

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Budget Estimates 2011–2012; 1-2 June 2011

Question No. 1

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Foreign Minister Travel

Question on Notice: (1 June, Page 5)

Senator Trood

When were the questions taken at the last estimates relating to Mr Rudd's travel (a) passed to the Department of Finance and Deregulation for attention; (b) when did you receive the response from the Department; and (c) when was that response passed on to the minister's office?

Answer

- (a) 28 February 2011.
- (b) 15 March 2011.
- (c) 28 March 2011.

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Question No. 2

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Budget (PBS)

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 7)

Senator Trood

- 1) Was the Minister in town on the weekend after the first version of the 2011-2012 Portfolio Budget Statements, containing a mistake in one of the tables, was sent to the Minister's office?
- 2) If he was not, when was he back in Canberra, or back in Australia?

Answer

- 1) Mr Rudd returned to Australia at approximately 4pm on the Saturday of that weekend.
- 2) Not applicable.

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Question No. 3

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Budget

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 12)

Senator Ferguson

What was the total budget figure for last year, and was the revised budget (\$499 million) higher than the budget that was forecast, and if it is higher, what those extra costs were?

Answer

The estimated departmental expenses attributed to Program 1.1 'Foreign Affairs and Trade Operations' in the 2010-11 Portfolio Budget Statements was \$499.183 million. The revised estimate for 2010-11 in the 2011-12 Portfolio Budget Statements is marginally higher (\$499.936 million). This slight increase results from the net effect of parameter adjustments (including inflation and foreign exchange adjustments) and new funding at Additional Estimates.

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Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Budget

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 12)

Senator Trood

Please check the figures in table 1.1, page 17 of the Portfolio Budget Statements, and explain why there is a mistake in it.

Answer

The 'Total net resourcing for DFAT' line in Table 1.1 should read:

	Estimate of prior year amounts available in 2011-12 \$'000	+	Proposed at Budget 2011-12 \$'000	=	Total Estimate 2011-12 \$'000	Actual available appropriation 2010-11 \$'000
Total net resourcing for DFAT	783,636		1,347,458		2,131,094	2,119,197

The error was caused by a corruption to the spreadsheet formula whereby the netting against the 'Total resourcing' was lost from the formula. All other numbers in Table 1.1 of the Portfolio Budget Statements are correct.

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Question No. 5

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Staffing

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 18)

Senator Trood

What are the actual staff numbers (head counts) per outcome. If it is possible, you might provide me with some comparative material over the last, say three years.

Answer

Outcome	2010-11	2009-10
Outcome 1	2307	2234
Outcome 2	1132	1073
Outcome 3	685	664
Total	4124	3971

Notes:

1. *Figures are inclusive of locally engaged staff at overseas posts.*
2. *DFAT outcomes changed at the start of 2009-10, therefore no comparison has been provided prior to 2009-10.*

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Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Staffing

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 18)

Senator Trood

What is the number of staff with proficiency at lower levels in relation to particular languages?

Answer

Language**	Level 1 S1/R1	Level 2 S2/R2
Arabic	2	6
Bislama		1
Burmese		2
Cantonese	2	1
Farsi	2	1
French	1	6
German		3
Indonesian	1	7
Japanese	1	9
Khmer		2
Korean	1	2
Lao	1	
Mandarin	2	12
Polish		2
Portuguese	2	3
Solomon Islands Pijin		1
Spanish	4	8
Tagalog		1
Thai	1	3
Tok Pisin	1	
Turkish		1
Vietnamese		3
Total	21	74

** As at 15 July 2011.

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Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Travel

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 20)

Senator Trood

- A) What was the cost of each of the trips made by Mr Mules and Mr Tesch in pursuit of our Security Council campaign?
- B) What was the cost of the trip made by Mr Fisher to Manila in March 2010?
- C) What was the cost of the trips made by Mr McMullan to Africa in October 2010 and March 2011?
- D) What was the cost of the trips made by Mr Bill Fisher to the Summit of the Francophonie and other parts of Africa in October 2010 and March 2011?

Answer

A) Mr Mules	Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP) Summit (Angola July 2010)	\$15,153
	Portugal, Cape Verde, Mozambique and Angola (May 2011)	\$29,235
Mr Tesch	Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) meeting (Turkey June 2010)	\$1,949
	Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) High-Level Conference on Tolerance and Non Discrimination (Kazakhstan June 2010) and discussions on Central Asia (Turkey June 2010)	\$12,142
B)		\$7,379
C) Oct 2010	Ethiopia, Namibia, Malawi, Lesotho and South Africa	\$18,678
Mar 2011	Uganda, Botswana, Tanzania and Kenya	\$27,152
D) Oct 2010	Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) Summit (Switzerland)	\$19,050
Mar 2011	Gabon, Republic of Congo and Cameroon	\$31,360

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Question No. 8

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Foreign Ministers' Travel with Prime Ministers

Question on Notice: (1 June, Page 22)

Senator Ronaldson

How many times in the past have Foreign Affairs Ministers travelled with Prime Ministers to overseas meetings?

Answer

At the Senate Additional Estimates hearing on 24 February 2011 the Secretary stated: "It is very unusual for Australian foreign ministers to accompany Prime Ministers on travel abroad—very unusual."

The Department does not have comprehensive records of how many times in the past Foreign Affairs Ministers have travelled with Prime Ministers to overseas meetings.

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Question No. 9

Program: Portfolio overview

Topic: Travel

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 23)

Senator Ronaldson

Could I get an update since the last estimates hearing in February of the details of departmental officers travelling with Mr Rudd?

Answer

For an update since the last estimates hearing in February on the details of departmental officers travelling with Mr Rudd on overseas visits, please see the response to Question No. 89.

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Question No. 10

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Foreign Minister Travel

Question on Notice: (1 June, Page 30)

Senator Trood

Could you provide details of which airlines were used in relation to Mr Rudd's travel to the Middle East?

Answer

The following airlines have been used by Mr Rudd on his travel to the Middle East:

Emirates Airlines

Gulf Air

Egypt Air

British Airways

Swiss International Air Lines

Singapore Airlines

Etihad Airways

Royal Jordanian Airlines

Question No. 11

Program: 1.1

Topic: Visit by NY based HOMs to Australia

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 33)

Senator Trood

Perhaps you could table the itinerary for the whole program for the visit by 21 New York based Heads of Mission to Australia in March this year?

Answer

Itinerary follows

Visit to Australia

Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, New York

“Sustainability – Present and Future”

Friday 18 March to Saturday 26 March 2011

Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives to the United Nations

H.E. Mr John W. Ashe	Antigua and Barbuda
H.E. Ms Paulette A. Bethel	Bahamas
H.E. Mr Rodney Charles	Trinidad and Tobago
H.E. Mr João Da Gama	Guinea-Bissau
H.E. Mr Wilfried I Emvula	Namibia
H.E. Mr Joseph E. Goddard	Barbados
H.E. Mr Claude Heller	Mexico
H.E. Mr Atoki Christian Ileka	Democratic Republic of Congo
H.E. Mr Donald Kalpokas	Vanuatu
H.E. Mr Antonio Pedro Monteiro Lima	Cape Verde
H.E. Mr. Henry Leonard Mac-Donald	Suriname
H.E. Mr Milanaya Nyamrajsingh Meetarbhan	Mauritius
H.E. Mr Léo Mérorès	Haiti
H.E. Mr Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed	Maldives
H.E. Ms Marlene Inemwin Moses	Nauru
H.E. Mr Afelee F. Pita	Tuvalu
H.E. Mr Mohamed Toihiri	Comoros
H.E. Mr Sonatane Tu’akinamolahi Taumoepeau-Tupou	Tonga
H.E. Mr Eduardo Ulibarri	Costa Rica
H.E. Mr Lhatu Wangchuk	Bhutan
H.E. Mr Jean-Francis Régis Zinsou	Benin

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Friday 18 March

0825 Arrive Sydney

1430 Call on Governor of New South Wales,
Professor Marie Bashir AC
Government House
Royal Botanic Gardens

1600 Welcome Reception, Greenhouse by Joost, hosted by
Ms Philippa King, State Director NSW (DFAT)

Saturday 19 March – Sunday 20 March

Free time in Sydney

Fly to Canberra on Sunday evening

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Monday 21 March

- 0915** Seminar “Sustainability – Present and Future” (refer below (a) for full details)
- 1230-1300** Meeting with the Honourable Julia Gillard MP, Prime Minister Parliament House
- 1415** Seminar resumes
- 1530** Seminar concludes
- 1900** Dinner hosted by Dennis Richardson, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Guests included members of the diplomatic corps, Australia’s Ambassador for Climate Change and senior officials from DFAT, the Departments of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C), Climate Change and Energy Efficiency (DCCEE), Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPAC), Resources, Energy and Tourism (RET), AusAID and the Asia-Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence

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Tuesday 22 March

1000 Round-tables on Bilateral Engagement, hosted by DFAT:
- Africa; Asia; Latin America and the Caribbean; Pacific

1200 Lunch hosted by Deputy Secretary Gillian Bird (DFAT)

Guests included academics and senior officials from DFAT, PM&C, DCCEE, AusAID and the Attorney-General's Department

1400 Individual appointments, including with
- DFAT (including on counter-terrorism)
- AusAID
- Australia Africa Business Council
- National Press Club

1600 Tour of Parliament House

1700 Reception hosted by the Honourable Kevin Rudd MP,
Minister for Foreign Affairs, Parliament House

1800 Depart Parliament House

Regional dinners

- Pacific, hosted by the Honourable Richard Marles MP,
Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs
- Americas and Africa, hosted by Mr Bill Tweddell, First
Assistant Secretary, Americas and Africa Division (DFAT)
- South Asia, hosted by Mr Mark Pierce, Assistant Secretary,
South and Central Asia Branch (DFAT)

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Wednesday 23 March

1000 Tour Australian War Memorial

1200 Lunch

Free time/private meeting

1710 Depart Canberra for Hobart

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Thursday 24 March

- 0930** Meeting with the Honourable Nick McKim
Minister for Climate Change
Minister for Sustainable Transport and Alternative Energy Minister
for Aboriginal Affairs
- 1045** Meeting Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research
Organisation (CSIRO)
- 1200** Lunch
- 1400** Tour Australian Antarctic Division
- Includes briefings on past climate changes, Southern Ocean
ecosystems, adaptation to environmental change and the impact
of human activities in Antarctica
- 1700** Reception hosted by the Honourable Peter Underwood AC,
Governor of Tasmania
- 1930** Dinner hosted by
Edward Sulikowski, State Director, Tasmania

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Friday 25 March

0900 Briefing by Hydro Tasmania

1100 Arrive Ellendale, farm micro hydro power station

1245 Lunch

1650 Depart Hobart for Melbourne

Dinner hosted by Mr Ian Wilcock, former High Commissioner to South Africa

Saturday 26 March

1110 Depart Melbourne

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(a) Details of Seminar “Sustainability – Present and Future” 21 March.

Sustainability – Present and Future Gandel Hall, National Gallery of Australia 9:30am to 3:30pm Chairs: Australian Ambassador for Climate Change, H.E. Louise Hand PSM and Andrew McNee, Head of Australian Delegation to Rio+20, Preparatory Committee	
Welcome and opening	
9:30-9:45	
Australian Ambassador for Climate Change, H.E. Louise Hand PSM Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	• Introduction to the seminar • The global challenge of climate change • Perspective on the international negotiations on climate change
9:45 – 10:30	
Climate Change: the risks and challenges <u>Objectives</u> To provide an overview of climate change science and the key risks for achieving sustainable development. To explore the challenges in adapting national policy frameworks and governance structures to build climate resilient communities.	
Professor Will Steffen Executive Director, Climate Change Institute of the Australian National University	Climate change – risks and challenges • Climate change risks to sustainable development objectives (such as health, water, food security, agriculture, coastal inundation, etc) • Sustainable development challenges
Professor Steven Dovers Director, Fenner School of the Australian	Mainstreaming climate adaptation • Integrating climate change across national policy frameworks

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National University	Climate resilient communities
Ambassador of Maldives, H.E. Abdul Ghafoor Mohamed and Ambassador of Benin, H.E. Jean-Francis Zinsou, Benin	Discussants
Australian Ambassador for Climate Change, H.E. Louise Hand PSM Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	Facilitated discussion with participants
10:30 – 10:45 Morning Tea	
10:45-11:30	
Climate Change: growing economies and abating emissions <u>Objectives</u> To explore the relationship between ambitious action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strong economic growth To present national experiences in mitigating the impacts of climate change	
Dr Frank Jotzo Director, Centre for Climate Economics and Policy of the Australian National University	Climate change and growing economies - Preparing economies for climate change risks and impacts - The costs of mitigation - Compatibility of development, economic growth and emissions reductions
Ms Jenny Wilkinson Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	National response - Australia - The Government's response to climate change risks - Social and economic dimensions to pricing carbon
Ambassador of Mauritius, H.E. Milanaya Nyamrajsingh Meetarbhan	Discussant
Australian Ambassador for Climate Change,	Facilitated interactive discussion with

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H.E. Louise Hand PSM Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	participants
11:30-12:00pm	
Climate change: International responses to tackling the challenge <u>Objectives</u> To provide examples of how the international community is helping countries to respond to climate change	
Jean-Bernard Carrasco Assistant Director-General, Climate Change and Environment Branch, AusAID	Climate Financing Overview of funding sources such as Pilot Programme on Climate Resilience, Adaptation Fund and fast start financing.
Gregory Andrews Assistant Secretary, Finance, Markets and Forests, Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	REDD+ - Overview of REDD+ programs internationally and in the international climate change negotiations. - Australian regional programs.
Ambassador of Nauru, H.E. Marlene Inemwin Moses	Discussant – climate change financing
Ambassador of Namibia, H.E. Wilfried I Emvula	Discussant – REDD+
Australian Ambassador for Climate Change, H.E. Louise Hand PSM Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	Facilitated interactive discussion with participants Closing remarks on the climate change discussions
1:15-2:15pm Lunch	
2:15-2:45pm	

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Sustainable Development – the Road to Rio+20	
<u>Objectives</u> To explore the objectives and themes of Rio+20 and how these could be shaped in an outcome document.	
Andrew McNee Head of Australian Delegation to Rio+20, Preparatory Committee Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	The objectives and themes of Rio+20 • How the objectives and themes of Rio+20 could be shaped into an outcome • The outcome document – what could this look like?
Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda H.E. John Ashe	A Bureau perspective
Andrew McNee Head of Australian Delegation to Rio+20, Preparatory Committee Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	Facilitated interactive discussion with participants
2:45-3:30pm	
Concluding Discussion: Where to from here? The Road Forward to Rio+20 and Beyond	
Clare Walsh Chief Adviser, Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	The long and winding road
Ambassador of Mexico H.E. Claude Heller	What needs to be done to reach Rio? What lies beyond Rio+20?
Andrew McNee Head of Australian Delegation to Rio+20, Preparatory Committee Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	Facilitated interactive discussion with participants Question and Answer
3:30pm Closing of Seminar	

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3:30-4:30pm

Tour of the National Gallery of Australia, Indigenous Collections

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Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Travel

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 34)

Senator Trood

What was the total cost of the travel around Australia by the 21 NY-based ambassadors in March 2011?

Answer

\$456,305

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Question No. 13

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Budget

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 35)

Senator Trood

What was the cost of printing the UNSC pamphlets? I assume you can break the costs down into design and preparation and printing

Answer

\$128,512, broken down as follows:

Design/Typesetting (English)	\$ 29,955
Printing (English)	\$ 34,198
Typesetting and Printing in other languages	\$ 51,764
Translation	\$ 12,595
Total	\$128,512

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Question No. 14

Program: 1.1

Topic: Travel

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 36)

Senator Trood

Did any graduate trainees travel to Chile at Departmental expense since the beginning of 2010, and did they wait with their return until a business class flight was available?

Answer

Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations were held in Santiago, Chile from 14-18 February 2011. Five graduate trainees attended the negotiations as part of a DFAT delegation. One graduate trainee departed Santiago on 17 February and three graduate trainees departed on 18 February. One graduate trainee departed on 19 February with other members of the delegation, when seats were available. All the delegation travelled business class.

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Question No. 15

Program: 1.1

Topic: Travel

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 42)

Senator Trood

When did Mr Rudd last visit Kuala Lumpur?

Answer

Mr Rudd last visited Malaysia on 6 July 2009.

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Question No. 16

Program: 1.1

Topic: East Timor

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 43)

Senator Kroger

Perhaps the minister would like to respond furtherI understand the foundation and the purpose of setting up the Bali process, but it was the government itself that was suggesting that consideration of it would be raised, discussed and, hopefully, support during that conference. Minister, do you have anything further to add?

Answer

The specific proposal for a regional assessment centre (RAC) with East Timor was not on the agenda for the Bali Process Ministerial Conference, held in Bali on 30 March 2011. At that time, it was the subject of ongoing bilateral discussions between Australia and East Timor.

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Question No.17

Program: 1.1

Topic: Travel – Australia/PNG Business Forum

Question on Notice: (1 June, Page 44-45)

Senator Kroger

Who were the Ministers who attended the 27th Australia-Papua New Guinea Business Forum?

Answer

The Hon Sir Arnold Amet MP, Minister for Justice and Attorney General

The Hon Don Polye MP, then Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Immigration

The Hon Peter O'Neill MP, then Minister for Treasury and Finance

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Question No. 18

Program: 1.1

Topic: PNG/Manus Island

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 46)

Senator Kroger

Did the PNG Foreign Minister express a view that Mr Rudd should have been part of talks about the use of Manus Island as a refugee reception centre, rather than Mr Marles?

Answer

No.

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Question No. 19

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Budget/Security

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 52)

Senator Trood

In relation to the Baghdad security transition, I have the \$32 million initial contract amount. Can you disaggregate the balance for me?

Answer

In the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Budgets, DFAT was provided with a total of \$68.4 million over two years for the Baghdad security transition. Excluding the initial contract of \$32 million, the balance of the Baghdad transition funds over two years can be disaggregated as follows:

Staff costs - \$6.9 million

Post operating costs (including security vehicle costs, building maintenance) - \$26.2 million

Capital expenses (including armoured vehicles, building works) - \$3.1 million.

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Question No. 20

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Appointment of Ambassadors

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) In relation to posting extensions for Heads of Missions, you had previously provided me from February Estimates a list of 18 HOMs that had extensions. Have there been any other changes to that list?
- 2) Can you qualify or identify the various reasons that are typical for these extensions?

Answer

- 1) 21.
- 2) Reasons for granting an extension and defined as “operational” cover a variety of factors, such as facilitating the rotation of officers at post; accommodating dependant’s schooling requirements, and post specific projects.

HOM	POST	LENGTH	REASON
B. Williams	Accra	12 mths	Operational
B. Tyson	Baghdad	12 mths	Operational
G. Raby	Beijing	17 mths	Operational
J. Richardson	Buenos Aires	2 mths	Operational
S. Shwabsky	Cairo	6 mths	Operational
K. Klugman	Colombo	12 mths	Operational
A. Cox	Hanoi	11 mths	Operational
G. Miles	Kuwait	12 mths	Operational
J. Dauth	London	15 mths	Operational
R. Smith	Manila	9 mths	Operational
K. Cooper	Mexico City	12 mths	Operational
M. Twomey	Moscow	18 mths	Operational

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A. Butler	Noumea	12 mths	Operational
D.A. Ritchie	Paris	9 mths	Operational
C. Langman	Paris OECD	6 mths	Operational
P. Kentwell	Port of Spain	16 mths	Operational
A. Harrap	Pretoria	12 mths	Operational
D. Chester	Singapore	12 mths	Operational
M. Innes-Brown	Tehran	12 mths	Operational
M. McLean	Tokyo	3 yrs 7 mths	Operational
R. Pearce	Warsaw	5 mths	Operational

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Question No. 21

Program: 1.1

Topic: Determination

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 55)

Senator Trood

How many determinations have been made by the foreign minister or his designate over the last 12 months (*1/7/2010 – 30/6/2011*), and which criteria do they fall into?

Answer

Where the visa applicant is determined by the Foreign Minister, or a person authorised by the Foreign Minister, to be a person whose presence in Australia is, or would be, contrary to Australia's foreign policy interests, the following determinations were made:

- Minister: 16
- Authorised delegate: 38

Where the visa applicant is determined by the Foreign Minister, or a person authorised by the Foreign Minister, to be a person whose presence in Australia may be directly or indirectly associated with the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), the following determinations were made:

- Minister: 0
- Authorised delegate: 23

Where the Foreign Minister has (personally) determined that the holder of a visa is a person whose presence in Australia is, or would be, contrary to Australia's foreign policy interests, or may be directly or indirectly associated with the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the following determinations were made:

- On foreign policy grounds: 5

On WMD proliferation grounds: 0

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Question No. 22

Program: 1.1

Topic: Climate Change

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 57)

Senator Trood

Can you please advise me of the occasions upon which you have provided advice to the climate change committee of cabinet?

Answer

The Department has not provided advice to the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee as such. It has, however, provided coordination comments on numerous submissions to the Climate Change Committee of Cabinet since the establishment of the Committee was announced on 27 September 2010, and has briefed its portfolio ministers on those submissions.

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Question No. 23

Program: 1.1

Topic: Travel

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 59)

Senator Trood

Have people from your section travelled overseas in relation to UN meetings on climate change? How frequently have they been away in the last 12 months?

Answer

Officers from the International Organisations and Legal Division have attended five UN meetings on climate change in the 12 months to 1 June 2011.

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Question No. 24

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Detainees

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 68)

Senator Ferguson

Of the 35 Australian citizens currently either in prison or detained in China, can you provide me a breakdown of those who are dual citizens and those who are not?

Answer

As at 29 June 2011, there were 30 Australian citizens in prison in China. Of these Australians, seven also hold citizenship of another country.

As at 29 June 2011, there were 14 Australian citizens in detention in China. Of these Australians, one also holds citizenship of another country.

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Question No. 25

Program: NAD

Topic: Human Rights

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 69)

Senator Ludlam

Human rights advocate Gao Zhisheng was arrested in February 2009, re-emerged in March 2010 and told journalists that he had been tortured by police. He was arrested and vanished again earlier in April 2010. Have you got any update on his whereabouts or the state of his welfare? Do you intend to pursue that matter with the Chinese government?

Answer

We have no update on Mr Gao Zhisheng's whereabouts or welfare. We have raised his case with Chinese authorities on a number of occasions, most recently on 6 April 2011. Mr Gao's name was on a list of cases of concern passed to the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs as part of the 13th Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue. We will continue to raise Mr Gao's case with China.

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Question No. 26

Program: 1.1

Topic: China

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 72)

Senator Ludlam

Can you provide us with any details on visits by our Ambassador to China or other embassy staff to the Tibet Autonomous Region within the last 24 months or so?

Answer

Australian Embassy staff in China visited the Tibet Autonomous Region on 10 occasions in the past 24 months from 1 June 2009. These visits included:

- The Australian Ambassador Dr Geoff Raby, accompanied by a First Secretary on 28 and 29 April 2010;
- Australian Embassy in Beijing's Deputy Head of Mission and a First Secretary accompanying the Australian Parliamentary Delegation led by President of the Senate, Mr John Hogg on 8 and 9 November 2009; and

AusAID and Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research staff.

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Question No. 27

Program: 1.1

Topic: China

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 75)

Senator Trood

Did the Chinese make any representations to the Prime Minister or other senior Ministers about meeting with Rebiya Kadeer?

Answer

No.

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Question No. 28

Program: 1.1

Topic: Japan Tsunami

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 76)

Senator Kroger

I am interested to know, firstly, whether we received any formal advice that there had been a meltdown of the reactors and secondly, whether it was in effect when the Prime Minister visited the country in April?

Answer

As a signatory to the International Convention on Early Notification of a Nuclear Accident, the Japanese Government first informed the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Incident and Emergency Centre on 11 March 2011 of the nuclear emergency at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. This information was immediately posted on the secure IAEA Early Notification and Assistance Convention website and accessed by the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA).

On 19 March 2011, the IAEA reported the Japanese Government's assessment that the core and fuel in reactors 1, 2 and 3 at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant had been damaged. A report by the Japanese Government to the IAEA Ministerial Conference on Nuclear Safety, 20-24 June 2011, confirmed (based on information current as of 31 May 2011) that some melting of the fuel had occurred.

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Question No. 29

Program: 1.1

Topic: Mongolia

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 80)

Senator Ludlam

Are you aware of how many people have been internally or externally displaced as a result of the unusually extreme winter and drought that they are experiencing in Mongolia at the moment?

Answer

During 2009/10, Mongolia faced its most severe cold and dry winter weather conditions in nearly fifty years and the effects of these conditions, known locally as the 'dzud', have lingered. Around 30 per cent of Mongolia's population live in poverty which is most common among traditional herders who are estimated to have lost over 9 million livestock.

There is very little data available on the impact of the 2010 dzud on internal migration; however, in August 2010 the International Organisation for Migration surveyed 534 households in six affected soums (provinces) where more than 15 per cent of herders had lost their entire herds. The IOM did not find large numbers of newly displaced populations in urban centres, despite early predictions of 'tens of thousands of displaced rural migrants' in Ulaanbaatar. Of those herders who indicated they were contemplating migration to urban areas, most had family within the urban centre, thus confirming that having family living within the capital is a strong factor influencing movement.

In 2010, Australia contributed \$1.7 million in humanitarian assistance to Mongolia in response to the 2009-10 dzud, and an additional contribution in 2010-11 of USD330,000 was made through UNICEF to support access to water and sanitation for children in peri-urban areas affected by the dzud. This activity was part of the 2010 UN Dzud appeal.

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Question No. 30

Program: 1.1

Topic: Burma

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 82)

Senator Ludlam

Has our Ambassador visited the new Parliament in Burma?

Answer:

Australia's Ambassador to Burma, Ms Bronte Moules, has visited Burma's Parliament. The visit took place in the context of the meeting between Mr Kevin Rudd, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Speaker of the Upper House of the Burmese Parliament, U Khin Aung Myint, on 1 July 2011.

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Question No. 31

Program: 1.1

Topic: Burma

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 82)

Senator Ludlam

Can you tell me how many companies have requested briefings from the Australian Embassy in Yangon since the election?

Answer

Since the 11 November 2010 election in Burma, ten Australian companies or individuals have requested meetings, briefings or information from the Australian Embassy in Rangoon. As advised in the answer to QON 147, in response to enquiries from Australian companies, the Australian Embassy in Rangoon provides general advice about the operating environment in Burma.

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Question No. 32

Program: 1.1

Topic: Burma

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 83)

Senator Ludlam

I understand we had previously been joined by 14 other countries to discuss the proposal for a UNSC commission of inquiry into war-crimes in Burma. Can you tell me how many are on the list now? Can you tell me what we are doing to encourage more countries to sign up to that endeavour before the UNGA session later this year? Are you aware if we have done anything at all?

Answer

In his March 2010 report to the UN Human Rights Council (HRC), UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in Burma Mr Tomas Quintana suggested UN institutions consider the possibility of establishing a Commission of Inquiry (Col) with a specific fact finding mandate to address the question of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Burma.

In response to Mr Quintana's report, in a 15 March 2010 statement to the HRC, Australia noted its support for investigating possible options for the establishment of a Col. A further 15 countries have publicly supported the possibility of the UN establishing a Col, namely: Belgium; Canada; the Czech Republic; Denmark; Estonia; France; Hungary; Ireland; New Zealand; the Netherlands; Latvia; Lithuania; Slovakia; the UK and the US. There is, however, no official proposal for a Col currently before the HRC or the UN General Assembly, nor any official list of supporters.

Since March 2010, the Australian Government has discussed the proposal for a possible Col – including mechanisms for establishing an inquiry and possible obstacles – with a wide range of countries, including the US and UK, with regional partners and at international forums such as The Group of Friends of the Secretary-General on Myanmar. We also continue to monitor the views of stakeholders, including Aung San Suu Kyi.

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Question No. 33

Program: 1.1

Topic: Human Rights

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 84)

Senator Trood

What date did we raise the possibility of human rights issues with Malaysia in the context of the asylum seekers agreement that is currently being negotiated?

Answer

Protecting the human rights of asylum seekers has been discussed from the outset of negotiations in December 2010.

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Question No. 34

Program: 1.1

Topic: Human Rights

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 85)

Senator Trood

Can you provide me with the dates and venues in mid-February for asylum seeker agreement negotiations held with the Malaysian authorities?

Answer

Discussions were held from 15 to 16 February 2011 in Kuala Lumpur.

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Question No. 35

Program: 1.1

Topic: Human Rights

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 85)

Senator Trood

Between the time you were in Kuala Lumpur in mid-February and the discussions that had taken place late last year, had there been a discussion of the numbers of people in the agreement who were to be exchanged back and forth?

Answer

At that time, the details of the arrangement had not yet been determined.

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Question No. 36

Program: 1.1

Topic: Human Rights

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 86)

Senator Trood

Of the 94,300 refugees and asylum seekers registered with UNHCR in Malaysia as at April 2011, do we know how many are properly recognised as refugees?

Answer

82,910 were recognised as refugees.

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Question No. 37

Program: 1.1

Topic: Human Rights

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 87 & 88)

Senator Trood

- 1) When was the next discussion after February that officers from your department were involved in after the ones in Malaysia?
- 2) Where did the negotiations then move to after your contribution and that of Mr Lewis and Mr Metcalfe in mid-February?
- 3) The joint statement issued by the Prime Ministers says it was created on 20 May. When was the substance of this statement agreed?
- 4) When did these six principles, or what I call the core elements of the bilateral arrangement, become part of the essential agreement which was concluded by the two governments?

Answer

- 1) The next discussions in which departmental officers were involved were 13 to 15 April 2011, in Kuala Lumpur.
- 2) At the time the question was asked, discussions had been held in Malaysia on numerous occasions throughout April and May. Discussions were also held in June.
- 3) The joint statement by Prime Ministers Gillard and Najib was issued on 7 May 2011. The substance of the statement was agreed shortly before that.
- 4) The core elements expressed in the Prime Ministers' Joint Statement were developed over several months, prior to the Joint Statement being issued on 7 May.

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Question No. 38

Program: 1.1

Topic: Human Rights

Question on Notice (referred to and answered by PM&C) : (1 June, Page 89)

Senator Trood

Minister, can you tell us who finalised the negotiations of the agreement between the Australian and Malaysian governments with regard to asylum seekers?

Answer

The terms of the joint statement by the Australian and Malaysian Prime Ministers was agreed by the two Prime Ministers following discussions between the Australian Minister for Immigration and Citizenship and the Malaysian Minister of Home Affairs.

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Question No. 39

Program: 1.1

Topic: Human Rights

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 93)

Senator Kroger

Could you take on notice whether anybody was consulted on policy deliberations on East Timor. Was anybody consulted, or were you (Secretary) consulted, in relation to the consideration of using Manus Island in PNG as a detention centre?

Answer:

East Timor:

The East Timorese Government was consulted.

PNG:

For some time PNG has been indicating to Australia its interest in again hosting a processing centre. Discussions have occurred between officials of the Australian and PNG Governments.

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Question No. 40

Program: Trade

Topic: Live Cattle Exports

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 96)

Senator Trood

Can you tell me whether or not when the *Four Corners* team was preparing its program on live cattle exports to Indonesia it made any approach to the department or to the embassy in Jakarta about access? Did it seek assistance? If it turns out that they did seek assistance perhaps you would let me know when that was, and the kind of assistance that was requested from the department.

Answer

The Four Corners team did not approach the Australian Embassy in Jakarta or the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for assistance or access in the preparation of the program on live cattle exports. Four Corners did approach the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on 18 April in relation to obtaining visas to travel to Indonesia, and the Department passed their request on to the appropriate Indonesian authorities.

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Question No. 41

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Prisoner Transfer

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 97)

Senator Trood

In reference to the prisoner transfer agreement with Indonesia, where are discussions or negotiations currently up to?

Answer

This is a matter on which the Attorney-General's Department leads. They have provided the following advice:

On 2 November 2010, the Prime Minister, the Hon Julia Gillard MP, met with Indonesia's President Yudhoyono in Jakarta. Following this meeting, President Yudhoyono expressed optimism about concluding an ITP agreement with Australia. The Government has been encouraged by the President's statement and, since that time, the issue of an ITP agreement has been discussed at numerous meetings between senior officials. Australian Government officials continue to work with their Indonesian counterparts on this matter.

It is not possible or appropriate to set a definitive timeframe for when an agreement could be finalised. The Government notes that Indonesia is not a party to any other ITP agreements and, unlike Australia, has not enacted domestic legislation to regulate international prisoner transfers.

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Question No. 42

Program: 1.1

Topic: Human Rights

Question on Notice: (1 June, Page 101)

Senator Ludlam

Can you tell us whether the department has made any inquiries in relation to the case of six human rights activists in Zimbabwe, who face charges of treason for organising a meeting to screen a film about the democracy struggles in Egypt and Tunisia?

Answer

As indicated to the Committee in the Department's appearance before it, Australia's Embassy in Zimbabwe is monitoring the case very closely. The Embassy is in regular contact with the lawyer for the six accused.

The Government regularly makes representations on human rights concerns and on the situation in Zimbabwe more generally. On 19 February 2011, shortly after the arrests of the six, along with 39 others, the Australian Ambassador was a signatory to a statement by 23 heads of diplomatic missions in Harare calling for an end to violence and respect for the Global Political Agreement (which in February 2009 created the Inclusive Government involving both President Mugabe's ZANU-PF and the MDC led by PM Tsvangari).

We welcome that, on Monday 30 May 2011, the Zimbabwe courts dropped the charge of treason against the six, which means they are no longer facing the death penalty. They are now being charged with subverting the constitutionally elected government, which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment. The court also relaxed their bail conditions.

The Government, through the Embassy in Harare, will continue to take a close interest in the case.

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Question No. 43

Program: 1.1

Topic: Libya

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 113)

Senator Abetz

- 1) Can I ask whether, without naming them at this stage, any fronts, representatives, agents or whatever of Colonel Gaddafi and his family have been identified within Australia?
- 2) There was an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 9 May 2011 entitled 'Revealed Kazal family's links to Gaddafi'. The article features a picture of Saif al-Islam, who was Colonel Gaddafi's son, in company with Tarek, or Tony, Kazal. The suggestion in this article is that members of the Kazal family have facilitated investments by the Gaddafi regime in Australia. That has been out there in the public domain. If it prejudices anything in responding to this claim, I am willing to accept that. Can any credence be given to that story and that assertion?
- 3) Will the government eventually publish a list of assets that are ultimately identified?

Answer

- 1) No fronts, representatives or agents of Colonel Gaddafi and his family have been identified within Australia.
- 2) Australian law prohibits any person holding assets of the Gaddafi family, and the Libyan Investment Authority, from using or dealing with such assets in any way.

Persons holding such assets must declare this fact to the AFP. To date, no such declarations have been made, and searches by relevant agencies have failed to detect any such assets in Australia.

Any person with information about sanctioned assets in Australia should make that information immediately available to the AFP.
- 3) No. Moreover, to date, searches by relevant agencies have not detected any assets owned or controlled by persons subject to United Nations and Australian autonomous financial sanctions in relation to Libya.

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Question No: 44

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Syria

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 114)

Senator Ludlam

Would the Department undertake to make representations, or to contact the Syrian Government and their Embassy in Canberra if they still have staff based here in Canberra, to make inquiries regarding civil society activist Mr Amjad Baiazy's welfare and the potential case that is being led against him?

Answer

On 27 June, in a letter to Senator Ludlam, Mr Rudd advised that the Australian Embassy in Cairo would look into the circumstances of Mr Baiazy's case and make representations to the authorities in Damascus on this case.

On 1 July, Mr Baiazy was released on bail. He has been charged and is awaiting trial.

The Australian Embassy in Cairo is making enquiries as to the charges against Mr Baiazy. We will provide further information once received.

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Question No. 45

Program: 1.1

Topic: Western Sahara

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 114 & 115)

Senator Ludlam

I understand that Western Sahara is legally recognised by the United Nations as a non-decolonised territory, which I guess is a double-negative way of saying it is still colonised, partially at least. Under important information on Western Sahara on the DFAT website, for Australian companies planning to do business in Western Sahara, your advice to those companies is to 'seek legal advice'. Are you aware of the legal advice provided by Hans Corell, who is the former chief of the UN Office of Legal Affairs?

My question really is in two parts: whether you would seek that legal advice—I can probably provide a more detailed citation, if that would be helpful—and whether DFAT would make that piece of advice available on its website rather than simply advising proponents to go out and get their own?

Answer:

The United Nations classifies Western Sahara as a non-self-governing territory.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade notes on its website that given the status of Western Sahara as a Non-Self-Governing Territory, there are international law considerations with importing natural resources sourced from the Western Sahara and recommends that companies seek legal advice before importing such material.

The Department of Foreign Affairs does not provide legal advice to members of the public, including representatives of Australian companies.

In 2002 the then UN Under Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, Hans Corell, gave a legal opinion to the UN Security Council which included analysis of the principles of international law applicable to natural resources exploration and exploitation in Non-Self-Governing Territories. Mr Corell's legal opinion was advisory and not a binding pronouncement of international law. Mr Corell's advice is not a substitute for independent legal advice on individual companies' situations and concerns. We continue to recommend that companies contemplating engaging in business involving Western Sahara seek independent legal advice.

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Question No. 46

Program: 1.1

Topic: Western Sahara

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 116)

Senator Ludlam

Have the companies that are involved in importing phosphate from Western Sahara into Australia sought advice of any kind from DFAT?

Does the federal government support the inclusion of human rights monitoring in the mandate of the UN mission in Western Sahara? I think that mandate was extended on 27 April of this year. I am seeking to understand whether the Australian government has a position and whether we have done anything to action our views one way or the other.

Answer:

Yes. Some Australian companies have sought advice from DFAT on the situation with respect to Western Sahara and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade discussed relevant issues relating to Western Sahara with these companies.

The Government is aware of allegations of human rights violations with respect to Western Sahara, which have been raised by both parties to the dispute. The Government accords a high priority to the protection of human rights and calls on both parties to uphold international human rights standards.

The Australian Government's consistent position has been to support UN efforts to find an enduring settlement in relation to Western Sahara, including addressing human rights issues.

UN Security Council Resolution 1979 of 27 April 2011 extended the mandate of the UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO). The preamble of UNSCR 1979 stressed the 'importance of improving the human rights situation in Western Sahara and Tindouf camps' and welcomed the 'establishment of a national Council on Human Rights in Morocco and the proposed component regarding Western Sahara'. The resolution also welcomed Morocco's commitment to ensure unqualified access to the Special Procedures of the UN. The Australian Government welcomes UNSCR 1979.

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Question No. 47

Program: Portfolio Overview

Broad Topic: Camp Ashraf

Question on Notice (1 June, Page 119)

Senator Kroger

Question

Have you had any representations from anyone in Australia who has family members in Camp Ashraf? What kind of assistance could we provide them?

Answer

The Department has received correspondence on two occasions from two Australian citizens in Camp Ashraf.

We have also received a representation via a third party from relatives in Australia on behalf of their family members in Camp Ashraf.

Officials from the Australian Embassy Baghdad regularly offer consular assistance to the two Australian citizen's resident in Camp Ashraf.

Officials from the Australian Embassy Baghdad last visited Camp Ashraf on 7 July 2011 as part of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, and met the two Australians.

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Question No. 48

Program: 1.1

Topic: People Smuggling

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 12)

Senator Kroger

Can you confirm that there are one or two people in the department working with James Larsen involved in supporting the PNG discussions? What is the level of those officials?

Answer:

In addition to the Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues, James Larsen, a number of departmental officials have been involved in supporting the Government's engagement with Papua New Guinea. These have included officials at Deputy Secretary level and First Assistant Secretary level. James Larsen is supported by the People Smuggling, Refugees and Immigration Section within the International Organisations and Legal Division of DFAT.

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Question No. 49

Program: 1.1

Topic: Indian Ocean

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 15)

Senator Trood

Is there anything on the horizon specifically that might advance the Indian Ocean group forum proposal?

Answer

India is currently Vice-Chair (with Yemen the Chair) and will assume the Chair of the Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC) for two years at the next IOR-ARC Council of Ministers meeting in New Delhi later this year (date TBC), with Australia taking the position of Vice-Chair. Australia will then take over as IOR-ARC Chair in late 2013 for two years.

Australia hosted and chaired an IOR-ARC senior officials' meeting in Canberra in March 2011, where members agreed to review the Organisation's priorities and work program and to propose new arrangements for the operation of IOR-ARC's Special Fund (to which a number of members have made financial contributions, to support projects). Members also agreed to consider whether IOR-ARC could add value to current international efforts in combating piracy in the Indian Ocean.

In addition, Australia is funding the establishment of an IOR-ARC Web site (www.iorarc.org), to facilitate communication between members, to provide an archive of IOR-ARC meetings and decisions; and to inform the public of IOR-ARC activities.

Australia is considering co-operative projects in fields such as trade/customs facilitation and trade policy training; fisheries management; and research on food security and climate change adaptation. This list is not exhaustive and the projects mentioned have not been finalised and endorsed at this stage. The Council of Ministers' meeting later this year will consider possible projects for IOR-ARC sponsorship.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs has outlined Australian objectives in the Indian Ocean in speeches in Perth on 12 November 2010 and 31 March 2011.

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Question No. 50

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Legal Expenditure

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

From your answer to previous QON 27, I notice there has been quite a significant increase in costs of legal expenses. Has the department become particularly litigious lately? How do we explain the increase from \$3.2 million to, well, double, at \$6.5 million for that period of time? These are the internal legal costs? You could indicate some broad areas of expenditure, that would be helpful.

Answer

The increase in the legal services expenditure for the department from 2008-09 to 2009-10 does not indicate that the department has become increasingly involved in litigation over the relevant periods. As set out in the department's reply to Senator Trood's question on notice number 27 from the February 2011 Additional Estimates hearing (attached below), the increase can be explained by a change in the methodologies used for calculating the department's internal legal service expenditure.

Attachment

Additional Estimates hearing: February 2011

Question No. 27

Program: DFAT Portfolio Overview

Topic: Legal Expenditure

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

Can the Department explain why the legal services expenditure for the department has increased from \$6 082 601 in 2008-09 to \$9,810,222 in 2009-10?

Answer

The significant increase in legal services expenditure for the department from 2008-09 to 2009-10 is largely attributable to a significant increase in the total internal legal service expenditure figure. Whereas the total internal legal services expenditure increased by \$3,200,095 (from \$3,352,305 in 2008-09 to \$6,552,400 in 2009-10), the total external legal services expenditure only increased by \$527,526 (from \$2,730,296 in 2008-09 to \$3,257,822 in 2009-10). The significant increase in the total internal legal service expenditure was due a change in the methodology used in calculating the total internal legal service expenditure figure.

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In June 2010, the Office of Legal Services Coordination (OLSC) issued Guidance Note No 8, which provides guidance to Commonwealth agencies on the reporting of legal services expenditure. In preparing its report for 2009-10, the Department consulted with OLSC to ensure compliance with Guidance Note No 8 and consistency with the reporting methodology being adopted by other Commonwealth agencies. As a result, for 2009-10 the Department included in the internal legal services expenditure figure the total cost of each dedicated legal unit within the Department. By contrast, the 2008-09 figure had been based on an estimate of the costs of each dedicated legal unit incurred in providing legal advice.

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Question No. 51

Program: 1.1

Topic: Burma nuclear

Question on Notice: (2 June, Page 25)

Senator Ludlam

Could you find out for me when the request by the IAEA for nuclear inspectors to visit Burmese nuclear sites was made at the end of 2010; whether there was a deadline on it, and what conditions might have been attached to that?

Answer

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is not aware of the contents of the correspondence between the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Burma, other than the general statement by an IAEA spokesperson first reported by the *Wall Street Journal* on 17 December 2010. Correspondence between the IAEA and governments is confidential to the parties.

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Question No. 52

Program: 1.1

Topic: ASNO

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 25)

Senator Ludlam

Could you provide us for calendar year 2011 the dates and the subjects of meetings between ASNO and WA government departments, and anything else that you think is relevant in terms of industry liaison for uranium mining?

Answer

In June 2011, in the margins of the AusIMM International Uranium Conference 2011 in Perth, ASNO discussed uranium mining and export related issues with various industry and government officials. ASNO also had a meeting with West Australian Government officials regarding the application of the *Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987* to possessors of small quantities of nuclear material in Western Australia, not related to uranium mining.

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Question No. 53

Program: 1.3

Topic: Australia Network

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 30)

Senator Birmingham

If possible, can you provide me with the names of those on the Australia Network tender evaluation board?

Answer

It is not appropriate and not part of usual procurement practice to disclose the names of the members of a tender evaluation board in a tender process.

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Question No. 54

Program: 1.3

Topic: Australia Network

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 31)

Senator Birmingham

- 1) In terms of the tender process to date, were there occasions when additional information was sought from either tender party subsequent to the initial tender documents?
- 2) In terms of the tender documents that were prepared by DFAT, who signed off on those tender documents, Secretary or the Minister?
- 3) Did the Minister seek any changes to those tender documents?
- 4) Could you provide information on who provided advice on the potential penetration rates and the nature of that advice. Was it an external consultant report? If so, is it able to be made public?

Answer

- 1) The Tender Evaluation Board asked clarification questions of all Tenderers for the purpose of tender evaluation. Tenderers submitted answers to the questions in a written format, and were invited to present the clarifications to the Tender Evaluation Board.
- 2) The Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade signed off on the tender documents, as the then Approver.
- 3) No.
- 4) Advice on potential penetration rates was provided by an external technical expert who has been contracted by DFAT to provide technical expertise throughout the Australia Network tender process. Due to the nature of the tender process details of any expert advice will not be released.

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Question No. 55

Program: 1.3

Topic: Australia Network

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 31)

Senator Birmingham

- 1) In terms of the sweeping nature of clause 3.5 of the tender documents, is that consistent with the current contract? Could you check both the precise wording and the general direction from DFAT—essentially, compliance instructions—to the ABC in regard to the current contract. Is that discretion or ability present?
- 2) Has DFAT made any compliance instructions to the ABC in the life of the current contract?
- 3) The tender documents require the contractor to provide weekly programming schedules to DFAT. Who would you expect to review those? Is there an existing requirement for that to occur with the current contractor?
- 4) Could you check whether there are existing provisions for weekly programming to be advised to the department. Under the current contract, does the ABC provide financial payments back to DFAT?
- 5) Has the department provided written explanations of the aspects of the tender document to the tenderers at any stage during the process?

Answer

- 1) Yes, that discretion is present in the current contract with the ABC and is expressed in very similar terms to the draft contract clause 3.5. In the current contract with the ABC, DFAT may at any time by notice in writing to the Contractor:
 - (i) proscribe or require the Contractor to remove any advertising connected in any way with the Services; or
 - (ii) proscribe or require the Contractor not to broadcast in any manner any program or material;which DFAT considers, in its absolute opinion:
 - (iii) not to be in the interests of Australia;
 - (iv) not to be consistent with the Commonwealth Objectives; or
 - (v) breaches the Code of Ethics;and the Contractor must comply, subject to the *Australian Broadcasting Corporation Act 1983*, with any such proscription or requirement.
- 2) **No compliance instructions have been made by DFAT to the ABC during the life of the current contract.**
- 3) There is no provision in the tender documentation which requires weekly programming schedules to be provided to DFAT. The tender documentation

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required Tenderers to provide a Programming Plan as part of their Business Plan which was to include a sample generic 24 hour schedule for a 7-day week.

- 4) The current tender documentation is consistent with the approach in the previous contract regarding Business Plans. There are no existing provisions for weekly programming to be advised to the department. The ABC is not contractually required to provide financial payments back to DFAT. The current contract requires that all revenue raised from the service be re-invested into the Australia Network service.
- 5) A generic email address was provided in the tender documentation which allowed tenderers to email in any questions they may have had regarding the tender documentation. No such questions were received.

An industry briefing was provided and the transcript uploaded onto AusTender.

Questions which arose during this briefing were answered separately and addressed to all Tenderers (uploaded on AusTender).

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Question No. 56

Program: 1.3

Topic: Public Diplomacy

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 35)

Senator Trood

There is a figure of \$115,000 for public diplomacy administration in attachment A (provided by the department to the Committee). What are you administering?

Answer

The figure of \$115,000 is an advance for the Public Diplomacy and Information Branch's administration costs for financial year 2010 – 11. This includes costs associated with mobile phones and blackberries for official use, lease of IT equipment, photocopying, training, car hire and taxis, stationery and other consumables, conferences and seminar registrations, security clearances, freight and cartage, storage, office furniture, supplies and fittings, and official travel by the Branch's Assistant Secretary as required.

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Question No. 57

Program: 2.1

Topic: Brennan Review

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 36)

Senator Trood

Can you consider making a cleared version of the Brennan Report available to the Committee on a confidential basis?

Answer

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade – Consular Division – would be pleased to brief interested members of the Committee on the contents of the review on a confidential basis. The Department will not, however, be able to share the review with members of the Committee.

The review provides an overview of the Government's strategy in handling kidnap cases and also provides recommendations for future cases. The review also references intelligence procedures. This information cannot be made public. As a fully sanitised version of the review would offer limited information to the Committee, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade believes that a confidential briefing would be the most useful way to inform the Committee of its contents.

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Question No. 58

Program: 2.2

Topic: Passports

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 39)

Senator Trood

- 1) When will the passports biometrics technology tender close? when are you hoping the panel will be in place?
- 2) Can you tell me how much biometric data DFAT now holds? (numbers of images)

Answer

- 1) Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) published the tender for the provision of biometric goods and services (DFAT10/APO/PST1) on 17 January 2011. The tender was closed at 2pm on 18 February 2011 (ACT local time). Sixteen (16) tenders were received by the closing time. So far, thirteen companies have signed the 'Deed of Standing Offer' . Three more companies are in negotiation with DFAT and are expected to finalise by 31 July 2011. DFAT expects to have the panel in place by August 2011.
- 2) As of 4 July 2011, DFAT holds 14,814,827 passport photos electronically in its Facial Recognition System.

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Question No. 59

Program: 3.1

Topic: IT Security

Question on Notice: (2 June, Page 41)

Senator Trood

How much is the intrusion prevention system for Satin Hi contract for?

Answer

\$135,000

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Question No. 60

Program: 1.1

Topic: Tariffs

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 46)

Senator Heffernan

There are reports that there is an implied minimum value being put on Australian rock lobsters, as opposed to other rock lobsters, in what might be a discriminatory way. What currency is that discrimination defined in: Chinese or US dollars?

Answer

Industry representatives and Australian diplomatic representatives in China who have observed Customs clearance processes, have advised us that duty applied to imports of Australian rock lobster into China is generally set in USD or AUD and payable in renminbi by the importer.

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Question No. 61

Program: 1.1

Topic: China Tariffs

Question on Notice (June 2, Page 50)

Senator Abetz

Does China have an import tariff on motor vehicles?

Answer

China has a general MFN (most favoured nation) applied tariff on imported passenger motor vehicles of 25 per cent and on goods vehicles of between 6 and 25 per cent, depending on the tariff line concerned.

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Question No.62

Program: Trade

Topic: Gulf Cooperation Council FTA Review

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 52)

Senator Abetz

Are you able to tell us whether the minister himself has offered certain things to try to expedite the FTA review by the Gulf Cooperation Council or has he indicated a willingness to go soft in other areas to expedite a review which might allow the negotiations to recommence?

Answer

The Foreign Minister has actively encouraged a resumption of free trade negotiations with the Gulf Cooperation Council, but has not offered concessions nor indicated a willingness to "go soft" to expedite the negotiations.

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Question No. 63

Program: Trade

Topic: Trade

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 62)

Senator RONALDSON

- 1) In 2009-10 Australia exported about \$12 billion worth of coal. Is that correct? Are my figures right?
- 2) I am also advised that by 2015-16 it is predicted that our coal exports will increase by about 70 per cent and that this will result in revenue doubling to \$24.4 billion each year. Are you aware of whether that is correct or not?
- 3) What are the top 10 importers of Australian coal?
- 4) Do you know which countries are Australia's top 10 competitors when it comes to selling coal on the world market?

Answer

- 1) In 2009-10 Australia exported \$36.4 billion of coal. Metallurgical coal was valued at \$24.5 billion and thermal coal was valued at \$11.9 billion.

(Based on ABS recorded trade data on the DFAT STARS Database)

- 2) Official forecasts of Australia's resource exports (including coal) are undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES). ABARES produces long range forecasts once a year (in the March quarter edition) of their publication *Australian Commodities*.

According to *Australian Commodities March Quarter 2011*, in volume terms coal exports are forecast to rise by 55.8 per cent to 455 million tonnes by 2015-16.

Total export revenue from coal is forecast to be valued at \$65.7 billion in 2015-16 (a rise of 80.4 per cent on 2009-10). Metallurgical coal will be valued at \$41.2 billion (a rise of 68.2 per cent since 2009-10) while thermal coal will be valued at \$24.4 billion (a rise of 105.6 per cent since 2009-10).

- 3) The following table shows Australia's top ten export markets for coal in 2009-10.

	2009-10	Rank
	A\$b	
All countries	36.4	
Japan	12.9	1
India	5.5	2
China	5.1	3
Republic of Korea	4.3	4
Taiwan (a)	2.6	5
Brazil (b)	0.8	6
Netherlands (a) (b)	0.7	7
France	0.6	8
United Kingdom	0.5	9
Mexico	0.4	10

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(a) excluding exports of semi coking coal from Jul-09 to Dec-09 which are confidential in ABS trade statistics.

(b) excluding exports of semi coking coal from Jan-10 to Jun-10 which are confidential in ABS trade statistics.

Based on ABS recorded trade data on DFAT STARS database

4) The following table shows the world's top 11 exporters of coal.

	2009 US\$m	Rank
World	80,526	
Australia	30,940	1
Indonesia	13,791	2
Russian Federation	7,367	3
United States	5,997	4
Colombia	5,257	5
Canada	4,354	6
South Africa	4,204	7
China	2,362	8
Vietnam	1,317	9
Poland	956	10
Czech Republic	841	11

Based on UN Comtrade trade data on DFAT STARS database

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Question No. 64

Program: Trade

Topic: Questions on activities of EFIC

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 64)

Senator Ludlam

EFIC indicated that it had funded one renewable energy related project, which was in Sri Lanka. Could EFIC tell us how much that project was worth, what we invested?

Answer

EFIC is not mandated to make equity investments. EFIC provided support for the BP Solar Pty Ltd renewable energy project in Sri Lanka in two phases through an Export Finance Guarantee (EFG). An EFG is a form of buyer finance which involves EFIC providing a guarantee to a commercial bank or other financial institution for the overseas borrower's repayment obligations to that bank or financial institution.

In 2004, EFIC assisted BP Solar with Phase 1 of its US\$32.3 million project to provide solar powered drip irrigation systems to Sri Lankan farmers through an EFG valued at US\$13.98 million. In 2008 EFIC provided another EFG worth US\$13.7 million for Phase 2 of the Sri Lanka project.

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Question No. 65

Program: Trade

Topic: Questions on activities of EFIC

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 65)

Senator Ludlam

Given that there is a substantial amount of public funding gone into the PNG LNG project, is there some written documentation showing how the Government arrived at the view that it was in the national interest using funds from the National Interest Account?

Answer

The EFIC Board considered the PNG LNG loan transaction, deciding to place part of the loan on its Commercial Account, taking into account capital and counterparty limits, and made a referral for the balance of the request to the Minister for Trade for consideration of National Interest Account support. The Cabinet considered the matter and agreed that the Minister could approve support through the National Interest Account.

The funding for the loan is raised by EFIC in the financial markets. No public funds are lent to the project through the National Interest Account, although the contingent liability associated with the loan is carried by the Government. The written documentation relating to this loan is Cabinet-in-confidence and therefore cannot be provided.

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Question No: 66

Program: Trade

Topic: Questions on activities of EFIC

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 66)

Senator Ludlam

Could EFIC table for the committee the qualifications and expertise of relevant staff in your technical and environment area who are involved in corporate social responsibility?

Answer

EFIC has two staff involved in review of corporate social responsibility (CSR) principles as they apply to EFIC's proposed financing or other support for projects and project sponsors. They are Directors - Environmental & Technical Review.

Director 1 has over 30 years private and public sector experience in Australia and internationally. Director 1 joined EFIC in 2005 and has been providing environmental, social, and technical risk management advice to EFIC for a variety of exporters and projects covering most industry sectors.

Director 1 is an active member of the OECD Environmental Practitioners' working group, comprising environmental and social experts from each export credit agency. The Practitioners provide specialist advice on environmental and social issues to the OECD Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees.

Before joining EFIC, Director 1 worked in the environmental assessment and management field for both State government and consultants.

Professional competencies include environmental and social impact assessment and management; policy formulation and implementation; due diligence advice on environmental and social factors; natural resource studies; stakeholder liaison; and human rights impact assessment.

Formal Qualifications:

- Diploma in Technology (Civil Engineering)
- BEng (Civil)

Director 2 has over 35 years of private industry experience in Australia and internationally. Director 2 joined EFIC in January 2011 and has been providing environmental and social, and technical risk management advice to EFIC for a variety of exporters and projects covering most industry sectors.

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Before joining EFIC, Director 2 worked in private and publically listed companies in manufacturing industries.

Professional competencies include operational management; international business development and emerging technologies for manufacturing, including emissions reduction and environmentally sustainable manufacturing.

Formal Qualifications:

Diploma in Mechanical Engineering.

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Question No. 67

Program: SMD

Topic: Palestinian Authority

Question on Notice (2 June, Page 77)

Senator Abetz

Are you able to shed any light as to whether the power-sharing agreement between Fatah and Hamas to jointly run the Palestinian Authority requires Hamas to amend its charter?

Answer

The honourable Senator may wish to refer to the answers of Mr David Stuart (First Assistant Secretary South and West Asia and Middle East Division, DFAT) in response to Senator Ronaldson's questions on these matters during Senate Estimates on 1 June 2011.

The honourable Senator may also wish to refer to the Agreement between Fatah and Hamas of 3 May 2011, the text of which is available publicly.

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Question No. 68

Program: Portfolio overview

Topic: Organisation Funding

Question in Writing

Senator Birmingham

Has the Department provided any funding to any of the following organisations in the current financial year or in any of the previous three financial years? If so, please detail when it was provided and for what purpose.

- a. Australian Conservation Foundation
- b. Australian Council of Trade Unions
- c. Australian Youth Climate Coalition
- d. Climate Action Network Australia
- e. The Climate Institute
- f. Environment Victoria
- g. GetUp!
- h. Greenpeace Australia Pacific
- i. World Wildlife Fund Australia

Answer

The department has not made any payments to the listed organisations for the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2011.

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Question No: 69

Program: Portfolio overview

Topic: Staffing

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD (2010-11)?
- 2) What classification are these staff?
- 3) How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD (2010-11)?
- 4) This FYTD (2010-11), how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Answer

- 1) 262
- 2)

Level	Number
Trainee/Graduate	53
BB1/BB2	79
APS6/EL1	115
EL2	11
SES	4
Total	262

- 3) As at 30 June 2011 there were 88 non-ongoing employees in the department.
- 4) In 2010-11, there were 107 new non-ongoing contracts comprising 58 new hires and 49 re-hires. The average length of a non-ongoing contract is approximately six months.

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Question No: 70

Program: Portfolio overview

Topic: Staffing/Efficiency Dividend

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?
- 2) If so, where and at what classification?
- 3) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details i.e. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
- 4) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.

Answer

- 1) No.
- 2) Not applicable.
- 3) No
- 4) The Department has no plans to reduce its intakes for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs.

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Question No. 71

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Communications programs

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken, or are planning to undertake? For each program, what is the total spend?

Answer

DFAT is responsible for the Smartraveller communications program, beginning in 2003. Smartraveller is a public safety communications program that aims to help Australians travel overseas safely. The third phase of the program began in FY10-11 and will run for four years. The centrepiece of the program is a television, radio, print and digital advertising campaign. The total spend for the program is \$13.4 million over four years.

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Question No. 72

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD (2010-11)?
 - a. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- 2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD (2010-11).
 - a. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.
- 3) What is the Department's entertainment spend FYTD (2010-11)?
 - a. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- 4) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend FYTD (2010-11).
 - a. Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Answer

- 1) For the financial year 2010-11 the department has spent \$4 million on hospitality in Australia and overseas.

a) Details of hospitality expenditure are maintained on individual files across DFAT's Australian and overseas network. To provide hospitality expenditure by date, location, purpose and cost of each event would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

2 & 2a) Questions on hospitality-related costs in relation to Ministers' and Parliamentary Secretaries' offices are the responsibility of the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

- 3) For the financial year 2010-11 the department has spent \$1.1million on entertainment in Australia and overseas.

a) Details of entertainment expenditure are maintained on individual files across DFAT's Australian and overseas network. To provide entertainment expenditure by date, location, purpose and cost of each event would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

4 & 4a) Questions on entertainment-related costs in relation to Ministers' and Parliamentary Secretaries' offices are the responsibility of the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

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Question No. 73

Program: Portfolio Overview

Broad Topic: Board Appointments

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

Question

- 1) What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?
- 2) Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD (2010-11).

Answer

Australia-China Council (ACC)

- 1) Total board members: 8 (4 male, 4 female) (including one female ex-officio member). Gender ratio: 50 per cent female.
- 2) Three new appointments for the FYTD (all female).

Australia-India Council (AIC)

- 1) Total board members: 6 (3 male; 3 female). Gender ratio: 50 per cent female.
- 2) No new appointments for the FYTD.

Australia-Indonesia Institute (AII)

- 1) Total board members: 10 (6 male; 4 female). Gender ratio: 40 per cent female.
- 2) Five new appointments for the FYTD (3 male, 2 female).

Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF)

- 1) Total board members: 9 (6 male; 3 female) (including one female ex officio member). Gender ratio: 33 per cent female.
- 2) One new appointment for the FYTD (1 male).

Australia-Malaysia Institute (AMI)

- 1) Total board members: 8 (3 male; 5 female). Gender ratio: 62.5 per cent female.
- 2) No new appointments for the FYTD.

Australia-Thailand Institute (ATI)

- 1) Total board members: 9 (7 male; 2 female). Gender ratio: 22 per cent female.
- 2) No new appointments for the FYTD.

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Council for Australia-Arab Relations (CAAR)

- 1) Total board members: 7 (5 male; 2 female). Gender ratio: 28.5 per cent female.
- 2) Two new appointments for the FYTD (2 male).

Editorial Advisory Board (EAB)

- 1) Total board members: 6 (4 male; 2 female). Gender ratio: 33.3 per cent per cent female.
- 2) No new appointments for the FYTD.

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Board (EFIC)

- 1) Total board members: 9 (7 male; 2 female). Gender ratio: 22 per cent female.
- 2) Two new appointees for the FYTD (2 female).

UNESCO National Commission

- 1) Total National Commission members: 15 members (9 male, 6 female) (including 8 ex-officio members – 6 male, 2 female). Gender ratio: 40 per cent female.
- 2) No new board appointments in the FYTD.

Australia International Cultural Council (AICC)

- 1) Total board members: 11 (6 male; 5 female) (all ex-officio). Gender ratio: 45.5 per cent female.
- 2) No new appointments for the FYTD.

Australia-Japan Foundation (AJF)

- 1) Total board members: 7 (5 male, 2 female). Gender ratio: 28.5 per cent female.
- 2) No new appointments for the FYTD.

Council on Australia Latin America Relations (COALAR)

- 1) Total board members: 11 (8 male, 3 female) (including 3 ex officio members – 2 male, 1 female). Gender ratio: 27 per cent female.
- 2) Eight new appointees in the FYTD (6 male, 2 female).

Australia Awards

- 1) Total board members: 8 (5 male, 3 female). Gender ratio: 37.5 per cent female.
- 2) All board members appointed in the FYTD.

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Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Commission

- 1) Total board members: 7 (5 male; 2 female). Gender ratio: 35 per cent.
- 2) Four new appointments for the FYTD (3 male, 1 female)

Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research Policy Advisory Council

- 1) Total board members: 13 (4 male; 2 female; 7 vacancies). Gender ratio: 33.3 per cent.
- 2) Four new appointments for the FYTD (2 male, 2 female).

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Question No. 74

Program: Portfolio overview

Topic: Discretionary Grants

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Answer

I refer the Senator to part 2 of Question 82.

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Question No. 75

Program: 1.1

Topic: Freedom of Information

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
- 2) How many FOI requests has the Department received?
- 3) How many have been granted or denied?
- 4) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

Answer

- 1) Yes. The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, established under the *Australian Information Commissioner Act 2010*, provides advice to all agencies governed by the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* with respect to responding to FOI requests. This advice is captured primarily in the form of guidelines and other guidance available at http://www.oaic.gov.au/publications/guidelines.html#foi_guidelines. Prior to the FOI reforms of 1 November 2010, FOI Guidelines for all Government agencies were issued by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and are used in responding to FOI requests which were submitted prior to 1 November 2010. They are available online at www.dpmc.gov.au/foi/guidelines.cfm. DFAT also receives legal advice from time to time from external legal advisers, including the Australian Government Solicitor, on specific FOI matters.
- 2) From 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, the Department received a total of 170 FOI requests.
- 3) From 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, the Department finalised a total of 143 FOI requests. Of these, 83 were granted access in full or in part. 21 were refused access. The remaining 39 were either transferred to other agencies or withdrawn.
- 4) None

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Question No. 76

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Community Cabinets

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

Question

- 1) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD (2010-11)?
- 2) How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel?
- 3) How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel?
- 4) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?

Answer

- 1) No portfolio Ministers attended Community Cabinet meetings this FYTD .
- 2) An Assistant Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs attended the Community Cabinet meeting in Modbury Heights, South Australia, on 19 May 2011. Information on Ministers' domestic travel costs, and the travel costs of their personal staff, is available from the Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD).
- 3) One Departmental officer based in Brisbane attended the Community Cabinet meeting in Redcliffe, Queensland, on 2 December 2010. One Departmental officer based in Perth attended the Community Cabinet meeting in Fremantle, Western Australia, on 30 March 2011. One Departmental officer based in Adelaide attended the Community Cabinet meeting in Modbury Heights, South Australia, on 19 May 2011. Departmental travel costs were funded under the Department's ordinary operating budget.
- 4) No portfolio Ministers attended Community Cabinet meetings this FYTD. Departmental officers who attended meetings did so in the course of their normal duties. No additional costs to the Department were incurred. Information on Ministers' costs, and the costs of their personal staff, is available from DoFD.

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Question No. 77

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Reviews

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio?
- 2) When will each of these reviews be completed?
- 3) What reviews have been concluded FYTD (2010-11)?
- 4) Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?
- 5) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- 6) What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?
- 7) What further reviews are planned for 2010- 11 FY?

Answer

- 1) None.
- 2) Not applicable.
- 3) One review was concluded during the FYTD: the Strategic Review of the Overseas Property Office.
- 4) The Strategic Review of the Overseas Property Office was provided to the Government.
- 5) The recommendations of the review were agreed by the Government in May 2011.
- 6) The estimated cost to the department was \$311,000.
- 7) No reviews are planned for FY2010-11.

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Question No. 78

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Consultancies

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD (2010-11)?
 - a. Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc).
 - b. Please also include total value for all consultancies.
- 2) Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website?
 - a. Have any changes or corrections been made for any tenders advertised on to Government Tenders website(www.tenders.gov.au) for tenders advertised this financial year?
 - b. Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements?
- 3) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?
 - a. Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not?
 - b. In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

Answer

- 1) a. & b. All agencies subject to the Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997 are required to report Australian procurement contracts awarded where the contract value is \$10,000 or more on AusTender, the government's tender and procurement reporting system. From 3 September 2007, departments and agencies have been required to include on AusTender details of those contracts which are consultancies and the reason for the consultancy. The information sought by the honourable Senator in relation to consultancies valued at \$10,000 or more is therefore available on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au). To provide details of consultancies and contracts awarded valued at less than \$10,000 would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.
- 2) Yes.
 - a. Yes.
 - b. All changes or corrections (addendums) for DFAT tenders have been listed on the Government Tenders Website (www.tenders.gov.au) since 21 March 2011. Prior to that date addendums were advertised on the "Tenders" page of the DFAT website (<http://www.dfat.gov.au/tenders/index.html>).

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- 3) Three (3) consultancy areas were planned for the 2010-11 and five (5) for 2011-12.
 - a. Yes
 - b. Please refer to the department's Annual Procurement Plans available on the AusTender website (www.tenders.gov.au). Please note that only consultancies that are planned to be procured through open tenders are listed on the department's Annual Procurement Plans.

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Question No. 79

Program: 1.3

Topic: Media Monitoring

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office FYTD (2010-11)?

Which agency or agencies provided these services?

Answer

The total cost of Media Monitoring services provided for the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 were:

. FMO (including Mr Smith's costs):	\$87,046.73
. TMO (including Mr Crean's costs):	\$26,370.00
. Mr Marles:	\$24,558.72
. Mrs Elliot:	Nil

Media monitoring services were provided by Media Monitors Pty Ltd

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Question No. 80

Program: 1.3

Topic: Social Media

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and useage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since October 2010? Please explain.

Answer

No.

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Question No. 81

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Contractors

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.
- 2) Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.
- 3) Has the department/agency ever employed John Utting & UMR Research Group in any capacity or is it considering employing John Utting & UMR Research Group? If yes, provide details.
- 4) Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.
- 5) Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.
- 6) Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details.
- 7) Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details.
- 8) Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details.
- 9) Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.

Answer

- 1) No.
- 2) No.
- 3) No.
- 4) Yes. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) engaged McCann-Erickson India in May 2001 to advertise the Australian Film Festival in India.
- 5) No.
- 6) No.
- 7) No.

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- 8) Yes. DFAT engaged The Boston Consulting Group Pty Ltd from 12 May 2010 to 29 June 2010 to review the department's IT organisation.
- 9) No.

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Question No. 82

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Discretionary Grants

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD (2010-11)? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.
- 2) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Answer

- 1) A list of the department's grants is publicly available on the department's website which includes details of grant recipients, purpose and funding location.
- 2) Yes.

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Question No. 83

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD (2010-11)? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
- 2) How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- 3) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Answer

- 1) None.
- 2) Not applicable.
- 3) Not applicable.

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Question No. 84

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Hospitality Spend

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD (2010-11)? Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events. Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs.
- 2) For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD (2010-11). Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event. Please detail any catering costs, listing the cost of food and beverages, and include a separate list of alcohol costs.

Answer

I refer the Senator to the answer provided for Question 72.

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Question No. 85

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?
- 2) How often must papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings be redrafted or resubmitted? Please provide example of why this would happen. (i.e. last minute policy changes or redate papers due to items not being discussed when initially scheduled).

Answer

- 1) The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) does not record or register the time taken to prepare papers or submission for Cabinet or Cabinet Committee meetings.
- 2) Each issue for consideration at either Cabinet or Cabinet Committee meetings have their own set of specific issues which may require the submission to be drafted or re-drafted numerous times throughout the iterative process. DFAT works collaboratively with relevant stakeholders across the APS, as well as the Cabinet Secretariat, t

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Question No. 86

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Government Payments of Accounts

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) Has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (i.e. within 30 days)? If not, why not, and what has been the timeframe for payment of accounts? Please provide a breakdown, average statistics etc as appropriate to give insight into how this issue is being approached.)
- 2) For accounts not paid within 30 days, is interest being paid on overdue amounts and if so how much has been paid by the portfolio/department agency for the current financial year and the previous financial year?
- 3) Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?

Answer

- 1) In 2009-10, the Department paid 95.04% of accounts for Small Business within 30 days. This falls within the Government's performance measurement of less than 10% of small business invoices not paid within 30 days.

The 2010-11 statistics are in the process of being collated and will be provided to the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) in response to their yearly survey. DIISR generally release these statistics in September each year.

- 2) Departmental practices accord with the requirements outlined in Finance Circular 2008/10 on the Procurement 30 Day Policy for Small Business. The department is unaware of any late payment interest penalties being paid.
- 3) Not Applicable. To ensure submissions are drafted and processed as efficiently as possible.

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Question No. 87

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Government Stationery Requirements

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)?
- 2) What is the cost of these items?
- 3) Are the Department/portfolio agencies paying for these?

Answer

- 1) & 2): As at 27 June 2011, the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in the portfolio are as follows:

	Stationery Requirements	Cost (exclusive of GST)
Minister for Foreign Affairs	Ministerial Letterhead Office Letterhead Envelopes	\$43.87 for pack of 250 \$44.03 for pack of 250 DL \$42.57 for box of 500 C4 \$56.07 for box of 250 C5 \$77.50 for box of 500
Minister for Trade	Ministerial Letterhead Ministerial Letterhead (with photograph) Envelopes	\$40.12 for pack of 250 \$29.26 for pack of 100 DL \$25.00 for box of 500 C4 \$53.21 for box of 250 C5 \$60.71 for box of 500
Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs	Letterhead Envelopes	\$46.84 for pack of 250 DL \$39.71 for box of 500 C4 \$53.21 for box of 250
Parliamentary Secretary for Trade	Letterhead Envelopes	\$44.00 for pack of 250 DL \$39.71 for box of 500 C4 \$53.21 for box of 250

- 3) Yes. In accordance with Department of Finance and Deregulation guidelines, these costs are the responsibility of the portfolio department and agencies.

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Question No. 88

Program: 1.3

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to pay TV (for example Foxtel)? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what channels.
- 2) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.
- 3) Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.

Answer

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade subscribes to relevant pay television, newspapers and magazines. Open source reporting on matters related to the department's work assists the department fulfil its functions.

Apart from television subscriptions in Canberra, subscriptions are decentralised and managed and budgeted by individual work units in Canberra, across 95 posts overseas and by 7 state/territory offices according to their varying requirements. Broadly, the department subscribes to a range of newspapers and magazines – hardcopy and online – including major national and capital dailies. Aggregating these subscriptions and their costs would represent an unjustifiable diversion of resources.

Centralised television subscriptions in Canberra have the following costs:

Foxtel	Sky News, CNN, CNBC, BBC World, Sky Weather, and Sky Business	\$1,500 a month (GST inclusive)
TransACT	Fourteen channels including: Channel News Asia, Al Jazeera, ABC, ABC2, SBS, Prime, WIN and Capital	approximately \$2,000 per month (GST inclusive)
Parliamentary Broadcasting Service	Parliamentary channels	\$6,978.21 per annum (FY 2010-11)

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Question No. 89

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Travel Costs

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- A) For the FYTD, please detail all travel (itemised separately) undertaken by your portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries. Include what sum was spent on travel, accommodation, security, food, beverages (alcohol listed separately), gifts, entertainment, and all other expenses.
- B) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.
- C) For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary Secretary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.

Answer

- A) and B) Costs of official overseas travel by Ministers, Parliamentary Secretaries, accompanying spouses (where relevant) and accompanying staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 are paid for by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance). Dates, destinations, the purpose and costs of all official overseas visits are tabled in the Parliament every six months in a report titled *Parliamentarians' Expenditure on Entitlements paid by the Department of Finance and Deregulation* and its supporting information. The reports and supporting information are also published on the Finance web site.
- C) Information for departmental officers that accompanied portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries on their travel is set out below.

Notes:

- (a) There were no costs incurred for departmental officers for security or gifts.
- (b) Departmental officers are entitled to a travel allowance which covers food, beverages and incidentals. It is not possible to itemise separately the amounts spent on food, beverages, alcohol and incidentals for each staff member for each trip.
- (c) In some cases a staff member may have a nil response for 'travel' costs (eg, if the staff member accompanied the Minister/Parliamentary Secretary on a RAAF SPA flight), for 'accommodation' costs (eg, if the staff member stayed at the Official Residence or privately) or for 'travel allowance' (eg if the staff member attended functions involving meals which were funded by the

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Australian or a foreign government, then that staff member would not be paid travel allowance for that meal).

- (d) The costs provided in this response are as at 22 June 2011. Some costs may still not have been finalised.

1. Mr Smith travelled to Papua New Guinea from 7 to 8 July 2010.

Mr Smith was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

Deputy Secretary

(i)	2348.17	(ii)	199.00	(iii)	109.16	(iv)	Nil
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2. Mr Smith travelled to Indonesia from 14 to 15 July 2010.

Mr Smith was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

Assistant Secretary, Indonesia, Regional Issues and East Timor Branch

(i)	5183.04	(ii)	381.82	(iii)	306.03	(iv)	17.95
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3. Mr Smith travelled to Vanuatu from 3 to 4 August 2010.

Mr Smith was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff members. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, Pacific Division

(i)	1661.25	(ii)	643.55	(iii)	Nil	(iv)	Nil
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Assistant Secretary, Pacific Engagement Taskforce

(i)	3005.84	(ii)	1072.59	(iii)	889.12	(iv)	Nil
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4. Mr Rudd travelled to Pakistan and the United States from 15 to 27 September 2010.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff in Washington and two in New York. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, Americas and Africa Division (to Washington)

(i)	11358.56	(ii)	3981.69	(iii)	1450.18	(iv)	45.00
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Head, UNSC Taskforce (to New York)

(i)	11280.71	(ii)	5621.13	(iii)	1140.98	(iv)	59.00
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Assistant Secretary, International Organisations Branch (to New York)

(i)	11719.66	(ii)	6183.25	(iii)	1790.09	(iv)	70.57
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Acting Departmental Liaison Officer (to Washington)

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(i)	11452.84	(ii)	122.73	(iii)	1204.73	(iv)	Nil
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5. Mr Rudd travelled to Japan, Belgium, Italy and the Holy See from 12 to 20 October 2010.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member in Japan and one in Belgium, Italy and the Holy See. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division (to Japan)

(i)	9223.82	(ii)	2196.78	(iii)	74.42	(iv)	Nil
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Assistant Secretary, Pakistan and Afghanistan Branch (to Belgium, Italy and the Holy See)

(i)	8972.88	(ii)	2112.78	(iii)	928.70	(iv)	Nil
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6. Mr Rudd travelled to China and the Republic of Korea from 31 October to 6 November 2010.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member (to all destinations). The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) TA, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, North Asia Division

(i)	11916.35	(ii)	937.60	(iii)	224.59	(iv)	Nil
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7. Mr Rudd travelled to the United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan and Bahrain from 29 November to 6 December 2010.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff to all destinations. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

(Acting) First Assistant Secretary, Europe Division

(i)	11419.78	(ii)	825.65	(iii)	366.52	(iv)	399.81
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Assistant Secretary, Middle East Branch

(i)	9307.91	(ii)	1576.52	(iii)	453.60	(iv)	Nil
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8. Mr Rudd travelled to Indonesia, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Brazil and Chile from 8 to 20 December 2010.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff in Indonesia, one in the Middle East, and one in Brazil and Chile. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, South-East Asia Division (to Indonesia)

(i)	5115.08	(ii)	1246.73	(iii)	313.83	(iv)	Nil
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Ambassador for People Smuggling Issues (to Indonesia)

(i)	3296.11	(ii)	853.68	(iii)	Nil	(iv)	123.09
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First Assistant Secretary, South and West Asia and Middle East Division (to the Middle East)

(i)	14099.72	(ii)	593.90	(iii)	669.44	(iv)	259.60
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Assistant Secretary, Canada and Latin America Branch (to Brazil and Chile)

(i)	11796.41	(ii)	1000.41	(iii)	528.55	(iv)	432.96
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9. Mr Rudd travelled to Ethiopia, Switzerland, Turkey, Greece, Liechtenstein and Germany from 24 January to 7 February 2011.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff in Ethiopia, one in Switzerland, one in Turkey and Greece and two in Germany. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

Assistant Secretary, Africa Branch (to Ethiopia)

(i)	11890.32	(ii)	418.43	(iii)	380.59	(iv)	59.00
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Director, UNSC Taskforce (to Ethiopia)

(i)	12704.73	(ii)	2160.67	(iii)	385.49	(iv)	59.00
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Executive Officer, Climate Change and Environment Section (to Switzerland)

(i)	8779.82	(ii)	1824.53	(iii)	1024.97	(iv)	71.70
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(Acting) First Assistant Secretary, Europe Division (to Turkey, Greece and Germany)

(i)	17223.72	(ii)	2512.64	(iii)	820.46	(iv)	64.90
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Assistant Secretary, Arms Control and Counter-Proliferation Branch (to Germany)

(i)	9673.16	(ii)	2465.30	(iii)	598.27	(iv)	Nil
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10. Mr Rudd travelled to South Africa, Egypt, Switzerland, Afghanistan, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia from 24 February to 12 March 2011.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member in Afghanistan, two in South Africa, Egypt, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan; and three in the Palestinian Territories, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

Assistant Secretary, Middle East Branch (to South Africa, Egypt, Switzerland, the UAE, Jordan, the Palestinian Territories, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia)

(i)	26660.27	(ii)	4913.19	(iii)	3125.79	(iv)	2387.89
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Assistant Secretary, Pakistan and Afghanistan Branch (to Afghanistan)

(i)	9846.86	(ii)	620.00	(iii)	318.85	(iv)	Nil
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Executive Officer, Middle East Branch (to the Palestinian Territories, Israel, Saudi Arabia and the UAE)

(i)	16144.07	(ii)	Nil	(iii)	1099.41	(iv)	64.90
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Diplomatic Courier (to South Africa, Egypt, Switzerland, the UAE, Jordan, the Palestinian Territories, Israel, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia)

(i)	38360.76	(ii)	1960.36	(iii)	1402.41	(iv)	318.64
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11. Mr Rudd travelled to New Zealand from 25 to 26 March 2011.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff members. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

Departmental Liaison Officer

(i)	2270.46	(ii)	550.09	(iii)	180.83	(iv)	Nil
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Diplomatic Courier

(i)	2852.94	(ii)	175.53	(iii)	141.21	(iv)	Nil
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12. Mr Rudd travelled to Indonesia from 28 to 30 March 2011.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by three Canberra-based DFAT staff members. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, South-East Asia Division

(i)	5132.05	(ii)	411.70	(iii)	310.49	(iv)	15.00
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Executive Officer, Indonesia Political and Strategic Section

(i)	3391.98	(ii)	785.92	(iii)	436.70	(iv)	353.03
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Diplomatic Courier

(i)	1567.21	(ii)	493.19	(iii)	101.83	(iv)	45.00
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13. Mr Rudd travelled to Vietnam, Germany, the United Arab Emirates and Singapore from 12 to 17 April 2011.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member to all destinations, plus one in Vietnam and two in Germany. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, South-East Asia Division (to Vietnam)

(i)	4035.56	(ii)	590.00	(iii)	121.70	(iv)	57.00
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First Assistant Secretary, South and West Asia and Middle East Division (to Germany)

(i)	13768.47	(ii)	965.87	(iii)	533.25	(iv)	49.50
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Executive Officer, Pakistan and Afghanistan Branch (to Germany)

(i)	9626.49	(ii)	\$799.00	(iii)	227.54	(iv)	8.29
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Diplomatic Courier (to all destinations)

(i)	25005.16	(ii)	1581.55	(iii)	160.20	(iv)	Nil
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14. Mr Rudd travelled to France, the United Kingdom, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Germany, the United States of America, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Italy from 23 April to 7 May 2011.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member to all destinations, plus one in France, Israel and the Palestinian Territories, one in the United Kingdom, three in Germany, and two in the United States of America, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Italy. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

A/g First Assistant Secretary, Europe Division (to France, Israel, the Palestinian Territories and Germany)

(i)	12652.00	(ii)	2000.00	(iii)	1234.70	(iv)	Nil
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Head, CHOGM Task Force (to the UK)

(i)	9876.00	(ii)	1026.35	(iii)	676.95	(iv)	12.00
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First Assistant Secretary, International Security Division (to Germany)

(i)	8862.67	(ii)	905.60	(iii)	756.40	(iv)	Nil
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Executive Officer, Arms Control Section (to Germany)

(i)	8886.95	(ii)	893.37	(iii)	517.80	(iv)	Nil
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First Assistant Secretary, Americas and Africa Division (to the USA, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Italy)

(i)	15668.40	(ii)	2065.08	(iii)	726.21	(iv)	49.50
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Director, Canada Central America and the Caribbean Section (to the USA, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Italy)

(i)	16403.62	(ii)	2435.23	(iii)	929.70	(iv)	Nil
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Diplomatic Courier (to all destinations)

(i)	51682.19	(ii)	1911.57	(iii)	1407.56	(iv)	Nil
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15. Mr Rudd travelled to Thailand, Finland, Sweden, Norway and China from 13 to 23 May 2011.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member to all destinations, plus one in Thailand, and one in Finland, Sweden and Norway. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, South-East Asia Division (to Thailand)

(i)	6711.55	(ii)	471.69	(iii)	43.38	(iv)	15.00
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A/g First Assistant Secretary, Europe Division (to Finland, Sweden and Norway)

(i)	14670.00	(ii)	1421.00	(iii)	934.80	(iv)	Nil
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Diplomatic Courier (to all destinations)

(i)	18650.56	(ii)	1098.26	(iii)	1054.19	(iv)	279.33
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16. Mr Rudd travelled to Hungary, the United Arab Emirates, the United States of America and the United Kingdom from 5 to 14 June 2011.

Mr Rudd was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member to all destinations, plus one in Hungary and one in the United States of America. The total cost of: (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, Europe Division (to Hungary)

(i)	5130.00	(ii)	770.00	(iii)	531.00	(iv)	Nil
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First Assistant Secretary, International Organisations and Legal Division (to the USA)

(i)	9912.40	(ii)	818.80	(iii)	477.36	(iv)	190.00 (includes costs for a representational function)
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Diplomatic Courier (to all destinations)

(i)	26635.27	(ii)	2693.14	(iii)	706.26	(iv)	1041.82
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17. Dr Emerson travelled to the United States of America from 20 to 24 September 2010.

Dr Emerson was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

Deputy Secretary

(i)	14568.05	(ii)	Nil	(iii)	105.55	(iv)	Nil
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18. Dr Emerson travelled to the Republic of Korea, China and Singapore from 31 October to 5 November 2010.

Dr Emerson was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

Deputy Secretary

(i)	10607.00	(ii)	1361.54	(iii)	64.80	(iv)	Nil
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19. Dr Emerson travelled to Japan from 9 to 12 November 2010.

Dr Emerson was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

Deputy Secretary

(i)	11814.00	(ii)	Nil	(iii)	Nil	(iv)	Nil
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20. Dr Emerson travelled to India and Switzerland from 23 to 31 January 2011.

Dr Emerson was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member (to Switzerland only). The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

Deputy Secretary

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(i) 13539.20 (ii) Nil (iii) 100.20 (iv) Nil

21. Dr Emerson travelled to New Zealand from 7 to 9 April 2011.

Dr Emerson was not accompanied by any Canberra-based DFAT staff members on this visit.

22. Dr Emerson travelled to China and Indonesia from 13 to 21 April 2011.

Dr Emerson was accompanied by three Canberra-based DFAT staff members in China and four in Indonesia. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

Deputy Secretary (to China and Indonesia)

(i) 12256.99 (ii) 1165.02 (iii) 361.00 (iv) Nil

Assistant Secretary, East Asia Branch (to China)

(i) 6408.34 (ii) 1024.67 (iii) 771.48 (iv) 49.50

Executive Officer, China Economic and Trade Section (to China)

(i) 5787.45 (ii) 1487.89 (iii) 580.57 (iv) 84.63

First Assistant Secretary, South-East Asia Division (to Indonesia)

(i) 3322.44 (ii) 727.03 (iii) 161.77 (iv) 15.00

Director, Indonesia Economic and East Timor Section (to Indonesia)

(i) 4917.26 (ii) 607.09 (iii) 239.40 (iv) 10.00

Executive Officer, Indonesia Economic and East Timor Section (to Indonesia)

(i) 4943.89 (ii) 599.47 (iii) 241.34 (iv) 10.00

23. Dr Emerson travelled to the United States of America, France and China from 18 May to 3 June 2011.

Dr Emerson was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member to the United States of America and France and one to China. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff is as follows:

Deputy Secretary (to the USA and France)

(i) 25701.80 (ii) 3075.07 (iii) 1508.93 (iv) 54.22

Assistant Secretary, East Asia Branch (to China)

(i) 6710.20 (ii) 409.28 (iii) 639.97 (iv) 45.00

24. Mrs Elliot travelled to India from 8 to 11 November 2010 and to China from 11 to 16 March 2011. Mrs Elliot was not accompanied by any DFAT staff on these visits.

25. Mr Marles travelled to Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa, New Caledonia and New Zealand from 5 to 12 October 2010.

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Mr Marles was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, Pacific Division

(i)	34.76	(ii)	1817.68	(iii)	Nil	(iv)	Nil
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26. Mr Marles travelled to Japan from 15 to 17 October 2010.

Mr Marles was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

Assistant Secretary, Pacific Regional and New Zealand Branch

(i)	9705.79	(ii)	348.00	(iii)	360.80	(iv)	24.47
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27. Mr Marles travelled to Nauru, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Samoa, American Samoa and Niue from 29 November to 4 December 2010.

Mr Marles was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff members. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff members is as follows:

Assistant Secretary, Pacific Islands Branch

(i)	Nil	(ii)	663.57	(iii)	174.43	(iv)	Nil
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Desk Officer, Pacific Bilateral Section

(i)	Nil	(ii)	629.93	(iii)	157.57	(iv)	286.00
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28. Mr Marles travelled to Palau, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and the United States of America (Hawaii) from 31 January to 5 February 2011.

Mr Marles was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff members. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff members is as follows:

Director, Pacific Bilateral Section

(i)	35.90	(ii)	972.00	(iii)	210.00	(iv)	Nil
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Desk Officer, Pacific Bilateral Section

(i)	50.38	(ii)	938.00	(iii)	217.00	(iv)	75.92
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29. Mr Marles travelled to Vanuatu from 13 to 14 February 2011.

Mr Marles was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, Pacific Division

(i)	2703.65	(ii)	150.35	(iii)	Nil	(iv)	Nil
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30. Mr Marles travelled to Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Tonga from 8 to 11 March 2011.

Mr Marles was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

Assistant Secretary, Pacific Islands Branch

(i)	Nil	(ii)	588.99	(iii)	118.10	(iv)	Nil
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31. Mr Marles travelled to Papua New Guinea from 28 to 31 March 2011.

Mr Marles was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

Director, Papua New Guinea and Torres Strait Section

(i)	2803.79	(ii)	722.39	(iii)	207.25	(iv)	Nil
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32. Mr Marles travelled to New Zealand from 6 to 9 April 2011.

Mr Marles was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff members. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for each of these staff members is as follows:

First Assistant Secretary, Pacific Division

(i)	2688.93	(ii)	330.76	(iii)	77.80	(iv)	Nil
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Director, New Zealand Section

(i)	2897.39	(ii)	1182.62	(iii)	664.96	(iv)	Nil
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33. Mr Marles travelled to Papua New Guinea from 2 to 4 May 2011. Mr Marles was not accompanied by any Canberra-based DFAT staff on this visit.

34. Mr Marles travelled to Papua New Guinea from 6 to 9 May 2011.

Mr Marles was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

Deputy Secretary

(i)	Nil	(ii)	Nil	(iii)	343.82	(iv)	Nil
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35. Mr Marles travelled to Tonga from 16 to 20 May 2011. Mr Marles was not accompanied by any Canberra-based DFAT staff on this visit.

36. Mr Marles travelled to Japan from 8 to 10 June 2011.

Mr Marles was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The total cost of (i) travel, (ii) accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:

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Assistant Secretary, Papua New Guinea and Fiji Branch

(i)	6614.13	(ii)	Nil	(iii)	215.04	(iv)	45.00
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Question No. 90

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Legal Costs

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) What sum did the department spend on legal services FYTD within the department? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- 2) What sum did the department spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- 3) What sum did the department spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.
- 4) What sum did the department spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.

Answer

- 1) The total expenditure by the department on external legal services for the financial year 2010-11 was \$1,964,654. This figure includes all legal services expenditure by posts overseas as well as all legal expenditure by divisions in Canberra.

It is not possible to provide a further breakdown of the total legal services expenditure according to each service and costs. To do so would involve an unreasonable diversion of government resources.

- 2) The total expenditure by the department on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the financial year 2010-11 was \$1,194,652 which can be broken down into the following service categories: (i) \$358,195 for commercial advice; (ii) \$470,870 for litigation and dispute resolution; and (iii) \$365,587 for general advice.
- 3) The total expenditure by the department on legal services from private firms in Australia for the financial year 2010-11 was \$980 536 which can be broken down into the following service categories: (i) \$613 446 for commercial advice; (ii) \$160 782 for litigation and dispute resolution; and (iii) \$206 308 for general advice.

- 4) The figures provided above in relation to total expenditure by the department on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor and private firms do not include the external legal services expenditure by posts overseas and state offices. This additional amount totals \$459,956 for the financial year 2010-11.

It is not possible to provide a further breakdown of the total external legal services expenditure by posts overseas according to each service and costs. To do so would involve an unreasonable diversion of government resources.

(Note: The figures provided in (a) and (d) above are based on expenditure recorded against departmental cost codes, which do not provide for a breakdown of external legal services expenditure according to service categories. The breakdown of legal services expenditure from the Australian Government Solicitor (ie (b) above) and

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private firms (ie (c) above) was obtained directly for the Australian Government Solicitor and the private firms on the department's legal panel. Given the different sources involved, it is not possible to reconcile the figures)

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Question No. 91

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Education Expenses

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

Please detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the cost and how many participants

Answer

In 2010-11, 35 DFAT employees undertook undergraduate and postgraduate studies in the following disciplines:

Accounting
Administration
Asian Studies
Business
Development Studies
Economics
Information Management
Information Systems
International Relations
Law
Management
Project Management
Psychology
Public Administration
Science
Security Studies
Strategic Affairs
Strategic Studies
Translation (Korean)

The total cost of education expenses was \$195,384.

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Question No. 92

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Executive Coaching & Leadership Training

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) In relation to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each portfolio department and agency, please provide the following information FYTD (2010-11):
 - a) Total spending on these services
 - b) The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification
 - c) The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification
 - d) The names of all service providers engaged
- 2) For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:
 - a) The name and nature of the service purchased
 - b) Whether the service is one-on-one or group based
 - c) The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification
 - d) The total number of hours involved for all employees
 - e) The total amount spent on the service
 - f) A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)
- 3) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - a) The location used
 - b) The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - c) The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part
 - d) Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location

Answer

- 1)
 - a) During 2010-11, \$4600 was spent on executive coaching and \$295,269 on leadership training services.
 - b) Four Executive Level 1 employees were offered and took part in coaching services. A total of 947 executive employees were offered leadership training including: all SES band levels; Executive Level 2 and Executive Level 1 officers.
 - c) A total of 145 executives employees engaged in leadership training including: all SES band levels; Executive Level 2 and Executive Level 1 officers.

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- d) The May Group was the provider of the executive coaching services noted at 1b. Providers engaged for leadership development services in 2010-11 were: Yellow Edge; the Australian Public Service Commission; the Harvard Kennedy School; Melbourne Business School; and The Cranlana Programme.
- 2) For each service purchased:
- b) Executive coaching services were provided on a one-on-one basis whilst all leadership programs were group based.
- d) Executive coaching and leadership training totalled approximately 2744 hours for all executive employees.
- 3) Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises:
- a) Training locations that were used externally included: the Australian Public Service Commission; the Harvard Kennedy School in Boston; Melbourne Business School; The May Group in Canberra, MTAA House Pty Ltd (Canberra); The Brassey Hotel (Canberra) and The Cranlana Programme in Canberra.
- b) A total of 53 executive employees were trained at external locations.
- c) Training provided at external locations totally approximately 1048 hours.
- d) The cost to utilise external premises in Canberra for the delivery of leadership training for DFAT executives was \$2900.

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Question No. 93

Program: Portfolio Overview

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?
- 2) Please list which portfolio department and agencies are providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff are in receipt of these payments.

Answer

1) & 2) As at 5 July 2011 DFAT has been advised by the Family Assistance Office (FAO) that one employee is eligible for payment of Parental Leave Pay.

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Question No. 94

Program: 3.2

Topic: Workpoint Space

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

For each portfolio department and agency office please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person.

Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain.

- 1) If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were.
 - a. What savings did each portfolio department and agency achieve by meeting the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.
 - b. How much of these savings has each portfolio department and agency kept? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.
- 2) If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister.
 - a. What funding has been taken from each portfolio department and agency because they do not meet the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.
 - b. Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain.

Answer

Of the offices leased in Australia by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, four comply with the Guidelines. They are:

Brisbane State Office (15.44m² per occupied work point)

Melbourne State Office (13.96m² per occupied work point)

Perth State Office (13.05m² per occupied work point)

Sydney Passports Office (10.85m² per occupied work point)

Three offices exceed the Guidelines. They are:

Canberra RG Casey Building (19.02m² per occupied work point)

Adelaide State Office (20.22m² per occupied work point)

Sydney State Office (51.80m² per occupied work point)

Four other offices - Darwin, Newcastle Passports Office, Hobart State Office and Thursday Island/Torres Strait Liaison office) are exempt from the Guidelines as they are of less than 500m².

- 1) No refurbishment costs have been incurred to comply with PRODAC.
 - a. N/A

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- b. N/A
- 2) The Minister for Finance and Deregulation has not approved any exemptions for these properties.
 - a. The implementation of this Framework has led to a reduction in the appropriation to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of \$624,000 in 2011-12, \$1,567,000 in 2012-13 and \$1,576,000 in 2013-14
 - b. As each lease approaches expiry we will investigate options for renewal or relocation. At that time, we will address application of the Guidelines.

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Question No: 95

Program: Portfolio overview

Topic: Staffing (A-based and LES)

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

- 1) As at today's date, what is the DFAT total actual staff level (FTE)?
- 2) How many of these are A-based staff and how many are locally-engaged staff?
- 3) How many non-LES DFAT staff are now posted overseas?
- 4) How many DFAT staff are now located in Canberra?
- 5) Since 30 June 2010, how many of any newly created A-based positions (whether at post, in Canberra or in State offices are (in FTE terms):
 - a) Consular staff
 - b) Passports staff
 - c) Policy staff
 - d) Corporate staff

Answer

- 1) As at 30 June 2011, DFAT's actual staff level was 4,010.16 FTE, including A-based and locally-engaged staff.
- 2) 2,435.2 FTE are A-based and 1,574.96 are locally-engaged staff
- 3) As at 30 June 2011, 581 FTE were posted overseas.
- 4) As at 30 June 2011, 1,272.64 FTE were based in Canberra.
- 5) The new A-based positions created in 2010-11 are:

Consular:	nil
Passports:	25.2
Policy:	40.85
Corporate:	24.55*

** Note: corporate positions and also sometimes policy positions at post also undertake consular/passports functions.*

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Question No. 96

Program: Portfolio overview

Topic: Language

Question in Writing

Senator Trood

To clarify and expand on the answers given by the Department to Question 29 for the Additional Estimates hearings on 24 February 2011:

- 1) At 28 February 2011, there were 535 departmental employees with a “working level proficiency” in a foreign language: How many of these 535 employees are at S3R3 level or above?
- 2) How many are at other levels of proficiency? Please provide details.
- 3) For the 49 posts at which there were language-designated positions as at 24 February 2011, how many specific language positions are there at these posts?
- 4) How many of these positions are currently filled?
- 5) Please complete the following table:

Answer

- 1) At the 28 February, there were 535 employees with proficiencies at level three and four.
- 2) In addition there were another 202 employees with levels one and two proficiencies. Details of proficiencies held by staff as at 31 May 2011 is outlined in question 6.
- 3) 158
- 4) 158
- 5) Departmental employees hold current and lapsed proficiencies in 13 additional languages which are not included in the table on the next page.

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Language	Total no. of hours training provided*	No. of staff with proficiency level S2 R2	No. of staff with proficiency level S3 R3	No. of staff with proficiency level S4 R4
Arabic	1320	10	18	3
Bislama	90	2	6	3
Burmese	840	2	1	
Cantonese	1320	1	2	2
Farsi	840	3	5	
French	600	52	65	69
German	600	24	26	24
Greek	600	2	2	4
Hindi	840	2	2	2
Indonesian	600	22	55	24
Italian	600	3	15	15
Japanese	1320	23	30	16
Khmer	840	4	1	1
Korean	1320	3	10	3
Lao	840	1	4	2
Malay	600	2	10	2
Mandarin	1320	19	42	35
Mel. Pidjin	90	2	8	5
Polish	600	4	4	4
Portuguese	600	4	17	11
Russian	600	1	13	3
Spanish	600	28	42	33
Thai	840	5	14	5
Tok Pisin	90	2	17	13
Vietnamese	840	5	10	5
Total		226	419	284

* Average number of hours provided to a student with no previous proficiency to allow them to reach S3/R3. For example, Arabic students receive 88 weeks language training. European languages receive 40 weeks language training. Tok Pisin students receive 8 weeks etc.

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Question No. 97

Program: 1.1

Topic: Spanish-Australian Trade Relationships

Question in Writing

Senator Macdonald

- 1) Is the Department aware of the Spain-Australia Foundation?
- 2) Could the Department describe what it is and what its goals are?
- 3) What is the Australian Government's attitude towards the Foundation and is any support being given?
- 4) If no support is being given, why is this the case?

Answer

- 1) Yes
- 2) The goals of the Spain-Australia Foundation (SAF) are to promote cooperation between Spain and Australia in the areas of culture, academia, science, research, and environmental protection; as well as economic, commercial and business relations. Foundation membership is drawn from various sectors of Spanish society and it is supported by the Spanish Government.
- 3) The Australian Government welcomes the inauguration of the SAF. The Governor-General met the chairman and patrons of the SAF during her visit to Madrid in June 2011. Our ambassador in Madrid maintains a dialogue with the Foundation – whose inaugural ceremony she addressed - and has consistently offered to be of assistance to it. No monetary support is provided by Australia.
- 4) The SAF is an initiative of the Spanish Government and private sector which supports Spain's interests in its relations with Australia.