

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question No. 1

Program: DFAT

Topic: Counter-terrorism

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Senator Brandis

Question

I want to ask about the department's role in monitoring overseas terrorist incidents, in particular incidents that may have a bearing upon Australia. When you said in your earlier answer that there is a coordinating machinery, was it the threat assessment centre housed within ASIO, but having relationships with other departments and agencies, that you were referring to? I'm very happy for you to take the question on notice and give me a detailed response about this rather complicated set of committees.

Answer

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has a general reporting role consistent with its mandate to inform the Australian government of developments overseas, including terrorist incidents.

Under the Australian Government Crisis Management Framework, the Minister for Foreign Affairs is the lead Minister for international crises, including acts of terrorism overseas. Depending on the nature of the incident, DFAT could establish an Inter-Departmental Emergency Task force (IDETF) to coordinate a Government response to the incident. A senior DFAT official would chair the IDETF. The National Security Adviser (or Deputy) may elect to co-chair the IDETF when appropriate.

The Ambassador for Counter-Terrorism coordinates Australia's international counter-terrorism engagement. As part of this role, he convenes meetings of the inter-agency International Counter-Terrorism Coordination Group. This group does not however consider on-shore operational matters.

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The Ambassador for Counter-Terrorism is also a member of the Australia-New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee (ANZCTC), which is tasked with coordination of state and federal agencies' preparedness to prevent and respond to terrorist incidents. The ANZCTC is chaired by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. The ANZCTC does not however have an operational role.

The Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) houses the National Threat Assessment Centre (NTAC) which has the primary responsibility for monitoring international and domestic terrorist threats.

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Senator Brandis

Question

Is ASIO the only one of the Australian national security agencies that sits on the Australia-New Zealand Counter-Terrorism Committee? Provide as full information as possible on the membership of the Committee.

Answer

Agencies making up the membership of the ANZCTC are:

- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Attorney-General's Department
- Australian Security Intelligence Organisation
- Australian Federal Police
- Department of Defence
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Australian Capital Territory Government
- Australian Capital Territory Police
- New South Wales Ministry for Police & Emergency Services
- New South Wales Police
- Northern Territory Chief Minister's Department
- Northern Territory Police
- Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- Queensland Police Service
- South Australia Department of the Premier and Cabinet
- South Australia Police
- Tasmania Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Tasmania Police
- Victoria Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Victoria Police
- Western Australia Department of Premier and Cabinet
- Western Australia Police
- New Zealand Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- New Zealand Police
- New Zealand Security Intelligence Service

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Observer agencies on the ANZCTC

- Department of Finance and Deregulation
- Department of Health and Ageing
- Border Protection Command
- Department of Infrastructure and Transport

Agency acting as a Special Advisor to ANZCTC

- Office of National Assessments

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Question No. 3

Program: DFAT

Topic: Redundancies

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Senator Kroger

Question

Do you have the level of each of those officers who were offered redundancies during both of those financial years (2011-12 and 2012-13)?

Answer

The APS level of officers offered redundancies by financial year is as follows:

Broadband	2011-12	2012-13
APS 1-5	10	0
APS6/EL1	11	13
EL2	7	6
SES	3	3
Total	31	22

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Topic: Redundancies

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Senator Kroger

Question

What was the total payment for both financial years 2011-12 and 2012-13 in terms of actual redundancy payments?

Answer

The total payment in terms of actual redundancy payments by financial year is as follows:

2011-12	2012-13
\$ 2,963,225	\$ 2,466,090

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Redundancies

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Senator Kroger

Question

Does DFAT keep a record of the number of people it offers redundancies to? Could you take it on notice for both the 2011-12 financial year and the 2012-13 financial year?

Answer

Yes.

In 2011-12 the department made 34 offers of voluntary redundancy of which 31 were accepted.

In 2012-13 the department made 22 offers of voluntary redundancy of which all 22 have been accepted.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Sri Lanka asylum seekers

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Senator Eggleston

Question

When was DFAT first made aware of the Sri Lankan asylum seeker who may have murdered his girlfriend in Sri Lanka before coming to Australia? According to testimony provided by the Australian Federal Police at Senate Estimates last week, the AFP was first alerted to the possibility that this man may have committed a crime in Sri Lanka by the Australian Consul in Colombo. I presumed that was a DFAT officer. If the department also got this advice, did you advise the foreign minister of this information and has DFAT received any advice or participated in any discussions with other government agencies regarding this individual.

Answer

On 4 July 2012, the Australian High Commission in Colombo received a letter from a Sri Lankan non-government organisation referring to an alleged murder suspect who was believed to have left Sri Lanka for Australia. The AFP, following consultation with DFAT at post, forwarded the letter to its headquarters in Canberra.

In April 2013, the High Commission informed DFAT in Canberra that the AFP in Colombo had advised the High Commissioner that there was a Sri Lankan person in Australia whose protection claims were being assessed and who was alleged to have committed murder in Sri Lanka. Information available suggested no charges had been laid by the Sri Lankan authorities. DIAC was aware of this information.

No further subsequent action was taken by DFAT in Canberra or Colombo as the relevant government agencies (AFP and DIAC) were aware of the issue. DFAT did not advise the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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Topic: Overseas posts

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Senator Eggleston

Question

How many countries in Eastern Europe do we cover and how many missions do we have there?

Answer

The Australian Government currently covers 30 countries in Eastern Europe with five resident accreditations and 25 non-resident accreditations or Honorary Consuls.

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Senator Kroger

Question

- A. Please provide the details of the termination payments [to the Locally Engaged Staff in Budapest]: what the requirements are, whether we seek to just fill the minimum level of requirements; or**
- B. Whether we actually provide more, given that they have been working for an Australian embassy?**

Answer

- A. Under Article 95 of the Hungarian Labour Law, staff at the Australian Embassy Budapest are entitled to redundancy pay based on the sum of the average earnings and length of service at the Embassy.
- B. DFAT will provide an enhanced redundancy package in recognition of the service provided by the employees to the Australian Government.

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Topic: Development Assistance Program (DAP)

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

A. *I am just trying to clarify the figures in relation to the DAP. In the last estimates, in February, I asked a question and you took some of it on notice. I asked about a complete list of projects involving the Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group. You provided me with a comprehensive list, but it has been linked to the financial year 2012. I was unclear whether that was 2011-12 or 2012-13. It is question No. 15 on page 21 of what you supplied.*

B. *If that was for 2011-12, can you also supply the same information for the 2012-13 financial year?*

Answer

A. The information provided related to the 2011-12 financial year.

B.

Name of Project	Location	Company	NGO	Nature of Project
Middle Island Resources Ltd Liberian Zai Town Classroom Block Project	Tchien District, Grand Gedeh County, Liberia	Middle Island Resources Ltd	Evangelical Children Rehabilitation Education Program (ECREP)	The construction of an annexe classroom block for Zai Town school, consisting of 3 classrooms a library, a laboratory and a teachers' office and lounge.

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Middle Island Pouni-Nord Burkinabe Solar-Powered Water Project	Pouni-Nord, Sanguié, Burkina Faso	Middle Island Resources Ltd	Eau Vive	Installation of a solar pumping system connected to the public water supply system to reduce operating costs; addition of a public tap stand; and further training for the water management committee in Pouni-Nord community.
Noble Gold Junior High School ICT Project	Bibiani, Western Region, Ghana	Noble Gold Bibiani Ltd	N/A	To provide the Noble Gold Bibiani Junior High School's ICT centre with computers and other ICT-related equipment.
Karonga School for the Deaf	Karonga District, Malawi	Paladin Energy	FEPAC – Friends and Employees of Paladin	Purchase of building materials for the construction of a three-classroom block and teachers' house at Karonga School for the Deaf.
Erongo Development Foundation	Erongo Region, Namibia	Bannerman Resources	Erongo Development Foundation	Support for seven individuals of the Erongo region to complete their first year of a 4-year apprenticeship in artisanal trades identified by the Erongo Development Foundation as being critical skills in the region.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Direct Aid Program

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

For 2012-13, could you provide a list of projects that have received DAP program funding that are not community groups or NGOs? Could that include the name of the project, the location, the company involved, and can you name any NGO that has been hired to facilitate the project (DAP program in general, not just Africa)?

Answer

Four DAP projects in the list below engaged NGOs to facilitate delivery of the program. The NGOs are: Erongo Development Foundation (Namibia); Eau Vive (Burkina Faso); Evangelical Children Rehabilitation Education Program (ECREP) (Liberia); and Friends and Employees of Paladin (FEPAC) (Malawi).

Name of Project	Location	Non NGO Partner	NGO facilitating
DENG and The Bolgatanga Solar Energy and Water Training Centre	Bolgatanga, Upper East Region, Ghana	Bolgatanga Polytechnical Institute and DENG Ghana Ltd	N/A
Noble Gold Junior High School ICT Project	Bibiani, Western Region, Ghana	Noble Gold Bibiani Limited	N/A
The Orthopaedic Training Centre's Information Communication Technology Centre Project	Nsawam, Eastern Region, Ghana	Orthopedic Training Centre	N/A
African Union Liaison Office Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) in Liberia and Sierra Leone	Congo Town area of Monrovia (Liberia) and Western rural area of Free Town (Sierra Leone)	African Union Liaison Office	N/A
Closing the Gap: From Evidence to Action	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	The Ethiopian Nurses Association	N/A

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Palandoken District Governor's office – Social Support Foundation	Erzurum, Palandoken, Turkey	Palandoken District Governor's office	N/A
Women's Health Centre in Tunceli	Tunceli, Turkey	Tunceli Municipality	N/A
Improvement of the Safe House' Care Home facilities	Kanchanaburi Province, Thailand	Kwai River Christian Hospital	N/A
Health check and training for women from Luoli Town	Luoli Townshi, Liping County, Guizhou Province, People's Republic of China	Local government	N/A
Mini Tiller for impoverished Tibetan households	Gonghuo Village, Batang, Ganzi, Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China	Tibetan Department, Qinghai Teacher's University	N/A
Middle Island Resources Ltd Liberian Zai Town Classroom Block Project	Tchien District, Grand Gedeh County, Liberia	Middle Island Resources Ltd	Evangelical Children Rehabilitation Education Program (ECREP)
A Further Step for Health: Defibrillator and EKG Equipment Supply for Two Ambulances at Gallipoli Peninsula	Canakkale Eceabat, Turkey	Canakkale Health Department	N/A
ECG machine and computer equipment for health screening and education purposes	Anaikatti, Unjavalampatti, Mayavaram, Vallimalai, Devakotti (Tamil Nadu), India	TKK Hospital	N/A
Block Mode Course on Medical Immunobiology at Jaffna University	Jaffna, Sri Lanka	James Cook University	N/A
Advocating for improving infant and young child feeding in Bangladesh: Disseminating learning from an existing study	Bangladesh	International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research	N/A
Bangladesh Catholic Nurses Guild (BCNG) Health Centre	Dharendra, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh	Bangladesh Catholic Nurses Guild	N/A
Improving Livelihoods of the Rural Poor (Men & Women) through Sustainable Beekeeping Including Sanitation and Conserve Biodiversity in the Project site/area.	Modhupur, Tangail, Bangladesh	Bangladesh Institute of Apiculture	N/A
Publishing and Distribution of Tetum and	Ermera sub-district, Ermera,	Biblioteka Ermera	N/A

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local language books	Timor-Leste		
Building agricultural production model adapting to drought in coastal sandy areas	Quang Tri Province, North Vietnam	Center For Climate Change Study In Central Vietnam	N/A
Karonga School for the Deaf	Karonga District, Malawi	Paladin Energy	Friends and Employees of Paladin (FEPAC)
Harare City Library (HCL) Project	Harare, Zimbabwe	Harare City Library Management Committee	N/A
Mana Pools Community Clinic project	Mana Pools, Mashonal and Central Province, Zimbabwe	Mana Pools National Park, Department of Parks and Wildlife Authority	N/A
Building 1 classroom for Truong Phu Kindergarten	Can Tho City, Vietnam	Department of Education and Training of Phong Dien District	N/A
Books for AusAID supported Electoral Education and Information Centre library	Kantipath, Kathmandu	Election Commission of Nepal	N/A
Small-scale infrastructure development to benefit school girls and young monks from underprivileged families - Bhutan	Thimphu, Bhutan	Dr Karma Tshering (individual philanthropist)	N/A
Federation Hihifo post Evan cyclone reconstruction	Northern district of Wallis Island, Wallis and Futuna	District of Hihifo	N/A
Clean Up Pohnpei	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	Environmental Protection Agency (Government body)	N/A
Bureau of Public Safety's White Ribbon Campaign	Koror, Palau	Bureau of Public Safety	N/A
Protecting communities from the effects of adverse weather in Kolonia Town	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	Kolonia Town Government	N/A
Pohnpei Community Healthy Lifestyle Learn to Swim Program	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	FSM National Olympic Committee	N/A
Empowering Communities in Sokeh's for road maintenance and beautification	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	Sokeh's Municipal Council	N/A
U Municipal Government Sports Program	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	U Municipal Government	N/A
Middle Island Pouni-Nord Burkinabe Solar-Powered Water Project	Pouni-Nord, Sanguié, Burkina Faso	Middle Island Resources Ltd	Eau Vive
Irrigation, drinking water	Dzindri, Comoros	United Nations	N/A

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system and training in good farming practices for farmers in the village of Dzindri, Comoros		Development Program	
Dapera Village Water Project	Panguna District, Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea	Modapi Village Assembly	N/A
Arms Trade Treaty Workshop	Caribbean Region	Caribbean Coalition for Development and the Reduction of Armed Violence (CDRAV)	N/A
Protected Organic Horticulture and Adaptation to Climate Change in Suriname	Suriname	The Caribbean Institute	N/A
Bring Burmese Journalists to Cambodia for ASEAN Summit	Phnom Pehn, Cambodia	Independent Journalism Foundation	N/A
Erongo Development Foundation	Namibia	Bannerman Resources	Erongo Development Foundation
Myanmar Constitutional Reform Workshop Program	Yangon	Sydney Law School	N/A

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

How much will DFAT grant in DAP funds in 2013-14?

Answer

The 2013-14 allocation for DAP is \$11 million.

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Please provide a list of DAP projects administered in the Philippines in the last two years – and again, could we have it as you have been setting out in other material that you have supplied us with: the name of the project, the location, the company involved and the name of any NGO that is hired to facilitate the project (specifically in regard to projects which have a private sector involvement)?

Answer

Name of Project	Location	Company	NGO	Nature of Project
2012-13				
Bringing low cost water technology to poorest communities	Barangays Kalilangan and Alip Lalabuan, Masiu, Lanao del Sur		Ranao Institute for Peace and Development (RIFPAD) Inc	Construct two small water systems
Construction of additional transmission line for Klubi Potable Water System	Barangay Klubi, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato)		Lake Sebu Indigenous Women Weavers Association Inc (LASIWWAI	Supply mainwater pipeline to households

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Life Skills Training and Development for Out-of-School Girls in Cagayan de Oro City	Barangay Lumbia, Cagayan de Oro City		The Alternative Bridge to Community Development (ab2cd) Inc	Purchase sewing machines, cooking stoves and gas tanks for skills development and training
Strengthening Community-based Initiatives on Livelihood Development through Pineapple Fiber Production	Barangay Batas, Silang, Cavite		Regional Center for Asia, International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)	Purchase two pineapple decorticating machines, which will be used for the community-based sustainable livelihood program for unemployed women and youth in Barangay Batas, Silang, Cavite.
The Banig Republic Project	Salvacion Barangay, Malilipot Municipality, Cagraray Island, Bicol		Simbag sa Pag-asenso (SEDP) Inc	Conduct extensive repairs and fund the expansion of the existing workshop facility, which currently employs 21 women as mat weavers and 11 women as cushioned mat manufacturers
Livelihood Training Center	Zone 3, Panul-iran, Abuno, Iligan City		Rising Star Multi-Purpose Cooperative (RSMPC)	Purchase roofing materials to complete the livelihood training centre, which is located at the 2nd floor of the RSMPC building in Abuno, Iligan City
Livelihood Skills Training Assistance Program for Sexually Abused and Maltreated Street Girls	Capitol Park Homes, Old Balara, Diliman, Quezon City		Tahanan Sta Luisa (TSL)	Purchase 10 sewing machines, tools and materials for Tahanan Sta Luisa's (TSL) training on sewing, embroidery, cross stitching and making of ladies' fashion accessories/ornaments.
Alternative Livelihood Skills Training on Bakery	Purok Gabi, Brgy Gredu, Panabo City, Davao del Norte		Community Welfare Service Lotus Foundation (CWSLFI)	Purchase baking tools and equipment (storage compartments, spiral mixers, baking racks, bread slicers, blower rings) for the proposed skills training program.

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Improving and Restoring Soil Fertility thru Community-based Production of Organic Fertilizer for Marginal Rice Farmers	Bono-Bono, Bataraza, Palawan		Bonobono Gintong Butil Multi-Purpose Cooperative (BGBMPC)	Purchase two units of mobile organic waste shredder. The shredders will be used by farmers to produce organic fertilizer that they can apply in their rice farm
Home for Disadvantaged Young Girls in Pangantucan, Bukidnon (Father Palau Center)	RockyVillage, Barangay Poblacion, Pangantucan, Bukidnon		Carmelitas Misioneras Teresianas (CMT)	Purchase materials for the construction of a home for disadvantaged young girls in Pangantucan and neighbouring towns in the province of Bukidnon..
Strengthening the Partnership Capabilities of San Simon Multi-Purpose Cooperative and the Municipal Government of San Simon to Minimise the Effects of Flood Inundation	San Jose, San simon, Pampanga		San Simon Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SSMPC)	Purchase materials for the construction of a strategically located on-site mini disaster management centre for the coordination and monitoring of rescue efforts during flooding/water inundation in affected barangays.
Construction of Classroom	Barangay Bitoon, Jaro, Iloilo City		1Meal One Opportunity Program	Purchase of materials for the construction of a standard classroom in Bitoon Elementary School located in Barangay Bitoon, Jaro, Iloilo City
Upgrading of Galilee Resource Center Orthotic and Prosthetic Workshop: Tools and Equipment	Bicol Regional Teaching and Training Hospital (BRTTH) Compound, Legazpi City		Simon of Cyrene Children's Rehabilitation and Development Foundation Inc (SCCRDFI)	Purchase equipment necessary for the upgrading of the Galilee Resource Center workshop; making it a safer, more efficient and effective production area for prostheses and orthoses

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Birthing Equipment for Maternal Health Care	Bayanijuan Southville 7, Barangay Dayap, Calauan, Laguna		Bantay Bata (Child Watch) 163	Purchase birthing equipment for the expansion of the existing pre-natal clinic into a lying-in clinic that can be accessed by poor young pregnant mothers in the community during child delivery.
Bag and Slipper Making	Ilayang Iyam, Lucena City		Livelihood Program, Sr Teresa of Sto Nino' Center Inc (STSNCI)	Purchase specialised equipment for the production of bag and slippers. The bag and slipper production is an income generating activity proposed by the Sr Teresa of Sto Nino's Center Inc (STSNCI) to provide additional opportunity to unemployed women from poor families in the community to earn income to provide for the household's basic needs.
Community Learning and Training Centers Project (CLTCP)	Barangays Macasandig, Balulang, Puntod, Dansolihon, Carmen and Consolacion of Cagayan de Oro City		Safer River, Life Saver Foundation Inc (SRLSFI)	Purchase of materials for the construction of a community learning and training centre in each of the six upstream and downstream riverbank cluster barangays covered by the project.
2011-12				
Kematu Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Building Construction Project	Sitio El-Lubog, Barangay Kematu, T'boli, South Cotabato		Tribal Leaders Development Foundation Inc	Purchase materials for the construction of the ECCD centre in Barangay Kematu and also to Purchase educational toys and materials.

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Additional Classroom at the Bartimaeus Center for Alternative Learning (BCAL)	Tiaong, Quezon		Bethsaida CBR Services for the Disabled Inc	Purchase materials for the construction of an additional 63 square meter classroom in the Bartimaeus Center for Alternative Learning (BCAL)
Multi-Purpose Building for Indigenous Women of Kalinga	Sitio Laguinday, Minagbag, Quezon, Isabela		Mandiga Community Center of Kalinga Inc (MCCI)	Purchase materials for the construction of a multi-purpose centre for indigenous Kalinga women in a lot owned by the Mandiga Community Center of Kalinga Inc (MCCI)
Construction of Community Training Center	Barangay 1 Poblacion, Sta Magdalena, Sorsogon		Building and Organising Christian Communities (BOCC) Inc	Purchase materials for the construction of a community training centre.
Renovation/Improvement of the Center for Skills Enhancement and Enterprise Development (CENTER-SEED) for the Women of Lobo	Poblacion, Lobo, Batangas		Lobo Community Development Center Inc (LCDCI)	The Center requires major repairs after it was ravaged by a series of strong typhoons that passed through the area (Lobo is a coastal town in the southernmost part of the province of Batangas) in 2009 (Typhoons Ondoy, Peping and Santi)
A Home of Our Own - Drop in Center, Crisis Center and Bridge Classroom	Malate, Manila		Bahay Tuluyan	Purchase furnishings and functional equipment for the newly completed Bahay Tuluyan's Children's Center (the Center) in Malate Manila.
Barangay Potable Water System Project	Barangay Amai Sindaolan Dansalan, Masiu, Lanao del Sur		Philippine Foundation for Resources Management Inc (PFRM)	Construction and installation of a community water and sanitation system

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Procurement of a Water Pump and Installation of Micro Sprinklers and Drip Irrigation Systems	San Miguel, Bulacan		GreenEarth Heritage Foundation Inc	Setting up of a water tank and a water pump, and the installation of micro sprinklers and drip irrigation system in eight greenhouses set up in the Green Earth Heritage Foundation (GEHF) farm
Enhancing the Economic Productivity of Small Farmers in Barangay Monic through Integrated Community Development Program	Barangay Monic, Nampicuan, Nueva Ecija		Alalay sa Kaunlaran Inc (ASKI) Foundation	Construction of two units of multi-purpose pavement (solar dryer), which will primarily be used for the drying of rice and corn products of farmers.
Setting Up of the PCF Community Bakery	Balut, Tondo, Manila		The Philippine Christian Foundation Inc	Retrofitting of a container van into a functional bakery, and to Purchase supplemental materials and equipment such as microwave, refrigerator, cold and hot water dispenser, bicycles (for ambulant vending), delivery containers, and bread slicer.
Utilising Market Wastes through Composting and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Province	Barangay Antonino, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro		Mindoro (Oriental) Ecological and Sustainable Agricultural Federation (MESAFED) Inc	Purchase a waste shredder to process market wastes (mostly fruit peelings and rotten vegetables, coconut husks/shells, etc) into raw materials for the production of organic fertilizer

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Coastal Resource Rehabilitation and Poverty Alleviation for Igsuonay sa Bulado (ISB) Members	Barangay Bulado, Guihulngan, Negros Oriental		Center for People's Resources and Services, Inc (CPRSI)	Construct and install 20 artificial coral reefs in the marine/coastal areas of Sitios Talisay, Piapi, Tinayon and Agayayan in Barangay Bulado, and to establish a small water system for drinking and irrigation of the four-hectare ISB communal farm, also located in Barangay Bulado.
Construction of Additional 3rd Floor for the Technical/Vocational Training of the Poon-Masiu Institute of Technology (PMIT)	Angkaya Complex, Poblacion, Barangay Labay Moriatao-Bae, Masiu, Lanao del Sur		Poona-Masiu Institute of Technology Inc and Sultan Piti-ilan of Poona Masiu	Construction of three classrooms.
Communal Portable Ecosan Toilets for Clustered Survivors of Typhon Sendong in the Cities of Iligan and Cagayan de Oro	Barangays Kauswagan, Baikongon and Indahag in Cagayan de Oro City and Barangays Purok Wago, Mandulog, Barinaut, Bayug and Hinaplanon in Iligan City		Water, Agroforestry, Nutrition and Development (WAND Foundation)	Purchase materials for the construction and installation of thirty (30) communal portable ecosan toilets for communities affected by Typhoon Sendong in the cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan.
Lem-Ehek Water System Main Pipe Line Rehabilitation	Barangay Lamdalag, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato		Santa Cruz Mission School Inc	Purchase materials for the rehabilitation of the 20-year old SCMS-owned water system, which runs from the main water source in Barangay Lamdalag to SCMS in Poblacion, Lake Sebu

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Food Processing Center (Livelihood Project)	Mater Dolorosa Parish, 19th East Avenue, East Rembo, Makati City		Caritas Manila	Purchase equipment and materials for the proposed food processing centre
Bahay-Tuluyan for Marine Protected Area (MPA) Research and Monitoring and for Community-based Eco-Tourism Project	Barangay Caramay, Roxas, Palawan		Maliliit na Mangingisda ng Caramay Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MMCMPC)	Purchase materials for the construction of a 'bahay-tuluyan' (a house or inn that provides temporary shelter) in Barangay Caramay, Roxas, Palawan. The facility will serve as a field office of the MMCMPC's coordinating unit for its inter-agency coastal and marine biodiversity conservation work in the municipality of Roxas.
Establishment of The Learning Center (TLC) Gift Shop and Rehabilitation of the Adjoining Kitchen Workshop	Merville Park Subdivision, Paranaque, Metro Manila		The Learning Center (TLC)	Purchase materials for the construction of the gift shop and the rehabilitation of the adjoining kitchen workshop.
Repair of the Roofing and Ceiling of the Hallway of the Administration Building / Social Services Office / Holy Angels Dormitory (Nursery Annex)	Ayala Bridge, Manila		Hospicio de San Jose (HSJ)	Repair recurring leakages and dripping of water into the hallways of the offices and the Holy Angels dormitory extension (where the nursery and the dormitory for the elderly are located) of Hospicio de San Jose (HSJ).

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Question No. 13

Program: DFAT

Topic: People Smuggling

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Senator Fawcett

Question

I have had a look through the 2012-13 portfolio budget statement. There is no mention of an amount for anti people smuggling there. Could you advise the amount that was spent on anti people smuggling?

Answer

The department was appropriated \$4,502,000 for the 2012-13 financial year under the “*Border Security – international engagement to prevent and disrupt maritime people smuggling*” Measure in the 2011-12 Budget (Budget Paper No. 19, 2011-12, Table 1.2).

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Question No. 14

Program: DFAT

Topic: China

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Senator Eggleston

Question

In relation to annual meetings between Chinese leadership and the Australian Government: the leaders and foreign ministers of China, under strategy, meet every year. What is the status of the 1999 agreement [vis-à-vis later arrangements, such as the announcement of a strategic dialogue in 2007 and the PM's visit in April 2013]?

Answer

Australian and Chinese leaders announced in 1999 and again in 2007 their intention to hold annual meetings of senior leaders, as well as annual meetings between foreign ministers.

Both before and after those announcements, leaders continued to meet more or less annually in the margins of multilateral meetings in third countries. Substantive meetings occurred during formal bilateral visits, but these were not annual. Chinese visit practice in Australia was at less than head-of-state or head-of-government-level in most years. That is, visits were by any member of the Politburo Standing Committee (PSC). There were annual visits to Australia by a PSC member each year through most of the 2000s.

The new mechanism established in April 2013 is more ambitious in its scope and scale. It is a formalised commitment for the Australian Prime Minister and the Chinese Premier to meet on an annual basis, with a bilaterally prepared agenda. These meetings may take place other than in Australia or China.

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Australia and China have also committed to hold: frequent meetings between Australia's foreign minister and China's state councillor responsible for foreign affairs; an annual Foreign and Strategic Dialogue (between Australia's Foreign Minister and China's Foreign Minister); and an annual Economic Cooperation Dialogue (Australia's Treasurer and Trade Minister with the head of China's National Development and Reform Commission).

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Question No. 15

Program: DFAT

Topic: Mongolia

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

What communication, if any, has Senator Carr or DFAT had with Rio Tinto regarding the Oyu Tolgoi mine in Mongolia? What was the nature of those discussions?

Answer

Senator Carr met Mr Cameron McRae, CEO of Oyu Tolgoi, in Ulaanbaatar on Tuesday 2 October during his visit to Mongolia. They discussed the development of the mine.

The Australian Ambassador, based in Seoul, has had regular discussions concerning Oyu Tolgoi with Rio Tinto regarding the development of the mine and related issues, as has the Australian Consul-General, based in Ulaanbaatar.

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Question No. 16

Program: DFAT

Topic: Direct Aid Program

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

What DAP funds have DFAT awarded in Mongolia?

Answer

Over the past five years, DFAT has supported small development projects totalling \$160,972 DAP funds to Mongolia.

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Question No. 17

Program: DFAT

Topic: North Korea

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Senator Kroger

Question

(Following advice from Senator Carr that financial sanctions applied to North Korea by China had been seen as welcome by countries like-minded with us, including the US)

Can you elaborate on those sanctions and how they apply?

Answer

On 7 May 2013 the Bank of China announced it had informed North Korea's Foreign Trade Bank (FTB) that the FTB's account with the Bank of China had been closed and all the Bank of China's financial transactions with the FTB had been suspended. The FTB is the bank established by North Korea to undertake foreign transactions and the Bank of China's action makes it more difficult for North Korea to gain access to foreign exchange.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question No. 18

Program: DFAT

Topic: Papuan provinces of Indonesia

Question on Notice

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Senator Di Natale

Question

You talk about the Australian government raising the issue of human rights with the Indonesians. On 1 May, there was a peaceful protest to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Indonesian control over West Papua. We had the Australian media reporting that police reacted violently to the protest. Two people died as a result. Many more were wounded. How did you raise those concerns with the Indonesians?

Answer

Following reports of violence around the 1 May protests, the Embassy made enquiries into the circumstances of the shootings with its large network of contacts in the Papuan provinces (which spans police and other government officials, activists and students, lawyers, non-government organisations (NGOs) and the media). The Embassy also discussed the reported shootings directly with the Head of the Papuan provincial police during a visit to Jayapura and Manokwari between 20-24 May.

In the course of its enquiries the Embassy confirmed there were three fatalities in Sorong, West Papua province. Papuan police have asserted they were responding in self-defence to a threat of violence from armed individuals. The Embassy has not received any information from its extensive network of civil society and activist contacts which contradicts the official version of events.

In the Embassy's discussions with the Papuan police and Indonesian authorities on the matter, it noted Australia's concerns about continuing violence in the Papuan provinces, and underlined our support for President Yudhoyono's repeated public message that any abuses by the security forces in Papua would be investigated and punished.

We continue to encourage Indonesia to allow open access to the Papuan provinces by journalists and credible observers, to allow more accurate reports by international media of the complex economic and social challenges in Papua, and the efforts of central and provincial governments to address these.

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Question No. 19

Program: DFAT

Topic: Papuan provinces of Indonesia

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Senator Di Natale

Question

A second rally on 30 May was called to protest the events where people had died. During the rally, we saw local groups claim that security forces arrested four protesters, including Victor Yeimo, who is the Chairman of the West Papuan National Committee. What was the response of the department to those arrests?*

Answer

[*We understand this to be a reference to protest activity on 13 May.]

Following reports of the arrest of protestors on 13 May, the Embassy made enquiries with contacts in Papua, including in the Papuan police and local media, about the circumstances of the arrest of Victor Yeimo and other protest organisers. This was conducted immediately after the event via sms communication, and later, during a series of face-to-face meetings in Jayapura and Manokwari between 20-24 May.

Papuan police advised that Yeimo was initially detained for his role in organising an illegal motorbike demonstration, which police judged was threatening to public order and likely to end in violence. While the other protestors were subsequently released, Yeimo was re-imprisoned in Abepura prison, Jayapura to serve the remainder of a separate 3-year sentence for subversion, which had been cut short following his previous escape from Abepura prison. Local contacts have advised Yeimo has access to legal representation.

In discussions with Indonesian police regarding the status of Yeimo and his fellow protestors, the Embassy repeated Australia's consistent message that the rights of all Indonesians should be upheld, and registered the importance of safeguarding freedom of expression, including during peaceful protests.

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Question No. 20

Program: DFAT

Topic: Papuan provinces of Indonesia

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Senator Di Natale

Question

Is DFAT aware of the current status of Victor Yeimo? Do you know where he is being held and does DFAT have any specific concerns for his welfare?

Answer

See answer to Question No. 19.

We do not hold any specific concerns for Mr Yeimo's welfare.

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Question No. 21

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Senator Di Natale

Question

I also draw your attention to reports about a number of killings in the Puncak Jaya region since April, with up to 11 people dead and 40 people missing. The West Papuan National Committee is alleging that Kopassus troops were involved in reprisals against civilians from the 1 May protests. We have also seen some photographic evidence that has been provided. Has DFAT raised specific concerns about that issue?

Answer

We are aware of claims by Papuan activist Jonah Wenda, circulated through the West Papua National Committee (KNPB), that Indonesian security forces are responsible for killings in the central highlands of Papua province. Since the claims were aired in early May, our Embassy has made repeated enquiries and held a number of discussions with local contacts in Papua (including from civil society and the media), and has been unable to obtain any information to corroborate the claims. We are not aware of any other diplomatic missions in Jakarta which have been able to corroborate these allegations. The reports have been denied by the Papuan police and by the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra. We note that unattributed photographs which show victims of violence in Papua are regularly circulated, and should not necessarily be relied on as conclusive evidence of particular events having taken place.

On 10 June, the National Liberation Army of West Papua (TPN-OPM), which Wenda purported to represent during his ABC radio interviews on the alleged mass killings (24 and 28 May), released a press statement denying that Wenda is the OPM's official spokesperson. The statement calls for national and international press to stop covering his statements, particularly where he is purporting to be the spokesman for TPN-OPM.

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Question No. 22

Program: DFAT

Topic: Papuan provinces of Indonesia

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Senator Di Natale

Question

The report from the NGO Papuans Behind Bars, during the period 30 April to 13 May indicated that three Papuan activists were killed in Sorong and that there were 36 arrests in Timika and a number of other regions, with 30 remaining in detention. A number of injuries resulted from those attacks. Has DFAT raised those specific concerns with the Indonesian government?

Answer

See answer to Question No. 18 regarding the deaths of three activists in Sorong.

In our regular discussions with Indonesian authorities, including Papuan police, we continue to convey our consistent message that the rights of all Indonesians, including in the Papuan provinces, should be upheld and credible allegations of human rights abuses investigated. We also continue to register with the Indonesian Government the importance of safeguarding freedom of expression, and to encourage Indonesia to allow open access to the Papuan provinces by journalists and credible observers, to allow more accurate reports by international media of the complex economic and social challenges in Papua. The Australian government has no authority to investigate crimes or alleged crimes in Indonesia, just as Indonesian authorities have no jurisdiction in Australia.

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Question No. 23

Program: DFAT

Topic: Papuan provinces of Indonesia

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Senator Di Natale

Question

Is the department aware of any successful prosecutions of Indonesian soldiers for human rights abuses in West Papua?

Answer

The Department is aware of the following prosecutions of Indonesian soldiers since 2010 relating to human rights abuses:

- November 2010 – four military (TNI) personnel were sentenced to 5-7 months each in prison for an incident involving the assault of civilians at a military checkpoint in Puncak Jaya District, Papua province.
- January 2011 – three TNI personnel were sentenced to 8-10 months each in prison, for an incident involving the assault and torture of two Papuan civilians at a military checkpoint in Puncak Jaya District, Papua province. We understand they were subsequently discharged from the military.

We continue to convey our consistent message to the Indonesian authorities, including the Indonesian military, that the rights of all Indonesians should be upheld, and credible allegations of human rights abuses investigated and punished.

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Question No. 24

Program: DFAT

Topic: Papuan provinces of Indonesia

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Senator Di Natale

Question

At supplementary estimates last year, I asked about progress on the investigation into the shooting of independence leader Mako Tabuni. Could I have an update on the status of that investigation? DFAT had asserted that the Indonesian police had launched an investigation into Mako Tabuni's death. What is the status of that investigation? Has the department raised the matter with the Indonesian authorities since I last asked those questions?

Answer

Following confirmation that the Indonesian Police had launched an investigation in the shooting death of Mako Tabuni, the Embassy continued its enquiries with Indonesian authorities into the status of the investigation.

Following these enquiries, on 15 November 2012 the Indonesian Police informed us that they had concluded their investigation into the shooting of Mako Tabuni. The Indonesian police do not intend to publicly release its findings. This is a matter for the Indonesian authorities; it is not appropriate for the Australian Government to comment on law enforcement processes in a foreign jurisdiction.

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Question No. 25

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular - Bali

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Senator Fawcett

Question

One recent report quoted that 31 Australians have died in the last year in Bali. Is that accurate?

Answer

During the calendar year 1 January to 31 December 2012, there were 31 deaths of Australians reported to the Australian Consulate General in Bali and registered as consular cases.

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Question No. 26

Program: DFAT

Topic: Myanmar – Human Rights Watch report

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Senator Ludlam

Question

To Senator Carr, Minister for Foreign Affairs:

Human Rights Watch has described what is occurring in that part of Myanmar as ethnic cleansing [in relation to the Rohingya people]. Is that an assessment you would concur with?

Answer

The allegation that crimes against humanity have been committed against Rohingya and Kaman Muslims in Myanmar is a serious one. Australia urges authorities in Myanmar to investigate, and if appropriate, prosecute alleged crimes in accordance with international standards. Australia's position on the need to hold alleged perpetrators of serious international crimes to account is well known.

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Question No. 27

Program: DFAT

Topic: Myanmar – humanitarian access

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Senator Ludlam

Question

Has the Australian government called on, or would you commit to calling on, the authorities to provide safe and unhindered humanitarian access for UN agencies and international and national humanitarian organisations for all affected populations, including to detention facilities in Rakhine State.

Answer

Australia has consistently urged the Myanmar Government to allow greater humanitarian assistance to internally displaced persons, including those affected by the unrest in Rakhine and Kachin States.

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Question No. 28

Program: DFAT

Topic: Myanmar – Bali process

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Senator Ludlam

Question

Will you put to the Burmese authorities to use the Bali process to forge a regional consensus to protect the rights of Rohingya fleeing by boat and to press ASEAN to adopt that consensus?

- A. A large number of displaced people have already fled the areas of violence. Is that a proposition that you are also willing to accommodate?*
- B. What interventions, if any, Australia has made in this context?*

Answer

Myanmar is a member of the Bali Process and its Ad Hoc Group - a subset of key source, transit and destination countries for irregular migration. Australia encourages Myanmar's ongoing engagement with the Bali Process.

- A. We are aware of increased numbers of internally displaced persons owing to the unrest in Rakhine State. The UN estimates the number of internally displaced people in Rakhine State at 140,000.
- B. The Australian Embassy in Yangon regularly raises directly with the Myanmar government the need to work towards a sustainable, peaceful solution to the situation in Rakhine State, which allows displaced people to return to their homes and that respects the rights of people from all communities in Rakhine State.

Australia has provided \$8.99 million (2012-13) in assistance to meet immediate humanitarian needs of people affected by the conflict in Rakhine State, making us the largest bilateral donor to the response.

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According to AusAID our funding is:

- providing food to more than 100,000 displaced people through the World Food Programme
- delivering buckets, water purification materials and hygiene kits, which include soap, sanitary napkins, toothbrushes and toothpaste, to 40,000 people through UNICEF
- providing protection for vulnerable people, including around 37,325 children, who have been separated from their families through Save the Children
- delivering tents and other emergency shelter materials to 32,000 people who have fled their homes through UNHCR
- providing blankets, clothes, mosquito nets and other essentials for up to 14,000 people living in temporary shelters through CARE
- improving access to clean water and sanitation for 12,394 people by building 26 wells, 340 latrines and 150 hand washing stations through Save the Children.

In accordance with humanitarian principles, Australia's assistance is provided on the basis of need and does not discriminate between ethnic groups.

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Question No. 29

Program: DFAT

Topic: Myanmar – HOM visits to Rakhine State

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Senator Ludlam

Question

When was the last time the Australian Ambassador, Ms Moules, visited that part of Myanmar?

Answer

The Australian Ambassador in Myanmar visited Rakhine State in November 2012 and April 2013, to assess first-hand the situation there. The head of AusAID at the Australian Embassy in Yangon accompanied the Ambassador on her November 2012 visit. Other Australian Embassy staff, including AusAID staff, have also visited Rakhine State in July 2012, February 2013 and March 2013.

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Question No. 30

Program: DFAT

Topic: Myanmar – national census

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

I understand that at the moment, a national census is currently under way in Myanmar, directed by the Ministry of Immigration and Population and supported by the UN Population Fund. I understand that Australia has some role within that fund.

Has DFAT, through our representatives, made representations to the government to ensure that this census fully complies with international standards, is non-discriminatory and covers all populations, including the Rohingya? Could you also take on notice, as part of that question, to make part of the representations the need to involve people from different communities like the Rohingya to be employed to conduct the census in those areas?

Answer

Australian officials at Post in Yangon have raised the national census in Myanmar, including the importance of properly counting all Myanmar's people to help inform the delivery of better services such as health and education.

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Question No. 31

Program: DFAT

Topic: Myanmar – Rohingya family two-child limit

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Has the Australian Government taken up the discriminatory issue that the Rohingya women are required to adhere to a two-child policy while this does not apply to other people in Burma?

Answer

The Government has expressed strong concern about allegations of ethnically or religiously driven policies in Myanmar. The Government continues to encourage the Myanmar Government to make all possible efforts to find a solution to the situation in Rakhine State that fully respects the rights of all people, including the Rohingya.

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Question No. 32

Program: DFAT

Topic: Myanmar – statelessness of the Rohingya

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

In relation to the statelessness of the Rohingya, what measures are DFAT working on in this capacity?

I understand that there is a quite disturbing situation that some young Rohingya people and their families find themselves in. They can be deemed to be stateless. Article 7 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out that children have the right to acquire a nationality. Have representations been made on that point?

Answer

The Australian Embassy in Yangon monitors issues affecting the Rohingya people closely and makes representations directly to the Government of Myanmar on these issues, including human rights.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Carr, has consistently stressed to Myanmar's leaders the importance of resolving religious and ethnic issues in Myanmar, including their underlying causes. This includes finding an appropriate solution to the question of citizenship, which is a fundamental right of all people including children.

In March 2013, then Prime Minister Gillard highlighted the need to protect the rights of all of Myanmar's people to President Thein Sein, during his visit to Australia.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question No. 33

Program: DFAT

Topic: Laos – DFAT action on Mr Sombath Somphone’s case

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Could you update us on any further actions DFAT personnel have pursued with the Laos authorities regarding the Sombath Somphone investigation?

Answer

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Carr, raised concerns about Mr Sombath’s disappearance during a meeting with the Lao Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr Sounthone Xayachack, in Sydney on 12 June 2013.

Senator Carr, also raised concerns about Mr Sombath’s disappearance with the Lao Prime Minister, Mr Thongsing Thammavong, and the Lao Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, during a bilateral visit to Laos from 17-20 February 2013.

Australia’s Ambassador to Laos, Ms Lynda Worthaisong, has raised concern about Mr Sombath’s disappearance with the Lao Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Alounkeo Kittikhoun, senior officials in the Lao Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Lao Ministry of Defence, and with the Lao Ambassador to Australia.

Senior officials at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra have also raised concerns about Mr Sombath with the Lao Ambassador to Australia.

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Question No. 34

Program: DFAT

Topic: Laos – Civil Society

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

What measures is Australia taking to ensure the safety of Laos civil society partners who are working in sustainable participatory rural development in Laos, which is the area where Mr Sombath Somphone was working?

Answer

AusAID advises it has established open and regular communication with its civil society partners working on rural development and other programs on critical matters including staff safety. In our partnerships with civil society organisations, we require comprehensive staff safety and operational procedures to be in place to ensure there are adequate duties of care provisions provided.

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Question No. 35

Program: DFAT

Topic: Laos - Statement of Concern regarding Mr Sombath Somphone

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

To Senator Carr, Minister for Foreign Affairs:

Will DFAT issue a formal statement of concern on the disappearance of Sombath Somphone? I imagine that DFAT has a process when these issues arise. You are then making public statements. Have you gone to the highest point?

Answer

The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Carr, has made a number of public statements, noting Australia's concern about the disappearance of Lao NGO leader Mr Sombath Somphone.

Senator Carr raised Mr Sombath's case with the Lao Vice Foreign Minister, Dr Sounthone Xayachack in Sydney on 12 June 2013.

Senator Carr also provided a full account of the Government's representations on Mr Sombath in reply to a question from Senator Sterle during Budget Estimates on Wednesday 5 June 2013.

Senator Carr made representations on Mr Sombath's case to senior members of the Lao Government during his official visit to Laos from 17 – 20 February 2013. Senator Carr spoke to journalists following these representations, and used social media to further highlight the government's concern and representations.

On the question of process, DFAT, including officials at the Australian Embassy in Vientiane, makes representations on individual cases in the manner it considers will be most effective. We have consistently raised Mr Sombath's case with senior government representatives in Laos. DFAT is continuing to monitor this case closely.

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Question No. 36

Program: DFAT

Topic: Bradley Manning trial

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Senator Ludlam

Question

Can you provide us with your impression of the nature of the trial (Private First Class Bradley Manning in the United States) so far? What is contained in that report?

Answer

The reports are factual accounts of the first two days of proceedings (3-4 June 2013) and are consistent with media reporting.

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Question No. 37

Program: DFAT

Topic: Europe: Anti-Semitic Movements

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Senator Kroger

Question

Could you give me some advice as to the nature of these movements (anti-Semitic) – the size of them, how they are coordinated, whether it is one individual that is driving them or whether it is a broader movement that is moving across Eastern Europe? I would be very interested to have any observations that you could provide on the nature and extent of these reported anti-Semitic movements that exist in Hungary and across Eastern Europe.

Answer

Anti-Semitic movements in Eastern Europe vary greatly from country to country, with no one clear coordinating or driving factor.

In **Hungary**, anti-Semitism has been rising, coalescing around the far-right party, Jobbik, which is openly anti-Semitic. In 2010 elections, Jobbik came third with 16.67 per cent of votes. Currently there are 43 Jobbik MPs in the National Assembly of Hungary (in a parliament of 386). Jobbik is in opposition and therefore does not hold any government positions.

Golden Dawn is a far right **Greek** political party. It came to prominence in the Greek Parliamentary elections of May 2012 when it gained 21 seats (in a parliament of 300). This was reduced to 18 seats, following a second election in June 2012. Golden Dawn regularly attracts 10 to 12 per cent support in opinion polls, making it the third most popular party in Greece. Golden Dawn's anti-Semitism is contained within a hyper-nationalistic political platform. Golden Dawn's political platform is anti-Semitic, anti-Roma, anti-communist, anti-immigrant, anti-Islamic and anti-gay.

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In the 2000 elections in **Romania**, the far-right Greater Romania party (anti-Semitic and anti-Hungarian party) received nearly 20 per cent of the votes. However, the party's influence has declined; it received only 1.5 per cent of the votes at the 2012 election and has not been represented in Parliament since 2008.

In **Russia**, anti-Semitism is not a prominent political tool. The far-right Liberal Democratic Party of Russia (LDPR) received 12.5 per cent of the votes in the December 2011 election (down from a peak of 23 per cent in 1993), making it the smallest party in the Duma with 56 seats out of 450. Its leader, Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, has in the past made anti-Semitic comments (but subsequently revealed his father is Jewish).

While there are two extreme right-wing political movements in **Croatia**, anti-Semitism is not a plank of their political platform. But there are individual politicians in these parties who are sympathisers of the Ustashe (pro-Nazi organisation during World War II).

In **Poland**, the Government clamps down heavily on instances of racial vilification, including anti-Semitism, as does local media. The situation in the **Czech Republic** and **Lithuania** is comparable to Poland.

In **Ukraine**, the far-right nationalist Svoboda ('Freedom') party has repeatedly been subject to international criticism for using anti-Semitic rhetoric. At national elections held in October 2012, it won 10.4 per cent of votes and now holds 37 seats in the 445-seat parliament.

In **Serbia**, **Montenegro** and the **former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**, there is no overt parliamentary anti-Semitism. There is anti-Semitism in Serbian society, with content spread through graffiti, posters and internet, as well as some regular right-wing rhetoric from fringe parties. In **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, no political parties with representation at either the national or sub-national level publicly express anti-Semitic views.

Similarly, with regard to **Kosovo**, the **Slovak Republic**, **Belarus**, **Moldova** and **Slovenia**, anti-Semitism is not a feature of the current political landscape.

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Question No. 38

Program: DFAT

Topic: Turkey

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Senator Fawcett

Question

If the situation in Turkey continues to deteriorate, how many Australians are we aware of in Turkey? What plans are in place to provide assistance for their extraction, if it comes to that?

Answer

As at 20 June there were 1,653 Australians registered as being in Turkey. DFAT estimates around 120,000 Australians visit Turkey each year.

There are currently no plans to evacuate Australians from Turkey.

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Question No. 39

Program: DFAT

Topic: India - Assaults

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Senator Fawcett

Question

Is there any information that DFAT has about the level of assaults of Australians in India?

Answer

DFAT records indicate that, over the past three financial years, the number of assaults on Australians in India that were reported and registered as consular cases were:

- 2010-11 6
- 2011-12 9
- 2012-13 3

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 40

Program: DFAT

Topic: Sri Lanka

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

In relation to Tamil-owned lands in Valikamam, north. They have filed writs in the Supreme Court to reclaim their lands adjacent to an, allegedly, lapsed high-security zone. There has been concern expressed about possible political interference. I was just interested in any measures that the government would consider and how you respond to that considering we have such a high level of engagement with Sri Lanka?

Answer

Resolving issues of land ownership is critical to reconciliation and long-term peace in Sri Lanka.

As part of our engagement with Sri Lanka, the Australian Government has encouraged the resolution of land disputes in Sri Lanka through transparent and impartial official and judicial processes. Foreign Minister Carr discussed land issues with Sri Lanka's External Affairs Minister, G.L. Peiris, on 19 June.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Sri Lanka

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Does the High Commission in Colombo have a mechanism where they could assist people who apply for asylum? Has that happened and if it has have any people been given assistance?

Answer

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) has standard operating procedures for handling protection visa claims at overseas missions.

Further questions should be directed to DIAC.

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Are there any DFAT or High Commission staff who have been present or involved in questioning any Sri Lankan people who were wishing to leave the country, or had taken steps to leave the country, who have been intercepted by the authorities?

Answer

No.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Sri Lanka

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Have DFAT staff played a role in the interviews of interceptees at the fourth-floor facilities of the Criminal Investigation Department or the Terrorist Investigation Division in Colombo?

Answer

No.

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Question No. 44

Program: DFAT

Topic: CHOGM in Sri Lanka

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

Could you advise whether there were any discussions by DFAT or ministerial staff with Canadian representatives to encourage Canada to change its position on attendance at CHOGM [in Sri Lanka]?

Answer

There have been discussions with Canada and other countries on Sri Lanka's hosting of CHOGM 2013. We have been clear in the discussions that Australia will attend CHOGM. It is for other countries to decide whether they attend or not.

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

It has come to my attention that four Tamils, who have recently been returned to Sri Lanka from Australia, are still waiting for their identification cards to be returned to them by Australian authorities. Can you explain where this sits in terms of responsibility between DFAT and DIAC?

Answer

DIAC has responsibility for returning individuals to Sri Lanka.

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Question No. 46

Program: DFAT

Topic: People Smuggling/Sri Lanka

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

In relation to on-water cooperation with Sri Lankan authorities and cooperation with Sri Lankan defence forces, can you advise which agencies, departments or authorities in Sri Lanka we are engaging with?

Answer

Australian agencies engage with the Sri Lankan Navy, which is the Sri Lankan agency responsible for on-water disruption of people smuggling activities.

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Question No. 47

Program: DFAT

Topic: People Smuggling/Sri Lanka

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

In relation to cooperation under the Joint Working Group on People Smuggling and Transnational Crime, can you advise numbers? How many visiting staff and how many staff from the high commission are seconded to this project?

Answer

Sixteen Australian officials, representing the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Attorney-General's Department, Australian Customs and Border Protection Service and the Australian Federal Police, attended the first meeting of the Joint Working Group on People Smuggling and Transnational Crime in Colombo on 17-18 December 2012. Two of these officials were based at the Australian High Commission in Colombo. Officials across a range of departments, in Canberra and at the High Commission in Colombo, work on JWG issues and implement JWG outcomes. As the JWG does not have a physical establishment it does not have designated secondees.

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Topic: Maldives

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

How many observers will be sent by the Commonwealth and how soon before the 7 September election will they arrive in the Maldives?

Answer

The Maldives Government has invited the Commonwealth to send election observers in the lead-up to and during the Presidential elections in September. The Commonwealth Secretariat is determining the size and type of mission that it could send. The arrival time of any Commonwealth Observer Group would be a matter for the Commonwealth Secretariat.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Maldives

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

I noted that the University of Western Sydney has signed an MOU with the Maldives Police Service on the development and delivery of a new policing degree. Was DFAT aware of the plans for that MOU to be signed prior to it being signed?

Answer

No.

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Question No. 50

Program: DFAT

Topic: Zimbabwe

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Senator Kroger

Question

Is it likely that we will be sending observers (to the upcoming elections in Zimbabwe)?

Answer

The Australian Government considers that robust international observation of the forthcoming elections will add credibility to the process and our Embassy in Harare has conveyed this view to the Government of Zimbabwe.

The Government of Zimbabwe has thus far indicated it is only prepared to accept 'non-western' election observers such as those from the Southern African Development Community (SADC), SADC Parliamentary Forum, African Union (AU), and Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). The MDC parties have said they would wish to have wider observation, but have not been able to reach agreement on this with the ZANU-PF party.

In addition to formal election observation missions, we understand that accredited diplomats will be permitted to observe elections. During the constitutional referendum in March this was limited to five per mission for western Embassies, and that is likely to remain the case for the election. The Australian Embassy in Harare intends to take up this opportunity, provided the security environment permits.

The Australian Government will draw upon assessments from our Embassy in Harare, civil society, domestic observers, international election observer missions, the Zimbabwean political parties themselves and other diplomatic missions, in forming a view about the conduct of the elections.

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Question No. 51

Program: DFAT

Topic: Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Senator Ludlam

Question

I want to get some very specific answers from you on 'encouraging adherence to the due diligence guidelines' for responsible supply chain of minerals to mitigate the risk of providing direct or indirect support for conflict in the eastern part of the DRC. What does encouraging adherence actually entail? What does it mean in practice?

Answer

On the basis that this question is referring to the *OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas*; which complements the *OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (OECD Guidelines)*.

These OECD initiatives are voluntary but DFAT and Austrade conduct industry outreach activities, primarily to highlight Australian laws applying to Australian companies trading internationally but also to encourage companies to adhere to best practice principles; in particular the OECD Guidelines. Furthermore the OECD Guidelines provide mechanisms for investigating grievances against Australian companies through a dedicated Australian National Contact Point for the Guidelines (which is located within the Treasury).

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Program: DFAT

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Senator Ludlam

Question

If an Australian company is found to be violating these guidelines—you did not monitor it yourself but it came to your attention through a third party or a local national or local NGO or some such that the guidelines were in breach—what action would the Commonwealth or does the Commonwealth take? Specifically, I am asking: what guides your discretion in choosing whether or not to intervene if a breach of these guidelines is brought to your attention? It may be that no such piece of paper exists but if it does I would appreciate it being tabled.

Answer

If the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade received information concerning a company's alleged breaches of the Guidelines, we would notify the Australian National Contact Point located in the Treasury. The procedures to be applied in those circumstances are available to the public at the Australian National Contact Point website (www.ausncp.gov.au).

In terms of any intervention beyond notification of the NCP, we would note that the OECD Guidelines and Guidance are voluntary. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Austrade have no *general* obligation to monitor, supervise or investigate, on an *active* basis, the activities of Australian companies overseas. Both are not enforcement agencies, and are neither mandated nor resourced to take on a general investigatory role.

Australian posts familiarise themselves with key Australian businesses operating in their country of accreditation but they have no general legal authority to supervise Australian business. Australian companies are responsible for ensuring they abide by local laws overseas as well as Australian laws that apply extraterritorially to their overseas activities. DFAT and Austrade conducts industry outreach in relation to these obligations and in the course of such outreach we also encourage companies to adopt best practice principles such as the OECD Guidelines.

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Question No. 53

Program: DFAT

Topic: Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Senator Ludlam

Question

Has the government made any representation to the Government of the DRC in regard to preventing oil exploration and drilling in Virunga National Park?

Answer

The Government has not made representations to the DRC Government on oil exploration and drilling in Virunga National Park. As a UNESCO World Heritage site, any world heritage issues in Virunga National Park would be addressed through UNESCO processes

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Question No. 54

Program: DFAT

Topic: Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Senator Ludlam

Question

To what degree has Australia actually encouraged the DRC President directly to enter into a dialogue with the relevant Congolese political forces that are at the table within the DRC?

Answer

Australia's Harare-based Ambassador to the DRC, HE Mr Matthew Neuhaus, met President Kabila in September 2011 when he presented credentials. At this meeting, we encouraged President Kabila in efforts to achieve peace and stability in the DRC and the region. The Prime Minister's Special Envoy to Francophone Africa, William Fisher, also sought meetings with President Kabila in August 2011 and June 2012 but the President's schedule did not permit a meeting.

Australia has conveyed concerns to DRC government officials in the DRC and in other countries several times. For example, Ambassador Neuhaus undertook a mission to Kinshasa and eastern DRC from 6-11 May 2013. He held meetings with the Special Representative for the Secretary General, Roger Meece, senior Parliamentarians and government officials. In eastern DRC, he was accompanied by our High Commissioner to Rwanda (Nairobi-based), HE Mr Geoff Tooth and AusAID Minister-Counsellor (Pretoria-based), Mr Jamie Isbister, meeting MONUSCO representatives and visiting the HEAL Africa hospital in Goma and Mungote Internally Displaced Peoples Camp in Kitchanga. During this visit they witnessed valuable work undertaken by UN and humanitarian agencies and raised serious concerns about ongoing violence and human rights abuses by armed groups with their interlocutors.

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On 27 May 2013, Ambassador Tooth and the Assistant Secretary of the Africa Branch, Mr Adam McCarthy, met with Mr Modibo Touré, Special Advisor to Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Great Lakes Region of Africa, Mrs Mary Robinson. They also emphasised the importance of sustainable peace in the eastern regions of DRC and the need to end to abuses by armed groups.

In February 2013, President Kabila agreed to the Framework Agreement on Peace, Security and Cooperation between the DRC and the governments of the Great Lakes region. Through our regular engagements with the DRC and regional governments, Australia will continue to emphasise the importance of all parties fully implementing this agreement.

Australia is using its membership of the UNSC to promote a strong and effective response to the situation by the UN, including working with the DRC Government to implement its obligations under the Framework Agreement. We also supported strengthening the mandate for the UN peacekeeping mission (MONUSCO) in March to help end the cycle of violence in eastern DRC.

The Government remains deeply concerned at the ongoing violence and humanitarian situation in eastern DRC and works to ensure the international community retains its focus on DRC. We have voiced concerns about the human rights situation repeatedly at the UN Human Rights Council.

Australia also fully implements all UNSC sanctions against the DRC (sale or transfer of arms, unauthorised provision of military assistance, entry or transit through Australia of certain persons, and the use or dealing with the assets of certain persons).

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Question No. 55

Program: DFAT

Topic: Kenya

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Senator Kroger

Question

In relation to the new High Commission building for Nairobi, how many work there?

Answer

The Australian High Commission in Nairobi, Kenya, currently has 81 employees, including A-based staff, Locally Engaged Staff, and attached agency staff.

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Question No. 56

Program: DFAT

Topic: Ministerial travel

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Senator Fawcett

Question

Senator FAWCETT: In a situation like that (use of private aircraft during visit to PNG), do you have to log that on your register of interests, or if you are travelling on behalf of the department do they somehow recognise—

Senator Bob Carr: No. It gets registered. My office registers it.

Senator FAWCETT: Do they register on the department's behalf, or on your behalf?

Senator Bob Carr: My behalf. The approval was provided by the Prime Minister's office, so I got the approval of the Prime Minister and her bureaucracy. How it is tabled I will take on notice.

Answer

On 2 May 2013, prior to travel to Papua New Guinea on 3 May, the Foreign Minister's Office confirmed to the Prime Minister's Office that it would pay for the seats of Senator Carr and Mr Graeme Wedderburn, Senior Adviser at the commercial rate equivalent. There is no requirement under the Resolutions Relating to Senators' Interests to declare this on Senator Carr's Register of Interests.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Papua New Guinea

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Senator Ian Macdonald

Question

Has there been any further agreement to your knowledge, between either Australia or any of the Australian states and PNG in relation to cross-border power supplies, water supplies or hydroelectricity? Is the department doing anything in relation to those things?

Answer

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is aware that in 2010, former Queensland Premier Anna Bligh and former PNG Minister of State Moses Maladina signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to support the development of the Purari Hydroelectric project in Wabo in Papua New Guinea.

The Department is monitoring the development of this project as it has potential economic and strategic implications for Australia and for its relationship with Papua New Guinea.

During Premier Campbell Newman's visit to Papua New Guinea in May 2013, he signed with Prime Minister Peter O'Neill a Memorandum of Understanding covering a wide range of areas, including business and industry, law and order, health, infrastructure development and public service capacity building.

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Question No. 58

Program: DFAT

Topic: Pakistan: Human rights definition

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Senator Fawcett

Question

With the human rights work in Pakistan, would you be able to confirm whether they (Pakistan government) are taking, as the basis of their definition of 'human rights', the definition from the United Nations or from the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation?

Answer

In an address on 10 December 2007, Ambassador Masood Khan, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, speaking on behalf of the OIC, spoke on the United Nations Universal Declaration for Human Rights (1948) and the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation's Cairo Declaration of Human Rights in Islam (1990) noting the Cairo Declaration was "not an alternative, competing world view on human rights" but that it "complements the Universal Declaration" and "addresses the religious and cultural specificity of Muslim countries".

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Program: DFAT

Topic: United Nations

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Senator Fawcett

Question

I notice that there is a provision for compensation if companies feel as though they have been wrongly impacted through sanctions. Has that ever been claimed by an Australian individual or company?

Answer

No.

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Question No. 60

Program: DFAT

Topic: Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

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Senator Ludlam

Question

What proposals is Australia taking to the UN open-ended working group—that was set up last year—to develop proposals to take forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations for the achievement and maintenance of a world without nuclear weapons? I understand Australia has made a few off-the-cuff comments responding to presentations, but we have not made any formal statements on that yet.

Answer

Australia, together with Belgium, Canada, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia and Sweden, submitted a working paper to the Open-Ended Working Group (OEWG) titled *Building Blocks for a World without Nuclear Weapons* (A/AC.281/WP.4). This document is available at:

<http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org/disarmament-fora/others/oewg/documents>

The paper proposes a focus on identifying concrete and practical ‘building blocks’ to move nuclear disarmament forward. Framed in the context of a commitment to the implementation of the 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Action Plan, it presents a number of near to mid-term measures that should be taken in order to achieve and maintain a world without nuclear weapons.

On 27 June 2013, Australia delivered a formal statement endorsing the paper and outlining our views on the development of a normative framework for and an environment conducive to the advancement of nuclear disarmament.

In addition, Geneva-based officials, including Australia’s Ambassador for Disarmament Mr Peter Woolcott, chaired and reported on informal panels in the opening week of the first session of the OEWG in May.

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Question No. 61

Program: DFAT

Topic: Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

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Senator Fawcett

Question

- A. *Can I go to the arms treaty that was recently signed. Whilst I welcome the signing of that treaty, for all of its obvious benefits, my questions, I guess, go to the efficacy of the treaty and what specifically Australia is going to be doing to seek to make that more effective. Could you tell me where the majority of arms that are used in terrorist incidents or conflicts for example in Africa are sourced from? I do not see too many M16s or things coming out of the States. Where do most arms that are used in those sorts of conflicts come from?***
- B. *Can tell me which countries that are major arms exporters have signed the treaty?***

Answer

- A. Arms used in terrorist incidents and conflicts, including those in Africa, come from a variety of sources and these sources will change with circumstances. For example, at present many terrorist weapons used in West Africa have come from the raided stores of the Libyan Government after the fall of the Gaddafi regime. Weapons of designs originating in the former Soviet Union, and now produced in numerous countries, are commonly traded in the illegal market and are commonly in use, for example, in conflicts in Africa. The UN Register of Conventional Arms (www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/Register/) provides certain data provided by governments on arms transfers including to Africa.

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- B. To 10 July 2013, 77 countries have signed the Arms Trade Treaty since it opened for signature on 3 June 2013. A full list is attached, which includes Germany, France and the United Kingdom. Many more countries, including additional major arms producers, have expressed an interest to sign the Treaty. Australia will continue to work with the other co-author countries and supporters with a view eventually to having all major arms suppliers accede to the Treaty and work towards its effective implementation.

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Question No. 62

Program: DFAT

Topic: DAP

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Senator Fawcett

Question

Is there a specific program of engagement to look at increasing DAP, because it is clearly an effective program. I would appreciate some feedback as to what plan we have to increase the DA Program.

Answer

In the 2012-13 Budget, there was no specific budget measure on DAP, but it will continue to increase from existing resources.

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Question No. 63

Program: DFAT

Topic: China Advanced Leadership Program

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Senator Fawcett

Question

In 1.3 the China advanced leadership program, I understand that is a collaboration between us, New Zealand and China. Could you just tell me about the cost, the objectives and the governance of it in terms of who selects the people to go, what are the outcomes we are expecting, what is the efficacy of that program?

Answer

The Government has allocated A\$3 million in 2011-12 financial year to continue the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) China Advanced Leadership Program (CALP) for a further three years (three annual programs). The funding was provided through DFAT.

The pilot CALP in 2011 was administered under AusAID's bilateral aid program to China. The Government decided in 2011 to phase out bilateral aid to China.

The program seeks to expose future Chinese leaders to best-practice governance in Australia and New Zealand, and to establish positive relationships with China's leadership. In 2013 ANZSOG decided to deliver a reciprocal program in China for senior officials from Australia and New Zealand to develop their China-relevant capabilities and deepen the connexions with Chinese policy-makers.

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The programs are delivered by ANZSOG in collaboration with the Organisation Department of the Chinese Communist Party and China Academy of Governance.

The first program under the funding agreement between DFAT and ANZSOG was delivered to twenty-one senior Chinese officials over three weeks in Canberra, Sydney, Wellington and Melbourne in October-November 2012. The second (reciprocal) program is to be delivered in China in July 2013.

ANZSOG is responsible for all aspects of the program governance and management, including the selection of participants. The recruitment of Chinese participants to the program is coordinated with the Organisation Department. The selection of Australian and New Zealand participants is managed by ANZSOG.

ANZSOG provides a program evaluation and an acquittal report to DFAT each year upon completion of the program.

The evaluation report from the inaugural program indicates that the program has already delivered positive outcomes for the bilateral relationship. It strengthened the relationship between Australian, New Zealand and Chinese governments and created professional networks between Australian, New Zealand and Chinese participants.

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Question No. 64

Program: DFAT

Topic: Live Export Trade

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Senator Eggleston

Question

Has your department undertaken any recent studies in the last two years as to the value and importance of the live export trade both to the economy and to agriculture in general. If so, what were the conclusions?

Answer

No, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has not undertaken any such studies. However, the live export trade is important and exports of cattle, sheep and goats were worth \$895,325,000 to Australia in 2012 (including feeder, slaughter, dairy and breeder livestock).

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Question No. 65

Program: DFAT

Topic: Live Export Trade

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Senator Eggleston

Question

Can you or your departmental officials advise the committee what steps have been taken in the 22 or so months since the suspension to assist Australia's farmers in re-entering the live trade to Indonesia?

Answer

The Government has made numerous representations at ministerial and officials levels, in Canberra and Jakarta, over the past two years in support of live cattle exports. It continues to press Indonesia for increased market access for Australian beef and live cattle.

The issue of live cattle exports was raised most recently by Prime Minister Rudd with Indonesian President Yudhoyono during the Annual Leaders' Meeting in Bogor on 5 July 2013. During the meeting, the Leaders' announced the establishment of an Indonesia-Australia Red Meat and Cattle Forum. The Forum will comprise a broad range of representatives from the beef and cattle industry and senior government officials. It will enhance engagement between the Australian and Indonesian beef industries and improve prospects for long-term trade and investment in beef in Indonesia, including live cattle exports. A key Australian objective in pursuing this initiative was to ensure the long-term sustainability of the live cattle trade and to position Australia as a significant and reliable supplier.

The establishment of the Forum is complemented by an Australian Government \$60 million funding package for increasing beef and cattle cooperation and boosting investment in the red meat agribusiness sector in Indonesia. The joint initiatives pursued under this package will help provide a more stable foundation for the live cattle trade over the long term.

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Partly in response to Australian Government representations, including by the former Trade Minister, Dr Emerson, on 27 May 2013 Indonesia advised that the live cattle quota for the July-September period would be brought forward to June.

The Australian Government has also provided a range of financial assistance measures to support pastoralists and businesses impacted by the 2011 temporary suspension of live animal exports to Indonesia. These measures were designed to target those directly exposed to the trade suspension and less able to diversify their income. They included the Business Assistance Payment, the Business Hardship Payment, Financial Advice Grants, and the Subsidised Interest Rate programs. Applications for all assistance measures are now closed, however payments under the Subsidised Interest Rate will continue until June 2014. As at 31 May 2013, over \$13.39 million has been provided in assistance to individuals and businesses.

In addition to this support for producers and business, the Government made available significant assistance to exporters to help develop supply chains to adequate standards.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Live Export Trade

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Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. We would also like you, if you can, to give us some figures on the volumes of live sheep and live cattle to the Middle East markets over the last three years. You can provide those figures on notice to the committee.**
- B. Can the Department of Trade comment on a scenario in which Australia exited the live trade entirely? Where would the countries to which we export obtain their beef and sheep protein?**

Answer

A.

Sheep

Country	2012	2011	2010
Bahrain	249,741	344,450	498,731
Egypt	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>
Iran	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>
Iraq	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>
Israel	64,007	56,600	42,000
Jordan	327,960	217,067	265,986
Kuwait	706,644	956,642	1,076,455
Libya	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>	75,026
Oman	19,892	41,025	69,073
Qatar	531,894	389,257	321,415
Saudi Arabia	69,000	24,000	262,500
Syria	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>
United Arab Emirates	33,211	37,385	78,747

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Cattle

Country	2012	2011	2010
Bahrain	<i>No exports</i>	2,424	600
Egypt	32,800	14,589	56,441
Iran	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>
Iraq	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>
Israel	50,087	53,925	43,212
Jordan	<i>No exports</i>	600	19,257
Kuwait	224	854	898
Libya	6,900	<i>No exports</i>	19,269
Oman	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>
Qatar	3,123	773	2,561
Saudi Arabia	3,550	3,007	16,501
Syria	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>	<i>No exports</i>
United Arab Emirates	200	1,038	372

Covers all live cattle exports, including breeder animals

Source: Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade STARS Database based on Australian Bureau of Statistics Catalogue No. 5368.0 March 2013 data

- B. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is not able to comment on a scenario in which Australia exited the live trade entirely. Government policy supports the live trade.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Trade - Indonesia

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Senator Back

Question

With regard to boxed meat, can you tell me now what has been the fate of those containers of Australian frozen beef that were on the wharf in Jakarta and were never allowed into Indonesia? I am aware that some were released and found their way to other markets. Can you tell the committee what has been the fate of the remainder?

Answer

116 containers of boxed beef were detained at Jakarta's port due to invalid import permits. 70 of these containers held 1,600 tons of Australian-sourced product. Indonesian authorities cleared applications for re-export for 63 of the 116 containers. Indonesian Customs advised that no application for re-export was ever made for the remaining containers. Although we believe some containers may remain in the port, no further action has been taken concerning these containers because they were exported from another country (New Zealand), or remain the property of the Indonesian importer.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Trade - Indonesia

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Senator Back

Question

Would the department have tracked at all what the cost has been to Australian exporters of the delay or, indeed, now what probably will appear to be the non-sale of that meat?

Answer

No, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade does not have information on the cost to Australian exporters of the delay. This is a commercial matter for the parties concerned.

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Senator Back

Question

Are the trade officials in location aware of the existence of, or indeed the expansion of, the illegal sale of buffalo and beef from India into Indonesia to try to meet some of this shortfall—black market sales? Would the department track that fact or its expansion at all? Foot and mouth disease is rampant in India. History has always recorded that, when beef has been imported from a foot and mouth disease endemic country, the recipient country has always also got foot and mouth disease. Has the department any knowledge of that trade?

Answer

While the Embassy in Jakarta is aware of the illegal sale of buffalo through local media reports in Indonesia, it does not have any empirical data on the size and scope of the trade.

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Live Export Trade

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Senator Back

Question

I refer to a question I asked during the last estimates—I think it is question 35—in which I asked you to take on notice and advise the committee what trade agreements, treaties, commitments or other obligations, including those under WTO, Australia broke with Indonesia when we imposed the ban on live export sales to Indonesia in 2011? I have to say to you, Secretary, that I really was deeply disappointed in the two-line answer.

I will read it out:

Australia has the right, under international trade rules, to take action to ensure that Australian cattle are treated in accordance with international standards.

The questions I asked related to what agreements, treaties, commitments or obligations we broke. I know very well that Australia has the right, under international trade rules, to take action to ensure Australian cattle are treated in accordance with international standards. I have been part of the development and the maintenance of those standards in our overseas markets. I ask you again to either answer the question now or take it on notice and please answer it. Tell me what trade agreements, treaties, commitments or other obligations Australia broke. Can you answer it now, or can you take it on notice?

Secretary: I will endeavour to ensure that the response we give you is as full a response as we can give and one that addresses the issues that you have raised.

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Answer

The Australian Government is always mindful of its international obligations and sought legal advice on this issue.

Relevant agreements in relation to this issue include the World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement.

As noted previously, Australia has the right under international trade rules to take action to ensure that Australian cattle are treated in accordance with international standards.

Providing further detail in response to this question would divulge privileged legal advice provided to the Government on this issue, which as a matter of public interest and long-standing practice, we are not in a position to do.

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Question No. 71

Program: DFAT

Topic: Safeguard actions

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Senator McKenzie

Question

Are there other developed countries that have a higher number of safeguard actions?

Answer

Since the establishment of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 1995, six developed WTO Members besides Australia have initiated safeguard investigations (EU member state actions prior to their accession to the EU have been included as EU actions). These six countries initiated a total of 55 safeguard investigations between March 1995 and March 2013. Among these, four developed WTO Members (EU, Croatia, Korea and the United States) proceeded to impose 31 safeguard measures: 22 measures by the EU, one measure by Croatia, two measures by Korea and six measures by the US. Australia has initiated two safeguard investigations but has not proceeded to impose safeguard measures.

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Question No. 72

Program: DFAT

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Senator McKenzie

Question

Could you advise when the government and the minister for trade will actually be making the decision [Ardmona's safeguards requests]?

Answer

On 21 June 2013, the Government announced that the Productivity Commission would undertake separate safeguard inquiries into the impact of imports of canned tomatoes and certain processed fruits on Australian producers. The Productivity Commission has been asked to provide an accelerated report as soon as possible to the Government but no later than 20 September 2013 and a final report by 20 December 2013.

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Question No. 73

Program: EFIC

Topic: Mongolia

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Senator Rhiannon

Question

In relation to IFC Performance Standards and Mongolia:

Mr Parsons: Well, there is an independent group whose name escapes me at the moment that deals with minority rights, or the rights of minority peoples. They too have not identified the Mongolian herders as indigenous peoples.

Senator RHIANNON: Could you find out the name of the group? I am interested in who has determined that they are not indigenous. Could you come back to us about that, please?

Answer

The organisation is Minority Rights Group International (MRG). MRG has developed a World Directory of Minorities and Indigenous Peoples which includes a chapter on Mongolia. More information is available on the organisation's website: <http://www.minorityrights.org/>

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Questions No. 74 to 89

Program: DFAT

Topic: Australian Embassy in Paris

Question in writing

Senator Eggleston

Question 74

What was the monthly rent that the New Zealand Government paid to the Australian Government for apartment 29 of the Australian Embassy in Paris?

Answer

Apartment 29 was formerly rented by the New Zealand Embassy at an annual rent of Euros 82,000, but this lease was vacated in July 2012 as it was no longer required.

Question 75

What is the area of apartment 29?

Answer

Apartment 29 in the chancery complex has an area of 239.5 square metres.

Question 76

- A. Is it true that apartment 29 is presently being used to store furniture?***
- B. Isn't apartment 29 the most expensive furniture storage option in Paris?***
- C. Did the New Zealand Government wish to renew the lease for apartment 29?***

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Answer

The apartment is currently not occupied by a tenant agency. It is currently used to store embassy furniture, a suitable use given that it is temporarily vacant and meets logistic, financial and security requirements more effectively than storage off-site would.

Apartment 29 was formerly rented by the New Zealand Embassy but this lease was vacated in July 2012 as it was no longer required.

Question 77

Did any furniture get purchased or leased for the Ambassador's rented apartment on Boulevard Saint-Germain? If so, at what cost?

Answer

The Ambassador is living in temporary leased accommodation in an apartment on the Boulevard St Germain, which was recommended as providing adequate representational space and facilities. Furniture was purchased for the apartment at a cost of \$41,968.

Question 78

Why isn't the Ambassador living in apartment 29 and saving the taxpayer over \$250,000 per year in rent?

Answer

Apartment 29 in the chancery complex has an area of 239.5 square metres and is unsuitable for the representational requirements of a Head of Mission.

Question 79

Do you think it is good value for money to have the Australian Ambassador live out of the Embassy at \$1/4 million per annum while there is a perfectly good apartment vacant at the Embassy?

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Answer

Apartment 29 in the chancery complex is unsuitable for the representational requirements of a Head of Mission.

Question 80

In the answers to the Budget Estimates questions on notice (for 30-31 May 2012), DFAT said that the refurbishment of the Ambassador's apartment was estimated to be \$4.3 million. Is it still on track?

Answer

The Head of Mission residence in Paris is located in the embassy complex. The residence is being refurbished in the context of a mid-life upgrade of chancery building services. The refurbishment is on track for completion in July 2013.

Question 81

If the Government was planning to sell the Embassy, would it be more cost effective to refurbish the Ambassador's apartment or leave it as it is? That is, by spending \$4.3 million on the refurbishment, are we likely to increase the price of the building by at least \$4.3 million?

Answer

There is no plan to sell the chancery complex in Paris.

Question 82

Wouldn't a purchaser prefer to spend less and have the option of refurbishing the space according to its design?

There is no plan to sell the chancery complex in Paris.

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Question 83

- A. How many apartments are there at the Embassy complex?**
- B. How many of the apartments does the International Energy Agency rent?**
- C. Are they planning to withdraw?**
- D. When?**

Answer

The Australian Embassy complex in Paris includes 31 residential apartments.

The head office of the International Energy Agency (IEA) is located in leased premises in the chancery. In addition, the IEA rents four of the embassy apartments as additional office space.

The current IEA lease in the chancery runs to 2017.

Question 84

How many apartments are rented to New Zealand?

Answer

Four apartments are leased by the New Zealand Embassy as staff residences.

Question 85

How many apartments will be vacant when the International Energy Agency withdraws?

The IEA rents four of the embassy apartments as additional office space. The current IEA lease in the chancery runs to 2017.

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Question 86

What is DFAT doing to fill the apartments with renters?

Occupancy rates vary over time, depending on agency representation requirements. Of the 31 apartments, two are dedicated to transit use, two are soon to be occupied, one is temporarily used for storage and the remaining 26 are occupied.

Question 87

If not, is it viable to operate the building with only 50 per cent occupancy?

Answer

The current occupancy rate is 90 per cent.

Question 88

Is the sale of the building on the agenda?

There is no plan to sell the chancery complex in Paris.

Question 89

Why are you refurbishing the Ambassador's apartment then?

Answer

The Head of Mission residence in Paris is located in the embassy complex. The residence is being refurbished in the context of a mid-life upgrade of chancery building services.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 90

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Do WTO rules allow for a country to impose emergency safeguard measures in response to a sudden surge of imports that threatens to cause serious material injury to a domestic industry?

Answer

Yes.

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Question No. 91

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Is the Department aware of SPC Ardmona's application for emergency safeguard action?

Answer

Yes.

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Question No. 92

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

A. Was SPC Ardmona's application referred to the Department?

B. If so, when?

Answer

A. Yes. The matter was referred to the former Minister for Trade and Competitiveness who sought advice from the Department.

B. 9 May 2013.

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Question No. 93

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

A. Has the Department been asked to provide advice on SPC Ardmona's request for emergency safeguard action?

B. If so, when?

Answer

A. Yes. The Department has been asked to, and is providing ongoing advice on SPC Ardmona's request.

B. 9 May 2013 was the initial request date for advice.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 94

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Has the Department provided the Minister for Trade with advice on this matter?***
- B. If so, when was this advice given? If not, what is the reason for the delay?***

Answer

- A. Yes.
- B. The Department has provided ongoing advice to the Minister for Trade on the matter following the referral of SPC Ardmona's requests.

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Question No. 95

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *The ‘Trade Remedies’ page on the Department’s website makes no mention of the Trade Minister or his role in the safeguard process. What is the Minister for Trade’s role in determining whether an emergency safeguard action should be applied? Does he have a defined role in the process?***
- B. *If not, why has SPC Ardmona’s application been referred to him?***

Answer

- A. The *WTO Agreement on Safeguards* establishes multilateral rules on the investigation and application of global safeguards. As indicated on the Department’s website, applications from Australian industry should be directed to the relevant portfolio Minister responsible for the product involved. Safeguard applications, once considered by the relevant portfolio Minister, are also referred to the Trade Minister to take into account Australia’s WTO obligations and wider trade policy considerations.
- B. As above.

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Question No. 96

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

According to information provided by the Minister, “if there is an agreement that a case for safeguard measures exists, the Treasurer will refer the matter to the Productivity Commission for investigation”. Isn’t it the role of the Productivity Commission to determine if a case exists?

Answer

The Minister for Trade consults with the Treasurer on global safeguard matters given the Treasurer’s portfolio responsibility for the Productivity Commission.

The Productivity Commission is Australia’s competent authority for conducting full safeguard investigations to determine if a case for safeguard measures exists.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 97

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

The Minister has stated that he is seeking the views of Prime Minister, the Treasurer and the Minister for Climate Change, Industry and Innovation. How long is this process expected to take?

Answer

The Government announced the referral of the two safeguard inquiries to the Productivity Commission on 21 June 2013.

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Question No. 98

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Why isn't the Minister seeking the views of the Minister for Agriculture? Isn't he the relevant Minister?

Answer

The Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, having considered whether a possible case exists and indicated his views, referred the matter to the Minister for Trade asking him to consider the request.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 99

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Has the Department been involved in this process?***
- B. Have departmental officials held any discussions with officials in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Treasury or the Department of Industry? If so, when and who was involved?***

Answer

- A. Yes.
- B. Yes. There have been ongoing discussions between Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Treasury, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education by relevant officials.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 100

Program: DFAT

Topic: WTO and SPC Ardmona

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Can you confirm that all that is needed to commence a safeguard investigation by the Productivity Commission is a reference by the Treasurer?

Answer

If the Government decides to initiate a safeguard investigation, a reference is sent to the Productivity Commission by the Treasurer.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 101

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular assistance in Indonesia

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Earlier this year there was quite a lot of media coverage on drinking (sic) spiking in Indonesia. A Perth teenager was killed from drinking a methanol-laced cocktail. Does the Department have any information on recent cases and does it have a feel for where the practice is heading (i.e. is it improving; are perpetrators being brought to justice)?

Answer

There is anecdotal evidence that a number of Australians have been affected by adulterated alcohol in Indonesia, although in the last twelve months only three consular cases were confirmed as being methanol-related.

We are not aware of any Australian nationals having died as a result of consuming adulterated alcohol in Indonesia. We are aware of reports of two New Zealand citizens (both Perth residents) having died as a result of consuming adulterated alcohol in the last two years as well as one Swedish and one British citizen.

Indonesian authorities have advised our Consul General in Bali that they are enforcing appropriate safety standards legislation regarding production, distribution and sale of alcohol and that they have destroyed large quantities of illegal alcohol that was impounded/seized by local authorities in recent months.

The investigation in Indonesia into the death of Liam Davies, the Perth teenager who died in January, is ongoing.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 102

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular assistance in Indonesia

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Are there plans to send extra staff to our post in Indonesia during the traditional 'schoolies' period?

Answer

The department does not intend to provide additional consular resources to the Consulate-General in Bali during the schoolies period.

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Question No. 103

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular loans

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Could you please provide an overview of the consular loan system and how it operates?

Answer

There are several types of emergency loans available to Australian travellers overseas, including: subsistence loans, loans to cover fees to replace a lost or stolen passport, medical assistance loans and prisoner loans.

Only Australian citizens are eligible for a consular loan. Emergency financial assistance is normally restricted to short-term travellers and not made available to Australians who live overseas on a semi-permanent or permanent basis.

There is no legal entitlement to financial assistance from the Australian Government. All loan requests are considered on a case-by-case basis and only made against a signed Deed of Undertaking to Repay (UTR). Details of loans are recorded in a person's passport until the loan has been repaid.

When signing the UTR, recipients are advised that a person with an outstanding loan may have their passport cancelled, or a new passport application rejected, until the loan is repaid

Each person in a family group travelling together, irrespective of age, may receive a loan. A responsible adult is, however, required to sign a UTR on behalf of any minors or incapacitated recipients.

Before financial assistance will be considered, the applicant must demonstrate that they have made all reasonable efforts to seek financial assistance through other means, such as family, friends, acquaintances, work colleagues and financial institutions, and that their situation is not covered by a travel insurance policy.

A permanent address in Australia must also be provided on loan documentation.

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Question No. 104

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular loans

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

How much money is currently owing to the Commonwealth as a result of consular loans?

Answer

As at 30 June 2013, a total of \$1,288,477 is owed to the Australian Government as a result of consular loans. In the financial year 2012-13, \$242,415 was repaid.

Included in the above figure for outstanding loans is an amount of \$331,436 which relates to loans provided to prisoners. Prisoner loans do not become repayable until the prisoner returns to Australia on completion of his/her jail sentence.

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Question No. 105

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular loans

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Does the Department seek interest on unpaid loans?

Answer

No.

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Question No. 106

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular loans

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Are loans approved on a case-by-case basis at an individual post or must they be approved by Canberra?

Answer

All consular loans provided by the department (including for subsistence, replacement of lost/stolen passports, medical assistance, medical evacuation and prisoner loans) are approved on a case-by-case basis.

An individual post may approve an amount of up to \$150, most commonly to assist with the cost of food and/or accommodation or the replacement of a lost or stolen passport. Any request for a loan in excess of that amount must be approved by the delegate at DFAT headquarters in Canberra.

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Question No. 107

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular loans

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

What sort of undertakings or assurances does a post seek when providing a loan?

Answer

Although the department expects all loans to be repaid in full, loans are issued on the basis of the traveller's needs, not their ability to repay.

Before a loan is issued, the traveller (or the person signing on behalf of the traveller, e.g. in the case of a minor) is requested to sign a Deed of Undertaking to Repay (UTR) which is a legally enforceable document in a court of law. By signing the UTR, the signatory acknowledges that he/she is responsible for the payment of the loan and that default may occasion his/her passport to be cancelled or that any further applications for a new passport may be refused until the loan is fully repaid.

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Question No. 108

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular loans

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

An article in the Herald Sun in March quoted a DFAT spokesman as saying “the department has a robust system to pursue debts, including regular follow-up through letters and phone calls”. This doesn’t sound at all robust, particularly given the significant amount of loans still outstanding. What other “robust” measures are practiced?

Answer

Follow-up with debtors, by mail or personal telephone call, is prompt. Options such as payment by instalments are discussed with recipients. Debtors are provided with payment options such as internet banking, BPay, mailed cheque, or in person. Debts may also be paid overseas at any Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate.

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Question No. 109

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular loans

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

The same article noted that some people who have not repaid loans can be refused passport renewals. Is there any scope for suspending a person's current passport?

Answer

There is no provision in the *Australian Passports Act 2005* to suspend a person's passport.

Where an Australian has an outstanding traveller's emergency loan, any future application for a new passport may be rejected until the loan has been repaid.

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Question No. 110

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular loans

Question in Writing

Senator Eggelston

Question

At February estimates Mr Brown informed the committee, in response to questioning from Senator Kroger, that Laura Garrett, the ex-wife of Italian national Tomasso Vincenti, had been provided a consular loan to flee Italy with her four children. What is the status of that loan?

Answer

The Embassy in Rome provided a Traveller Emergency Loan (TEL) to Ms Garrett to cover the cost of one night's accommodation in Rome and airport transfer.

Ms Garrett has fully repaid her loan.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 111

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular – Ms Schapelle Corby

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

An article in the Adelaide Advertiser in March reported that Australian Consul-General Brett Farmer met with the boss of Kerobokan jail to “discuss the next steps in Ms Corby’s pursuit of parole”. Can the Minister provide any information or outcomes of that meeting.

Answer

The Australian Consul-General in Bali, assisted by a consular officer, met with the head of Kerobokan Jail, Mr Pak Ngurah, on 15 March to discuss Ms Corby's parole application. Mr Ngurah indicated that his preparedness to support Ms Corby's parole application was subject to behavioural requirements and participation in prison activities, as well as the remaining procedural requirements of the Indonesian authorities. Mr Ngurah sought the Consul-General's assistance with these matters. The Consul-General has provided regular updates to Ms Corby's family.

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Question No. 112

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consular – Ms Schapelle Corby

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

If Ms Corby is released on parole in Bali, what role does our post in Bali expect to play?

Answer

The Australian Consulate in Bali would continue to provide consular assistance to Ms Corby in accordance with the Australian Government's Consular Services Charter. This would include assisting in liaising with local authorities, assisting contact with family, monitoring legal proceedings, and conducting regular welfare checks on Ms Corby.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 113

Program: DFAT

Topic: Passports

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

What mechanisms are currently in place to prevent a person from obtaining two passports under different names?

Answer

There are several mechanisms in place to prevent a person from obtaining two passports under different names. The Australian Passport Office (APO) uses automated facial recognition as part of the passport issuance system. The system compares photos from new passport applications to all other passport database images. This prevents one person holding two passports under different names. In addition, the cardinal identity documents (Australian birth certificates and citizenship certificates) used to confirm the identity of passport applicants are validated with the issuing agency prior to passport issue. Applicants who have legally changed their name must present evidence of that name change and of previous names to confirm identity. Applicants must also provide secondary identity documents such as a driver's licence.

The Australian Passport Office has a dedicated passport fraud section that investigates and refers for prosecution suspected identity fraud both pre and post passport issue. The APO also actively participates in the Commonwealth Government's National Identity Security Strategy (NISS) process which develops national standards in relation to identity management and implements identity security measures to prevent and deter identity crime and detect and measure incidences of identity crime. The Australian passport issuing process meets the Gold Standard Enrolment Framework under the NISS.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 114

Program: DFAT

Topic: Passports

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Does the Department have a feel for how many 'double identity' passports might be out there?

Answer

The Department believes the number of “double identity” Australian passports is very low.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 115

Program: DFAT

Topic: Passports

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

What progress has been made on introducing 'red flags' as outlined in the media in March?

Answer

A whole-of government protocol for dealing with Australians detained overseas on intelligence-related matters has been concluded. The protocol provides a framework for the communication and handling of sensitive information and for the provision of consular support. The Consular Management Information System (CMIS) has also been modified to capture cases involving sensitive information

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 116

Program: DFAT

Topic: Staffing

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?*
- B. How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?*
- C. This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?*

Answer

A. In 2012-13, 98 ongoing officers have commenced with the department at the following classifications:

Broadband	2012-13
APS 1-5	61
APS6/EL1	28
EL2	5
SES	4
Total	98

B. As at 30 June 2013, there were 97 non-ongoing officers working in the department at the following classifications:

Broadband	2012-13
APS 1-5	70
APS6/EL1	15
EL2	1
Medical Officers	7
SES	4
Total	97

C. As at 30 June 2013, there were 397 contractors engaged by the Department through contracting agencies and panel arrangements. The average length of these contracts is six months

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Question No. 117

Program: DFAT

Topic: Staffing

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?*
- B. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?*
- C. How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?*

Answer

- A. As at 30 June 2013, 110 ongoing APS staff separated from the department. A breakdown of these officers by level is as follows:

Broadband	2012-13
APS 1-5	32
APS6/EL1	50
EL2	15
SES	13
Total	110

- B. As at 30 June 2013, there were 116 instances of non-ongoing APS staff separating from the department. It should be noted that non-ongoing officers may separate several times during a year. A breakdown of these separations by level is as follows:

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Broadband	2012-13
APS 1-5	69
APS6/EL1	32
EL2	4
Medical Officers	7
SES	4
Total	116

- C. Due to the differing mechanisms by which contractors are engaged and therefore terminated (through contracting agencies, panel arrangements or service contracts), the department does not record this information centrally. Contractors are not engaged at specific APS classifications.

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Question No. 118

Program: DFAT

Topic: Staffing

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?***
- B. *Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.***
- C. *Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.***
- D. *If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.***
- E. *Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.***

Answer

- A. In 2012-13, the department made 22 offers of voluntary redundancy to APS staff of which all 22 have been accepted. Staff reductions form part of the department's response to managing the impact of savings measures.
- B. No
- C. The department does not currently have a specific target for staff reductions/voluntary redundancies.
- D. N/A
- E. No

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Question No. 119

Program: DFAT

Topic: Public Service efficiencies

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No 2 p108).

In addition, please provide the following detail:

- A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?*
- B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?*

Answer

Agencies are yet to be advised of allocations relating to amended operational efficiencies across the Australian Public Service.

- A. This question duplicates a question taken on notice by the Department of Finance and Deregulation (Finance). Please refer to Finance's response to question F10 from its appearance before the Finance and Public Administration Committee on 29 May 2013.

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- B. The new density target of 14 square metres per occupied work space applies to new leases entered into after 1 July 2013 within Australia. Analysis of the lease profile of the department's domestic portfolio indicates that the new target will not require DFAT to produce further savings over the forward estimates period.

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Question No. 120

Program: DFAT

Topic: Public service efficiencies

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?***
- B. Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?***
- C. Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?***
- D. Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?***

Answer

- A.** DFAT cannot quantify the estimated savings in air travel for each year over the forward estimates as it does not budget in this level of detail for future years. We have, however, seen a reduction of between 4 per cent and 5 per cent in travel spending year to date (to 31 May 2013) in comparison with the same period of the 2011-12 financial year. A component of this reduction will be associated with a reduction in business class flights.

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B. Consultants – Yes, all details of planned consultancies are published in DFAT’s Annual Procurement Plan on the AusTender website.

Contractors – Yes, a net reduction is expected but it is not possible to quantify at this stage.

C. As advised in response to Senator Eggleston’s similar question from Additional Budget Estimates 2012–2013 in February 2013, the department moved recruitment advertising online from 1 July 2012 in accordance with the Department of Finance and Deregulation’s ‘Non-campaign Recruitment Advertising Policy’ of June 2012. Future recruitment advertisements will be online only, except in rare instances where a particular print media is identified as the most appropriate means of attracting applicants with highly specialised skills. It is difficult to estimate savings over the forward estimates due to natural fluctuations in the volume and type of recruitment advertising conducted year to year.

D. The Government’s targeted public service efficiencies contained in Additional Estimates 2012-13 included a commitment to reducing printing costs by approximately five per cent through greater reliance on electronic publishing, rather than a fixed target.

DFAT has implemented the online release of departmental reports and publications across the board. A list of the department’s electronic publications is available at www.dfat.gov.au/publications. However, as printing falls under the responsibility of each individual area in the department, quantifying exact savings would require analysis of all documents and quantities printed. This would entail significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, we do not consider the additional work can be justified.

We also note a number of additional measures implemented with the aim of reducing printing costs, as follows:

- On 19 February 2013, DFAT officially joined the Department of Human Services’ (DHS) suite of panel arrangements for print services, known as the DHS Design, Production & Distribution Program. Joining the DHS program should generate ongoing savings and efficiencies.
- The department has implemented an Environmental Management System (EMS) setting out a number of initiatives aimed at improving the environmental sustainability of DFAT’s operations in Canberra,

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including measures to further reduce printing costs associated with paper and toner consumption and power. Duplex printing functionality is one of the environmental criteria for the department's printer purchasing decisions. All staff are encouraged to employ the electronic filing system, not to print unless essential, and - to the extent possible - to print double-sided, revise drafts on screen and re-use waste unclassified paper as note-paper.

- Divisions in Canberra are also provided with statistics on paper consumption and encouraged to review usage on a monthly basis. Total paper consumption across divisions decreased by 21 per cent in the 2012-13 financial year, compared to 2010-11.

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Question No. 121

Program: DFAT

Topic: Printing Costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?

Answer

As printing falls under the responsibility of each individual area in the Department, to provide details of all documents and quantities printed would entail significant diversion of resources, and in these circumstances, we do not consider the additional work can be justified.

The Department's website contains further information on DFAT publications.

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Question No. 122

Program: DFAT

Topic: Graduate Recruitment

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date. Please itemise and detail costs.**
- B. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.**

Answer

- A. As at 25 June 2013, the department has incurred \$81,433.99 (including GST) in recruitment costs for the 2014 Policy and Corporate Graduate intake. As at this date, the recruitment process is still underway. The breakdown of costs to date is as follows:

Advertising (online ads)	\$13,832.71
Brochures	\$1,439.59
Outsourced recruitment services (including administrative support, scribing, online cognitive and behavioural testing, etc)	\$57,852.00
Accommodation and travel	\$8,309.69

- B. As at 25 June 2013, the department has incurred \$8,309.69 (including GST) in travel costs for 2014 graduate recruitment. The breakdown of costs is as follows:

Airfares	\$5,504.69
Accommodation	\$2,805.00

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Question No. 123

Program: DFAT

Topic: Advertising costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?***
- B. Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.***
- C. Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.***
- D. Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.***
- E. Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.***
- F. Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.***
- G. What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?***

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Answer

- A. The total cost of advertising for the Department for the financial year to 31 May 2013 is \$3,011,428.
- B. & F. \$2,531,943 of advertising expenditure as at 31 May 2013 was for Smartraveller campaign advertising. The businesses that provided the advertising services were The Campaign Palace, JWT, Universal McCann, Professional Public Relations and Etcom.
- C. The Department of Finance and Deregulation (DoFD) provided advice on Smartraveller campaign advertising throughout its development.
- D. Yes, in relation to the Smartraveller campaign.
- E. The Department policies comply with the “Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies” as set by the Department of Finance and Deregulation.
- F. Above.
- G. Non-campaign advertising is expected to remain consistent. The Smartraveller campaign will continue in 2013-14.

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Question No. 124

Program: DFAT

Topic: Hospitality and Entertainment

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- B. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- C. *What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- D. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- E. *What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- F. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- G. *What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***

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- H. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.**
- I. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?**

Answer

- A. For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013, the total amount spent by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on hospitality and entertainment was \$4,286,511. Details and breakup of costs are maintained on individual files across DFAT's domestic and overseas network. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified.
- B. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's year to date expenditure in 2012-13 on hospitality and entertainment for each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office is nil.
- C. Refer to (A)
- D. Refer to (B)
- E. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's planned hospitality and entertainment expenditure for 2012-13 is \$4.783 million. Details and breakup of costs are maintained on individual files across DFAT's domestic and overseas network. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified.
- F. The Department's projected hospitality and entertainment expenditure for portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in 2012-13 is nil.
- G. Refer to (E)
- H. Refer to (F)
- I. The amount each work unit spends on hospitality and entertainment is at the discretion of the work unit and will depend on their particular business needs.

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Question No. 125

Program: DFAT

Topic: Meeting Costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.***
- B. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.***
- C. *What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- D. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.***

Answer

As financial information is not collected for meeting costs, to provide the details as requested would entail a significant and unreasonable diversion of resources.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 126

Program: DFAT

Topic: Program Launch Costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.***
- B. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.***
- C. *What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- D. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.***

Answer

Not applicable. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade does not have program launches.

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Question No. 127

Program: DFAT

Topic: Board Appointments

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. List all of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.***
- B. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?***
- C. Please detail any board appointments this financial year***

Answer

- A. All boards, including board titles, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members are listed below.
- B. The gender ratio for each board follows.
At 6 June 2013, the gender ratio for boards across the department was 39.67 per cent female (not including ex officio members).
- C. Appointments to each board for the financial year to date (FYTD) are listed below.

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Australia Awards

A. Title: Australia Awards.

Terms of appointment: Members are appointed by the Ministers for International Development and Higher Education. Currently the Hon Melissa Parke MP and the Hon Kim Carr.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for two (2) years (Chair) and two (2) years (members), with the possibility of re-appointment.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Professor Geoff Gallop AC	Chair	May 2011	May 2013
Ms Jillian Broadbent AO	Member	May 2011	May 2013
Professor Peter Coaldrake AO	Member	May 2011	May 2013
Ms Simone Bartley	Member	May 2011	May 2013
The Hon Bruce Baird AM	Member	May 2011	May 2013
Mr Peter Baxter	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
Mr Peter Varghese	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
Mr Don Russell	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
Mr Nick Austin	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A

B. Gender ratio: 40 per cent female (not including ex officio).

C. No new board members; one ex officio appointment on 19/09/2012 (Dr Nick Austin, CEO ACIAR – ongoing)

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Australia-China Council

A. Title: Australia-China Council

Terms of appointment: The Chair is appointed by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who also appoints the Board members.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 5 years (Chair) and 3 years (members), with the possibility of re-appointment.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
The Hon. Warwick Smith AM	Chair	09/09/2011	08/09/2016
Mr Kevin Hobgood-Brown	Deputy Chair	01/11/2010	31/10/2013
Professor Stephanie Fahey	Member	01/01/2013	31/12/2015
Mr David Olsson	Member	01/01/2013	31/12/2015
Ms Suhanya Raffel	Member	01/11/2010	31/10/2013
Professor Susan Street	Member	01/11/2010	31/10/2013
Professor Fiona Wood FRACS AM	Member	01/02/2011	31/01/2014
Ms Gillian Bird (Deputy Secretary, DFAT)	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A

B. Gender ratio: 57.14 per cent female (not including ex officio).

C. Two appointments (Professor Stephanie Fahey and Mr David Olsson).

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Australia-India Council

A. Title: Australia-India Council

Terms of appointment: All members (other than the Chair and the ex-officio member) are appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Chair is appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for up to five years, with the possibility of re-appointment.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Mr John McCarthy AO	Chair	14/02/2013	13/02/2014
Ms Suzanne Davies	Member	01/08/2010	31/07/2013
Professor Brien Holden OAM	Member	07/09/2012	06/09/2013
Ms Payal Mahindroo	Member	01/08/2012	31/07/2015
Professor Gillian Whitlock	Member	07/09/2012	06/09/2015
Ms Jennifer Rawson (DFAT Division Head responsible for India)	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A

D. Gender ratio: 60 per cent female (not including ex officio).

E. One appointment (Ms Payal Mahindroo); three re-appointments (Mr John McCarthy AO, Professor Brien Holden OAM and Professor Gillian Whitlock). Ms Jennifer Rawson (ex officio) replaced Mr Paul Robilliard as First Assistant Secretary, South and West Asia and Middle East Division on 5 November 2012.

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Australia-Indonesia Institute

A. Title: Australia-Indonesia Institute.

Terms of appointment: The Chair shall be appointed by the Governor-General on the nomination of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. A member of the Institute, other than the Chairperson and the ex officio DFAT member, shall be appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 5 years (Chair) and 3 years (members), with the possibility of re-appointment.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Professor Tim Lindsey	Chair	15/05/2013	14/05/2016
Mr Andrew Donovan	Member	26/06/2012	25/06/2015
Professor Bruce Robinson	Member	26/06/2012	25/06/2015
Mr Greg Sheridan	Member	26/06/2012	25/06/2015
Professor Julia Day Howell	Member	10/02/2011	9/02/2014
Professor David Hill	Member	10/02/2011	9/02/2014
Dr James Bradfield Moody	Member	10/02/2011	9/02/2014
Ms Rufiath Yousuff	Member	10/02/2011	9/02/2014
Professor Clare Martin	Member	5/10/2011	4/10/2014
Ms Gillian Bird (Deputy Secretary, DFAT)	Ex officio	Ongoing	

B. Gender ratio: 33.33 per cent female (not including ex officio).

C. One new (reappointed) board member, the Chair (Professor Tim Lindsey), for the FYTD.

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Australia International Cultural Council

- A. Title: Australia International Cultural Council (AICC)
The *Australia in the Asian Century White Paper* identified a need to revamp the AICC. The Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for the Arts are considering implementing actions, including changes to the composition of the Council. The terms of previous board members had expired by March 2011.
- B. To be determined when new members are appointed.
- C. As of 6 June 2013, no new board members have been appointed.

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Australia-Japan Foundation

A. Title: Australia-Japan Foundation

Terms of appointment: The Chair shall be appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Members of the Board, other than the Chair and the ex officio DFAT member shall be appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 5 years (Chair) and for 3 years (members) with the possibility of re-appointment.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Mr Murray McLean AO	Chair	01/01/2012	31/12/2016
Mr Peter Yates AM	Member	01/02/2010	01/08/2014
Mr Tim Lester	Member	01/02/2010	01/02/2015
Professor Kate Darian-Smith	Member	01/03/2010	22/03/2015
Mr Doug Hall AM	Member	22/03/2013	22/02/2016
Ms Melanie Brock	Member	01/03/2010	22/03/2015
Dr Chiaki Ajioka	Member	01/10/2012	01/10/2015
Ms Gillian Bird (Deputy Secretary, DFAT)	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A

B. Gender ratio: 42.86 per cent female (not including ex officio).

C. Two board appointments for the FYTD (Dr Chiaki Ajioka and Mr Doug Hall AM), and four re-appointments (Mr Peter Yates AM, Mr Tim Lester, Professor Kate Darian-Smith, and Ms Melanie Brock).

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Australia-Korea Foundation

A. Title: Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF)

Terms of appointment: The Chair shall be appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Members of the Board, other than the Chairperson and the ex officio DFAT member, shall be appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 5 years (Chair) and for 3 years (members) with the possibility of re-appointment.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Mr David Palmer	Chair	17/07/2008	16/07/2013
Dr Bronwen Dalton	Member	15/09/2009	14/09/2014
Mr Carrillo Gantner AO	Member	29/04/2011	28/04/2014
Mr James Casey	Member	11/07/2011	10/07/2014
Professor Michael Manton FTSE	Member	2/02/2012	1/02/2015
Ms Jacquie Riddell	Member	11/10/2012	14/09/2015
Ms Gillian Bird (Deputy Secretary, DFAT)	<i>Ex officio</i>	Ongoing	N/A

B. Gender ratio: 33.33 per cent female (not including ex officio).

C. One board appointment for the FYTD (Ms Jacquie Riddell), and one re-appointment (Dr Bronwen Dalton).

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Australia-Malaysia Institute

A. Title: Australia-Malaysia Institute.

Terms of appointment: Members (other than the ex-officio member) are appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 3 years (Chair) and 3 years (members), with the possibility of re-appointment.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Professor Lance Twomey AO	Chair	9/04/2012	8/04/2015
Mr Christian Bennett	Member	9/04/2012	8/04/2015
Ms Geraldine Doogue AO	Member	9/04/2012	8/04/2015
Ms Rechelle Hawkes OAM	Member	9/04/2012	8/04/2015
Dr Gaik Cheng Khoo	Member	4/05/2012	3/05/2015
Ms Kathe Kirby	Member	9/04/2012	8/04/2015
Mr Kee Wong	Member	4/05/2012	3/05/2015
Mr Talal Yassine OAM	Member	04/03/2013	03/03/2016
Ms Gillian Bird (Deputy Secretary, DFAT)	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A

B. Gender ratio: 50.00 per cent female (not including ex officio).

C. One new board member (Mr Talal Yassine OAM) for the FYTD.

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Australian National Commission for UNESCO

A. Title: Australian National Commission for UNESCO

Terms of appointment: The Chair and community (specialist and youth) members are appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. These members must be Australian citizens. The Parliamentary Observers are nominated by the Minister for Foreign Affairs until ceasing to be members of the Senate or House of Representatives or dissolution of the House of Representatives, whichever is sooner. The Minister for Foreign Affairs consults the Leader of the Opposition in appointing the Parliamentary Observer representing the Opposition.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for up to 4 years; with possibility of re-appointment.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Ms Anthea Tinney	Chair	16/06/2009	15/06/2013
Mr Martin Hadlow	Deputy Chair and Specialist Member	09/04/2012	08/04/2016
Dr James Bradfield Moody	Specialist Member	16/06/2009	15/06/2013
Professor Denise Bradley AO	Specialist Member	16/06/2009	15/06/2013
Ms Chrissy Grant	Specialist Member	16/06/2009	15/06/2013
Professor Abdullah Saeed AM	Specialist Member	16/06/2009	15/06/2013
Mr Benson Saulo	Youth Member	09/04/2012	08/04/2016
Senator Marise Payne	Parliamentary Observer	Ongoing	N/A
Ms Maria Vamvakinou MP	Parliamentary Observer	Ongoing	N/A

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AusAID Agency Representative	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
DBCDE Departmental Representative	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
DEEWR Departmental Representative	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
DFAT Departmental Representative	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
DIAC Departmental Representative	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
DIISRTE Departmental Representative	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
DRALGAS Departmental Representative	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
DSEWPaC Departmental Representative	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A

B. Gender ratio: 42.86 per cent female (not including ex officio or Parliamentary Observers).

C. No new board members.

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Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research – Commission for International Agricultural Research

A. Title: ACIAR Commission for International Agricultural Research

Terms of appointment: The Commissioners are appointed by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 3 years.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Ms Joanna Hewitt AO	Chair	07/04/2011	06/04/2014
Professor Kym Anderson	Commissioner	07/04/2011	06/04/2014
Dr Nick Austin	Commissioner	31/07/2012	30/07/2014
Mr Peter Baxter (Director General AusAID)	Commissioner	30/05/2013	29/05/2016
Mr David Crombie	Commissioner	07/04/2011	06/04/2014
Dr Joanne Daly	Commissioner	29/10/2012	28/10/2015
Dr Conall O'Connell	Commissioner	07/04/2011	06/04/2014

B. Gender ratio: 28.57 per cent female.

C. Three re-appointments (Dr Nick Austin, Mr Peter Baxter and Dr Joanne Daly).

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Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research – Policy Advisory Council

A. Title: ACIAR Policy Advisory Council

Terms of Appointment: Membership of the Council is limited to 13, comprising a President, the Director General of AusAID's nominee and not fewer than nine and no more than eleven other members appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Minister is required, under legislation, to ensure that a substantial number of the members of the Council are residents of countries other than Australia, and to have regard for the knowledge of appointees concerning the agricultural problems of developing countries or their experience in organising or conducting agricultural research.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 3 years.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Dr Beth Woods OAM	President	21/03/2011	20/03/2014
Dr Subbanna Ayyappan	Member	19/07/2010	18/07/2013
Mr Brown Bai	Member	22/08/2011	21/08/2014
Dr Monthathip Chanphengxay	Member	22/08/2011	21/08/2014
Dr Patricio Faylon	Member	22/08/2011	21/08/2014
Dr Haryono	Member	04/09/2012	03/09/2015
Dr Jia Jingdun	Member	17/04/2013	16/04/2016
Dr Ouk Makara	Member	17/04/2013	16/04/2016
The Hon. Professor Ruth Oniang'o SS DSM	Member	07/07/2010	06/07/2013
Dr Jimmie Rodgers	Member	04/09/2012	03/09/2015
Dr Muhammad Tusneem	Member	22/08/2011	21/08/2014
Dr Nguyen Van Bo	Member	19/07/2010	18/07/2013
Mr Ian Kershaw (nominee of the Director General AusAID)	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A

B. Gender ratio: 23.07 per cent female.

C. Four board appointments (Dr Haryono, Dr Jia Jingdun, Dr Ouk Makara and Dr Jimmie Rodgers).

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Australia Thailand Institute

A. Title: Australia Thailand Institute.

Terms of appointment: Members (other than the ex-officio member) are appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 3 years (Chair) and 3 years (members), with the possibility of re-appointment.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Mr Mike Courtnall	Chair	22/05/2013	1/05/2015
Dr Kaye Eldridge	Member	25/05/2012	3/05/2015
Mr John Hancock	Member	9/04/2012	8/04/2015
Mr Michael Laverty	Member	9/04/2012	8/04/2015
Mr Jim Middleton	Member	9/04/2012	8/04/2015
Ms Dusadee Coulson	Member	4/05/2012	3/05/2015
Ms Annette Ellis	Member	4/05/2012	3/05/2015
Ms Margaret West AM	Member	15/01/2013	14/01/2016
Ms Gillian Bird (Deputy Secretary, DFAT)	Ex officio	Ongoing	

B. Gender ratio: 50.00 per cent female (not including ex officio).

C. Two board appointments (Mr Mike Courtnall and Ms Margaret West AM) for the FYTD.

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Council for Australian-Arab Relations

A. Title: Council for Australian-Arab Relations

Terms of appointment: The Chair and members of the Council (other than ex officio members) are appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs with the agreement of the Minister for Trade. The Chair and Members may be re-appointed.

Tenure of appointment: Chair – part-time basis for five years. Members – part-time basis for three years.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Mr Ahmed Fahour	Chair	31/01/2011	30/06/2013
Dr Glen Simpson	Deputy Chair	01/01/2011	31/12/2013
The Hon Steve Bracks AC	Member	30/06/2011	29/06/2014
Ms Aziza Abdel-Halim AM	Member	16/12/2012	15/12/2015
Dr Anne Aly	Member	16/12/2012	15/12/2015
Mr Roland Jabbour JP	Member	16/12/2012	15/12/2015
Mr Talal Yassine OAM	Member	16/12/2012	15/12/2015
Mr David Landers (delegate of the CEO, Austrade)	Ex officio Member	Ongoing	N/A
Ms Jennifer Rawson (delegate of the Secretary, DFAT)	Ex officio Member	Ongoing	N/A

B. Gender ratio: 28.57 per cent female (not including ex officio).

C. Three board appointments (Mr Roland Jabbour JP, Mr Talal Yassine OAM, Ms Aziza Abdel-Halim AM); one re-appointment (Dr Anne Aly); one ex officio appointment (Ms Jennifer Rawson replaced Mr Paul Robilliard as FAS South and West Asia and Middle East Division on 5 November 2012).

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Council on Australia Latin American Relations

A. Title: Council on Australia Latin American Relations

Terms of appointment: The Chair of the Council and members of the board (other than ex officio members) are appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs in consultation with the Minister for Trade and Competitiveness. Chair and members may be re-appointed for a term.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 3 years.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Mr Chris Gale	Chair	10/08/2012	30/06/2015
Mr Craig Foster	Member	01/07/2010	30/06/2013
Professor Margaret Gardner AOMs	Member	05/03/2007	30/06/2013
Mr Rob Grant	Member	01/07/2010	30/06/2013
Mr Greg Martin	Member	01/07/2010	30/06/2013
Mr Tim McLennan	Member	10/08/2012	30/06/2015
Mr David Luboff	Member	01/07/2010	30/06/2013
Ms Cristina Talacko	Member	06/09/2007	30/06/2013
Ms Helen Cox (General Manager, International DRET)	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
Mr David Landers (General Manager, Growth and Emerging Markets, Austrade)	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
Mr Paul Grigson (Deputy Secretary, DFAT)	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A
Ms Anne Baly (Head, International Education and Science Division, DIICSRTE)	Ex officio	Ongoing	N/A

B. Gender ratio: 25 per cent female (not including ex officio).

C. Two board appointments (Mr Chris Gale was appointed Chairman 16 May 2013).

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Editorial Advisory Board

A. Title: Editorial Advisory Board

Terms of appointment: Members are appointed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 4 years (Chair) and 4 years (members), with the possibility of re-appointment.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Mr Kim Jones AM	Chair	02/05/2012	30/06/2015
Professor Ann Capling	Member	02/05/2012	30/06/2015
Professor Peter Edwards AM	Member	02/05/2012	30/06/2015
Mr Ian Hancock	Member	02/05/2012	30/06/2015
Professor Marilyn Lake	Member	02/05/2012	30/06/2015
Professor David Lowe	Member	02/05/2012	30/06/2015
Dr Leanne Piggott	Member	02/05/2012	30/06/2015

B. Gender ratio: 42.86 per cent female.

C. No new board members.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation

A. Title: Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC)

Terms of appointment: All appointments are made in accordance with the EFIC Act 1991.

Tenure of appointment: Part-time basis for 3 years, possible re-appointment for a second term or third term if the member has been appointed at any time as Chair.

Members:

<i>(title, name, surname)</i>	<i>(position on board)</i>	<i>(date of appointment)</i>	<i>(end date of appointment)</i>
Mr Angus Armour	Managing Director & CEO	31/10/2003	By Board decision
Mr Andrew Mohl	Chair	09/12/2011	08/12/2014
Ms Sally Pitkin	Deputy Chair	01/08/2010	31/07/2013
Mr Bruce Brook	Member	01/03/2013	29/02/2016
Mr David Evans	Member	09/12/2011	08/12/2014
Mr Nicholas Minogue	Member	09/12/2011	08/12/2014
Ms Jennifer Seabrook	Member	05/04/2011	04/04/2014
Ms Deena Shiff	Member	09/12/2011	08/12/2014
Mr Peter Varghese AO (DFAT Secretary)	Ex officio	11/02/2013	Ongoing
Ms Jan Adams (DFAT Deputy Secretary)	Ex officio	07/05/2013	Ongoing

B. Gender ratio: 37.5 per cent female (not including ex officio).

C. No new board members; one ex officio appointment (Ms Jan Adams – new Alternate Government Member)

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 128

Program: DFAT

Topic: Freedom of Information

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Has the Department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?**
- B. What is the total cost to the department /agency to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?**
- C. How many requests did the department/agency receive for this financial year to date? How many requests were denied and how many were granted? Did the department fail to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many? Do any of these requests remain outstanding?**

Answer

- A. The Office of the Australian Information Commissioner (OAIC), 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 available at

http://www.oaic.gov.au/publications/guidelines.html#foi_guidelines.
From time to time, this advice is updated. In recent months, there have been some updates to these guidelines. The online version represents the most up-to-date version of the advice.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet provided FOI Guidance Notes to all departments on 28 July 2011. This is available at http://www.dpmmc.gov.au/foi/guidance_notes.cfm. There has been no update to this advice since it was issued.

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- B. DFAT compiles information on staff-hours and non-labour costs relating to FOI at the end of each financial year. DFAT provides this information to the Office of the Information Commissioner (OAIC) for publication in the usual reporting cycle. The OAIC then uses its own methodology to estimate the cost for each agency. This final cost information is published by the Office of the Information Commissioner on its website in the Freedom of Information Act 1982 Annual Report. For 2011-2012, DFAT provided its inputs to the OAIC, including estimated total staff-hours of 13710 and non-labour costs of \$9562. The OAIC methodology indicates an estimated total cost to DFAT of \$938,602.

Reporting partial year results may not provide an accurate comparison to previous whole year data. Moreover, answering this question would involve an unreasonable diversion of resources to undertake the task part way through the reporting cycle. The process must be undertaken at the end of the reporting period. The information will be provided by DFAT at the end of the financial year and will be published by the Office of the Information Commissioner on its website.

- C. For the 2012-13 financial year, the Department received 220 FOI requests.

A range of statutory extensions of time are permitted under the FOI Act. Response times over 30 days do not necessarily indicate that the response is overdue, once statutory extensions are allowed for. Nevertheless, in some cases the Department's response has occurred after the processing time has elapsed. Where it occurs, the reason for the delay beyond the processing times allowed under the FOI Act is that the request is large and/or complex, requiring extensive analysis and consultation.

In the financial year of 2012-13 DFAT closed 202 FOI requests.

Requests may be closed through a variety of means, including finalisation of the request, withdrawal of the request – some requests were withdrawn in the context of the applicant submitting a re-scoped request, and agreement to receive a document outside the FOI Act.

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Question No. 129

Program: DFAT

Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

A. Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.

B. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodation and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.

C. What was the total cost to the Department and the Minister's office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date

Answer

A. Senator Carr has attended two Community Cabinet meetings in the 2012-13 financial year to date: in Ipswich, Queensland, on 10 July 2012; and in Ringwood, Victoria, on 17 April 2013. Dr Emerson has attended two Community Cabinet meeting in the 2012-13 financial year to date: in Kippa-Ring, Queensland, on 14 November 2012; and in Ringwood, Victoria, on 17 April 2013.

B. Departmental officers have attended each of the Community Cabinet meetings in the 2012-13 financial year to date. Costs were absorbed in the department's operating budget.

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- The Director of the Queensland State Office accompanied Senator Carr at the 10 July 2012 Community Cabinet meeting in Ipswich, Queensland.
- The Director of the Western Australia State Office attended the 5 September 2012 Community Cabinet meeting in Orelia, Western Australia.
- The Acting Director of the Tasmania State Office attended the 3 October 2012 Community Cabinet meeting in Launceston, Tasmania.
- The Director of the Queensland State Office accompanied Dr Emerson at the 14 November 2012 Community Cabinet meeting in Kippa-Ring, Queensland.
- The Director of the South Australia State Office attended the 22 February Community Cabinet meeting in Aberfoyle Park, South Australia.
- The Director of the South Australia State Office attended the 27 March Community Cabinet meeting in Thornlie, Western Australia.
- An officer from the Victoria State Office accompanied Senator Carr and Dr Emerson at the 17 April Community Cabinet meeting in Ringwood, Victoria.
- An officer from the New South Wales State Office attended the 22 May Community Cabinet meeting in Regents Park, New South Wales.

C. The cost to the department of departmental officers attending Community Cabinet meetings in the 2012-13 financial year to date is negligible and has been absorbed as part of the department's operating costs. Information on the domestic travel costs of Ministers and Ministerial Staff is available from the Department of Finance and Deregulation.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 130

Program: DFAT

Topic: Reviews

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

For this financial year to date:

- A. How many Reviews are being undertaken?*
- B. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?*
- C. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?*
- D. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?*
- E. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?*
- F. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?*
- G. What reviews are planned?*
- H. When will each of these reviews be concluded?*

Answer

- A. None.
- B. None.
- C. Not applicable.
- D. Not applicable.
- E. Not applicable.
- F. Not applicable.
- G. None.
- H. Not applicable.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 131

Program: DFAT

Topic: Consultancies

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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). Also include total value for all consultancies.***
- B. *How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? 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.***

Answer

- A. Details of all consultancy contracts valued at or over \$10,000 let in 2012-13 to date are available on AusTender – the Commonwealth’s procurement reporting system. When contracts are awarded, the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement are published on AusTender. To provide details of consultancy 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.
- B. All details of planned consultancies, including subject matter, estimated date of approach to market, and proposed method of procurement are published in DFAT’s Annual Procurement Plan on the AusTender website. The potential cost of future procurements, and the name of any successful bidder would not be known until the approach to market had been completed. These details are published on AusTender soon after any contract is awarded.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 132

Program: DFAT

Topic: Media Monitoring

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

A. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?

- 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services?**
- 2. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?**
- 3. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?**

B. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?

- 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services?**
- 2. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?**
- 3. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?**

Answer

A. The total cost for media monitoring services used by the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries for Foreign Affairs and Trade in FY2012-13 was \$56,109.00.

1. iSentia (formerly known as Media Monitors)

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2. The estimated budget to provide media monitoring services for the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries for Foreign Affairs and Trade in FY 2012-13 was \$123,000.00
 3. The total cost for media monitoring services used by the Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries for Foreign Affairs and Trade in FY2012-13 was \$56,109.00
- C. The total cost for media monitoring services used by the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade (Media Liaison Section, PMB) in FY 2012-2013 was \$174,400.47 ex GST.
1. iSentia (formerly Media Monitors)
 2. The estimated budget to provide media monitoring services for the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade in FY2012-2013 was \$240,000.00.
 3. The total cost for media monitoring services used by the Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade (Media Liaison Section, PMB) in FY 2012-2013 was \$174,400.47 ex GST.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 133

Program: DFAT

Topic: Social Media

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *Has there been any changes to department and agency social media or protocols about staff access and usage of Youtube; online social media, such as Facebook, MySpace and Twitter; and access to online discussions forums and blogs since May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issued.***
- B. *Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?***
- C. *If yes, provide details of the usage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when usage peaks).***
- D. *Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff usage?***
- E. *If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?***
- F. *Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).***

Answer

A. The Department's Conduct and Ethics Manual was updated on 26 June 2012 to reflect guidance from the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) for all APS employees making public comments in a private capacity and using internet social networking tools, blogs and chat rooms. The Conduct and Ethics Manual is available on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website.

B. Yes.

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- C. To provide details on staff usage of social media would entail a significant and unreasonable diversion of resources given the volume of data involved. As DFAT has an online presence, it would also be difficult to separate official and personal use of social media. In the circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified.
- D. No.
- E. The department does not consider that the use of social media is impacting employee productivity. The department will continue to monitor staff usage of social media.
- F. No.

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Question No. 134

Program: DFAT

Topic: Internet

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?

Answer

There was a major and sustained Internet outage in the past six months. The outage occurred on Tuesday the 05 March 2013 this affected all users and lasted 6 hours. In this instance the problem lay within departmental infrastructure which affected a large section of the user population including the Minister's Office staff.

In the period from 06 March until 14 March 2013 there was a performance impact from internet slowness. This was a result of a number of factors; further analysis indicates that the majority of jobs reported during this period of 'slowness' was experienced when accessing particular Internet resources. The most significant factor in the slow access times during these periods has been bandwidth exhaustion. It is probable that the Ministers' offices were also affected on these occasions.

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Question No. 135

Program: DFAT

Topic: Staff amenities

Question in writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list.

Answer

Staff have access to a gymnasium, cafeteria and child care centre located in the RG Casey Building, the Department's Head Office in Canberra. At each State and Territory office the Department provides a working environment which meets Workplace Health and Safety requirements, as it does at posts across the global network.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 136

Program: DFAT

Topic: Coffee machines

Question in writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.***
- B. *Why were coffee machines purchased?***
- C. *Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?***
- D. *Where did the funding for coffee machines come from?***
- E. *Who has access?***
- F. *Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does funding for maintenance come from?***
- G. *What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?***
- H. *Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff usage? If yes, , provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.***
- I. *Why are coffee machines rented?***
- J. *Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?***
- K. *Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?***
- L. *Who has access?***

***M. Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines?
How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken.
Where does funding for maintenance come from?***

N. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer

It is not a policy of the Department to purchase or rent coffee machines for staff usage.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 137

Program: DFAT

Topic: Contractors

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

For this financial year to date:

- A. *Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).***
- B. *Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).***
- C. *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 (including the work undertaken and the cost).***
- D. *Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).***
- E. *Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).***
- F. *Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).***
- G. *Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).***

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- H. *Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).***
- I. *Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.***
- J. *What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).***

Answer

- A. No.
- B. No
- C. No
- D. No.
- E. No. There is an unrelated expenditure with a company named Cutting Edge in Harare for gardening equipment and associated maintenance.
- F. No.
- G. No.
- H. No.
- I. No.
- J. Details of contracts valued at or over \$10,000 let in 2012-13 to date are available on AusTender – the Commonwealth’s procurement reporting system. When contracts are awarded, the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement are published on AusTender. 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.

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Question No. 138

Program: DFAT

Topic: Grants

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.**
- B. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.**

Answer

- A. A list of the department's grants is publicly available on the department's website which includes details of grant recipients, amount, purpose and funding location.
- B. As at 30 June, six grants, totalling \$292,000, were not reported on the department's website within the required 7 day timeframe as listed below.

Recipient	Amount	Purpose	Location
Association Cinema des Antipodes	\$6,000	To support an Australian film festival in St Tropez	St Tropez
The Australian National University	\$38,500	Funding to support Aus- CSCAP July 2012 to June 2013	Canberra
Australia Education	\$74,800	Thai BRIDGE Program	Thailand & Australia

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Recipient	Amount	Purpose	Location
Foundation			
Snuff Puppets	\$44,000	Tour to Chile and Peru showcasing a selection of repertoire and community workshops. Will form part of Australia-Peru 50th anniversary of relations celebrations.	Footscray
Strange Fruit	\$62,700	Large scale performances and collaboration with Latin American artists, in Chile and Peru. Will form part of Australia-Peru 50th anniversary of relations celebrations.	Collingwood
United Nations Association of Australia	\$66,000	Domestic Outreach and Educational Activities for 2012-13.	Canberra

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Question No. 139

Program: DFAT

Topic: Commissioned Reports

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.***
- B. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?***
- C. What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?***

Answer

- A. None.
- B. Not applicable.
- C. Not applicable.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 140

Program: DFAT

Topic: Government Payment of Accounts

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. For this financial year to date, has the department/agency paid its accounts to contractors/consultants etc in accordance with Government policy in terms of time for payment (ie, within 30 days)?***
- B. If not, why not? Provide details, including 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)***
- C. 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?***
- D. Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?***

Answer

- A.** Government policy in terms of timeliness for payment of accounts is focussed on small business. Agencies are only required to monitor and report performance on payments to small business. Consequently DFAT systems are not configured to collect information on the timeframe for payment of accounts to a particular supplier category

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- B. The 2012-13 statistics relating to payments to small business will be collated following the end of the financial year and will be provided to the Department of Industry, Innovation, Climate Change, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIICCSRTE) in response to their yearly survey. To collate this data at this stage of the year will entail significant diversion of resources and in these circumstances the additional work cannot be justified.
- C. Departmental practices accord with the requirements outlined in Finance Circular 2012/02 Procurement On-Time Payment Policy for Small Business. The department is aware of late payment interest penalty being paid for the 2011-12 financial year of \$8,263.31 to small business across all supplier categories. The department is not aware of any late payment interest penalty paid in the current financial year.
- D. The interest charge is calculated in accordance with the Finance Circular 2012/02 Procurement On-Time Payment Policy for Small Business. The penalty interest rate was determined at the General Interest Charge (GIC) daily rate for the applicable quarter as detailed on the Australian Taxation Office website.

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Question No. 141

Program: DFAT

Topic: Stationery requirements

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?***
- B. *What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?***

Answer

- A. For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013, the total amount spent by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on stationery requirements (including paper) supplied by its contracted stationery supplier for portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries was \$13,289.
- B. For the period 1 July 2012 to 31 May 2013, the total amount spent by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on stationery requirements (including paper) supplied by its contracted stationery supplier for departmental use was \$0.537 million. Spending on stationery from vendors other than the Department's contracted stationery supplier, including local purchases by overseas posts, has not been included in this figure. It would entail a significant diversion of resources to collate this information and, in the circumstances; the additional work cannot be justified.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 142

Program: DFAT

Topic: Media Subscriptions

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?***
- 1. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.***
 - 2. What is the cost for this financial year to date?***
- B. *What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?***
- 1. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.***
 - 2. What is the cost for this financial year to date?***
- C. *What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?***
- 1. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.***
 - 2. What is the cost for this financial year to date?***

Answer

- A. DFAT subscribes to Foxtel and Parliamentary TV channels.

The Foxtel subscription provides access to the following channels to enable Central Office monitoring of world events and news updates:

- BBC World News
- CNBC
- CNN
- Sky Business Channel
- Sky News
- Sky Weather Channel

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Parliamentary channel subscriptions are used to monitor parliamentary proceedings:

- Committee 1
- Committee 2
- Committee 3
- Committee 4
- House of Reps Events in Progress
- House of Representatives
- Main Committee
- Main Committee Events in Progress
- Senate Events in Progress
- Senate
- Special Events

To provide the details of all the department's 90-plus offices would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified.

For this financial year to date, the Foxtel subscriptions have cost \$31,552.08, and the Parliamentary TV subscription has cost \$7,316.18.

B&C.

Newspaper and magazine subscriptions are decentralised and managed and budgeted by individual work units in Canberra, across 95 posts overseas and by seven state and territory offices, according to their varying requirements.

Aggregating subscriptions and their costs across all DFAT offices, both overseas and in Australia would represent an unjustifiable diversion of resources.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 143

Program: DFAT

Topic: Travel Costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).***
- B. *For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.***
- C. *What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.***
- D. *What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.***
- E. *What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012.***
- F. *Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.***
- G. *When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.***
- H. *Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?***

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Answer

A. Details for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 October 2012 were included in the response to Question on Notice 113 in the October Supplementary Budget Estimates 2012–2013. Details for the period 1 November 2012 to 28 February 2013 were included in the response to Question on Notice 86 from the February Additional Budget Estimates 2012–2013. Details for the period 1 March 2013 to 20 June 2013 are as follows. The costs provided in this response are as at 2 July 2013. Some costs may still not have been finalised.

- . Senator Carr travelled to the United States of America from 16 to 28 March 2013. Senator Carr was not accompanied by any Canberra-based DFAT staff.

- . Senator Carr travelled to Indonesia, China and Singapore from 1 to 13 April 2013. Senator Carr was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff to Indonesia. The cost of (i) travel, (ii), accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:
 - First Assistant Secretary, South East Asia Division
: (i) \$6,362.05 (ii) \$728.20 (iii) \$410.94 (iv) nil

- . Senator Carr travelled to Luxembourg, Belgium, France and the United Kingdom from 19 April to 1 May 2013. Senator Carr was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member to Luxembourg and France and two Canberra-based DFAT staff members to Belgium. The cost of (i) travel, (ii), accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for these staff members is as follows:
 - Deputy Secretary
: (i) \$16,960.93 (ii) \$1,012.86 (iii) \$305.44 (iv) nil
 - First Assistant Secretary, Europe Division
: (i) \$9,501.54 (ii) \$2,205.45 (iii) \$967.86 (iv) nil

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- . Senator Carr travelled to Papua New Guinea from 3 to 4 May 2013. Senator Carr was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The cost of (i) travel, (ii), accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:
 - Assistant Secretary, Papua New Guinea and Fiji Branch
: (i) \$4,240.72 (ii) \$667.13 (iii) \$244.18 (iv) nil

- . Senator Carr travelled to United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Lebanon from 17 to 25 May 2013. Senator Carr was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The cost of (i) travel, (ii), accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:
 - Assistant Secretary, Middle East Branch
: (i) \$10,364.38 (ii) \$645.79 (iii) nil (iv) \$15.00
Visas

- . Dr Emerson travelled to China from 5 to 12 April 2013. Dr Emerson was not accompanied by any Canberra-based DFAT staff.

- . Dr Emerson travelled to Indonesia from 19 to 22 April 2013. Dr Emerson was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff members. The cost of (i) travel, (ii), accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for these staff members is as follows:
 - Assistant Secretary, North Asia Goods Branch
: (i) \$3,084.63 (ii) \$491.79 (iii) \$216.05 (iv) nil
 - First Assistant Secretary, Office of Trade Negotiations
: (i) \$5,557.97 (ii) \$912.47 (iii) \$372.78 (iv) nil

- . Dr Emerson travelled to France from 26 May to 1 June 2013. Dr Emerson was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The cost of (i) travel, (ii), accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:
 - Deputy Secretary
: (i) \$9,929.46 (ii) \$3,317.01 (iii) \$1,204.56 (iv) nil

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- . Senator Thistlethwaite travelled to Fiji from 11 to 13 April 2013. Senator Thistlethwaite was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff members. The cost of (i) travel, (ii), accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for these staff members is as follows:
 - Assistant Secretary, Papua New Guinea and Fiji Branch
: (i) \$3,576.03 (ii) \$631.15 (iii) \$182.16 (iv) nil
 - Deputy Secretary
: (i) \$2,734.99 (ii) \$871.83 (iii) \$226.63 (iv) nil

- . Senator Thistlethwaite travelled to Papua New Guinea from 14 to 18 April 2013. Senator Thistlethwaite was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member. The 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) \$6,481.34 (ii) \$195.45 (iii) \$732.02 (iv) nil

- . Senator Thistlethwaite travelled to Solomon Islands from 21 to 23 May 2013. Senator Thistlethwaite was accompanied by two Canberra-based DFAT staff members. The cost of (i) travel, (ii), accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for these staff members is as follows:
 - Assistant Secretary, Pacific Regional and New Zealand Branch
: (i) \$3,648.82 (ii) nil (iii) nil (iv) nil
 - Desk Officer, Solomon Islands Section
: (i) \$7,291.78 (ii) \$948.94 (iii) \$248.18 (iv) \$311.23 Allowance

- . Mr Thomson travelled to Hong Kong, Indonesia and Taiwan from 13 to 21 April 2013. Mr Thomson was accompanied by one Canberra-based DFAT staff member to Taiwan. The cost of (i) travel, (ii), accommodation, (iii) travel allowance, and (iv) any other expenses for this staff member is as follows:
 - Assistant Secretary, East Asia Branch
: (i) \$7,100.00 (ii) \$2,213.00 (iii) \$816.00 (iv) nil

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- . Mr Thomson travelled to Chile and Colombia from 19 to 25 May 2013. Mr Thomson was not accompanied by any Canberra-based DFAT staff.

 - . Mr Marles travelled to Japan from 28 February to 2 March 2013. Mr Marles was not accompanied by any Canberra-based DFAT staff.

 - . Mr Marles travelled to Mauritius, Reunion and Comoros from 4 to 8 March 2013. Mr Marles was not accompanied by any Canberra-based DFAT staff.
- B. For this financial year (to 31 May 2013) the department has spent \$24.5 million from its Operating Budget, on travel. This figure includes airfares, accommodation, meals and incidentals and other expenses:

F/Y	2012-2013 FYTD
Airfares	\$20.11m
Accommodation	\$2.02m
Travel Allow.	\$1.91m
Other	\$0.46m
Total Expenditure	\$24.5m

The department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow all travel to be separately captured to provide a breakdown by airfare type and the reason for travel. To provide such details in this format would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

C – D.

The department's global responsibilities create a high demand for travel throughout the year, often at short notice. The department does not forecast travel plans or expenditure separately to general budget planning. To provide details of individual travel plans and reasons for travel would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

- E. The department's policy on business class travel is determined by whether the staff member is SES or Non-SES and whether travel is domestic or international.

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	SES class of travel	Non-SES class of travel
Domestic Travel	ECONOMY Canberra/Sydney or Canberra/Melbourne: BUSINESS Other destinations within Australia	ECONOMY all sectors under three hours BUSINESS All sectors over three hours
International Travel	BUSINESS	ECONOMY All sectors under two hours BUSINESS All sectors over two hours

The department has seen a reduction of between 4 and 5 per cent in business travel spend year to date (to 31 May 2013) in comparison to the same period of the 2011/12 financial year. A component of this reduction is associated with a reduction in business class flights.

- F. SES staff, as part of their conditions of service have a provision for one airline/club membership to be purchased at official expense. Wherever possible, SES staff are encouraged to pay for this membership with official frequent flyer points. Non SES staff are not eligible for membership at official expense of any airline's Club Lounge.

The department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow airline/club memberships to be separately captured to provide a breakdown. To provide details in this format would entail significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, I do not consider the additional work can be justified.

G. No.

H. No.

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Question No. 144

Program: DFAT

Topic: Legal Costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.***
- B. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.***
- C. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.***
- D. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.***

Answer

- A.** The total expenditure by the department (including both bills paid and payable) on external legal services for the 2012-2013 financial year was \$3,039,083 (excl GST).

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

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- B. The total expenditure by the department on legal services from the Australian Government Solicitor for the 2012-2013 financial year was \$1,851,314 (excl GST,) broken down as follows: (i) \$847,417 for commercial advice; (ii) \$941,268 for litigation and dispute resolution; and (iii) \$62,629 for general advice.
- C. The total expenditure by the department on legal services from private firms in Australia for the 2012-2013 financial year was \$432,625 (excl GST) broken down as follows: (i) \$339,348 for commercial advice; (ii) \$6,366 for litigation and dispute resolution; and (iii) \$86,911 for general advice.
- D. 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. This additional amount was \$755,144 (excl GST) for the 2012-2013 financial year.

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

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No: 145

Program: DFAT

Topic: Education Expenses

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *What are the department/agency's guidelines on study?***
- B. *For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.***

Answer

- A. The department is committed to providing employees with the opportunity to pursue part-time study under the department's 'Studybank' Program, provided it is relevant to the department's corporate objectives and human resources requirements. Before approving study leave, the following factors are taken into consideration:
1. the financial resources and operational needs of the department;
 2. the work performance of the employee;
 3. the career development needs of the employee; and
 4. the number of working hours required.

Courses must be directly relevant to the department's core business. Approval is normally given on a semester-by-semester basis.

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Courses must lead to or form part of a Higher Education Sector Accreditation provided by a university or other recognised higher education institution under the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). The AQF comprises the following qualifications under the Higher Education Sector Accreditation: Diploma, Associate Degree, Advanced Diploma, Bachelor Degree, Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Masters Degree and Doctoral Degree.

B. As of 28 June 2013, 70 DFAT employees were enrolled in undergraduate and postgraduate studies under the Department's "Studybank" program in the following disciplines:

- Law
- HR Management
- Strategic Affairs
- Science (Cyber Security)
- Business
- Accounting
- Architecture
- Management
- International Studies
- Construction
- Government Management
- Marketing
- Professional Writing

The total cost from 1 July 2012 to 28 June 2013 was \$51,832.00. The average cost per participant was \$740.00.

A total of 3981 hours of study leave was granted from 1 July 2012 to 28 June 2013. The classification of employees receiving study leave ranges from APS3 to Executive Level 2 employees.

Approved study was undertaken to allow officers to develop their professional skills in academic disciplines that are relevant to the department's objectives.

To provide details of the above by participant would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in the circumstances, the department does not consider the additional work can be justified.

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Question No. 146

Program: DFAT

Topic: Executive Coaching and Leadership Training

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

In relation to executive coaching and/or leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:

- 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, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification) and;*
- D. The names of all service providers engaged for each service purchased from a provider listed under (4) please provide:*

For each service purchased from a provider listed under (D), 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 (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);*
- E. The total amount spent on the service;*
- F. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).*

Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:

- A. The location used;*

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- B. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);***
- C. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); and***
- D. Any costs to the department of agencies incurred to use the location.***

Answer

For 2012-13 financial (as at 28 June 2013), \$460,950 has been spent on leadership training services and executive coaching. A total of 172 executive employees (EL1, EL2 and SES) engaged in leadership training. Study leave was not granted to these employees for their training.

Providers engaged for leadership development services were Yellow Edge; the Australian Public Service Commission; the Harvard Kennedy School of Government; Melbourne Business School; Centre for Public Management; the Australian Government School of Management; and the Australian New Zealand School of Government.

Executive coaching services were provided on a one-on-one basis whilst all leadership programs were group based. Executive coaching and leadership training totalled 3814 hours for all executive employees.

Training locations that were used externally were: the Australian Public Service Commission; the Harvard Kennedy School of Government; Centre for Public Management; Melbourne Business School; and Australian Graduate School of Management and the Australian New Zealand School of Government. A total of 35 executive employees were trained at external locations. Training provided at external locations totalled 1566 hours. The cost to utilise external premises in Canberra for the delivery of leadership training for DFAT executives was \$6,600.

To provide details of each of the above services would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in the circumstances, the department does not consider the additional work can be justified.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No: 147

Program: DFAT

Topic: Media Training

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

A. *In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:*

- 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, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); and***
- 4. *The names of all service providers engaged.***

B. *For each service purchased from a provider listed under D. above, please provide:*

- 1. *The name and nature of the service purchased;***
- 2. *Whether the service is one-on-one or group based;***
- 3. *The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);***
- 4. *The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification);***
- 5. *The total amount spent on the service; and***
- 6. *A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package).***

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C. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises please provide:

- 1. The location used;***
- 2. The number of employees who took part on each occasion;***
- 3. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification); and***
- 4. Any costs the department or agency incurred to use the location.***

Answer

A.

1. For the 2012-13 financial year (as at 28 June 2013) \$22,200 has been spent on media training services.
- 2.&3. Thirteen SES Band 1, ten Executive Level 2, eleven Executive Level 1 and six APS officers have utilised these services.
4. Laurie Wilson and Associates was engaged to deliver media training.

B.

1. The media training, titled 'SES Media Skills' is a day-long workshop.
2. The training is delivered in both one-on-one and group based format, covering media theory and practical interview skills.
3. Thirteen SES Band 1, ten Executive Level 2, eleven Executive Level 1 and six APS officers have utilised these services.
4. Training provided totalled approximately 228 hours.
5. The total amount spent on the service is \$22,200.
6. The fees were charged as a complete package.

C.

1. The training location that was used externally was the National Press Club (Canberra).
2. A total of three employees were trained at the external location.
3. Training provided at the external location totalled approximately 23 hours.
4. There was no cost to utilise external premises in Canberra for the delivery of the media training.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 148

Program: DFAT

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?**
- B. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.**
- C. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.**

Answer

- A. For financial year 2012-2013, DFAT has been advised by Centrelink that 44 employees are eligible for payment under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme.
- B. For financial year 2012-2013, DFAT is providing 44 employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme. The number of employees by classification is:

<u>Employees</u>	<u>Classification</u>
Nil	APS2
1	APS3
3	APS4

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13	APS5
8	APS6
16	EL1
3	EL2
Nil	SES BAND 1
Nil	SES BAND 2
Nil	SES BAND 3

C. The parental leave offered by DFAT provides employees who are not entitled to paid maternity, adoption or foster parents' leave with paid parental leave:

- to attend the birth of their child, or their partner's child;
- to give birth and recover from a birth where the employee is not eligible for paid maternity leave; or
- to care for an adopted child, a foster child, or a child for whom the employee is a guardian, and for whom the employee has recently assumed care where the employee is not eligible for paid adoption leave.

Eligible employees are entitled to up to two continuous weeks of full pay parental leave or four weeks at half pay.

For financial year 2012-2013, 47 employees have accessed the scheme on either full pay or half pay.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 149

Program: DFAT

Topic: Training for Portfolio Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.***
- B. *For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.***
- C. *For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.***

Answer

- A. Nil
- B. Nil
- C. Nil

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Question No. 150

Program: DFAT

Topic: Corporate cars

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

A How many cars are owned by each department/agency?

B. Where is the car/s located?

C. What is the car/s used for?

D. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?

E. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?

Answer

A. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade owns 437 cars, which includes fleet vehicles overseas.

B. The vehicles owned by DFAT are dispersed across our posts overseas.

C. DFAT maintains vehicle fleets at its overseas posts to facilitate post operations and to meet the everyday official transport needs of the post. Vehicles are provided to facilitate effective discharge of the mission's operational requirements.

D. Details and breakup of costs are maintained on individual files across DFAT's overseas network. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified.

E. Details of car mileage are maintained on individual files across DFAT's overseas network. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 151

Program: DFAT

Topic: Taxi Costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.***
- B. *What are the reasons for taxi costs?***

Answer

- A. Information on DFAT expenditure on taxis is not separately recorded. It would entail significant diversion of resources to collate this expenditure and to break it down into business groups. In the circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified.
- B. Taxis are utilised by officers within Australia and overseas in undertaking official business and executing operational requirements.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 152

Program: Hire Cars

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.***
- B. *What are the reasons for hire car costs?***

Answer

- A. For this financial year (to 31 May 2013) the department has spent \$496,766 from its Operating Budget, on car hire. The department does not record travel data in a way that would readily allow for the breakdown of hire car costs for each business group. To provide details in this format would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified.
- B. Car hire is undertaken by officers within Australia and overseas in undertaking official business and executing operational requirements.

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Question No. 153

Program: DFAT

Topic: Credit Cards

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.**
- B. Please update details of the following:**
- 1. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?**
 - 2. How is corporate credit card use monitored?**
 - 3. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?**
 - 4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.**
 - 5. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?**

Answer

- A. At 30 June 2013 423 officers had an Australian corporate credit card. Information on the number of officers issued with corporate credit cards overseas is not maintained centrally. To provide information on the employment classification of corporate credit card holders would entail a significant diversion of resources. In these circumstances the additional work cannot be justified.
- B. Update of details:
1. If a criminal offence is identified, the department will seek prosecution through the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. The department will also take action under the APS Code of Conduct.

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2. Monthly card statements are reconciled and independently checked and reviewed. A representative sample of card statements for Australian issued cards is also checked by the central card management area to ensure compliance with departmental policy.
3. The matter is referred to the department's Conduct and Ethics Unit for investigation. If a criminal offence is identified, the department will seek prosecution through the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. The department will also take action under the APS Code of Conduct.
4. In 2012-13, during the period 1 July 2012 to 30 April 2013, there was one instance of corporate credit card misuse. An officer inadvertently used their DFAT credit card for a private purchase. Upon discovery of the unintentional use the card manager was advised and the officer repaid the amount.
5. Cardholders are required to sign an agreement that sets out the conditions of use of the credit card, including the need to safeguard the card and card number and to provide supporting documentation to substantiate transactions. Monthly card statements are reconciled and independently checked and reviewed. A representative sample of card statements is also checked by the central card management area to ensure compliance with departmental policy.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No.154

Program: DFAT

Topic: Provision of Equipment

Question in writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs.***
- B. *For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?***
- C. *Is electronic equipment (such as iPad, laptop, wireless card, Vasco token, BlackBerry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.***
- D. *Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to whom it is provided.***

Answer

- A. As at 30 June 2013, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) provided Information and Communications Technology (ICT) support for portfolio-related activities in accordance with Department of Finance and Deregulation (DOFD) guidelines for:
- the Minister for Foreign Affairs;
 - the Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Science and Research, Trade and Competitiveness, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Asian Century Policy;

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- the Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs, Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs;
- the Parliamentary Secretary for Trade; and
- their offices.

Included in this support was the provision of mobile phones to each Minister, Parliamentary Secretary and their staff. The phones were a mix of Blackberry and iPhones, and in one instance a Nokia.

As at 30 June 2013, the cost of purchasing each device was:

Blackberry: \$605.45

iPhone: \$809.09

Nokia C2-01: \$84.54

Ongoing costs vary depending on individual use patterns.

Disaggregating costs down to the individual office or individual would represent an unjustifiable diversion of resources.

- B. As at 30 June 2013, the total ongoing costs in 2012-13 for usage and rental of fixed voice lines, mobile phones, blackberry, data communications and internet was \$378164.
- C. Yes, DFAT provides ICT equipment to departmental staff and to staff in other agencies/departments under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for ICT Services.

The baseline ICT service package provided to DFAT staff consists of a desktop computer, 22" monitor and desk phone. This is a standard offering to all staff and is not determined by classification.

Printers and multi-function devices (print, copy, scan and fax) are generally shared resources.

The provision of additional equipment such as mobile phones, blackberries, USB storage and laptops is determined by business need, typically related to specific job functions such as blackberries for travelling executives.

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DFAT provides ICT services to over 40 other government agencies and departments under MOU which includes arrangements for cost recovery for these services. Typically this includes desktop computing services.

Device	Cost per device
Standard desktop (pc plus monitor)	\$1,235.96 (GST Exclusive)
Desktop phone	\$331 (GST Exclusive)
Standard laptop (Samsung NP900X3C-A06AU)	\$1595.30 (GST Exclusive)
Lightweight laptop	Same Above
iPad	\$795
iPhone	\$809.09
Monochrome Printer Lexmark T 654 DN	\$995.00 (GST Exclusive)
Printer multi-function device (Xerox DocuCentre-IV 4475)	\$8270.85 (GST Exclusive)
BlackBerry 9900	\$605.45
Nokia C2-01	\$84.54
USB 4G Modem	\$138.18

Note: All equipment is procured under the Desktop and Major Office Machines (MOM) whole of government panel arrangements.

DFAT's position is that disaggregating ICT costs down to the individual staff and classification level would represent an unjustifiable diversion of resources.

D. Yes, as at 30 June DFAT provided ICT equipment to Senator Carr and his office, Minister Emerson and his office as well as the Department's two Parliamentary Secretaries and their staff. The ICT equipment and cost of the devices has been listed in answer (C).

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Question No. 155

Program: DFAT

Topic: Electricity Purchasing

Question in writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?***
- B. *What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?***

Answer

- A. The department is a party to the Whole of Government electricity contract for government agencies based in the ACT. The contract is with ERM Power Retail Pty Ltd and was signed on 20 May 2011 for the period 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2015. State, Territory and Passport Offices, located outside of the ACT and occupying leased premises, are not covered by the Whole of Government contract but pay electricity charges through the building owners or direct to local suppliers.
- B. Domestic electricity costs for the period 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 amounted to \$2,621,676 for all DFAT locations in Australia.

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Question No. 156

Program: DFAT

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

A. *Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:*

- 1. *How are briefings requests commissioned?***
- 2. *What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.***
- 3. *Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.***
- 4. *Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.***
- 5. *How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.***

B. *Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:*

- 1. *How are briefings requests commissioned?***
- 2. *What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.***
- 3. *Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.***
- 4. *Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.***

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- 5. *How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.***
- 6. *Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?***

Answer

A. Yes.

1. Such briefings are commissioned through the Foreign or Trade Ministers' offices.
2. An oral briefing was provided to Senator Ludlam regarding a consular case in Saudi Arabia.
3. The briefing covered recent developments in the case, including the extent of consular support provided by DFAT and the Australian Embassy in Riyadh. No documentation was provided to Senator Ludlam.
4. No.
5. The briefing was of approximately 10 minutes' duration, and involved one SES-level officer.

B. No.

1. to 6. not applicable.

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Question No. 157

Program: DFAT

Topic: Shredders

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Has the department/agency purchased any shredders this financial year?*
- B. If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.*

Answer

Details of the purchase of shredders are maintained on individual files across DFAT's Australian and overseas networks. To provide details would entail a significant and unreasonable diversion of resources and, in the circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified. Shredders are used by DFAT staff for shredding classified material.

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Question No. 158

Program: DFAT

Topic: Protective Security Policy Framework

Question in Writing

Senator Egglestone

Question

Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer

- DFAT is close to finalising its initial report to the Minister against the Protective Security Policy Framework (PSPF) 33 Mandatory Reporting requirements.
- DFAT is confident that its level of security compliance in Australia and overseas meets or exceeds the requirements of the PSPF.
- The Department's Security Manual was launched in February 2013 following a comprehensive review of all security policies and practices and includes:
 - a clearly articulated security plan
 - the department's protective security risk assessment framework
 - a corporate risk awareness and communications strategy to promote risk management into the department's governance and decision-making processes.
- The Department Risk Management Handbook is based on AS/NZS ISO 3100:2009.
- DFAT offers online protective security training, regular staff briefings and a breach reporting system to maintain agency wide security awareness.
- The Information Technology Security Adviser is conducting a cyber-security audit.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No.159

Program: DFAT

Topic: Office locations

Question in writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:

- A. Department/Agency***
- B. Location***
- C. Leased or owned***
- D. Size***
- E. Number of staff at each location and classification***
- F. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre***
- G. If owned, the value of the building***
- H. Depreciation of buildings that are owned***
- I. Type of functions and work undertaken.***

Answer

A. Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Location B	Leased / Owned C	Size Net lettable area D	Number of staff and classification E	Rent m² per year (Excl GST) F	Function/ work undertaken I
Canberra RG Casey Building John McEwen Crescent Barton	Leased	45,382m ²	APS1-5: 492 APS6/EL1: 716 EL2: 219 SES: 115	\$411.99	Central Department functions
Canberra Maddox (formerly Arts) House Blackall Street Barton	Leased	817m ²	APS1-5: 2 APS6/EL1: 5 EL2: 2	\$426.05	IT and Passports
Melbourne Casselden Place 2 Lonsdale Street	Leased	2,044m ²	APS1-5: 79 APS6/EL1: 10 EL2: 2 SES: 1	\$450.07	Policy and Passports
Sydney Angel Place 123 Pitt Street	Leased	815m ²	APS1-5: 6 APS6/EL1: 1 SES: 1	\$573.93	Policy
Sydney Gateway House 26 Lee Street	Leased	1,834m ²	APS1-5: 56 APS6/EL1: 8 EL2: 1	\$463.29	Passports
Newcastle 77-79 Hunter Street	Leased	217m ²	APS1-5: 8 APS6/EL1: 1	\$364.49	Passports
Darwin NT House 22 Mitchell Street	Leased	314m ²	APS1-5: 7 APS6/EL1: 2	\$510.00	Policy and Passports
Brisbane 150 Charlotte Street	Leased	1,496 m ²	APS1-5: 48 APS6/EL1: 9 EL2: 2	\$594.08	Policy and Passports
Adelaide 55 Currie Street	Leased	608m ²	APS1-5: 16 APS6/EL1: 2 EL2: 1	\$439.86	Policy and Passports
Hobart 111 Macquarie Street	Leased	335m ²	APS1-5: 4 APS6/EL1: 2 EL2: 1	\$361.07	Policy and Passports
Perth Level 17 Exchange Plaza, Sherwood Court	Leased	827m ²	APS1-5: 33 APS6/EL1: 3 EL2: 1	\$904.45	Policy and Passports
Thursday Island 4 Victoria Parade	Leased	68m ²	APS 1-5: 1 APS6/EL1: 1	\$508.76	Policy and Passports

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Question No. 160

Program: DFAT

Topic: Staffing

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

***A. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:
By Department or agency:***

- 1. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.***
- 2. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location***
- 3. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location***
- 4. How many are graphic designers?***
- 5. How many are media managers?***
- 6. How many organise events?***

B. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?

Answer

A. (1-3) Currently the department has 16 ongoing APS staff undertaking dedicated public affairs/public diplomacy and media work in Canberra. A breakdown of these officers by level and location is as follows:

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Broadband	Ongoing	Non Ongoing
APS 1-5	4	0
APS6/EL1	9	0
EL2	3	0
SES	0	0
Total	16	0

(4) Nil

(5) Nil

(6) The department does not have a dedicated events organiser, however each of the aforementioned 16 staff would have some events organising responsibilities.

B. The department does not have a media studio.

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Question No. 161

Program: DFAT

Topic: Alternative Policy Costings

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings or advice? If yes, provide details of what these costings or advice were, including provision of costings or advice documents and assumptions used, and who made the request and when.

Answer

The department routinely provides a variety of policy advice to Government. Questions regarding the details of the policy advice (including costings) are matters for the Government.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 162

Program: DFAT

Topic: Pre-election appointments

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Provide a list of any appointments made in your portfolio that will commence after the announced election date of 14 September 2013.***
- B. Provide details of the appointment including position and length.***

Answer

Head of Mission and Head of Post appointments require a decision of Executive Council and the granting of agrément by the receiving Government. There are eight (8) Head of Mission/Head of Post appointments that have been agreed by Executive Council, have been granted agrément, and that are due to commence after 14 September 2013. It is long-standing practice that the department does not provide details of individual Head of Mission/Head of Post appointments until they are announced by the Government. There are no other Departmental appointments that have been made that will commence after 14 September 2013.

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Question No. 163

Program: EFIC

Topic: Staffing

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How many ongoing staff recruited this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?***
- B. *How many non-ongoing positions exist or have been created this financial year to date? What classification are these staff?***
- C. *This financial year to date, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?***

Answer

EFIC is not an APS body and as such APS employment classifications are not applicable for EFIC staff.

- A. EFIC recruited 8 ongoing staff – 2 SES equivalent and 6 non-SES equivalent staff.
- B. For this financial year to date, EFIC recruited 4 non-ongoing, non-SES equivalent staff.
- C. 1 for 6 month contract.

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Question No. 164

Program: EFIC

Topic: Staffing

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. How many ongoing staff left the department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?*
- B. How many non-ongoing staff left department/agency this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?*
- C. How many contract staff left department/agency in the year this financial year to date? What classification were these staff?*

Answer

- A. 12 ongoing staff (4 SES equivalents and 8 non-SES equivalents) left EFIC.
- B. 3 non-ongoing non-SES equivalent staff members left EFIC.
- C. Nil.

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Question No. 165

Program: EFIC

Topic: Staffing

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How many staff reductions/voluntary redundancies have occurred this financial year to date? What was the reason for these reductions?***
- B. *Were any of these reductions involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.***
- C. *Are there any plans for further staff reductions/voluntary redundancies? If so, please advise details including if there is a reduction target, how this will be achieved, and if any services/programs will be cut.***
- D. *If there are plans for staff reductions, please give the reason why these are happening.***
- E. *Are there any plans for involuntary redundancies? If yes, provide details.***

Answer

- A. There were 2 staff reductions. The Marketing team was restructured to report into EFIC's SME and Mid Market business unit.
- B. Yes. There was 1 involuntary redundancy. The position was made redundant in the marketing team restructure.
- C. No
- D. No
- E. No

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 166

Program: EFIC

Topic: Public Service Efficiencies

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Please provide details of the amended operational efficiencies your agency will make as per 2013-14 Budget Measure 'Public Service efficiencies' (see 2013-14 Budget Paper No 2 p108).

In addition, please provide the following detail:

- A. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by implementing more efficient management structures, through a reduction in expenditure on staff across the Executive Level (EL) 1 and 2, and Senior Executive Service (SES) levels?*
- B. Can you quantify the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates for savings achieved by revising down the occupational density target for all new leases, buildings and major fit-outs undertaken by agencies from 16 square metres per occupied workpoint down to 14 square metres?*

Answer

Not applicable to EFIC.

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Question No. 167

Program: EFIC

Topic: Public Service Efficiencies

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *Has there been a reduction in business flights? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?***
- B. *Has there been a reduction in the use of external consultants and contractors? Has this impacted on the Department/agency, and how? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?***
- C. *Provide an update of moving recruitment advertising online. Is any recruitment still in printed materials, and if yes, why? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?***
- D. *Has the department/agency reduced its printing costs? If no, why not? Have printing costs increased, and if yes why and how much? Has the five per cent savings target been achieved – if yes, how, or if it will not, why not? What are the estimated savings for each year over the forward estimates?***

Answer

Not applicable to EFIC.

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Question No. 168

Program: EFIC

Topic: Printing Costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

How many documents (include the amount of copies) have been printed this financial year to date? How many of these printed documents were also published online?

Answer

Details for EFIC reports and papers printed in the current FYTD are detailed in the table below.

Document	Quantity	Online
EFIC 2012 Annual Report	520	No
NSW Export Awards 2012 Promotion Cards	800	No
Office Stationery	10	No
Printing and re-printing of various case studies	24,260	Yes
Advertising Posters	3	No
Investor Flyers	100	No
Christmas Cards	500	No
EFIC booklet for Indaba conference collateral	100	No
Direct mail (May 2013)	3,500	Yes
Overcoming SME Barriers Brochure Printing (June 2013)	500	No

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Question No. 169

Program: EFIC

Topic: Graduate recruitment

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Provide an update on expenditure for 2014 Graduate Recruitment to date? Please itemise and detail costs.***
- B. Has any travel been incurred for 2014 Graduate Recruitment? Please itemise and detail costs.***

Answer

Not applicable to EFIC.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 170

Program: EFIC

Topic: Advertising

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *What was the total cost of all advertising for the financial year to date?***
- B. *Is the advertising campaign or non-campaign advertising? Provide details of each advertising, including the program the advertising was for, the total spend and the business that provided the advertising services.***
- C. *Has the Department of Finance and Deregulation provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.***
- D. *Has the Peer Review Group (PRG) and/or Independent Communications Committee (ICC) provided any advice about the advertising? Provide details of each advertising item.***
- E. *Did the Advertising comply with the Guidelines on Information and Advertising Campaigns by Australian Government Departments and Agencies? Provide the details for each advertising item.***
- F. *Provide details for any other communications program, including details of the program, the total spend and the business that provided the communication services.***
- G. *What advertising – Campaign and Non-Campaign – and other communications programs is the Department/Agency undertaking, or are planning to undertake?***

Answer

EFIC undertakes general advertising activities to generate awareness of EFIC's products and services among Australian exporters. EFIC has not been involved in any communication of a broader Government message to the public.

- A. Total advertising cost, for the financial year to date, is \$414,990 (valid to 30 June 2013 excluding GST).**

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B. EFIC ran ongoing print and online advertising designed to increase awareness of EFIC's services to help exporters overcome financial barriers. Creative input for recent advertising was provided by the advertising agency, Banjo. EFIC works with the Government-appointed media buying agency, Universal McCann, when booking advertising placements.

One direct mail campaign was conducted between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013. The direct mail campaign was designed to drive awareness of the products and services EFIC can provide to Australian businesses operating in the export supply chain. Total cost was approximately \$6000.

C. No, the Department of Finance and Deregulation did not provide any advice about the advertising.

D. No.

E. Not applicable.

F. EFIC has 1 full-time equivalent staff who undertakes ongoing in-house public relations and communications activities for EFIC.

G. EFIC will continue its non-campaign advertising and in-house communications activities to foster awareness of EFIC's products and services in the export industry.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 171

Program: EFIC

Topic: Hospitality and entertainment

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. What is the Department/Agency's hospitality spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.**
- B. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total hospitality spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.**
- C. What is the Department/Agency's entertainment spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.**
- D. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total entertainment spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.**
- E. What hospitality spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.**
- F. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what hospitality spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.**
- G. What entertainment spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.**
- H. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what entertainment spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.**
- I. Is the Department/Agency planning on reducing any of its spending on these items? If so, how will reductions be achieved and what are the estimated savings over each year of the forward estimates?**

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Answer

A & C

EFIC's total entertainment and hospitality spend for this financial year as at 30 June 2013 was approximately \$162, 000.

EFIC's reporting systems do not capture hospitality and entertainment expenditure in such a way that would readily enable the breakdown of hospitality and entertainment expenditure by date, location, purpose and cost of each event. To manually collect this information would entail a significant and unreasonable diversion of resources.

The total expenditure figure above captures hospitality and entertainment for EFIC's Australian clients, potential clients, other corporations, companies, institutions, development banks and agencies external to the Corporation, in addition to event hosting expenses associated with client and staff functions. This spending fulfils an important relationship-building role supporting EFIC's mandate to assist Australian companies overcome financial barriers to export.

EFIC is a self-funded corporation with well-established policies on the proper management of hospitality and entertainment expenses. All staff are required to justify the purpose of, and maintain written records for, each item of hospitality or entertainment expenditure. All expenditure and supporting documentation is reviewed and must be approved by EFIC's cost centre managers (Head of Department level) to ensure the criteria for expenditure has been met; Department heads' expenditure must in turn receive Executive approval.

B, D, F

Not applicable.

E, G & I

EFIC's hospitality and entertainment spending for FY12-13 is expected to be in line with the entertainment and hospitality budget for FY12-13.

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Question No. 172

Program: EFIC

Topic: Meeting costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *What is the Department/Agency's meeting spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.***
- B. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total meeting spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.***
- C. *What meeting spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- D. *For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what meeting spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.***

Answer

A & C.

EFIC's total entertainment and hospitality spend for this financial year as at June 30, 2013 was approximately \$162, 000. Meeting spend is not separately identified in this total.

This total expenditure captures hospitality and entertainment (including expenditure for external meetings) for EFIC's Australian clients, potential clients, other corporations, companies, institutions, development banks and agencies external to the Corporation, in addition to event hosting expenses associated with client and staff functions.

EFIC's reporting systems do not capture expenditure in such a way that would readily enable the breakdown of this category of expenditure into hospitality, entertainment and meeting expenditure by date, location, purpose and cost of each event. To manually collect this information would entail a significant and unreasonable diversion of resources.

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This spending fulfils an important relationship-building role supporting EFIC's mandate to assist Australian companies overcome financial barriers to export. EFIC is a self-funded corporation with well-established policies on the proper management of hospitality and entertainment expenses. All staff are required to justify the purpose of, and maintain written records for each item of hospitality or entertainment expenditure. All expenditure and supporting documentation is reviewed and must be approved by EFIC's cost centre managers (head of department level) to ensure the criteria for expenditure has been met; department heads' expenditure must in turn receive Executive approval.

B & D.

Not applicable to EFIC.

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Question No. 173

Program: EFIC

Topic: Program launch costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. What is the Department/Agency's program launch spend for this financial year to date? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events, including any catering and drinks costs.***
- B. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, please detail total program launch spend for this financial year to date. Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.***
- C. What program launch spend is the Department/Agency's planning on spending? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events including any catering and drinks costs.***
- D. For each Minister and Parliamentary Secretary office, what program launch spend is currently being planned for? Detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event including any catering and drinks costs.***

Answer

Not applicable to EFIC.

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Question No. 174

Program: EFIC

Topic: Board appointments

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Provide an update of the boards within this portfolio, including: board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.**
- B. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?**
- C. Please detail any board appointments for this financial year to date.**

Answer

Board Title: Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC)

Terms of appointment: All appointments are made in accordance with the EFIC Act 1991.

Tenure of appointment: appointments are on a part-time basis for 3 years. There is the possibility of re-appointment for a second term. A third term is also possible if the member has been appointed at any time as the Chairperson.

Members	Position	Term	
		From	To
Mr Angus Armour	Managing Director	31/10/2003	Board Decision
Mr Andrew Mohl	Chair	9/12/2011	8/12/2014
Ms Sally Pitkin	Deputy Chair	01/08/2010	31/07/2013
Mr Bruce Brook	Member	01/03/2013	29/02/2016
Ms Jennifer Seabrook	Member	05/04/2011	04/04/2014
Mr David Evans	Member	09/12/2011	08/12/2014
Ms Deena Shiff	Member	09/12/2011	08/12/2014
Mr Nicholas Minogue	Member	09/12/2011	08/12/2014
DFAT Secretary /or Alternate	Government Member ex officio	Ongoing	

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- B. Gender ratio 37.5 per cent female (not including ex officio members).
- C. There have not been any new non-government Board appointments in the 2012-13 financial year. Mr Bruce Brook's appointment was renewed for another 3 year term on 01/03/2013.

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Question No. 175

Program: EFIC

Topic: Freedom of Information

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Has the department/agency received any updated advice on how to respond to FOI requests?***
- B. What is the total cost to the department to process FOI requests for this financial year to date?***
- C. How many FOI requests has the Department received for this financial year to date? How many requests have been denied and how many have been granted? Has the department failed to meet the processing times outlined in the FOI Act for any requests? If so, how many and why? Do any of these requests remain outstanding? If so, how many and why?***

Answer

- A.** EFIC has not received (nor requested) any updated general advice on how to respond to FOI requests.
- B.** EFIC has not incurred any costs in processing FOI requests since 1 July 2012.
- C.** EFIC has not received any FOI requests since 1 July 2012. There are no outstanding requests.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 176

Program: EFIC

Topic: Community Cabinet Meetings

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Provide an update of how many Community Cabinet meetings has the Minister attended this financial year to date? List date and location.***
- B. How many Departmental Officers travelled with the Minister for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date? What was the total cost of this travel? List travel type, accommodate and any other expenses. Which Community Cabinet meetings did the Departmental Officers attend? List date and location.***
- C. What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office for the Community Cabinet meetings for this financial year to date?***

Answer

Not applicable to EFIC.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 177

Program: EFIC

Topic: Reviews

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

For this financial year to date:

- A. How many Reviews are being undertaken?*
- B. What reviews have concluded, and for those that are still ongoing, when will those reviews be concluded?*
- C. Which of these reviews has been provided to Government?*
- D. When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?*
- E. Has the Government responded to all reviews within the timeframe? If not, why not?*
- F. What is the estimated cost of each of these Reviews?*
- G. What reviews are planned?*
- H. When will each of these reviews be concluded?*

Answer

Not applicable to EFIC.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 178

Program: EFIC

Topic: Consultancies

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How many consultancies have been undertaken this financial year to date? 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). Also include total value for all consultancies.***
- B. *How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? 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.***

Answer

Under the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, EFIC as a relevant CAC Act body, is required to report details of Australian procurement contracts awarded on AusTender, the Government's tender and procurement reporting system, where the total contract value is above \$400,000 or above \$9 million for construction contracts.

To provide details of consultancy contracts below this reporting threshold would entail significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, EFIC does not consider the additional work can be justified.

- B. In terms of reporting requirements for CAC Act bodies under the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, EFIC has no further consultancies planned for this calendar year.**

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Question No. 179

Program: EFIC

Topic: Media monitoring

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the Minister's office for this financial year to date?***
- 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services?***
 - 2. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?***
 - 3. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?***
- B. *What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for this financial year to date?***
- 1. Which agency or agencies provided these services?***
 - 2. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year 2012-13?***
 - 3. What has been spent providing these services this financial year to date?***

Answer

A. Not applicable.

B.

1. EFIC has a contract with Dow Jones Factiva for a range of services including media monitoring and company search functions.
2. For 2012-13, the estimated budget for the media monitoring component of EFIC's contract with Dow Jones Factiva was \$10,000 excluding GST.
3. For 2012-13, the media monitoring component of EFIC's contract with Dow Jones Factiva was \$12,011.67 including GST.

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Question No. 180

Program: EFIC

Topic: Social media

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *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 May 2012 Budget Estimates? If yes, please explain and provide copies of any advice that has been issue.***
- B. *Does the department/agency monitor usage of social media?***
- 1. If yes, provide details of the useage (for example details could include average hours per employee, hours when useage peaks).***
 - 2. Has there been a change to the department/agency protocols due to staff useage?***
 - 3. If no, why not? Will the department/agency monitor usage in the future?***
- C. *Does social media impact on employee productivity? Provide details (details could include increased internet usage in general or increased internet usage in standard business hours).***

Answer

- A. There have been no changes since May 2012 Budget Estimates.
- B.
- EFIC's system records overall internet usage. EFIC only monitors individual usage of social media in circumstances where a concern has been raised.
 - Not applicable.
 - Current usage levels have not warranted regular social media monitoring. Overall internet usage will continue to be monitored in the future.
- C. Social media does not impact on employee productivity and internet usage is at an acceptable level.

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Question No. 181

Program: EFIC

Topic: Internet

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Has the Department experienced any internet problems, such as but not limited to slow internet, or internet blackouts? If yes, what was the reason for this? Did it impact the Minister's office?

Answer

Not applicable to EFIC.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 182

Program: EFIC

Topic: Staff amenities

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

What amenities are provided to staff? Provide a list, including any costs and the reason for providing the amenity.

Answer

The following amenities are provided for staff use:

- bike store room
- 4 hired coffee machines
- showers.

EFIC's building also has a rooftop terrace facility. This area is available for staff use when not in use for client hospitality or other EFIC events.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 183

Program: EFIC

Topic: Coffee machines

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *Has the department/agency purchased coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.***
- B. *Why were coffee machines purchased?***
- C. *Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were purchased? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?***
- D. *Where did the funding for the coffee machines come from?***
- E. *Who has access?***
- F. *Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?***
- G. *What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?***
- H. *Does the department/agency rent coffee machines for staff useage? If yes, provide a list that includes the type of coffee machine, the cost, the amount, and any ongoing costs such as purchase of coffee or coffee pods and when the machine was purchased.***
- I. *Why are coffee machines rented?***

- J. *Has there been a noticeable difference in staff productivity since coffee machines were rented? Are staff leaving the office premises less during business hours as a result?***
- K. *Where does the funding for the coffee machines come from?***
- L. *Who has access?***
- M. *Who is responsible for the maintenance of the coffee machines? How much was spent on maintenance in this financial year to date, include a list of what maintenance has been undertaken. Where does the funding for maintenance come from?***

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N. What are the ongoing costs of the coffee machine, such as the cost of coffee?

Answer

A.-G. EFIC has not purchased coffee machines for staff usage.

H. Yes

Number of machines:	4
Type:	Saeco Royal Cappuccino
Cost	Average total cost of \$750 per month.
Machine hire per month	\$130 (+ GST) each
Coffee Beans per 1kg bag	\$30 per bag
Hot Chocolate per 500g bag	\$14 per bag
Ongoing costs:	Refer to above
Date of rental:	April 2005 (for 3 machines) and March 2013 for 1 machine)

I. For use by EFIC's staff and visitors.

J. Yes.

K. EFIC is a self-funded agency.

L. All EFIC staff.

M. Included in the \$130 (plus GST) per month cost to hire each machine, is a fortnightly maintenance service, when the representative visits to restock coffee beans/hot chocolate.

There are no extra charges for service calls to fix or replace a machine.

N. Ongoing average monthly cost of maintaining the 4 machines (including restocking and hire fee) is approximately \$750 (see above).

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Question No. 184

Program: EFIC

Topic: Contractors

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

For this financial year to date:

- A. Has the department/agency ever employed Hawker Britton in any capacity or is it considering employing Hawker Britton? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).*
- B. Has the department/agency ever employed Shannon's Way in any capacity or is it considering employing Shannon's Way? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).*
- C. 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 (including the work undertaken and the cost).*
- D. Has the department/agency ever employed McCann-Erickson in any capacity or is it considering employing McCann-Erickson? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).*
- E. Has the department/agency ever employed Cutting Edge in any capacity or is it considering employing Cutting Edge? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).*
- F. Has the department/agency ever employed Ikon Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing Ikon Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).*
- G. Has the department/agency ever employed CMAX Communications in any capacity or is it considering employing CMAX Communications? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).*
- H. Has the department/agency ever employed Boston Consulting Group in any capacity or is it considering employing Boston Consulting Group? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).*
- I. Has the department/agency ever employed McKinsey & Company in any capacity or is it considering employing McKinsey & Company? If yes, provide details.*

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J. What contractors have been employed by the department/agency? If yes, provide details (including the work undertaken and the cost).

Answer

A - I. EFIC has not employed the contractors identified in parts A to I in the 2012-13 financial year.

J. In the 2012-13 financial year EFIC employed a number of contractors to undertake building and refurbishment works to EFIC's Export House office in Sydney.

Under the Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines, EFIC as a relevant CAC Act body, is required to report details of Australian procurement contracts awarded on AusTender, the Government's tender and procurement reporting system, where the total contract value is above \$400,000 or above \$9 million for construction contracts.

To provide details of consultancy contracts below this reporting threshold would entail significant and unreasonable diversion of resources.

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Question No. 185

Program: EFIC

Topic: Grants

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Could the department/agency provide an update list of all grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants for this financial year to date? Please provide details of the recipients, the amount, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.***
- B. Have all grant agreement details been published on its website within the required timeframe? If not, provide details.***

Answer

Not applicable to EFIC

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Question No. 186

Program: EFIC

Topic: Commissioned reports

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in your department/agency this financial year to date?***
- B. *Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.***
- C. *How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?***
- D. *What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?***

Answer

Not applicable to EFIC.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 187

Program: EFIC

Topic: Government payment of accounts

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *For this financial year to date, 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)?***
- B. *If not, why not? Provide details, including 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)***
- C. *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?***
- D. *Where interest is being paid, what rate of interest is being paid and how is this rate determined?***

Answer

- A. Yes. EFIC's policy is to make payments three times per month.
- B. Not applicable.
- C. Not applicable.
- D. Not applicable.

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Question No. 188

Program: EFIC

Topic: Stationery requirements

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. How much was spent by each department and agency on the government (Ministers/Parliamentary Secretaries) stationery requirements in your portfolio (i.e. paper, envelopes, with compliments slips) this financial year to date?***
- B. What are the department/agency's stationery costs for the financial year to date?***

Answer

- A. Not applicable
- B. Stationery costs for the 2012-13 financial year were \$23,159.

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Question No. 189

Program: EFIC

Topic: Media subscriptions

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

A. What pay TV subscriptions does your department/agency have?

1. Please provide a list of what channels and the reason for each channel.

2. What is the cost for this financial year to date?

B. What newspaper subscriptions does your department/agency have?

1. Please provide a list of newspaper subscriptions and the reason for each.

2. What is the cost for this financial year to date?

C. What magazine subscriptions does your department/agency have?

1. Please provide a list of magazine subscriptions and the reason for each.

2. What is the cost for this financial year to date?

Answer

A. EFIC has a subscription with pay TV provider, Foxtel, for units positioned in common staff areas of the building.

1. EFIC subscribes to FOXTEL's Business Package. Subscription to this package is for the purpose of staff use and enables access to relevant current affairs, business, financial and public affairs information relevant to EFIC's work.

2. The cost of EFIC's pay-TV subscription for the financial year (as at 30 June 2013) is \$2550.00.

B. EFIC has subscriptions for the following newspapers:

- Sydney Morning Herald
- Australian Financial Review
- The Australian
- The Daily Telegraph

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- The Financial Times
 - Dalton City News
1. All newspaper subscriptions are for the purposes of staff use and enable access to business, financial and other news relevant to EFIC's work.
 2. EFIC records newspaper and magazine subscription expenditure in aggregate. Newspaper and magazine subscription costs for the 2012-13 year were approximately \$24,300. .
- C. EFIC's magazine subscriptions include the following:
- Trade Finance
 - The Economist
 - Australian Journal of Mining
 - BRW
 - Global Trade Review
 - IPI – Euromoney
 - Thomson Reuters IFR
 - KangaNews
 - MiningNews.net
 - Petroleum News
 - PNG News
 - Project Finance
 - PFI
 - Basis Point
 - Mining Monthly.
1. All magazine subscriptions are for the purpose of staff use and enable access to business, financial and other news relevant to EFIC's work.
 2. Please see part F for aggregate magazine and newspaper expenditure.

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Question No. 190

Program: EFIC

Topic: Travel costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers that accompanied the Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary on their travel. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals).***
- B. *For the financial year to date, please detail all travel for Departmental officers. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.***
- C. *What travel is planned for the rest of this financial year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.***
- D. *What travel is planned for the rest of this calendar year? Also provide a reason and brief explanation for the travel.***
- E. *What is the policy for business class airfare tickets? Is there still a reduction in business flights as per the media release by the Minister for Finance and Deregulation and the Special Minister of State dated 25 September 2012?***
- F. *Are lounge memberships provided to any employees? If yes, what lounge memberships, to how many employees and their classification, the reason for the provision of lounge membership and the total costs of the lounge memberships.***
- G. *When SES employees travel, do any support or administrative staff (such as an Executive Assistant) travel with them? If yes, provide details of why such a staff member is needed and the costs of the support staff travel.***
- H. *Does the department/agency elect to offset emissions for employees work related travel? If yes, what is the cost?***

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Answer

- A. Not applicable.
- B. EFIC's systems do not record travel data in a way that would readily allow total expenditure to be broken down into the level of detail sought. To attempt to extract this data manually would involve a considerable diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, the additional work cannot be justified.

EFIC records total travel expenditure in its Annual Report.

- C. EFIC's systems do not record planned travel in a way that would readily allow this information to be provided without significant diversion of resources.

All travel is arranged in line with EFIC's Corporate Travel Policy and Procedures and coordinated by specified EFIC travel arrangers through EFIC's business travel provider, Carson Wagonlit Travel (CWT).

This process involves the establishment of a clear business case for travel and a travel request which must be approved by EFIC's Executive (in the case of international travel) or the relevant delegated authority such as department heads (in the case of domestic travel).

- D. See answer to part C above.
- E. Under EFIC's Corporate Travel Policy, all travellers are to utilise economy class fares for domestic routes except when the flight duration exceeds three hours. Travellers may travel business class on domestic routes when the flight exceeds three hours or when travelling with a client who is in business class. For international routes, all travellers may travel business class. Travellers use the best value and most appropriate fare available.

EFIC is not subject to the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997*, and is not a *CAC Act* body participating in the Whole of Australian Government travel arrangements (WoAG). However, the guidelines on domestic and international travel arrangements including the 'best fare of the day' and 'lowest logical airfare' policy are embedded in EFIC's own Corporate Travel Policy and travel arrangements, commensurate with the value for money objectives within EFIC's Procurement Policy.

- F. Yes. EFIC provides Qantas Club memberships to employees who frequently fly overseas or interstate for business purposes, so that they

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may conduct that business effectively. Memberships are provided on a needs basis and require executive approval. EFIC currently incurs costs for 8 Qantas Club scheme memberships at a total cost of \$2,080 per annum.

- G. EFIC is not an APS body and as such APS employment classifications are not applicable to EFIC staff. Support or administrative staff such as Executive Assistants do not accompany members of EFIC's Executive or other SES level equivalent staff when travelling.
- H. EFIC does not offset emissions for employee work-related travel.

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Question No. 191

Program: EFIC

Topic: Legal costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services for this financial year to date within the department/agency? Please provide a list of each service and costs.***
- B. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from the Australian Government Solicitor? Please provide a list of each service and costs.***
- C. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from private firms? Please provide a list of each service and costs.***
- D. What sum did each portfolio department and agency spend on legal services this financial year to date from other sources? Please provide a list of each service and costs.***

Answer

Please note:

- All costs are as at 30 June 2013.
- Gross costs are provided noting some of EFIC's legal spend for transactions is recoverable from EFIC's clients.
- Costs are inclusive of legal spend associated with EFIC's Commercial Account and the National Interest Account which EFIC administers on behalf of Government.
- A list of each legal service and individual cost cannot be provided as this would constitute a significant diversion of EFIC resources.

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- A. EFIC has an in-house legal department of 7 full-time and 2 part-time staff which provide legal services across EFIC's business. Internal legal services are not recorded in such a way that would readily enable a full list of services and costs to be provided. In these circumstances, EFIC does not consider the additional work can be justified.
- B. For the 2012-2013 financial year, as at 30 June 2013, EFIC's gross spend for legal services (inclusive of payable disbursements such as barristers' invoices but excluding any GST) from the Australian Government Solicitor was approximately \$70,000.
- C. For the 2012-2013 financial year, as at 30 June 2013, EFIC's gross spend for legal services (including any payable disbursements but excluding any GST) from private firms is approximately \$815,000.

Approximately 57% of this gross spend is recoverable from EFIC's clients. These legal costs are generally incurred in connection with transactions pursuant to which EFIC provides financial or insurance products and services to its clients.

It is noted that legal services from domestic private firms are obtained from legal service providers which have been appointed to the Commonwealth's Legal Services Multi-Use List.

- D. Nil.

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Question No. 192

Program: EFIC

Topic: Education expenses

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *What is the department/agency's guidelines on study?***
- B. *For this financial year to date, detail all education expenses (i.e. in house courses and tertiary studies) for each portfolio department and agency. Include what type of course, the total cost, cost per participant, the employment classification of each participant, how many participants and the amount of study leave granted to each participant (provide a breakdown for each employment classification). Also include the reason for the study and how it is beneficial for the department/agency.***

Answer

- A. N/A.
- B. For this financial year to date, EFIC's education related expenditure has been \$130,367. A breakdown of individual courses would constitute a significant diversion of EFIC resources. The following summary has been provided:

All employees have participated in development courses that have ranged in length from one to three days including online Compliance Training completed over the year. Each course has been signed off by line managers and Human Resources Manager as a development objective for the individual's role. Courses attended include trade finance, project finance, performance management, first aid, media training, presentation skills, and loan management courses. Most participants were at non-SES equivalent levels. 2 non-SES staff members were granted Studies Assistance.

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Question No. 193

Program: EFIC

Topic: Executive coaching and leadership training

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *In relation to executive coaching and/or other leadership training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:***
- 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, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
 - 4. The names of all service providers engaged***
- B. *For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:***
- 1. The name and nature of the service purchased***
 - 2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based***
 - 3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification***
 - 4. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
 - 5. The total amount spent on the service***
 - 6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)***
- C. *Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:***
- 1. The location used***
 - 2. The number of employees who took part on each occasion (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
 - 3. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
 - 4. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location***

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Answer

A.

1. Total spend on executive coaching/other trainings was \$157, 750.
2. 20 staff, 12 SES equivalent and 8 non-SES equivalent, attended trainings
3. 14 staff, 10 SES equivalent and 4 non-SES equivalent, utilised these services
4. Providers used were Aspirall, Women in Banking and Finance, Stephenson and Mansell and Global Coaching.

B. A breakdown cannot be provided for each provider. The following summary information is available:

1. The training provided was leadership and professional development coaching for SES equivalent and non-SES staff;
2. All training sessions were either held on a one-on-one basis or in a session involving the coach, employee and their manager; ·
The total number of hours for each individual is not available and confidential coaching is not tracked on an hourly basis;
3. Complete packaged fixed costs were charged for services from both Aspirall and Women in Banking and Finance. Other providers charged a fixed fee per session;
4. See response to part A 1) for total amount spent on these services.

C.

1. One external room was used for training provided by Aspirall offsite;
2. 8 SES equivalent (on one-on-one basis or with the staff member's manager invited) took part;
3. The fee charged was per session so total hours are not available;
4. Cost incurred for the use of the external room was \$7,000.

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Question No. 194

Program: EFIC

Topic: Media training

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *In relation to media training services purchased by each department/agency, please provide the following information for this financial year to date:***
- 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, their employment classification and how much study leave each employee was granted (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
 - 4. The names of all service providers engaged***
- B. *For each service purchased from a provider listed under (4), please provide:***
- 1. The name and nature of the service purchased***
 - 2. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based***
 - 3. The number of employees who received the service and their employment classification (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
 - 4. The total number of hours involved for all employees (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
 - 5. The total amount spent on the service***
 - 6. A description of the fees charged (i.e. per hour, complete package)***
- C. *Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:***
- 1. The location used***
 - 2. The number of employees who took part on each occasion***
 - 3. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part (provide a breakdown for each employment classification)***
 - 4. Any costs the department or agency's incurred to use the location***

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Answer

EFIC is not an APS body and as such, APS employment classifications are not applicable to EFIC staff.

- A. \$ 23,400 was spent on media training
- B. 11 staff were offered media training
- C. 11 staff have utilised these services. No study leave was granted for these training purposes.
- D. Mediaways Pty Ltd provided the training.

Provider & Service (E)	Structure (F)	No. of employees (G)	Total hours (H)	Total spend (I)	Description of fees (J)
Mediaways - Media interview and presentation skills training	One-on-one and group	11 staff - 7 executive and 4 non-executive	Approx.32 hours across all employees	\$14, 050	Mediaways is held on retainer for a monthly fee. Costs were a combination of hourly and normal fixed rates

K-N.

Not applicable. No location other than EFIC's premises were used.

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Question No. 195

Program: EFIC

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Please list how many staff in each department and agency are eligible to receive payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme?***
- B. For this financial year to date list which department/agency is providing its employees with payments under the Government's Paid Parental Leave scheme? Please list how many staff and their classification are in receipt of these payments.***
- C. What is the paid parental scheme offered by each department and agency? How many staff have used the scheme this financial year to date.***

Answer

- A. 4 non-SES equivalent.
- B. 2 non-SES equivalent.
- C. EFIC offers 3 months paid Maternity and Adoption leave. This financial year, 4 employees have been granted Maternity or Adoption leave. As part of EFIC's Special leave provision, EFIC provides 5 days leave for Becoming a Father. This financial year, 5 employees have been granted Becoming a Father leave.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 196

Program: EFIC

Topic: Training for Portfolio Minister and Parliamentary Secretaries

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.*
- B. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for staff of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for.*
- C. For this financial year to date, how much has been spent on training for designed to better suit the needs of Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries in your portfolio? Itemise each training, cost and for which Minister and/or Parliamentary Secretary the training was for, and how many employees attended and their classification.*

Answer

Not applicable to EFIC.

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Question No. 197

Program: EFIC

Topic: Corporate Cars

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. How cars are owned by each department/agency?**
- B. Where is the car/s located?**
- C. What is the car/s used for?**
- D. What is the cost of each car for this financial year to date?**
- E. How far did each car travel this financial year to date?**

Answer

- A. EFIC owns 12 cars.
- B. The cars are located in Sydney.
- C. The cars are for personal use.
- D. The cars are fully costed to personal employment packages.
- E. These figures are provided by the drivers on 30 April each year. As at 30 April 2013 the distances travelled for each car were:

Car	Kms
1	8,961.00
2	400.00
3	23,876.00
4	75,385.00
5	220.00
6	27,863.00
7	68,896.00
8	67,238.00
9	36,000.00
10	72,101.00
11	27,311.00
12	6,886.00
Total	41,5137.00
Average Kms	34,595.00

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 198

Program: EFIC

Topic: Taxi costs

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How much did each department/agency spend on taxis this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown for each business group in each department/agency.***
- B. *What are the reasons for taxi costs?***

Answer

EFIC's systems do not readily enable the separation of this information from total travel expenses. To manually breakdown records to supply the information required would constitute a significant diversion of resources and EFIC does not believe that the additional work can be justified.

EFIC records its total travel expenditure in its Annual Report.

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Question No. 199

Program: EFIC

Topic: Hire cars

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *How much did each department/agency spend on hire cars this financial year to date? Provide a breakdown of each business group in each department/agency.***
- B. *What are the reasons for hire car costs?***

Answer

EFIC's systems do not readily enable the separation of this information from total travel expenses. To manually breakdown records to supply the information required would constitute a significant diversion of resources and I do not believe that the additional work can be justified.

EFIC records its total travel expenditure in its Annual Report.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 200

Program: EFIC

Topic: Credit cards

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Provide a breakdown for each employment classification that has a corporate credit card.**
- B. Please update details of the following:**
- C.**
 - 1. What action is taken if the corporate credit card is misused?**
 - 2. How is corporate credit card use monitored?**
 - 3. What happens if misuse of a corporate credit card is discovered?**
 - 4. Have any instances of corporate credit card misuse have been discovered? List staff classification and what the misuse was, and the action taken.**
 - 5. What action is taken to prevent corporate credit card misuse?**

Answer

EFIC is not an APS body and therefore APS employment classifications do not apply to EFIC staff.

A. Total of 61 EFIC staff have a corporate credit card.

- a. This includes 12 SES-equivalent staff, and
- b. 49 non-SES equivalent staff.

B-F.

EFIC has an established corporate credit card policy with guidelines for use and monitoring of credit card expenditure. These policies and procedures have not changed since October 2012. There have been no instances of credit card misuse in this time.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 201

Program: EFIC

Topic: Provision of Equipment

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *For departments/agencies that provide mobile phones to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what type of mobile phone is provided and the costs?***
- B. *For departments/agencies that provide electronic equipment to Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices, what are the ongoing costs for this financial year to date?***
- C. *Is electronic equipment (such as ipad, laptop, wireless card, vasco token, blackberry, mobile phone (list type if relevant), thumb drive) provided to department/agency staff? If yes provide details of what is provided, the purchase cost, the ongoing cost and a breakdown of what staff and staff classification receives it.***
- D. *Does the department/agency provide their Ministers and/or Parliamentary Secretaries and/or their offices with any electronic equipment? If yes, provide details of what is provided, the cost and to who it is provided.***

Answer

A. Not applicable.

B. Not applicable.

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- C. Yes. EFIC provides the following electronic equipment to staff for both temporary and/or ongoing use:

Equipment	Purchase cost
Home desktop	\$10,000
Home printer	\$2,000
iPad	\$9,466
Smart phone	\$50,528
Wireless cards	\$2,600
Laptops	\$45,500
Thumb drives	\$900
Satellite phone	\$1,300
Total	\$120,294

Total ongoing cost for this equipment is \$4,160 (covering repair, consumables and monthly minimum phone and data usage).

All EFIC's staff are entitled to the ongoing use of IT equipment for work purposes pending approval from EFIC's executive. All EFIC's staff are also entitled to borrow IT equipment on loan for short periods of time (usually less than two weeks) for work purposes. EFIC is not an APS body, as such APS employment classifications do not apply to EFIC staff: The number of staff (both executive and non-executive staff) with ongoing use of EFIC IT equipment are detailed below.

Equipment	Staff with ongoing use
Home desktop	3
Home printer	6
iPad	8
Smart Phone	61
Wireless card	4
Laptops	6

- D. Not applicable.

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Question No. 202

Program: EFIC

Topic: Electricity Purchasing

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. What are the details of the department/agency electricity purchasing agreement?***
- B. What are the department/agency electricity costs for this financial year to date?***

Answer

- A. EFIC's current electricity purchasing agreement commenced on 1 October 2011 for a two year term.
- B. Electricity cost for 2012-13 is \$82,453.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 203

Program: EFIC

Topic: Briefings for the Australian Greens and Independents

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. Have any briefings and/or provision of information s been provided to the Australian Greens? If yes, please include:**
- 1. How are briefings requests commissioned?**
 - 2. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.**
 - 3. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.**
 - 4. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.**
 - 5. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Australian Greens? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.**
- B. Have any briefings and/or provision of information been provided to Independents? If yes, please include:**
- 1. How are briefings requests commissioned?**
 - 2. What briefings have been undertaken? Provide details and a copy of each briefing.**
 - 3. Provide details of what information has been provided and a copy of the information.**
 - 4. Have any briefings request been unable to proceed? If yes, provide details of what the requests were and why it could not proceed.**
 - 5. How long is spent preparing and undertaking briefings/information requests for the Independents? How many staff are involved and how many hours? Provide a breakdown for each employment classification.**
 - 6. Which Independents have requested briefings and/or information?**

Answer

Nil.

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Question No. 204

Program: EFIC

Topic: Shredders

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

- A. *Has the department/agencies purchased any shredders this financial year?***
- B. *If yes, provide details of how many shredders were purchased, the cost of each shredder, why each new shredder was needed and the purpose for which the shredder is to be used.***

Answer

- A. Yes, EFIC has purchased shredders this FY.
- B. EFIC purchased two shredders. Each shredder cost \$3,075.00 (incl. GST) at a total cost of \$6,150.00. Shredders were purchased to assist EFIC in meeting its information security obligations.

No additional shredders have been purchased since the October 2012 Estimates.

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Question No. 205

Program: EFIC

Topic: Protective security policy framework

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Provide an update for your department/agency, including what is your current compliance level, what are you doing to manage risk, what is being done to comply with the mandatory requirements and details of any department/agency specific policies and procedures.

Answer

EFIC is not currently required to comply with the PSPF. However in anticipation of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* coming into force, EFIC recently asked the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to review EFIC's current protective security arrangements. The AFP concluded that EFIC had a "high level of full or partial compliance" with the 33 core policies and mandatory requirements of the PSPF. EFIC is considering the AFP review report including the AFP's recommendations on how to further improve EFIC's procedures.

EFIC currently implements the arrangements listed below.

Governance Arrangements

- EFIC's Head of Management Information Systems (MIS) advises senior management and the Board on the security of EFIC's Information Communications Technology (ICT) systems.
- Security risks and corresponding controls are detailed in EFIC's Risk & Control Matrix which is reviewed and updated biannually by the Audit Committee and Board.
- EFIC maintains a Business Continuity Framework that incorporates a Business Continuity Plan which is reviewed annually by the Audit Committee and Board.

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Personnel Security

- Pre-employment probity checking is conducted for all staff subject to standard employment contracts and all temporary staff with contracts or tenure of longer than 3 months. In addition, all EFIC staff are subject to re-screening every 3 years or when there is a significant change in job responsibilities.
- EFIC arranges for staff to obtain and maintain the appropriate level of Security Clearance where necessary.

Information Security

- EFIC maintains a Corporate Information Security Policy which is reviewed and updated annually.
- EFIC's Information Security Charter establishes the framework for the direction and coordinated management of information security.
- EFIC has a procedure for the security classification and protective control of information involving correspondence with other government agencies.
- EFIC maintains access control rules consistent with its business requirements and legal obligations. Access controls and usage is audited annually.
- EFIC has change management policies to ensure that during all stages of ICT systems development there are security measures in place.

Physical Security

EFIC maintains a Physical Security Risk Assessment and Action Plan.

General security measures include:

- Onsite security staff;
- Access control systems;
- Master key systems with security door hardware;
- CCTV;
- Offsite alarm monitoring and response plans;
- Duress facilities & alarms;
- Building lock down facilities; and
- After hours security patrols and emergency response as required 24 hours.

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Question No. 206

Program: EFIC

Topic: Office locations

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Please provide a list of all office locations for all departments and agencies within the portfolio by:

- A. Department/Agency.***
- B. Location.***
- C. Leased or Owned.***
- D. Size.***
- E. Number of Staff at each location and classification.***
- F. If rented, the amount and breakdown of rent per square metre.***
- G. If owned, the value of the building.***
- H. Depreciation of buildings that are owned.***
- I. Type of functions and work undertaken.***

Answer for February 2013

- A. Export Finance and Insurance Corporation (EFIC).
- B. EFIC's office location is Export House, Level 10, 22 Pitt St, Sydney NSW. EFIC also provides the services of 1 EFIC staff member working out of Austrade's Melbourne office and 1 EFIC staff member working out of Austrade's Perth office.
- C. EFIC's office is owned by EFIC.
- D. EFIC's office space is approx. 2,200 square metres.
- E. Of EFIC's total staff headcount as at 30 June 2013, was 88 (FTE) staff members – 86 staff located in Sydney, 1 FTE staff member located in Melbourne and 1 FTE staff member located in Perth.
- F. N/A.

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- G. The value of EFIC's building (Export House) and land as at 30 June 2013 is \$38.9 million.
- H. Depreciation of the building as at 30 June 2013 was \$1.87. (.
- I. All of EFIC's activities are undertaken from this location. Client service activities are also undertaken from the Melbourne and Perth Austrade offices.

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Question No. 207

Program: EFIC

Topic: Communications staff

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:

A. By Department or agency:

- 1. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.***
- 2. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location***
- 3. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location***
- 4. How many are graphic designers?***
- 5. How many are media managers?***
- 6. How many organise events?***

B. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios? If yes, why? When was it established? What is the set up cost? What is the ongoing cost? How many staff work there and what are their classifications?

Answer

A. EFIC has one Manager, Communications and Marketing (non-SES equivalent). This staff member is located in EFIC's main office in Sydney.

1. Nil.

2. Nil.

3.-6.

EFIC has one Manager, Communications and Marketing (non-SES equivalent). This staff member is located in EFIC's main office in Sydney.

B. No. EFIC does not have independent media studios.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 208

Program: EFIC

Topic: Alternative policy costings

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Has the Department undertaken any alternative policy costings or advice? If yes, provide details of what these costings or advice were, including provision of costings or advice documents and assumptions used, and who made the request and when.

Answer

EFIC does not undertake policy costings. Questions regarding the details of the policy advice (including costings) are matters for the Government.

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Question No. 209

Program: EFIC

Topic: Pre-election appointments

Question in Writing

Senator Eggleston

Question

Provide a list of any appointments made in your portfolio that will commence after the announced election date of 14 September 2013. Provide details of the appointment including position and length.

Answer

Nil.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 210

Program: DFAT

Topic: Sri Lanka

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

Does the department maintain the Foreign Minister's position that since 2010 there has been no evidence of returnees being discriminated against or arrested, let alone tortured in Sri Lanka?

Answer

People who depart Sri Lanka through people smuggling ventures are arrested upon their return for offences under Sri Lanka's Immigrants and Emigrants Act relating to unlawful departure. There is no evidence returnees are discriminated against or otherwise mistreated.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 211

Program: DFAT

Topic: Sri Lanka

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

Is the department aware that in Feb 2012 Human Rights Watch documented eight recent cases in which Tamil asylum seekers deported to Sri Lanka from the United (Kingdom) had been subject to arbitrary arrest and torture upon their return?

- A. What details does the department have about these cases?*
- B. Did the department convey this information to the Foreign Minister?*

Answer

Yes, the Department is aware of the report.

- A. The details that are in the report.
- B. No.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 212

Program: DFAT

Topic: Sri Lanka

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

A spokesperson for the Foreign Minister told AAP on April 28 “We believe it is important to engage with Sri Lanka rather than seeking to isolate them”.

A. Does the engagement referred to address allegations of war crimes against the Sri Lankan Government and allegations of rape and abuse by the military and police?

B. If not, why not.

Answer

A and B.

The Australian Government has consistently raised with senior levels of the Sri Lankan Government the importance of investigating and prosecuting all allegations of serious international crimes committed by both sides to the civil conflict in a transparent and independent manner.

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Question No. 213

Program: DFAT

Topic: Sri Lanka

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

On April 24, ABC's 7.30 ran a story about a Tamil man living in Melbourne who was abducted, raped and tortured by Sri Lankan Army Intelligence officers in Sri Lanka. Are you aware of this story?

- A. Will the abuse of this man be addressed as part of this engagement with Sri Lanka?*
- B. If not, why not?*

Answer

Yes, the Department is aware of these allegations.

- A. The allegations made by this person were raised with the Sri Lankan High Commissioner.

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Question No. 214

Program: DFAT

Topic: Sri Lanka

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

What is the degree of control or responsibility the Sri Lankan authorities have over boats departing with Asylum seekers on board? (Eg. Does it have a tight control, moderate control, lax control?)

Answer

Sri Lanka is responsible for its border control, including the interception of boats carrying asylum seekers.

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Question No. 215

Program: DFAT

Topic: Sri Lanka

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

Looking at the numbers of boats carrying asylum seekers from Sri Lanka, there seems to be a correlation between the public statements of Australia's current and former Foreign Minister criticising or not criticising the Rajapaksa regime and the flow of boats. Has the Department compiled any similar information on this correlation or provided any briefs on this phenomenon?

Answer

No.

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Question No. 216

Program: DFAT

Topic: Mongolia

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

Have any DFAT representatives held talks with representatives of the Mongolian Government about that country's tax policy over the past five years?

Answer

Over the past five years DFAT representatives have regularly discussed mining, investment and development issues with the Mongolian Government, and consistently emphasised the importance of maintaining private-sector confidence in an open and predictable investment climate.

We have no records of any talks with representatives of the Mongolian Government that specifically address Mongolia's tax policy, apart from a comment to Mongolian officials by the Australian Ambassador in 2009 that amendments to mining laws then going through Mongolia's Parliament, which included revoking a windfall-profits tax, would set the stage for greater investment and multiplier effects for the economy.

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Question No. 217

Program: DFAT

Topic: Mongolia

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

- A. What level of involvement did the Australian Embassy in Mongolia have in talks on Mongolia's tax laws? Was this done with the knowledge of DFAT officials in Canberra?*
- B. Was this done with the knowledge of the Minister for Foreign Affairs?*

Answer

- A. See answer to Question 216.
- B. Not applicable.

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Question No. 218

Program: DFAT

Topic: Mongolia

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

Who initiated such talks? Was it the Mongolian government or the DFAT representative?

Answer

See answer to Question 216.

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Question No. 219

Program: DFAT

Topic: Mongolia

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

If such talks were held did they cover the tax introduced by the Mongolian Government in 2010 that could be up to 68 per cent of the profits of a mining country?

Answer

See answer to Question 216.

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Question No. 220

Program: DFAT

Topic: Mongolia

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

What advice was given to the Mongolian government about this tax and other tax laws in that country?

Answer

See answer to Question No. 216.

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Question No. 221

Program: DFAT

Topic: Mongolia

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

Did the DFAT representative advise this mining tax was too high or it should be lowered?

Answer

See answer to Question No. 216.

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Question No. 222

Program: DFAT

Topic: Mongolia

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

What were the processes by which DFAT or Australian Embassy staff came to be involved in these matters?

Answer

See answer to Question 216.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 223

Program: DFAT

Topic: Mongolia

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

Is it part of the work of DFAT representatives to lobby developing countries to make tax concessions that would favour Australia-based multinationals?

Answer

DFAT has a key role in opening markets and supporting Australian businesses in their efforts to trade and invest internationally.

With Austrade, DFAT and its overseas network help Australian companies through advice on local economic and political conditions; making representations on policy and regulatory issues; facilitating access to decision-makers; and providing consular support to Australians working overseas.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 224

Program: DFAT

Topic: DAP & Mining

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

When DFAT representatives speak about or write about “mining partnerships” what does this term mean? Who is the partnership between?

Answer

This term is not commonly used within the department, nor does it have any specific connotations in the context of the Direct Aid Program (DAP). DAP funding is available to registered NGOs, organisations and individuals working on development issues on a not-for-profit basis. In some instances DAP funding is combined with other sources of funding, including from other donors or private sector organisations, to contribute to a larger developmental project. The relationship between our overseas posts administering DAP funds and organisations or individuals receiving DAP grants can be characterised as a partnership for the delivery of specific DAP projects.

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Question No. 225

Program: DFAT

Topic: DAP

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

- A. Are the agreements between AusAID and any mining companies that have received money as part of Mining for Development, Direct Aid Programs, or other programs publicly available?***
- B. If so, could you provide a link to that information?***
- C. If not publically available, why not, and may I have the details please?***

Answer

- A. The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is managed by DFAT through its overseas posts. The department does not receive from its overseas posts details of the agreements for the approximately 800 DAP projects delivered each year. None of the agreements are made publicly available. AusAID will provide a separate response relating to ODA programs that it manages.
- B. Not applicable.
- C. Making public the agreements relating to DAP projects would require an unreasonable amount of time and diversion of departmental resources. DFAT has made the decision to direct the maximum amount of the DAP budget towards directly funding development projects, rather than administration costs. Details of DAP projects delivered in partnership with mining companies are provided through the department's response to Question on Notice 10.

QUESTIONS IN WRITING

Question No. 226

Program: DFAT

Topic: Climate financing programs

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

- A. Can you please detail any non-ODA eligible climate financing programs DFAT has been briefed on or is advising on?***
- B. Is Australia's "climate finance" expenditure additional to ODA?***
- C. If not, why not?***

Answer

- A. As part of normal whole of government consideration of climate change policy DFAT is consulted on a range of domestic and non-domestic climate change funding programs. DFAT is not able to provide a more specific response as it does not determine whether or not any program is ODA eligible, or whether or not any program counts as climate finance within the meaning of the UNFCCC.
- B. DFAT is not the appropriate agency to respond to this question, which should be referred to AusAID and DIICCSRTE.
- C. Not applicable.

QUESTIONS IN WRITING

Question No. 227

Program: DFAT

Topic: Climate financing programs

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

Do you believe non-ODA eligible climate financing programs should or will be counted as ODA eligible at any future stage? If so, what would be the criteria for that to happen?

Answer

This is a hypothetical question which DFAT is not able to answer.

Questions relating to ODA should be referred to AusAID.

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QUESTIONS IN WRITING

Question No. 228

Program: DFAT

Topic: Climate financing programs

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

How does DFAT determine what is a fair Climate Finance contribution from Australia?

Answer

DFAT does not determine what is a fair Climate Finance contribution from Australia.

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QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 229

Program: DFAT

Topic: Illegal Logging

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

With the passage of the Illegal Logging Prohibition Act, what funding has DFAT budgeted to assist developing countries in our region to take effective action to end illegal logging, to assist them with compliance with the Act?

Answer

DFAT has not budgeted for any regional assistance in relation to the Illegal Logging Prohibition Act 2012. The lead agency for implementation of the Act is the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), which administers the Asia Pacific Forestry Skills Capacity Building Program, including the Illegal Logging: Regional Capacity Building Partnership. Questions on the program should be directed to DAFF.

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Question No. 230

Program: DFAT

Topic: Illegal Logging

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

What work has DFAT with Customs to ensure that no illegal timber is being imported into Australia?

Answer

DFAT does not work directly with the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs) on operational issues relating to timber importation. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is the lead agency for the Illegal Logging and Prohibition Act 2012 and its Regulations, and has consulted with Customs on issues relating to the Act, including efforts to prevent importation of illegally logged timber. Questions on this issue should therefore be directed to DAFF.

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Question No. 231

Program: EFIC

Topic: Freedom of Information

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

It was suggested by DFAT in Senate Hearing on the EFIC Bill that EFIC's FOI Act exemption was meant to protect commercial in confidence and also "politically sensitive information, which EFIC deals with all the time."

What exactly is the nature of the politically sensitive material? Can you give some examples? Please provide details of projects that are "politically sensitive"?

Answer

Politically sensitive material can refer to information about the political or economic situation in a country, which EFIC may take into account when coming to a view about whether it would be advisable to provide support to an Australian company wishing to have commercial dealings with that country.

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Question No. 232

Program: EFIC

Topic: Freedom of Information

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

If these materials expose risks for EFIC, which operates using public money, then what is DFAT's justification for withholding information about those risks from the Australian public?

Answer

Decisions on the release of material by EFIC are a matter for EFIC within the parameters of the FOI Act.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 233

Program: DFAT

Topic: Global Ambassador for Women and Girls

Question in Writing

Senator Cash

Question

Please provide an update on the work being done by Penny Williams, the Ambassador for Women and Girls, including key meetings and engagements and the cost of each of the trips she has undertaken, as well as any outcomes that have resulted from her work.

Answer

Since October 2012 (our last response on notice), the Global Ambassador for Women and Girls has continued to engage with international and domestic stakeholders, across government and civil society, to promote Australia's priorities and programs to advance gender equality.

The Pacific region remained a priority. The Ambassador actively promoted the key pillars of the \$320 million, ten year Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development Initiative, launched in 2012. These pillars are economic empowerment, leadership and addressing violence against women and girls.

By delivering keynote speeches at conferences in Fiji on women's economic empowerment and preventing violence against women and girls (both in November 2012), and at a Parliamentary Partnerships Forum in Australia to promote Pacific women's political participation (February 2013), Ms Williams advanced regional engagement on these issues.

During bilateral visits (Fiji, Solomon Islands, and as a member of a bipartisan parliamentary delegation to the Marshall Islands, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands and Tonga in December 2012), Ms Williams worked with government and civil society partners to promote regional cooperation on gender equality, building on commitments made in the Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration of August 2012.

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Her visit to Solomon Islands for White Ribbon Day (November 2013) saw members of the National Parliament commit publicly to speak out against endemic violence against women, and the national broadcast of a church service in which church leaders called on all citizens to end gender-based violence. Meetings with Solomon Islands' national women's machinery facilitated cooperation between Australia and Solomon Islands as new members of the UN Women Executive Board (both countries began their two year term in January 2013). Ms Williams was a key presenter at a RAMSI forum focused on women members of the Pacific regional police force and Solomon Islands correctional services to promote improved regional approaches to Women, Peace and Security initiatives.

Ms Williams conducted extensive regional outreach including an op-ed on the occasion of White Ribbon Day 2013, which was published in six Pacific nations, in major publications such as the Vanuatu Daily, the Fiji Times Online and The National (PNG). Her visits generated significant additional media coverage including interviews and features on key gender concerns. The Ambassador has contributed actively to Australia's efforts as a member of the UN Security Council, to strengthen the UNSC's Women, Peace and Security agenda. Ms Williams facilitated a UNSC Arria Formula meeting on Implementing UNSC's Women, Peace and Security Agenda, in New York (May 2013). The Ambassador's involvement provided valuable insights aimed at strengthening the practical application of the Women, Peace and Security agenda by the UN in the field.

Ms Williams played a key role as a member of Australia's delegation to the 57th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York, March 2013. She made a significant contribution to Australia's successful efforts to secure Agreed Conclusions on the priority theme of Elimination and Prevention of all Forms of Violence Against Women and Girls. Besides a bilateral program of appointments to promote Australia's negotiation priorities, the Ambassador was a keynote speaker at six CSW side events co-hosted or sponsored by Australia (in partnership with civil society organisations in several cases) on themes such as critical services for women and girls affected by violence, the impact of violence on women with disabilities, Pacific approaches to ending violence, and faith-based responses to violence.

Ms Williams' participation at regional meetings, such as the inaugural ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Women (Laos, October 2012) and the 5th East Asia Ministerial Meeting on Gender Equality (Beijing, 2013) strengthened Australia's regional cooperation on gender issues.

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Ms Williams undertook two bilateral trips which were specifically foreshadowed during prime ministerial visits to Australia, to foster stronger cooperation on gender issues. She visited Trinidad and Tobago, October 2012 to strengthen cooperation on women's leadership, and Thailand, June 2013, to promote bilateral cooperation on women's political participation and access to justice. As a result of the latter visit, Australia is exploring opportunities to support Thailand's Women, Peace and Security agenda.

Domestically, the Ambassador was a participant in the National Summit on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and was a key player in the department's work to strengthen consular support for Australians affected by FGM. Ms Williams was a keynote presenter at an Australian-hosted OSCE Asia Partners Conference on Improving the Security of Women and Girls. She delivered speeches at the Annual Civil Society Dialogue on Women, Peace and Security and the UN Women National Committee's 'Stronger futures for Afghan women' fundraising event in June 2013, promoting the partnership between government and civil society on gender issues.

Ms Williams' total international and domestic travel expenditure, as Ambassador for Women and Girls, for the financial year 2012-2013 was \$80,643.

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE/IN WRITING

Question No. 234

Program: DFAT

Topic: Direct Aid Program

Question in Writing

Senator Rhiannon

Question

- A. *What role does AusAID play in the granting, monitoring or approving of DAP grants?***
- B. *In 2012/13 how much was granted in DAP funds?***
- C. *How much has DFAT budgeted to grant in 2013/14 in DAP funds?***
- D. *For 2012/13 can you please provide a list of projects that have received DAP, and that are not community groups or NGOs.***
 - a. *Please include the name of the project, location, company involved and name any NGOs that have been hired to facilitate the project?***
- E. *For 2012/13 could you please provide a complete list of projects involving AAMIG members that have received Direct Aid Program funding through DFAT?***
- F. *Please include the name of the project, location, company involved and name any NGO that have been hired to facilitate the project?***
- G. *What money has been paid out of the DAP Grant Program for projects in Mongolia in the last five years, and please include the name of the project, location, company involved and name any NGO that have been hired to facilitate the project?***
- H. *What money has been paid out of the DAP Grant Program for projects the Philippines in the last five years?***
- I. *Please include the name of the project, location, company involved and name any NGO that have been hired to facilitate the project?***
- J. *Is there any public list of all of projects funded through the Direct Aid Program?***
- K. *If not, why not?***
- L. *How many projects are funded in total every year?***
- M. *11 of the 17 DAP projects connected to AAMIG (Australia-Africa Mining Industry Group) were undertaken without an assisting NGO. Why was Australian aid provided to these projects considering AusAID highlights the importance of consultation and collaboration with local NGOs and community based organisations for the delivery of aid outcomes?***

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Answer

- A. AusAID is responding to this question through its QoN 44
- B. AusAID is responding to this question through its QoN 44
- C. The 2013-14 allocation for DAP is \$11 million.
- D. Four DAP projects in the list below engaged NGOs to facilitate delivery of the program. The NGOs are: Erongo Development Foundation (Namibia); Eau Vive (Burkina Faso); Evangelical Children Rehabilitation Education Program (ECREP) (Liberia); and Friends and Employees of Paladin (FEPAC) (Malawi).

Name of Project	Location	Non NGO partner	NGO facilitating
DENG and The Bolgatanga Solar Energy and Water Training Centre	Bolgatanga, Upper East Region, Ghana	Bolgatanga Polytechnical Institute and DENG Ghana Ltd	N/A
Noble Gold Junior High School ICT Project	Bibiani, Western Region, Ghana	Noble Gold Bibiani Limited	N/A
The Orthopaedic Training Centre's Information Communication Technology Centre Project	Nsawam, Eastern Region, Ghana	Orthopedic Training Centre	N/A
African Union Liaison Office Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) in Liberia and Sierra Leone	Congo Town area of Monrovia (Liberia) and Western rural area of Free Town (Sierra Leone)	African Union Liaison Office	N/A
Closing the Gap: From Evidence to Action	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	The Ethiopian Nurses Association	N/A
Palandoken District Governor's office – Social Support Foundation	Erzurum, Palandoken, Turkey	Palandoken District Governor's office	N/A
Women's Health Centre in Tunceli	Tunceli, Turkey	Tunceli Municipality	N/A
Improvement of the Safe House' Care Home facilities	Kanchanaburi Province, Thailand	Kwai River Christian Hospital	N/A
Health check and training for women from Luoli Town	Luoli Townshi, Liping County, Guizhou Province, People's Republic of China	Local government	N/A
Mini Tiller for impoverished Tibetan households	Gonghuo Village, Batang, Ganzi, Sichuan Province, People's Republic of China	Tibetan Department, Qinghai Teacher's University	N/A

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Middle Island Resources Ltd Liberian Zai Town Classroom Block Project	Tchien District, Grand Gedeh County, Liberia	Middle Island Resources Ltd	Evangelical Children Rehabilitation Education Program (ECREP)
A Further Step for Health: Defibrillator and EKG Equipment Supply for Two Ambulances at Gallipoli Peninsula	Canakkale Eceabat, Turkey	Canakkale Health Department	N/A
ECG machine and computer equipment for health screening and education purposes	Anaikatti, Unjavalampatti, Mayavaram, Vallimalai, Devakotti (Tamil Nadu), India	TKK Hospital	N/A
Block Mode Course on Medical Immunobiology at Jaffna University	Jaffna, Sri Lanka	James Cook University	N/A
Advocating for improving infant and young child feeding in Bangladesh: Disseminating learning from an existing study	Bangladesh	International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research	N/A
Bangladesh Catholic Nurses Guild (BCNG) Health Centre	Dharendra, Savar, Dhaka, Bangladesh	Bangladesh Catholic Nurses Guild	N/A
Improving Livelihoods of the Rural Poor (Men & Women) through Sustainable Beekeeping Including Sanitation and Conserve Biodiversity in the Project site/area.	Modhupur, Tangail, Bangladesh	Bangladesh Institute of Apiculture	N/A
Publishing and Distribution of Tetum and local language books	Ermera sub-district, Ermera, Timor-Leste	Biblioteka Ermera	N/A
Building agricultural production model adapting to drought in coastal sandy areas	Quang Tri Province, North Vietnam	Center For Climate Change Study In Central Vietnam	N/A
Karonga School for the Deaf	Karonga District, Malawi	Paladin Energy	Friends and Employees of Paladin (FEPAC)
Harare City Library (HCL) Project	Harare, Zimbabwe	Harare City Library Management Committee	N/A
Mana Pools Community Clinic project	Mana Pools, Mashonal and Central Province, Zimbabwe	Mana Pools National Park, Department of Parks and Wildlife Authority	N/A
Building 1 classroom for Truong Phu Kindergarten	Can Tho City, Vietnam	Department of Education and Training of Phong Dien District	N/A

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Books for AusAID supported Electoral Education and Information Centre library	Kantipath, Kathmandu	Election Commission of Nepal	N/A
Small-scale infrastructure development to benefit school girls and young monks from underprivileged families - Bhutan	Thimphu, Bhutan	Dr Karma Tshering (individual philanthropist)	N/A
Federation Hihifo post Evan cyclone reconstruction	Northern district of Wallis Island, Wallis and Futuna	District of Hihifo	N/A
Clean Up Pohnpei	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	Environmental Protection Agency (Government body)	N/A
Bureau of Public Safety's White Ribbon Campaign	Koror, Palau	Bureau of Public Safety	N/A
Protecting communities from the effects of adverse weather in Kolonia Town	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	Kolonia Town Government	N/A
Pohnpei Community Healthy Lifestyle Learn to Swim Program	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	FSM National Olympic Committee	N/A
Empowering Communities in Sokeh's for road maintenance and beautification	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	Sokeh's Municipal Council	N/A
U Municipal Government Sports Program	Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia	U Municipal Government	N/A
Middle Island Pouni-Nord Burkinabe Solar-Powered Water Project	Pouni-Nord, Sanguié, Burkina Faso	Middle Island Resources Ltd	Eau Vive
Irrigation, drinking water system and training in good farming practices for farmers in the village of Dzindri, Comoros	Dzindri, Comoros	United Nations Development Program	N/A
Dapera Village Water Project	Panguna District, Autonomous Region of Bougainville, Papua New Guinea	Modapi Village Assembly	N/A
Arms Trade Treaty Workshop	Caribbean Region	Caribbean Coalition for Development and the Reduction of Armed Violence (CDRAV)	N/A
Protected Organic Horticulture and Adaptation to Climate Change in Suriname	Suriname	The Caribbean Institute	N/A
Bring Burmese Journalists to Cambodia	Phnom Pehn, Cambodia	Independent Journalism Foundation	N/A

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for ASEAN Summit			
Erongo Development Foundation	Namibia	Bannerman Resources	Erongo Development Foundation
Myanmar Constitutional Reform Workshop Program	Yangon	Sydney Law School	N/A

E and F.

Name of Project	Location	Non-NGO partner	NGO
Middle Island Resources Ltd Liberian Zai Town Classroom Block Project	Tchien District, Grand Gedeh County, Liberia	Middle Island Resources Ltd	Evangelical children Rehabilitation Education Program (ECREP)
Middle Island Pouni-Nord Burkinabe Solar-Powered Water Project	Pouni-Nord, Sanguié, Burkina Faso	Middle Island Resources Ltd	Eau Vive
Noble Gold Junior High School ICT Project	Bibiani, Western Region, Ghana	Noble Gold Bibiani Ltd	N/A
Karonga School for the Deaf	Karonga District, Malawi	Paladin Energy	FEPAC – Friends and Employees of Paladin
Erongo Development Foundation	Erongo Region, Namibia	Bannerman Resources	Erongo Development Foundation

G. Over the past five years, DFAT has supported small development projects totalling \$160,972 DAP funds to Mongolia. The name, location, company involved and NGO facilitating each project is listed below.

Name of Project	Location	Non-NGO Partner	NGO
2012-13			
Improvement of Living Environment - Construction of a community water kiosk to supply water to at least 150 families	Bayankhongor Bayankhongor Duursakh 3, Mongolia		Bayankhongor Community Development Center
Permaculture Education Resources and Materials (PERM)	7 districts of Bayankhongor province, 3 district of Bayan Ulgii province, and 5 districts of Ulaanbaatar		ADRA Mongolia
Repair and improve maintenance and protection of pasture hand-wells: on the job training	Bayangol soum, Uvurkhangai province	Bayangol Soum Government	Risk-free Animal Husbandry Centre
Revision and printing of	Bayangol,		Mongolian Anti-

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Name of Project	Location	Non-NGO Partner	NGO
toolkit for MATA's health volunteers network 2011-12	Ulaanbaatar		Tuberculosis Association (MATA)
Construction of a community well to improve the living environment in Ikh Zaluu Bag	Orkhon Aimag, Erdenet City, Ikh Zaluu Bag	Other project partners include: Ikh Zaluu Bag CBO 'Irgediin Sanaachilga' (Citizens proposals) to provide labour; 'Bulganii Tsagaan Tugeekh Suljee XXK' (Erdenet Bulgan electricity) to provide electricity, and 'Erdenet us DTS' ONUKHC (local water supply company) to assist with water testing and hygiene.	Community Development Center Erdenet NGO ('Olon Niitiin Oroltsootoi Khugjiliin Tuv Erdenet')
Overcoming discrimination and stigma to combat HIV/AIDS in Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar and Erdenet City.		Youth for Health, Together NGO (in collaboration with UNAIDS)
Repair and improve maintenance and protection of pasture hand-wells	Uvurkhangai Aimag, Tugrug soum	Government of Tugrug	Risk-free Animal Husbandry Center
Strengthening Primary Eye Care services in Hovsgol Province 2010-11	Hovsgol Province		International Centre for Eyecare Education (ICEE)
Initiatives of the herders	Jargalant sum, Khovd aimag		'Sain Tus' Center for the Promotion of Development in Western Mongolia
Supporting Women Candidates in Local Elections	Erkhoo Street, Sukhbaatar District Ulaanbaatar	Voter Education Centre	Women for Social Progress Movement
Wonder woman	Ulaanbaatar		Mongolian Children's Future Center
Community development project to support disadvantaged farmers group and women 2009-10	Tuv Aimag, Erdenesant Soum		Mongolian National Cooperator's Association
Drinking water supply project	Sukhbaatar Aimag; Tumentsogt, Tuvshimshiree Sums		Tumentsogt Development (TD)
Improve use of pasture and water sources in a level of herder group	hentii aimag, Tsenkhermanda 1 soum, Sogoot		Risk-free animal husbandry center' NGO Namsrajav

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Name of Project	Location	Non-NGO Partner	NGO
	bag, 'Jargalant' herder group		Odontsetseg
Increase of agricultural production and diversified in a sustainable way through biochar strategy	Songinorkhairhan, District 25 Khoroo, Ulaanbaatar		Mongolian Women's Farmers Association (MWFA)
2008-2009			
Establishing small scale camel milk processing unit in the Gobi for income generation and pasture improvement	Bayanlig Soum		Lkhamdulam Natsagdorj
Improve sufficiency, use and protection of pasture hand-wells	Uvurkhangai		Namsrajav Odontsetseg
The use of biochar as a soil conditioner for increasing crop yields	Ulaanbaatar		Jargal Byatshand

H. Over the past five years, DFAT has supported small development projects totalling \$617,696 DAP funds to the Philippines.

I. The name, location, company involved and NGO facilitating each project is listed below.

Name of Project	Location	Non-NGO partner	NGO
2012-13			
Bringing low cost water technology to poorest communities	Barangays Kalilangan and Alip Lalabuan, Masiu, Lanao del Sur		Ranao Institute for Peace and Development (RIFPAD) Inc
Construction of additional transmission line for Klubi Potable Water System	Barangay Klubi, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato)		Lake Sebu Indigenous Women Weavers Association Inc (LASIWWAI)
Life Skills Training and Development for Out-of-School Girls in Cagayan de Oro City	Barangay Lumbia, Cagayan de Oro City		The Alternative Bridge to Community Development (ab2cd) Inc
Strengthening Community-based Initiatives on Livelihood Development through Pineapple Fiber Production	Barangay Batas, Silang, Cavite		Regional Center for Asia, International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)
The Banig Republic Project	Salvacion Barangay, Malilipot Municipality, Cagraray		Simbag sa Pag-assenso (SEDP) Inc

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Name of Project	Location	Non-NGO partner	NGO
	Island, Bicol		
Livelihood Training Center	Zone 3, Panuliran, Abuno, Iligan City		Rising Star Multi-Purpose Cooperative (RSMPC)
Livelihood Skills Training Assistance Program for Sexually Abused and Maltreated Street Girls	Capitol Park Homes, Old Balara, Diliman, Quezon City		Tahanan Sta Luisa (TSL)
Alternative Livelihood Skills Training on Bakery	Purok Gabi, Brgy Gredu, Panabo City, Davao del Norte		Community Welfare Service Lotus Foundation (CWSLFI)
Improving and Restoring Soil Fertility thru Community-based Production of Organic Fertilizer for Marginal Rice Farmers	Bono-Bono, Bataraza, Palawan		Bonobono Gintong Butil Multi-Purpose Cooperative (BGBMPC)
Home for Disadvantaged Young Girls in Pangantucan, Bukidnon (Father Palau Center)	RockyVillage, Barangay Poblacion, Pangantucan, Bukidnon		Carmelitas Misioneras Teresianas (CMT)
Strengthening the Partnership Capabilities of San Simon Multi-Purpose Cooperative and the Municipal Government of San Simon to Minimise the Effects of Flood Inundation	San Jose, San simon, Pampanga		San Simon Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SSMPC)
Construction of Classroom	Barangay Bitoon, Jaro, Iloilo City		1Meal One Opportunity Program
Upgrading of Galilee Resource Center Orthotic and Prosthetic Workshop: Tools and Equipment	Bicol Regional Teaching and Training Hospital (BRTTH) Compound, Legazpi City		Simon of Cyrene Children's Rehabilitation and Development Foundation Inc (SCCRDFI)
Birthing Equipment for Maternal Health Care	Bayanijuan Southville 7, Barangay Dayap, Calauan, Laguna		Bantay Bata (Child Watch) 163
Bag and Slipper Making	Ilayang Iyam, Lucena City		Livelihood Program, Sr Teresa of Sto Nino' Center Inc (STSNCI)
Community Learning and Training Centers Project (CLTCP)	Barangays Macasandig, Balulang, Puntod,		Safer River, Life Saver Foundation Inc (SRLSFI)

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Name of Project	Location	Non-NGO partner	NGO
	Dansolihon, Carmen and Consolacion of Cagayan de Oro City		
2011-12			
Kematu Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) Building Construction Project	Sitio El-Lubog, Barangay Kematu, T'boli, South Cotabato		Tribal Leaders Development Foundation Inc
Additional Classroom at the Bartimaeus Center for Alternative Learning (BCAL)	Tiaong, Quezon		Bethsaida CBR Services for the Disabled Inc
Multi-Purpose Building for Indigenous Women of Kalinga	Sitio Laguinday, Minagbag, Quezon, Isabela		Mandiga Community Center of Kalinga Inc (MCCI)
Construction of Community Training Center	Barangay 1 Poblacion, Sta Magdalena, Sorsogon		Building and Organising Christian Communities (BOCC) Inc
Renovation/Improvement of the Center for Skills Enhancement and Enterprise Development (CENTER-SEED) for the Women of Lobo	Poblacion, Lobo, Batangas		Lobo Community Development Center Inc (LCDCI)
A Home of Our Own - Drop in Center, Crisis Center and Bridge Classroom	Malate, Manila		Bahay Tuluyan
Barangay Potable Water System Project	Barangay Amai Sindaolan Dansalan, Masiu, Lanao del Sur		Philippine Foundation for Resources Management Inc (PFRM)
Procurement of a Water Pump and Installation of Micro Sprinklers and Drip Irrigation Systems	San Miguel, Bulacan		Green Earth Heritage Foundation Inc
Enhancing the Economic Productivity of Small Farmers in Barangay Monic through Integrated Community Development Program	Barangay Monic, Nampicuan, Nueva Ecija		Alalay sa Kaunlaran Inc (ASKI) Foundation
Setting Up of the PCF Community Bakery	Balut, Tondo, Manila		The Philippine Christian Foundation Inc
Utilising Market Wastes through Composting and Promotion of Organic Agriculture in the Province	Barangay Antonino, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro		Mindoro (Oriental) Ecological and Sustainable Agricultural Federation (MESAFED) Inc
Coastal Resource Rehabilitation and Poverty	Barangay Bulado,		Center for People's Resources and Services, Inc

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Name of Project	Location	Non-NGO partner	NGO
Alleviation for Igsuonay sa Bulado (ISB) Members	Guihulngan, Negros Oriental		(CPRSI)
Construction of Additional 3rd Floor for the Technical/Vocational Training of the Poon-Masiu Institute of Technology (PMIT)	Angkaya Complex, Poblacion, Barangay Labay Moriatao-Bae, Masiu, Lanao del Sur		Poona-Masiu Institute of Technology Inc and Sultan Piti-ilan of Poona Masiu
Communal Portable Ecosan Toilets for Clustered Survivors of Typhon Sendong in the Cities of Iligan and Cagayan de Oro	Barangays Kauswagan, Baikington and Indahag in Cagayan de Oro City and Barangays Purok Wago, Mandulog, Barinaut, Bayug and Hinaplanon in Iligan City		Water, Agroforestry, Nutrition and Development (WAND Foundation)
Lem-Ehek Water System Main Pipe Line Rehabilitation	Barangay Lamdalag, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato		Santa Cruz Mission School Inc
Food Processing Center (Livelihood Project)	Mater Dolorosa Parish, 19th East Avenue, East Rembo, Makati City		Caritas Manila
Bahay-Tuluayan for Marine Protected Area (MPA) Research and Monitoring and for Community-based Eco-Tourism Project	Barangay Caramay, Roxas, Palawan		Maliliit na Mangingisda ng Caramay Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MMCMPC)
Establishment of The Learning Center (TLC) Gift Shop and Rehabilitation of the Adjoining Kitchen Workshop	Merville Park Subdivision, Paranaque, Metro Manila		The Learning Center (TLC)
Repair of Roofing and Ceiling of Administration Building / Social Services Office / Holy Angels Dormitory (Nursery Annex)	Ayala Bridge, Manila		Hospicio de San Jose (HSJ)
2010-11			
Purchase of Furniture for Kuya Center for Street Children	Cubao, Quezon City, Metro Manila		Kuya Center for Street Children
Community Learning Center Development	San Mariano, Roxas, Oriental Mindoro		Gelacio I Yason Foundation - Family Farm School (GIYF - FFS) Inc

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Subanen Livelihood and Sustainable Small Farm Development Center	Sitio Luyongon, Barrio Gulayon, Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte		Water, Agroforestry, Nutrition and Development (WAND) Inc
Rainwater Collectors/Tanks	Barrio Guicab, Barangay Talisay, Calatrava, Romblon		Lamp Development Foundation - Lamp Christian Fellowship Inc (LDF-LCFI)
Construction/Extension of GroundFloor at SKIA Annex	General Luna St., Cotabato City		Sultan Kudarat Islamic Academy (SKIA)
Construction-Improvement of Support Facilities for More Efficient and Effective Lemongrass Production and Marketing	Escalante City and Bacolod City, Negros Occidental		Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation Inc (AIDFI)
Improved Physical Environment and Increased Educational Resources for Children with Visual Impairment	Cebu Normal University, Osmena Blvd, Cebu City		Cebu Braille Center Inc
Recycled Tarpaulin Bag Making Project	Magville (near Smokey Mountain), Tondo, Manila		Caritas Manila
Multi-Purpose Cottages for the Cagayan de Oro Riverbank Barangays	Kauswagan, Cagayan de Oro City		Safer River, Life Saver Foundation Inc (SRLSFI)
Low Cost Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Sustainable Water Access	Barangay Tiowi, Butig, Lanao del Sur		Mindanao Dynamic Culture of Peace (MIDCOP), Inc
Acquisition of Sewing Machines for Dressmaking and Sewing Program	Officer's Line, Marawi City		Siyal ko Pagtao Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SKPMPC)
Construction of Cooperative Vermiculture Organic Fertilizer Production Center	Coloyan, Butig, Lanao del Sur		Coloyan Community Cooperative
Agricultural Soil Detoxification and Conditioning Project	San Jose, San Simon, Pampanga		San Simon Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SSMPC)
Provision of Post Harvest Facilities	Barangay Daladagan, Lake Buluan, Mangudadatu, Maguindanao		Bangsamoro Fishing Livelihood and Technical Development Multi-Purpose Cooperative (BFLTDMPC)
Construction of a Sanctuary for Abused and Disadvantaged Women	Ayala Bridge, Manila		Hospicio de San Jose
Ring Pull Creations Livelihood Training Program	Cebu Missionary Foundation		Cebu Missionary Foundation (CMF)

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	Community Center, Inayawan, cebu City		
Provision of Water and Sanitation Facility for Livelihood Workshop Area of Persons with Disability (PWDs)	St. Marick Subdivision, Cainta, Rizal		Tahanang Walang Hagdanan Inc
Construction of Third Year High School Classroom and Multi-Purpose Hall	Poblacion Pali, Coron, Palawan		Children's Chance for Tomorrow Foundation Inc (CCTFI)
Construction of Herbal Processing Center	Barangay Libertad, Surallah, South Cotabato		Surallah Entrepreneurs Multi-Purpose Cooperative (SURE-MPC)
Vermicast Production as Livelihood/Income Generation Activity for SHAPII Members	Poblacion, Salay, Misamis Oriental		Salay Handmade Paper Industries Inc (SHAPII) Foundation
2009-10			
Community Health Project Inayawan Rubbish Dump Site	Inayawan, Cebu City		Cebu Missionary Foundation (CMF)
Ecological Sanitation-based Livelihood Training and Service Facility	Barangay Lubluban, Libertad, Misamis Oriental		Water, Agroforestry, Nutrition and Development (WAND) Foundation, Inc
Water System for Libertad	Barangay Libertad, Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay		Risen Christ Multi-Purpose Cooperative (RCMPC)
Organic Fertilizer Production from Hog Wastes	Barangay Talon, Altavas, Aklan		Volunteers for Development in Philippine Society (DEVELOPERS) Foundation Inc
Organic Fertilizer Production Center	Barangay Suklayin, Baler, Aurora		Association of Rural Community Workers (ARCOW), Inc
Construction-Improvement of Support Facilities for More Efficient and Effective Lemongrass Production and Marketing	Escalante City and Bacolod City, Negros Occidental		Alternative Indigenous Development Foundation Inc
Households Recyclable Waste Materials Collection and Processing	Barangay Dumantay, Batangas City		Buklod Unlad ng Batangas Inc
Concrete Reef Module in the Fishing Grounds of Brgys Balite and Wawa in Calapan City	Barangays Balite and Wawa, Calapan City, Oriental		Kaunsayan Formation for Community Development (KAFCODE)

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	Mindoro		
Construct Building for Bright Lights Community Learning Center (BLCLC)	Brgy Siit, Siaton, Negros Orien		Bright Lights Community Learning Center
Home, Education, Livelihood and Personality Development (HELP BUILD)	Baguio Drive, Taloto District, Tagbilaran City		Societas Divinae Charitatis Inc
SKC Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project	Bagua 1, Cotabato City		Shariff Kabunsuan College
Reconstruction of the Barangay Center Building for Barangay Health Center	Tadian, Mountain Province		Cordillera Green Network
Construction of Cooperative Peace Learning Center Project (CPLC)	Barangay Don Mateo, Veruela, Agusan del Sur		Kalambuan Foundation Inc
Post Harvest Facilities (Traveling Corn Shredder and Dryer)	Sitio Refra, Barangay Looy, South Upi, Maguindanao		Kutawato Council for Justice and Peace Inc
Production of Abaca Sheets	Sigma, Capiz		Sigmahanon Development Foundation Inc
Small Water Impounding for Irrigation to Improve Agricultural Productivity	Barangay Rizal, Tomas Oppus, Southern Leyte		South Pacific Integrated Area Development Foundation Inc
Blangas Spring Water System Development Project	Sitio Blangas, Kematu, T'boli, South Cotabato		Tribal Leaders Development Foundation Inc
Small Water Supply and Sanitation Projec	Barangay Guisao and Zone 9 of Barangay Zambowood, Zamboanga City		Zamboanga Coalition of Development NGOs Inc (ZAMCODE)
Reconnecting with our Roots: An In-Depth Advocacy on our Cultural Heritage	Talakag and Cabanglasan, Bukidnon and Barangay Dananao, Tinglayan, Kalinga		Cartwheel Foundation
A Home of Our Own	Malate, Manila		Bahay Tuluyan
JCPAI Child Care Center	Jagobiao, Mandaue City		Jagobiao Christian Parents Association Inc
Low Cost Water Sanitation and Hygiene for Sustainable Water Access	Barangays Dilausan and Dimpaok, Municipality of Lumbaca Unayan, Lanao del Sur		Mindanao Dynamic Culture of Peace (MIDCOP) Inc

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Low Cost Water Sanitation and Hygiene for Sustainable Water Access	Barangays Dilausan and Dimpak, Municipality of Lumbaca Unayan, Lanao del Sur		Mindanao Dynamic Culture of Peace (MIDCOP) Inc
Madrasah: An Integrated Curriculum Model 2009-09	Inug-ug, Pikit, Cotabato		Noorul Eilm Academy
Tarapitze, The Traditional Sugar Milling	Banilad, Nasugbu, Batangas		Kooperatiba ng mga Magsasaka ni San Isidro Labrador (KOMSIL)
Sagada Kiln Project	Sagada, Mountain Province		Putik Potters Association of the Philippines Inc
HUPAI Sewing Machines for Women's Skills Training and Subcontracting of Garments and Embroidery Project	Butong, Taal, Batangas		Hiyas-Unlad Parents Association Inc
Pagbag-o Multi-Purpose Center	Balahaan, Banilad, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental		Pagbag-o In
Construction of T'nalak Dyeing Center	Klubi, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato		Indigenous Women Weavers Association Inc (LASIWWAI)
Construction of Learning Center	Catalunan, Pequeno, Davao City		Lingap Pangkabataan
Effective Collection Management and Transport of Wastes through the Use of Bicycles with Sidecar	Lavezares, Northern Samar		Women for Social Development, Northern Samar, Inc
Livelihood Training Rooms Construction (LTRC) Project	Smokey Mountain (Pier 18), Tondo, Manila		The Philippine Christian Foundation Inc
Micro Hydro Electric Power Plant	Barangay Itaw, South Upi, Maguindan		Kutawato Council for Justice and Peace Inc
Improving Health and Economic Conditions of Baranagy Cansumoroy through Providing Access to Potable Water for Farm and Domestic Use	Brgy Cansumoroy, Balamban, Cebu		Sugbuanon Foundation
Alternative Rice for Sufficiency Enhancement (ARISE)	Brgy Tam-is and Brgy Guadalupe, Maasin City,		Coalition of Southern Leyte NGOs Inc (CONSOLE)

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	Southern Leyte		
Construction of Seaweeds Drier Platform	Snake Island, Honda Bay, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan	Palawan State University - Center for Strategic Policy and Governance Inc (PSU-CSPG)	Pandan Multi-Purpose Cooperative
Construction of Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) and Policy Advocacy for Sustainable Fishery	Brgy Caramay, Roxas, Palawan		Maliliit na Mangingisda ng Caramay Multi-Purpose Cooperative (MMCMPC)
Indigenising Education in a Kalinga Public School	Barangay Dananao, Tinglayan, Kalinga Province, Cordillera Autonomous Region		Ateneo Center for Educational Development (ACED)

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K. To make public a list of all DAP projects would require an unreasonable amount of time and diversion of departmental resources. DFAT has made the decision to direct the maximum amount of the DAP budget towards directly funding development projects, rather than administration costs.

L. The number of DAP projects vary from year to year, depending on posts' annual DAP budget and the costs of successful projects. For 2012-13, there were approximately 800 DAP projects.

M. AusAID is responding to this question through its QoN 44.

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Question No. 235

Program: DFAT

Topic: Myanmar – travel bans

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Senator Ludlam

Question

Are there still bans on travel by members of the regime to Australia?

Answer

No. All Myanmar citizens proposing to travel to Australia are subject to normal immigration processes. Visa applicants are checked against the Department of Immigration, Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship's Central Movement Alert List (CMAL). The contents of the CMAL are not made public. If the visa applicant is a true match with CMAL, then they will be referred for assessment against Public Interest Criterion 4003(a).

Under Public Interest Criterion 4003(a) the Foreign Minister, or a person authorised by the Foreign Minister, may determine that an applicant's presence in Australia is, or would be, contrary to Australia's foreign policy interests. In that case, the Department of Immigration, Multicultural Affairs and Citizenship must refuse the visa application.

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Question No. 236

Program: DFAT

Topic: Myanmar – assistance to Karen

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Senator Fawcett

Question

We had a similar issue [to Rakhine] in Myanmar with the Karen people, where a whole population was dreadfully oppressed, attacked by the military and flowed into a neighbouring country. What was the size of Australia's response to support them? Was it similar in terms of on-the-ground engagement with \$10 million or \$11 million of aid? I am happy to take that on notice, but can you just give us a comparison?

Answer

AusAID advises that Australia's humanitarian assistance is provided on the basis of need and does not discriminate between ethnic groups.

The refugee situation on the Thai-Myanmar border is protracted, with periodic movement of refugees across the border from Myanmar since the 1980s. There are currently around 130,000 refugees from various ethnic groups living in camps in Thailand.

Australia has provided \$20.5 million of humanitarian assistance to refugees from Myanmar living in Thailand since 1999. Currently Australia provides \$3.5 million a year through non-government organisations.

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Question No. 237

Program: DFAT

Topic: India

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Senator Fawcett

Question

I notice a press release saying that the defence minister of India is visiting. How long is it since we have had a senior minister such as the defence minister? How long is it since we have had the Prime Minister of India visit Australia?

Answer

Prior to the visit to Australia of India's Minister of Defence, Mr A K Antony, on 4-5 June 2013, the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Planning, Shri Rajiv Shukla, visited Australia in February 2013. Former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi visited Australia in 1986.

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Question No. 238

Program: DFAT

Topic: Ministerial representations on the Joyce and Lee case

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Senator Kroger

Question

***Senator Bob Carr:** We will get you all the letters and we will get you a list of all representations, about 50 of them, that have been made from the Governor-General, two prime ministers and three foreign ministers on Joyce and Lee*

Answer

I note that a record of all representations made on behalf of Matthew Joyce and Marcus Lee is contained in the Case Chronology which was provided to the Committee for tabling on 6 June 2013. I provide a letter from Senator Carr to the UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah dated 11 July 2012. Correspondence between the Prime Minister and other Heads of Government or Heads of State remain confidential. I would invite the Committee to approach other Ministers for copies of their correspondence.



SENATOR THE HON BOB CARR

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CANBERRA

HH Sheikh ABDULLAH bin Zayed Al-Nahyan
Minister of Foreign Affairs
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Your Highness

I have very much appreciated your understanding and assistance to date in the consular matter of Mr Joyce and Mr Lee. I am aware that the final hearing in their legal case will be held on 15 July. Prior to that date, on behalf of Mr Lee, I would like to draw your attention to a piece of correspondence issued by Sunland to Mr Lee's Australian lawyer, in April 2012, which he informs me is not controversial and is of significance to the case in Dubai.

Please be assured, as when we discussed the Victorian Supreme Court judgment which related to Mr Joyce, I do not seek to intervene in the due legal processes of the United Arab Emirates. In fact, I can advise you that this letter has been submitted to the Dubai court as part of Mr Lee's defence arguments. I attach the fully attested translation for your information.

As we discussed last month, I look forward to our officials engaging further on the merits of a judicial cooperation agreement, to complement the closer collaboration that has occurred since the establishment of the annual Australia/UAE consular consultations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Carr".

Bob Carr

July 11, 2012

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Question No. 239

Program: DFAT

Topic: UN Security Council

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Senator Kroger

Question

So when you said that the Security Council had sent a mission there, how many people are there on the ground?

Answer

The UN Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA) usually has 149 staff on the ground. Because of the recent escalation of tension in the capital, Bangui, the UN Department of Political Affairs has advised that the current number of BINUCA staff is between 40 and 60.

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Question No. 240

Program: DFAT

Topic: Papua New Guinea

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Senator Ian Macdonald

Question

Is there a formal agreement [on police cooperation]? Is there a memorandum of understanding or anything that we can see in writing that the Prime Minister and the PNG Prime Minister agreed to in relation to this.

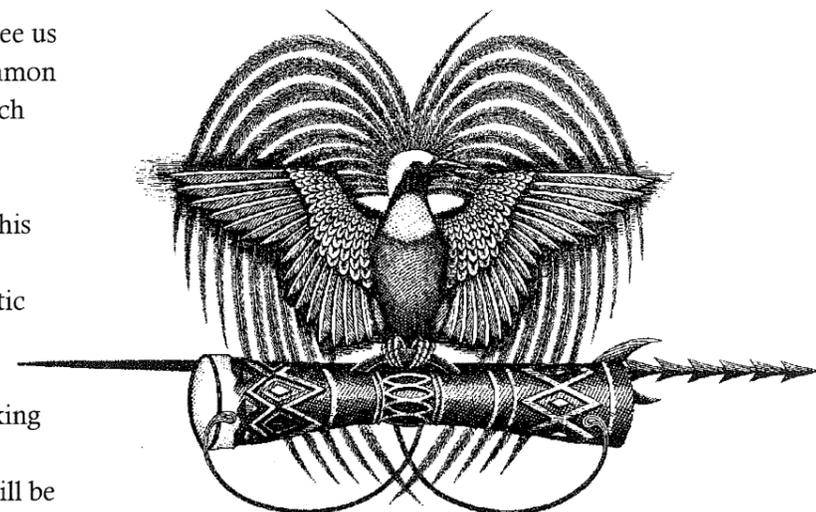
Answer

During her visit to Port Moresby in May 2013, former Prime Minister Gillard announced Phase III package of the Papua New Guinea-Australia Policing Partnership.

There was no formal agreement signed on Phase III of the policing partnership. Police cooperation generally was referred to in the Joint Declaration for a New Papua New Guinea-Australia Partnership signed by former Prime Minister Gillard and Prime Minister O'Neill. The Partnership Declaration is attached.

The Phase III package will include assistance to the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary to recruit Australians to occupy in-line positions, additional AFP advisory support and a program of secondments and mentoring.

JOINT DECLARATION FOR A NEW PAPUA NEW GUINEA-AUSTRALIA PARTNERSHIP



1. Australia and Papua New Guinea commit today to a new chapter in the bilateral relationship that will see us strengthen our ties, deepen cooperation and work together to grasp the opportunities and tackle the common challenges that lie ahead. We restate our mutual commitment to our relationship as equals and to each other as among our most important partners.
2. We recognise our respective national interests are served by a strong and enduring partnership. This new partnership will build on the 1987 Joint Declaration of Principles which has guided our relationship. It will be sustained by our shared history, enduring friendship, respect for democratic values and common interest in peace, stability and prosperity in the Asia Pacific region.
3. We recommit to a partnership for the future, focused not only on our own unique ties but on working together in the Pacific, Asia and globally. This partnership will be exercised through regular consultation and strategic exchanges at the highest levels and expanded people-to-people links. It will be based on the following principles.

STABLE, PROSPEROUS DEMOCRACIES

4. As independent constitutional democracies, Australia and Papua New Guinea commit to the rule of law, independent judicial systems, good governance, and freedom of speech as the foundation for stable, inclusive societies, and for ensuring sustained economic growth and development.
5. Australia and Papua New Guinea acknowledge the important role women and men play in political and economic spheres, and the vital contribution women make to our economic and political development. Both countries commit to the fundamental principle of equality for women and men, to ensuring improved economic and social opportunities for women, and increasing the representation of women in leadership roles.

ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

6. Australia and Papua New Guinea welcome their growing economic links as reflected in their negotiation of an *Australia-Papua New Guinea Economic Cooperation Treaty* and commit to support free trade and rules-based investment processes. Both countries recognise the need to create an enabling environment for business, and acknowledge the role played by the private sector in economic development and service delivery.

7. Australia and Papua New Guinea recognise the economic benefits of sustainable and equitable development of their natural resources and the need to ensure revenue benefits current and future generations. Both countries commit to continue sharing expertise in the sustainable management of resources, and the development of supporting laws and mechanisms.
8. Australia and Papua New Guinea reaffirm their commitment to working closely through the *Partnership for Development*, to enable alignment and visibility of Australia's development assistance, in accordance with jointly agreed development priorities, to promote economic and social development and to support Papua New Guinea's efforts towards achieving the *Millennium Development Goals*.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DEFENCE COOPERATION

9. Australia and Papua New Guinea have a proud history of working closely to address common security challenges. As such, both countries are committed to strong cooperation in training and capacity building of defence, law enforcement, and judicial officers.
10. Australia and Papua New Guinea acknowledge the importance of maintaining the rule of law in their respective jurisdictions, including through effective and accountable policing, and reaffirm their commitment to work in partnership to combat corruption, money laundering, people smuggling, arms smuggling, terrorism, and illegal drug trafficking.

11. Australia and Papua New Guinea are committed to strengthening their enduring defence partnership. Recognising that people-to-people links, training and capacity building benefit the security of both countries and the Pacific region more broadly, Australia and Papua New Guinea have jointly determined to deepen bilateral cooperation in areas that advance their mutual security interests, including maritime and border security, regional peacekeeping, and disaster relief.

THE TORRES STRAIT

12. Australia and Papua New Guinea share a border which is managed by the special arrangements set out in the *Treaty between Australia and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea concerning Sovereignty and Maritime Boundaries in the area between the two Countries, including the area known as Torres Strait, and Related Matters*.
13. Both countries acknowledge the unique nature of our border and the ongoing importance of giving due regard to the traditional inhabitants of the Torres Strait and coastal Papua New Guinea adjacent to the Torres Strait. Both countries commit to the legal movement of peoples across this border, maintenance of quarantine and border security, and protection of our common marine environment.

REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

14. As the two largest countries in the Pacific Islands region, with common interests in addressing regional and global challenges, Australia and Papua New Guinea commit to supporting the work of the Pacific Islands Forum and other regional organisations in promoting regional stability, prosperity, good governance, sustainable development, environmental protection, and trade and economic integration, and to consulting closely on issues which threaten to undermine the stability of our region.
15. As members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) and the World Trade Organisation (WTO), Australia and Papua New Guinea acknowledge the importance of removing impediments to trade, consistent with WTO rules, and commit to work together to advance their respective international trade agendas. As members of the United Nations, both countries commit to supporting each other assuming greater roles and responsibilities in support of United Nations work.


The Hon Julia Gillard MP
Prime Minister of Australia

Signed at Port Moresby, this tenth day of May 2013.


The Hon Peter O'Neill CMG MP
Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

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Program: DFAT

Topic: Live export trade

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Senator Eggleston

Question

Can you confirm, Minister, that you are still a member of the governing council of Voiceless?

Answer

Yes, Senator the Hon. Bob Carr is still a member of the Voiceless council.