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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

QoN No.	Agency/Program	Senator	Hansd pg	QUESTION	Comments
PM1	GG	Ray	25	Can you tell me the total cost of sustaining the operation at Admiralty House? For the period where there were 48 nights spent, I would like those figures. You might like to further assist me—although I am capable of doing it—by dividing the figure by 48 so that we know how much per night a Governor-General staying at Admiralty House costs the taxpayer. You can read your 48 days in two ways: firstly, it certainly disproves that he is using Admiralty House as his main base of residence; or, secondly, he is using it so little and the cost is so high it is time to send it back to the Navy. I would like those figures.	Ans. 15/5/03
PM2	GG	Collins	30	Mr Bonsey, all of those costs you went through are related to fabric. Where is the cost of what was done with the fabric?	Ans. 15/5/03
PM3	PM&C	Faulkner	35	Do we know when the cable we are referring to was received? We know when it was sent.	Ans. 21/5/03
PM4	PM&C	Faulkner	35	Yes, but now we have a copy of the cable as a result of the answer to a question on notice that has only effectively just been received that lends further evidence to the fact that this vessel sank not in Indonesian waters but in international waters and that this information was passed to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. That is why I am interested in understanding what happened to the cable once it got there. You say that it would have gone to the appropriate area. Is it possible to track down which PM&C officers would have had responsibility for dealing with this cable?	Ans. 21/5/03
PM5	PM&C	Faulkner	36	What about Mr Moore-Wilton's copy of the cable? What would happen there? Would it go directly to him, would it go to an executive assistant or what?	Ans. 21/5/03
PM6	PM&C	Faulkner	36	It leaves us is with a cable that contradicts what the Prime Minister said throughout the election campaign, and that was certainly received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Prime Minister's office. That is where it leaves us. That is why I would like to know—and I appreciate and accept you do not have that information to hand— who actually received this cable; when it was received by the department and, if possible, by the Prime Minister's office; and then what happened in terms of this cable being brought to the attention of senior officials in PM&C and also the Prime Minister's office. I am sorry to have to ask you that information on notice, Mr Metcalfe. I know that you were working in another department during this period, but I suspect there is no other officer here who can assist us. If there is, by all means—we would love to hear from them. [this QoN ties in with PM4 & PM5]	Ans. 21/5/03
PM7	PM&C	Collins	40	So you would be confident there would not have been a declassified version emailed within PM&C?	Ans. 21/5/03

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PM8	PM&C	Collins	40-41	(a) Which agencies provided the information that SIEVX sank in Indonesian waters? (b) Please provide a copy of the brief that was prepared and given to the PM on 24 October; and (c) please provide an answer to why the question was overlooked.	Ans. 21/5/03
PM9	PM&C	Ray	47-48	Is there a phone that goes with this consultancy? Yes, an office with a phone. [re: Mr Cousins' consultancy]	Part ans. p.51 Ans.26/3/03
PM10	PM&C	Faulkner	48	Could you indicate to us where the consultancy is based? I do not want a specific address, but could you tell us which capital city it is based in? I assume that Mr Cousins is here when parliament is sitting. With a consultancy like that, I suppose he would be in Canberra then and perhaps not here when parliament is not sitting.	Part ans. p.51 Ans.26/3/03
PM11	PM&C	Faulkner	48	Ms Belcher, I am very interested in any mobile phone costs in relation to Mr Cousins' consultancy. Could you take it on notice—I do not expect you to know this now—to outline for us any mobile phone costs, IT support or other office resources, travel costs or any other administrative support in relation to Mr Cousins' consultancy? That may be included in the consultancy figure, but if there is anything else you might let us know.	Part ans. p.51 Ans.26/3/03
PM12	PM&C	Ray	49	Mr Crane, we had a discussion about the relocation of CHOGM from Canberra to Brisbane. One of the things I did not cover then but have subsequently been told is that there was some discussion at that time about assistance—recompense, if you like—being given to the local ACT government for the Convention Centre. Is that right?	Ans.26/3/03
PM13	PM&C	Ray	49	I have a question for Senator Hill, something coming out of the estimates for the Senate this morning. It may obliquely involve the Prime Minister. We now have the great sign in the PM's corridor saying access is restricted to 'Authorised personnel only', which in the definition turns out to be about 3,000 people anyway. The only people who cannot go down there now are tour groups. My experience of all three Prime Ministers since we have been here is that they love saying hello to tour groups as they are flitting between things. Security was put up as a reason. It then emerged that someone, not on the PM's staff but on the PM's security, probably suggested it be closed down. Could you make inquiries about whether the Prime Minister is happy about that? Because it causes a fair bit of annoyance. It looks like an elitist sign, even though it may be well based. You might take that on notice and get back to us.	Ans.26/3/03
PM14	PM&C	Faulkner	51	Are you able to tell us, let us say over the last six months or 12 months of this consultancy, on how many days Mr Cousins might have visited the office in Phillip Street? Could you take that on notice for us?	Ans.26/3/03
PM15	PM&C	Faulkner	56	Do you get a copy of the records of decisions? [re: Iraq Task Force]	Ans.13/5/03
PM16	PM&C	Faulkner	58	My question is: when did the officials of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet who are on the three task forces that have been reported become aware of that predeployment?	Ans.13/5/03

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PM17	PM&C Output 1	Allison	59	Dr Horne —On 6 December 2002, the Deputy Prime Minister issued a press release which was titled ‘Albury Wodonga National Highway upgrade’, in which he set out some of the issues. We can certainly get you a copy of that press release, Senator. Senator ALLISON —Could you also check the press releases of the two Liberal MPs in adjoining electorates in the area.	Ans.26/3/03
PM18	PM&C Output 1	Allison	59	The Prime Minister was said to be approaching the New South Wales state government for the additional \$40 million for a second river crossing, as I understand it—correct me if I am wrong. The failure of New South Wales to provide that funding was said to be the reason for the decision for the internal river crossing. Can you confirm that? Can you indicate what approach was made by the Prime Minister to the New South Wales state government?	Ans.26/3/03
PM19	PM&C Output 1	Allison	59	Perhaps you can outline the process for PM&C developing a briefing, and perhaps provide it; that could possibly be helpful to us.	Ans.26/3/03
PM20	PM&C Output 1	Allison	60	So, as I understand it, this change of heart, this changed decision, was based on representation, not on the review which Minister Anderson had announced? It was not based on cost, not based on health or safety, not based on good commonsense; it was based on representation. Is that correct?	Ans.26/3/03
PM21	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	62	Senator FAULKNER —The May edition of <i>It's an Honour</i> —which is your newsletter, isn't it— Mr O'Neill —Yes. Senator FAULKNER —said: Where, sadly, a centenarian has died since 1 January 2001, the person's family may apply for the award of the Medal to carry forward the memories of their centenarians. Have many families applied?	Ans.26/3/03
PM22	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	63	How many people rang? [re: hotline for the Centenary Medal]	Ans.26/3/03
PM23	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	66	Have all cabinet and non-cabinet ministers taken up the offer of awarding their slab of medals?	Ans.13/5/03

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PM24	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	68	Senator FAULKNER—Surely Mr O'Neill can tell us what the enhancements were. These are quite recent. All the contract dates are from September last year. Mr O'Neill—They are described as enhancements. They relate to the sounding of recipients and to flexibility in relation to processing medals through on a state by state basis rather than on a national A to Z basis—mainly to give greater flexibility in the processing of the medals. Senator FAULKNER—So if the medals had gone out on time, there would have been no need for the enhancements? Mr Metcalfe—No, I think what we are saying is that the enhancements probably would have been required whenever the medals went out because of the particular features of the medal. We can provide you with a bit more information as to exactly what that bit of programming was designed to achieve.	Ans.26/3/03
PM25	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	70	Mr O'Neill, how many medals were minted?	Ans.26/3/03
PM26	PM&C Output 4	Ray	74	Do you have any breakdown of that expenditure in terms of what Mr Williams was saying about qualitative and quantitative research?	Ans.26/3/03
PM27	PM&C Output 4	Ray	75	In relation to the quantitative research, can you provide the committee with the questions asked? We cannot see the results. I understand that; that is not policy. Can we have a copy of the questions asked?	Ans.26/3/03
PM28	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	77	So what was the shoot time?	Ans.26/3/03
PM29	PM&C Output 4	Murray	78-80	[p.79] What would you regard as a satisfactory basis? Research agencies and people that advertise public goods understand that there is a floor level above which they have to get to reach success. Let me give you an example: if somebody is doing something economically and by spending \$1 they do not get back more than \$1, they are creating a loss, and they have a benchmark effect. Retail advertisers know how many people are supposed to come into the doors as a result of advertising. People who do public goods advertising have the same knowledge. That is what I want to know. I want to know what is your benchmark, what are your criteria and what are your guidelines above which you know that the expenditure has been a success?	Ans.26/3/03
PM30	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	92	Minister, could we have Ms Belcher's one-page report tabled at the committee, please?	Ans.13/5/03
PM31	PM&C Output 4	Ray	94	Did Senator Alston write to the Prime Minister about his being given a plasma television so he could watch sports and find out what it is like? Did he write to the Prime Minister for permission?	Ans.26/3/03

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PM32	ANAO	Brandis	104	Senator BRANDIS—Before the sublease was signed, was there a valuation done by the ANAO or did the ANAO consult on a valuation? Mr Barrett—We sought advice from L.J. Hooker, who finally was the real estate agent for us. Senator BRANDIS—Did you receive that advice in writing? Mr Coleman—Just to clarify, what do you mean by a valuation? Senator BRANDIS—Either a valuation or an assessment of the market value of the sublease. Mr Barrett—Yes, the rents that were indicated in light of the market in the area in which we are indicated rents between \$260 and \$340 per square metre. Senator BRANDIS—Was that in writing or just verbally? Mr Coleman—We got the information in writing. Senator BRANDIS—May we have a copy of the document, please?	Ans.4/3/02
PM33	ANAO	Brandis	104	Senator BRANDIS—Have there been any approaches to the Labor Party or its entity, which is the landlord, to renegotiate the head lease? Mr Barrett—Yes. As was indicated by yourself and others—not that we needed to have any indication, I might say, with due respect, Senator—we have sought that a number of times. In terms of the latest advice we had when we went back to the owner, which I think from memory was in September, the letter simply says: I confirm that the directors have considered your request and that they cannot responsibly assist you at this time. Senator BRANDIS—Would you be good enough to produce a copy of your letter to the owner and the owner's response? Mr Barrett—Yes.	Ans.4/3/02
PM34	ANAO	Brandis	109	Senator BRANDIS—Mr Coleman, you were looking for something while I was talking with Mr Barrett, and I finished before I came back to you. Mr Barrett—You were looking for the figure for the outgoings. Senator BRANDIS—Yes. Did you get that? Mr Coleman—I have a year-to-date figure, but I have not got a budget figure for the full year. Senator BRANDIS—Could you take that on notice? Mr Coleman—I will.	Ans.4/3/02

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PM35	ANAO	Brandis	109	Senator BRANDIS—What is the rent being paid by the new subtenant per square metre per annum? Mr Barrett—From memory it is \$314 per square metre over the lease term. Senator BRANDIS—Is there a ratchet clause in the sublease? Mr Barrett—No. Senator BRANDIS—Could we have a copy of the sublease produced, as well, please?	Ans.4/3/02
PM36	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	172	Were you able to establish why it was subject—or supposedly subject—to a confidentiality agreement? I am not suggesting that the advice that you got was wrong, but this is public money isn't it?	Ans.13/5/03
PM37	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	173	We will keep chasing this up, but I would appreciate your taking on notice the amount of money that Mr Irwin was paid.	Ans.13/5/03
PM38	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	174	That is helpful, but I was actually thinking of the ceremony itself and whether the nature of the ceremony has been consistent over the years.	Ans.26/3/03
PM39	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	174	(a) Who does the staging—the lighting, the sound and all that sort of thing—of the award ceremony? (b) So a staging company of some description was involved. Would you be able to find out what the name of that staging company was? (c) Would you be able to find out about the costs involved?	Ans.26/3/03
PM40	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	175	I have also been told by someone who attended the ceremony—I do not know if it is right or wrong; I want to check it out here—that what was represented on television was very different to what occurred at the actual ceremony. You would agree with me, if you were adding in applause for the Prime Minister as he walked on and off the stage, it would not be appropriate. I want to find out if that is right.	Ans p.187
PM41	PM&C Output 4	Brandis	178	Mr Crane, if you do not have these figures to hand, perhaps you can take it on notice and confirm for me that the cost of fitting out Senator Conroy's office at 4 Treasury Place last year was \$53,256. Can you confirm that for me?	Ans.26/3/03
PM42	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	182	(a) What is there? Needless to say, I have not been invited there and do not expect to be. What does the Prime Minister have—television, video, DVD? (b) There would be a computer on the desk, I suppose. (c) A connection to Foxtel?	Ans.26/3/03
PM43	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	184	When were you alerted by the Prime Minister's chief of staff?	Ans.26/3/03
PM44	PM&C Output 4	Faulkner	184	Are you able now to say what Mr Moore-Wilton's total annual salary was when he resigned late last year?	Ans.26/3/03
PM45	PM&C OSW	Crossin	208	Are you able to give me a list of those organisations and the amount that each organisation received?	Ans.26/3/03

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PM46	PM&C OSW	Crossin	209	What was the total amount allocated under those December agreements?	Ans.26/3/03
PM47	PM&C OSW	Crossin	210	Are you able to provide to this committee with a list of the breakdown you have just mentioned to me—how the four secretariats have almost become an umbrella group for eight or 18 NGOs?	Ans.26/3/03
PM48	PM&C OSW	Crossin	210	Ms Calder—Yes, there are a few. Some NGOs were interested in joining the consortia and then, for various reasons, chose not to and advised us of that decision. In some cases it was a question of resources and time. There are a few that I think have not associated themselves with those associations because they are primarily, if you will, ‘women at work’ associations—professional bodies. There is a mix of those within and without the consortia. Senator CROSSIN—I would not mind also having a list of those if you have one. What I am trying to get a handle on is, apart from the organisations you provided to me in a table—who had been to the capacity-building workshops or the other workshops you run—what formal mechanism is OSW now embarking upon to hear the views of NGOs other than through the four secretariats? Ms Calder, is that simply a day-by-day request from them to meet with you?	Ans.26/3/03
PM49	PM&C OSW	Crossin	211	That is not a non-government organisation, I am afraid, Senator Abetz. It is a good try, but it is not an NGO. Ms Calder, how many women’s organisations or peak NGOs attended your conference in August 2001?	Ans.26/3/03
PM50	PM&C OSW	Crossin	211	Could you provide us with a list of those? [re: applicants for the women’s development program]	Ans.26/3/03
PM51	PM&C OSW	Crossin	212	Ms Parker—That is right. Most of them submitted projects on the understanding of the time frame. We negotiated that on the way through. Senator CROSSIN—Could you provide us with a list of those?	Ans.26/3/03
PM52	PM&C OSW	Crossin	213	Did either of those four sponsors sponsor a table and bring invited guests to the conference?	Ans.26/3/03
PM53	PM&C OSW	Crossin	214	(a) you able to provide us with a copy of the tender documents for that? (b) What was the amount, at the end of the day, that they were given to perform this task?	Ans.26/3/03
PM54	PM&C OSW	Crossin	219	Is it possible to let us know which NGOs were consulted in the writing of this report?	Ans.26/3/03
PM55	PM&C OSW	Crossin	219	Is that review publicly available?	Ans.26/3/03

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PM56	PM&C OSW	Crossin	219	Senator CROSSIN—Going back to the conference on the weekend that we were talking about, who was responsible for organising the sponsorships? Are you saying it was the working group or the sponsors themselves volunteered? Ms Calder—It was a mixture. As I said, the working group produced two of the sponsors from amongst their number. Senator CROSSIN—So that was Qantas and Philip Morris? Ms Calder—Yes. I would have to take on notice to find out the way in which Darrell Lea came on board, and Liz Claiborne responded by offering to be a sponsor.	Ans.26/3/03
PM57	PM&C OSW	Crossin	220	When was the last time you might have provided that advice?	Ans.26/3/03
PM58	PM&C OSW	Crossin	221	Senator CROSSIN—Has the OSW provided the government with any advice regarding the two CEDAW reservations currently in place? Ms Calder—I think the answer is yes. I do not have the detail of that and it is some time back. Senator CROSSIN—Can you take it on notice perhaps and update us with that. Would you know if that advice reflected the opinions of various women's organisations?	Ans.26/3/03
PM59	PM&C OSW	Crossin	221	Ms Calder, have you reinvestigated this issue since this statement was made in 1995?	Ans.26/3/03
PM60	PM&C OSW	Crossin	221	Senator CROSSIN—Yes, you are. But you have not been asked to look at removing the reservations in this area to reflect that policy advice. Senator Abetz—What the department has asked for from time to time is a matter where I think we have to tread carefully. I am not aware of any proposed changes to 'withdraw the reservation'. Is that the technical term? Yes, it is—from my days on the treaties committee. If the government intends to withdraw the reservation, that would be a question that I could take on notice for the relevant minister to respond to. Senator CROSSIN—Perhaps I will ask you to do that, since you have kindly offered, Senator Abetz. Senator Abetz—Done.	Ans.26/3/03
PM61	PM&C OSW	Crossin	222	No, this is the response that the UN CEDAW committee gave to this government in its response in 1997—it was actually responding to the 1995 report in 1997. In 1997, the UN CEDAW committee suggested that guidelines or a long-term strategy be developed to implement the convention. Have guidelines or a strategy ever been devised by this government?	Ans.26/3/03
PM62	PM&C OSW	Crossin	222	Perhaps, Ms Calder, I could ask if you have been involved at all in looking at the 1997 recommendations that came from the CEDAW committee.	Ans.26/3/03
PM63	PM&C OSW	Crossin	225	Is that data that will be collected by OSW? You know how you go to some web sites and you can see a counter that indicates that it has been 'hit' so many times. Will that be publicly available or just information available to OSW?	Ans.26/3/03

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PM64	PM&C OSW	Crossin	227	Senator CROSSIN—The first contract with the Write Communications Group, as I understand it, was actually only gazetted for \$71½ thousand. Is that right? Ms Calder—I would have to have that checked and provide you with advice on that. Senator CROSSIN—I actually have a copy of the <i>Gazette</i> publishing system open in front of me, which specifies it was that. Ms Calder—Which one was it? Senator CROSSIN—It was \$71½ thousand. Ms Calder—For which contract? Senator CROSSIN—For the original contract in November 2001. The contract date is actually 21 November 2001. Ms Calder—I will have to provide you with advice on that because that is not the figure I have. Senator CROSSIN—How much in total is the figure that you have? Ms Calder—It is \$80,300. Senator CROSSIN—The <i>Gazette</i> then extends that contract by \$8,800 in April 2002. Ms Calder—That is correct. Senator CROSSIN—It extends it again, on 31 July 2002, by \$8,800. Ms Calder—Can I take that on notice? I do not have the full information about that in front of me. Senator CROSSIN—What I want to know is what the original Write Communications contract was actually asked to do. Why was there in fact a need for two further extensions? Ms Calder—I can provide you with this advice: the consultancy with the Write Communications Group was to provide public relations services for and management of three corporate events. The business breakfasts that followed were held in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne. The principals to the contract were Louise Di Francesco; Elizabeth Flintoft, senior account executive with the Write Communications Group; and Ita Buttrose, consulting director. There was a subsequent extension, to my knowledge, for an additional \$8,800 in July 2002, which was for an additional business event. Senator CROSSIN—The <i>Gazette</i> notices actually say something quite different about that. They are both put down as an extension of an existing consultancy relating to the management of public relations and media requirements for A Business Approach. Ms Calder—I will provide you with advice on that. I do not have it in front of me.	Ans.26/3/03

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PM65	APSC	Forshaw	234	Maybe somebody should do the study and see if we can find out. Can I take you to your own agency's certified agreement. What was the total cost to the Public Service Commission of the negotiation, settlement and ongoing implementation of its last certified agreement? You might want to take this on notice, because I would like details—full costs of staff, time of those directly involved in the work, travel, printing, consultancies, and any other costs, including the amount of time each staff member would have devoted to consultation, reading documentation and attending meetings, and time spent in implementing the agreement.	Ans. 28/3/03
PM66	APSC	Forshaw	234	What are the approximate per year costs of improvements in pay and conditions for the commission's current certified agreement?	Ans. 28/3/03
PM67	APSC	Forshaw	234	What productivity improvement measures were adopted as a result of the certified agreement?	Ans. 28/3/03
PM68	APSC	Forshaw	234	What are the approximate cash savings arising from each of these measures, and how and when are they to be realised?	Ans. 28/3/03
PM69	APSC	Forshaw	236-237	(a) In any event there were 20 cases where the investigation identified the employee. The report says: The outcome in nine of these cases was termination of employment. That is correct. (b) Can you tell me in which agencies the nine cases of termination occurred? (c) Would you confirm for me that in fact eight of the nine cases were in the Child Support Agency? (d) So you will take it on notice to confirm that. Can you tell me in which state or states the terminations occurred? (e) I confirm that you will take on notice to provide answers to those questions you have indicated. I would also like you to seek to obtain and provide the following information: in which states did the terminations occur; were these people accessing their own files or were they the files of other people; were they accessing the files for other individuals; and how were these employees caught.	Ans. 28/3/03
PM70	PM&C	Lundy	n/a	Written question on notice attached relating to IT outsourcing.	Ans.26/3/03
PM71	PM&C	Faulkner	n/a	Written question on notice attached relating to anit-terrorist kit.	Ans.26/3/03
PM72	PM&C	Stott Despoja	n/a	Written question on notice attached relating to maternity leave.	Ans.26/3/03
PM73	PM&C	Harradine	n/a	Written question on notice attached relating to human embyos.	Ans.26/3/03



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IT Outsourcing

Provide the following information for each contract entered into by the agency which has not been fully performed or which has been entered into during the previous 12 months (financial year 2001-2002) that are all or in part information and communications technology related with a consideration to the value of \$20, 000 or more, including the following details for each contract:

- (a) a unique identifier for the contract (eg contract number);
- (b) the contractor name and ABN or ACN;
- (c) the domicile (country) of the parent company;
- (d) the subject matter of the contract, including whether the contract is substantially hardware, software, services or a mixture, with estimated percentages;
- (e) the starting date of the contract;
- (f) the term (duration) of the contract, expressed as an ending date;
- (g) the amount of the consideration (AU\$);
- (h) the amount applicable to the current budget year (AU\$);
- (i) whether or not there is an industry development requirement; if so:
provide details of the Industry Development requirements (in scope and out of scope). full list of sub-contracts valued at over \$5,000, including the all the information described in (a) to (h).

The data should be in both hard copy and electronically as a spreadsheet.

**Question On Notice
From Senator Faulkner
Attorney General & Prime Minister & Cabinet
February 2003**

Questions

In order to ascertain the needs of older Australians and people with disabilities in relation to the anti-terrorist kit 'Let's Look Out for Australia', did the government consult with the aged care or disability sectors in developing, producing and distributing the kit?

If not, why not?

What arrangements were made for the sight and hearing impaired?

Has the Government had any requests for copies of the kit in large print format?

*Has the Government received any complaints about the unavailability of the kit in large print format?
How many? What is the Government doing to rectify the problem?*

PMC - Question on Notice – Senator Stott Despoja

Cross-portfolio

***Topic:** Devolution of maternity leave costs within the Department.*

PMC structure has organisational units at various levels including divisions, sections and OSW.

- a) Do the organisational units in PMC have their own internal budgets?
- b) Does this include staffing budgets?
- c) If yes, how are the costs of maternity leave handled in the Department?
Is it;
 - (i) a central cost, or
 - (ii) does each organisational unit cover their own maternity leave costs in their own budgets?
- d) If maternity leave is a devolved cost can you please identify all of the organisational units which are required to handle maternity leave?
- e) If maternity leave is a devolved cost, can you provide analysis (actual, FTE and percent) of staffing numbers per organisational unit by:
 - (i) gender, and
 - (ii) provide number (actual, FTE and percent) of women under 45 per organisational unit.

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee
Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio
Questions on Notice Senator Brian Harradine
11 February 2003**

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Outcome: Sound and well coordinated government policies, programs and decision-making processes. Output 2: Social policy advice and coordination

1. It was reported in the Age of 25 December that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet had completed a review of Professor Alan Trounson's use of a video of a crippled rat, which suggested the rat was cured using human ES cells, and had decided not to pursue the matter further. Please provide me with a copy of the results of the review.
2. I understand that an inter-departmental review will be undertaken of the Customs regulations ban on the export of human embryos.
 - (a) What are the terms of reference of the committee?
 - (b) What are the names of the officers on the committee and their departmental affiliations?
 - (c) What is the plan for how the review will be undertaken?
 - (d) What is the aim of the review ie. will it be focused on achieving an ethical outcome, advancing the research interests of scientists in this area or a commercial outcome?
 - (e) Will the results of the review be made public? If not, why not?
 - (f) Has the Prime Minister received representations from individuals or organisations lobbying against the ban on the export of human embryos? If so, who are these individuals/organisations and would you please provide copies of the correspondence?
 - (g) Will the review be considered by the Prime Minister? If not, why not? Who will make the final decision?
3. On Christmas Eve the Prime Minister announced that he had received "an independent report from Mr Geoff Allen, Chairman of The Allen Consulting Group, on the process for selecting the Biotechnology Centre of Excellence". Would you please provide me with a copy of this report, including the terms of reference.