

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee
Questions on Notice
Budget Estimates 2011-2012, Wednesday 1 and Thursday 2 June 2011
Foreign Affairs and Trade Portfolio

Q no.	Program/ Division or Agency	Senator	Broad topic	Question	Proof Hansard page & hearing date or Written Q	Date rec'd	Date tabled
1.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	FM Travel	Senator TROOD: When were the questions taken at the last estimates relating to Mr Rudd's travel passed to the Department of Finance and Deregulation for attention; when did you receive the response from the Department; and when was that response passed on to the minister's office?	1 June 2011 p 5	28.07.11	25.08.11
2.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Budget	Senator TROOD: Was the minister in Canberra on the weekend after the first version of the 2009-2010 PBS, containing a mistake in one of the tables, was sent to the Minister's office. Senator TROOD: If he was not, when he was back in Canberra, or back in Australia?	1 June 2011 p 7	28.07.11	25.08.11
3.	DFAT	Senator FERGUSON	Budget	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 last year, and if it is higher, what those extra costs were.	1 June 2011 p 12	28.07.11	25.08.11
4.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Budget	Senator TROOD: Please check the figures in table 1.1, page 17 of the PBS, and explain why there is a mistake in it.	1 June 2011 p 12	28.07.11	25.08.11
5.	DFAT	Senator TROOD:	Staffing	Senator TROOD: What are the actual staff numbers (head counts) per outcome? If it is possible...then you might provide	1 June 2011 p 18	28.07.11	25.08.11

				me with some comparative material over the last, say three years.			
6.	DFAT	Senator TROOD:	Staffing	Senator TROOD: What are the number of staff with proficiency at lower levels in relation to particular languages.	1 June 2011 p 18	28.07.11	25.08.11
7.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Travel	Senator TROOD: What was the cost of each of the trips made by Mr Mules and Mr Tesch in pursuit of our Security Council campaign? Senator TROOD: What was the cost of the trip made by Mr Fisher to Manilla in March 2010? Senator TROOD: What was the cost of the trips made by Mr McMullan to Africa in October 2010 and March 2011. Senator TROOD: 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.	1 June 2011 p 20	28.07.11	25.08.11
8.	DFAT	Senator RONALDSON	Travel	Senator RONALDSON: How many times in the past have Foreign Affairs Ministers travelled with Prime Ministers to overseas meetings?	1 June 2011 p 22	28.07.11	25.08.11
9.	DFAT	Senator RONALDSON	Travel	Senator RONALDSON: Could I get an update since the last estimates hearing in February of the details of departmental officers travelling with Mr Rudd?	1 June 2011 p 23	28.07.11	25.08.11
10.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Travel	Senator TROOD: Could you provide details of which airlines were used in relation to Mr Rudd's travel to the Middle East?	1 June 2011 p 30	28.07.11	25.08.11
11.	DFAT	Senator KROGER	Visit by NY-based HOMs to Australia	Senator KROGER: 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?	1 June 2011 p 33	28.07.11	25.08.11

12.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Travel	Senator TROOD: What was the total cost of the travel around Australia by the 21 NY-based ambassadors in March 2011?	1 June 2011 p 34	28.07.11	25.08.11
13.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Budget	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...	1 June 2011 p 35	28.07.11	25.08.11
14.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Travel	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?	1 June 2011 p 36	28.07.11	25.08.11
15.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Travel	Senator TROOD: When did Mr Rudd last visit Kuala Lumpur?	1 June 2011 p 42	28.07.11	25.08.11
16.	DFAT	Senator KROGER	Bali Regional Ministerial Conference on People Smuggling	Senator KROGER: Perhaps the minister would like to respond further ...I 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?	1 June 2011 p 43 Question to Minister	28.07.11	25.08.11
17.	DFAT	Senator KROGER	Travel	Senator Kroger: Who were the Ministers who attended the 27 th Australia-Papua New Guinea Business Forum?	1 June 2011 p 44-45	28.07.11	25.08.11
18.	DFAT	Senator KROGER:	PNG/Manus Island	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	1 June 2011 p 46	28.07.11	25.08.11
19.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Budget	Senator TROOD: In relation to the Baghdad security transition, I have the \$32 million initial contract amount. Can you disaggregate the balance for me?	1 June 2011 p 52	28.07.11	25.08.11
20.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Staffing	Senator TROOD: 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	1 June 2011 p 52	28.07.11	25.08.11

				been any other changes to that list and can you qualify or identify the various reasons that are typical for these extensions?			
21.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Determinations	Senator TROOD: Can you me how many determinations have been made in relation to public interest criteria by the foreign minister or his designate over the last 12 months, and which criteria they fall into.	1 June 2011 p 55	28.07.11	25.08.11
22.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Climate Change	Senator TROOD: Can you please advise me of the occasions upon which you have provided advice to the climate change committee of cabinet?	1 June 2011 p 57	28.07.11	25.08.11
23.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Travel	Senator TROOD: Have people from your section travelled overseas in relation to international activities (UN meetings on climate change)? How frequently have they been away in the last 12 months?	1 June 2011 p 59	28.07.11	25.08.11
24.	DFAT	Senator FERGUSON	Detainees	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?	1 June 2011 p 68	28.07.11	25.08.11
25.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	Consular	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?	1 June 2011 p 69	28.07.11	25.08.11
26.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	Consular	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?	1 June 2011 p 72	28.07.11	25.08.11
27.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Consular	Senator TROOD: Did the Chinese make any representations to the Prime Minister or other senior Ministers about meeting with Rebiya Kadeer?	1 June 2011 p 75	28.07.11	25.08.11

28.	DFAT	Senator KROGER	Japan Tsunami	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?	1 June 2011 p 76	28.07.11	25.08.11
29.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	Mongolia	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?	1 June 2011 p 80	28.07.11	25.08.11
30.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM:	Burma	Senator LUDLAM: Has our ambassador visited the new Parliament in Burma?	1 June 2011 p 82	28.07.11	25.08.11
31.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	Burma	Senator LUDLAM: Can you tell me how many companies have requested briefings from the Australian embassy in Yangon since the election?	1 June 2011 p 82	28.07.11	25.08.11
32.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	Burma	Senator LUDLAM: I understand we had previously been joined by 14 other countries to discuss the proposal for an 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?	1 June 2011 p 83	28.07.11	25.08.11
33.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Human rights	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?	1 June 2011 p 84	28.07.11	25.08.11
34.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Human rights	Senator TROOD: Can you provide me with the dates and venues in mid-February for asylum seeker agreement negotiations held with the Malaysian authorities	1 June 2011 p 85	28.07.11	25.08.11
35.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Human rights	Senator TROOD: Between the time you were in Kuala Lumpur in mid-February and the discussions that had taken place late last	1 June 2011 p 85	28.07.11	25.08.11

				year, had there been a discussion of the numbers of people in the agreement who were to be exchanged back and forth?			
36.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Human rights	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?	1 June 2011 p 86	28.07.11	25.08.11
37.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Human rights	<p>Senator TROOD: When was the next discussion after February that officers from your department were involved in after the ones in Malaysia?</p> <p>Senator TROOD: Where did the negotiations then move to after your contribution and that of Mr Lewis and Mr Metcalfe in mid-February?</p> <p>Senator TROOD: The joint statement issued by the Prime Ministers says it was created on 20 May. When was the substance of this statement agreed?</p> <p>Senator TROOD: 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?</p>	1 June 2011 p 87-88	28.07.11	25.08.11
38.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Human rights	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?	1 June 2011 p 89 Transferred to another Department	28.07.11	25.08.11
39.	DFAT	Senator KROGER:	Human rights	Senator KROGER: Could you take on notice whether anybody was consulted on policy deliberations on East Timor. Was anybody consulted, or were you consulted, in relation to the	1 June 2011 p 93	28.07.11	25.08.11

				consideration of using Manus Island in PNG as a detention centre?			
40.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Live cattle export	Senator TROOD: Can you tell me whether or not when the <i>Four Corners</i> 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.	1 June 2011 p 96	28.07.11	25.08.11
41.	DFAT	Senator TROOD:	Prisoner transfer	Senator TROOD: In reference to the prisoner transfer agreement with Indonesia, where are discussions or negotiations currently up to?	1 June 2011 p 97	28.07.11	25.08.11
42.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	Human rights	Senator LUDLAM: Can you tell us whether the department has made any inquiries in relation to the case of six human rights activists, who face charges of treason for organising a meeting to screen a film about the democracy struggles in Egypt and Tunisia?	1 June 2011 p 101	28.07.11	25.08.11
43.	DFAT	Senator ABETZ	Libya	Senator ABETZ: 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? Senator ABETZ: There was an article in the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> 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	1 June 2011 p 113	28.07.11	25.08.11

				<p>assertion?</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Will the government eventually publish a list of assets that are ultimately identified?</p>			
44.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM:	Syria	<p>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?</p>	1 June 2011 p 114	28.07.11	25.08.11
45.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM:	Western Sahara	<p>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 Correll, who is the former chief of the UN Office of Legal Affairs?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: 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?</p>	1 June 2011 p 114-115	28.07.11	25.08.11
46.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	Western Sahara	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Have the companies that are involved in importing phosphate from Western Sahara into Australia sought advice of any kind from DFAT?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Does the federal government support the inclusion of human rights monitoring in the mandate of the UN</p>	1 June 2011 p 116	28.07.11	25.08.11

				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.			
47.	DFAT	Senator KROGER	Human rights	Senator KROGER: Have you had any representations from anyone in Australia who has family members in Camp Ashraf? What kind of assistance could we provide to them?	1 June 2011 p 119	28.07.11	25.08.11
48.	DFAT	Senator KROGER	People smuggling	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?	2 June 2011 p 12	28.07.11	25.08.11
49.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Indian Ocean	Senator TROOD: Is there anything on the horizon specifically that might advance the Indian Ocean group forum proposal?	2 June 2011 p 15	28.07.11	25.08.11
50.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Budget	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.	2 June 2011 p 16	28.07.11	25.08.11
51.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	IAEA	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?	2 June 2011 p 25	28.07.11	25.08.11

52.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	ASNO	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?	2 June 2011 p 25		25.08.11
53.	DFAT	Senator BIRMINGHAM:	Australia Network	Senator BIRMINGHAM: If possible, can you provide me with the names of those on the Australia Network tender evaluation board?	2 June 2011 p 30	28.07.11	25.08.11
54.	DFAT	Senator BIRMINGHAM	Australia Network	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: 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?</p> <p>In terms of the tender documents that were prepared by DFAT, who signed off on those tender documents, Secretary or the Minister?</p> <p>Did the Minister seek any changes to those tender documents?</p> <p>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 is able to be made public?</p>	31	28.07.11	25.08.11
55.	DFAT	Senator BIRMINGHAM	Australia Network	<p>Senator BIRMINGHAM: 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?</p> <p>Has DFAT made any compliance instructions to the ABC in the life of the current contract?</p> <p>The tender documents require the contractor to provide weekly</p>	2 June 2011 p 31	28.07.11	25.08.11

				<p>programming schedules to DFAT. Who would you expect to review those? Is there an existing requirement for that to occur with the current contractor?</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Has the department provided written explanations of the aspects of the tender document to the tenderers at any stage during the process?</p>			
56.	DFAT	Senator TROOD:	Public Diplomacy	Senator TROOD: There is a figure of \$115,000 for public diplomacy administration on this attachment A. What are you administering? It is second from the bottom.	2 June 2011 p 35	28.07.11	25.08.11
57.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Brennan review	Senator TROOD: Can you consider making a cleared version of the Brennan Report available to the Committee on a confidential basis?	2 June 2011 p 36	28.07.11	25.08.11
58.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Passports	<p>Senator TROOD: When will the passports biometrics technology tender close? When are you hoping the panel will be in place?</p> <p>Can you tell me how much biometric data DFAT now holds? (numbers of images)</p>	2 June 2011 p 39	28.07.11	25.08.11
59.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	IT Security	Senator TROOD: How much is the intrusion prevention system for Satin Hi contract for?	2 June 2011 p 41	28.07.11	25.08.11
60.	DFAT	Senator HEFFERNAN	Tariffs	Senator HEFFERNAN: There are reports that there is an implied minimum value being put on Australian rock lobsters, as	2 June 2011 p 46	28.07.11	25.08.11

				opposed to other rock lobsters, in what might be a discriminatory way. What currency is that discrimination defined in: Chinese or US dollars?			
61.	DFAT	Senator ABETZ	China tariffs	Senator ABETZ: Does China have an import tariff on motor vehicles?	2 June 2011 p 50	28.07.11	25.08.11
62.	DFAT	Senator ABETZ	GCC	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?	2 June 2011 p 52	28.07.11	25.08.11
63.	DFAT	Senator RONALDSON	Trade	Senator RONALDSON: In 2009-10 Australia exported about \$12 billion worth of coal. Is that correct? Are my figures right? 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? What are the top 10 importers of Australian coal? Do you know which countries are Australia's top 10 competitors when it comes to selling coal on the world market?	2 June 2011 p 62	28.07.11	25.08.11
64.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	EFIC	Senator LUDLAM: You indicated that you have funded one renewable energy related project, which was in Sri Lanka. Can you just tell us how much that one was worth, what we invested?	2 June 2011 p 64	28.07.11	25.08.11
65.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	EFIC	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	2 June 2011 p 65	28.07.11	25.08.11

				National Interest Account?			
66.	DFAT	Senator LUDLAM	EFIC	Senator LUDLAM: Could you table for the committee the qualifications and expertise of relevant staff in your technical and environment area who are involved in corporate social responsibility?	2 June 2011 p 66	28.07.11	25.08.11
67.	DFAT	Senator ABETZ		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 Haman to amend its charter?	2 June 2011 p 77	28.07.11	25.08.11
68.	DFAT	Senator BIRMINGHAM	Funding	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
69.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Staffing	How many permanent staff recruited this FYTD? What classification are these staff? How many temporary positions exist or have been created this FYTD? This FYTD, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

70.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts	<p>Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?</p> <p>If so, where and at what classification?</p> <p>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.</p> <p>What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
71.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Government Advertising	<p>What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken, or are planning to undertake?</p> <p>For each program, what is the total spend?</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
72.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Hospitality and Entertainment	<p>What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD?</p> <p>Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD.</p> <p>Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p> <p>What is the Department's entertainment spend FYTD?</p> <p>Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend FYTD.</p> <p>Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

73.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Board Appointments	<p>What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?</p> <p>Please detail any board appointments for the FYTD.</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
74.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Grants	<p>Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
75.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Freedom of Information	<p>Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?</p> <p>How many FOI requests has the Department received?</p> <p>How many have been granted or denied?</p> <p>How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
76.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Community Cabinets	<p>What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held this FYTD?</p> <p>How many Ministerial Staff travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>How many Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting? What was the total cost of this travel?</p> <p>What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
77.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Reviews	<p>How many Reviews are currently being undertaken by all departments and agencies in each portfolio?</p> <p>When will each of these reviews be concluded?</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

				<p>What reviews have been concluded FYTD?</p> <p>Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?</p> <p>When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?</p> <p>What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?</p> <p>What further reviews are planned for 2010 - 11 FY?</p>			
78.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Consultancies	<p>How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway this FYTD? 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). Please also include total value for all consultancies.</p> <p>Does each department and agency stand by its current tenders on the Austenders website? 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? Explain. Are up to date with reporting requirements?</p> <p>How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year?</p> <p>Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
79.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Media Monitoring	<p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office FYTD?</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

				<p>Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p> <p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Department and its agencies in FYTD?</p> <p>Which agency or agencies provided these services?</p>			
80.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Social Media	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.	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
81.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Contractors	<p>Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details.</p> <p>Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

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82.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Discretionary Grants	<p>Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants FYTD? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.</p> <p>Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
83.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Commissioned Reports	<p>How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your portfolio FYTD? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.</p> <p>How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?</p> <p>What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

84.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Hospitality Spend	<p>What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD? 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.</p> <p>For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD. 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.</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
85.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee Meetings	<p>How much time is spent preparing papers/submissions for Cabinet and Sub-Cabinet Committee meetings?</p> <p>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).</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
86.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Government Payments of Accounts	<p>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.)</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

87.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Government stationery requirements	<p>What are the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. special type of paper, envelopes)?</p> <p>What are the cost of these items?</p> <p>Is the Department/portfolio agencies paying for these?</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
88.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Media Subscriptions	<p>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.</p> <p>Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to newspapers? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what newspapers.</p> <p>Does your department or agencies within your portfolio subscribe to magazines? If yes, please provide the reason why, the cost and what magazines.</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
89.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Travel Costs	<p>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.</p> <p>For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised separately) for any Minister and Parliamentary staff that accompanied the Minister and Parliamentary on their travel and include a similar breakdown of the costs incurred by or on behalf of those staff.</p> <p>For the FYTD, please provide the same information (itemised</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

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90.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Legal costs	<p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD within the department and agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p> <p>What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services FYTD from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
91.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Education expenses	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.	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
92.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Executive Coaching and Leadership Training	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Total spending on these services 2. The number of employees offered these services and their employment classification 3. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their employment classification 4. The names of all service providers engaged 	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

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93.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Paid Parental Leave	<p>Please list how many staff in each portfolio department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11
94.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Workpoint space	<p>For each portfolio department and agency office please list the occupied workpoint space allocated per person.</p> <p>Does this adhere to the Government's Commonwealth Property Management Guidelines (the Guidelines)? Explain.</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

				<p>I. If yes, please explain if any refurbishment was required to meet the Guidelines and what the costs were.</p> <p>a. What savings did each portfolio department and agency achieve by meeting the Guidelines? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.</p> <p>b. How much of these savings has each portfolio department and agency kept? Please itemise each portfolio department and agency separately.</p> <p>II. If no, please give details why it does not, including whether an exemption has been received by the Finance Minister.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>b. Are there plans to meet the Guidelines? Please explain.</p>			
95.	DFAT	Senator TROOD	Staffing	<p>As at today's date, what is the DFAT total actual staff level (FTE)?</p> <p>How many of these are A-based staff and how many are locally-engaged staff?</p> <p>How many non-LES DFAT staff are now posted overseas?</p> <p>How many DFAT staff are now located in Canberra?</p> <p>Since 30 June 2010, how many of any <u>newly created A-based positions</u> (whether at post, in Canberra or in State offices are (in FTE terms):</p>	Written	28.07.11	25.08.11

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