyk	Ministerial functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by the Foreign Minister in 2015, can the following please be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs; • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and • Details of any entertainment provided. 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
160	Bilyk	Ministerial travel	In relation to any international travel undertaken in 2015 by the Minister, can the following please be provided to the Senate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of the itinerary for each overseas trip; • An itemised list of the costs of each trip including the class of travel for any flights; • Copies of receipts for any food or beverages that the Minister consumed at taxpayer expense during each trip; • Copies of receipts for any self-drive hire cars or chauffeured services utilised by the Minister during each trip; • Copies of receipts for any other ground transport; • Copies of receipts for any hotel accommodation; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of any spouse travel. 	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
161	Bilyk	Secretary's speeches to staff	Can a copy of any speeches delivered by the Secretary of the Department at any staff meetings in 2015 please be provided?	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
162	Bilyk	Secretary's office upgrades	Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office been upgraded in 2015? If so, can an itemised list	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16

			of costs please be provided?			
163	Bilyk	Body scanners at Australian ports	Is the Foreign Minister subject to the normal security screening procedures as members of the general public at Australian ports? Is the Foreign Minister required to subject herself to, say, body scanners? Are any exemptions in place in relation to particular security screening devices or procedures for the Foreign Minister? Has the Foreign Minister ever been involved in any incidents, altercations or complaints relating to directions to subject herself to security screening at Australian ports, in relation to body scanners or other devices or procedures? If so, can details and any documentary information possessed by the Department or the Minister's office please be provided?	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
164	Siewert	Passports	I refer to correspondence from the South Australian Council for the Care of Children to the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, dated 6 October. Can the Minister clarify: 1. Are Proof of Aboriginality documents acceptable evidence of Australian citizenship, for the purposes of obtaining a passport? 2. What advice has the Department provided to the Minister on this issue? 3. Has there been a change in legislation or regulation, or do changes in how this is dealt with reflect policy changes?	Written Q	04/12/15	04/02/16
165	Dastyari	Syria - humanitarian assistance	Senator DASTYARI: I want to start by talking about Syria and Australia's response to the humanitarian crisis in Syria. Mr Secretary, if I could begin with the announcement that was made on 9 September by the then government about the union and humanitarian assistance, would you start by running through what the cost of that is and what the quantum of that announcement was?	Page 5	04/12/15	04/02/16

		<p>Mr Varghese: The headline figure was that we were contributing an additional \$44 million, as I recall, on top of the decision by the government to resettle 12,000 refugees from that area. Mr McDonald would be in a position to take you through how that additional humanitarian assistance is intended to be expended.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Of the \$44 million that was announced earlier this financial year, \$34 million went to Syria and the region of which UNHCR received \$20 million.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: 'Went' as in they have received it?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes.</p> <p>Senator DASTYARI: What date did that happen?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: We will be able to give you the date.</p>			
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