

ESTIMATES 2007-08 —ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES, February 2008**Questions on Notice index—Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio** (except the Department of Climate Change).

Answers to QON taken during the Additional Estimates hearing, or written QON submitted thereafter, are due on 4 April 2008.

QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard Reference	Question	Comments/answer received
PM1a	PMC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM1b	PMC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM1c	PMC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM1d	PMC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM1e	PMC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM2a	AIFS	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08 (see PM1a). Updated answer 08/04/08.
PM2b	AIFS	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM2c	AIFS	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM2d	AIFS	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM2e	AIFS	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM3a	ANAO	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 15/02/08. Answered 04/04/08 (see

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PM3b	ANAO	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 15/02/08.
PM3c	ANAO	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 15/02/08.
PM3d	ANAO	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 15/02/08.
PM3e	ANAO	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM4a	APSC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08 (see PM1a). Updated answer 08/04/08.
PM4b	APSC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM4c	APSC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM4d	APSC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM4e	APSC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM5 a-e	Ombudsman	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	All parts answered 14/02/08. Updated answer for PM5a 08/04/08.
PM6 a-d	IGIS	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Parts a-d answered 15/02/08. Updated answer for PM6a 08/04/08.
PM6e	IGIS	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered

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PM7a	OOSGG	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 08/04/08.
PM7b	OOSGG	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM7c	OOSGG	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
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PM7e	OOSGG	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM8a	ONA	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 08/04/08.
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PM9c	OPC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM9d	OPC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM9e	OPC	MINCHIN	Written	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM10	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 45	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Does the department have any current contracts with the STW Communications Group that you know of?</p> <p>Ms Hazell—We are not sure, certainly not in relation to the website. If you wanted a definitive answer, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Yes. Do you have any contracts in place at the moment with any of the following, or are you in negotiations with any of the following:</p>	For the full list provided by Senator Ronaldson see: PM127 below. Answered

				<p>Hawker Britain; Ogilvy New Zealand; Ogilvy Public Relations Worldwide; Singleton, Ogilvey & Mather; Singleton OgilvyInteractive, Singleton OgilvyOne or yellow brands?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—If we are taking the question on notice—because I do not know that we have got any answers here—I think we would rather check. Could you possibly give us that list so that we have it accurately for you?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—I can provide you with that list. In fact, I will provide you with a more substantial list than that and if you could take that on notice—</p> <p>Dr Morauta—We would prefer that; thank you.</p>	04/04/08.
PM11	PMC	FIFIELD	F&PA 47	<p>Senator FIFIELD—It may assist the committee, and it probably falls under general questions, if Senator Evans was able to outline what the formal responsibilities of Senator Faulkner are in his capacity as a portfolio minister in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Do we have a copy of that we can table?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I am not sure what we have on that.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Given that Senator Evans is representing the Prime Minister and the portfolio as a whole here, I think it would assist us if we at least knew what the specific formal portfolio responsibilities of Senator Faulkner were.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I am happy to get that for you in detail.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM12	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 51–52	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Can I just read you the last portion of Verona Burgess’s article in the <i>Financial Review</i> on 8 February. She finishes:</p> <p>There is still no word on the promised code of conduct—</p> <p>I do not know whether she will be terribly enlightened by what she has heard today but anyway—</p> <p>for ministerial staffers, which will require amendment to the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 if it is to be worth the paper the APS hopes it will be written on.</p> <p>Are you going to introduce that code of conduct by way of amendment to the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Not that I know of, but the simple answer is that I do not know so I will take it on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM13	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 52	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Thank you. I will ask the further question: if it is not done via the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act, would you agree with Verona Burgess, and apparently the Australian Public Service, that it will not be worth the paper it is written on?...</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				<p>Senator RONALDSON—When you say ‘not necessarily’, under what circumstances do you think it might be necessary?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I think I gave the answer. I am not sure of the alternatives that may be available for establishing the code of conduct, but that would obviously be advice to government as to what our alternatives are. I am not sure whether the amendment to the act as suggested by the journalist is the only option. As to whether or not that is the option we will be pursuing, as I say, I do not know but I will take it on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—When you say ‘not necessarily’, under what circumstances do you think it might be necessary?</p>	
PM14	PMC	MINCHIN	F&PA 54	<p>Senator RONALDSON—But if we do not have a definition of what is public business then how can the community possibly make a decision? I will just read through 6.1 again:</p> <p>Ministers are expected to conduct all official business on the basis that they may be expected to demonstrate publicly that their actions and decisions in conducting public business were taken with the sole objective of advancing the public interest...</p> <p>Senator MINCHIN—That is supposed to read ‘official business’, surely. What is public business? Is this simply transferred from the previous code of conduct? Reading this, I find that a lot of this is what I remember of the ministerial code of conduct...</p> <p>Senator MINCHIN—Was this clause taken from the other one? I put it to you that I think that is actually a mistake. It should read in the second line ‘official business’...</p> <p>Ms Belcher—We will look at it, then.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Minister, have you got any comments on this? You were presumably involved in its preparation.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Senator Minchin’s point is one that I will take on notice and check...</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM15	PMC	MINCHIN	F&PA 56	<p>Senator ABETZ—The question is: how do we interpret this document? If it is to mean anything, we must have some understanding of it as to how it is going to be implemented. If you are not able to assist us, would you be kind enough to take that on notice for us as to whether the implementation, section 7.4—was it—only applies to directorships or to the whole standard...</p> <p>Ms Belcher—It is the word ‘required’ that is causing me problems, so I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Just to make it clear, it says: in directorships ... on the advice of the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Then there is another such reference in 2.5 on the advice. What we want to know is whether that is</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				just discrete to the issue of directorships—that he would have to get this advice. Let us ask this question as well: is he required to seek the advice of the Secretary of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet even on directorship issues? It seems very unclear. If you can take those questions on notice, I would be much obliged.	
PM16	PMC	MINCHIN	F&PA 58	<p>Senator MINCHIN—Has any directive gone out from the government to ministers as to any lobbyist, individual or other organisation they should not have any dealings with, while this register is being developed?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—Not that I am aware of...</p> <p>Senator MINCHIN—So Mr Brian Burke has not been vetoed, by way of ministerial conduct, by this government?...</p> <p>Senator MINCHIN—I would not mind an answer to that if you have to take it on notice. I mean, other state governments have vetoed contact with the lobbyist Mr Brian Burke. I would like to know whether this government has issued such a ban on contact for all ministers.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM17	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 64	<p>Senator ABETZ—When it is finally finalised, is it going to go to cabinet for approval? Is it going to go to caucus for approval? Who is going to have the final sign-off on this?...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I am happy to get you an answer. I would assume it would go to cabinet, but I will take that question on notice and give you an answer.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM18	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 64	<p>Senator ABETZ—What about caucus?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I am not sure that a standard of ministerial ethics and responsibility would necessarily go to caucus for decision...If you are asking in terms of formal decision making, I will take that on notice, but I would expect it will go to cabinet.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM19	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 64	<p>Senator ABETZ—Will a minister be required to sign up to them or just verbally accept them or is it deemed that they know the content?...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I will take it on notice as to whether we are required to actually sign...</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM20	PMC	COONAN	F&PA 73	<p>Senator COONAN—What are you suggesting when you put weight on the fact that there may be some agreement from Dr Nelson that it was not an issue? What is the relevance of that?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Opposition senators have today pointed to what they say is a potential conflict of interest or an appearance of a conflict of interest and, in raising that concern, that there is an appearance of a conflict of interest. You asked for a response. What I have told you is the process by which Senator Faulkner sought to</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				<p>deal with those issues before he made a decision as to whether it would be appropriate for him to hold both positions.</p> <p>Senator COONAN—It was Senator Faulkner’s decision, was it?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I am sure it was in consultation. As I said, he took formal advice from PM&C and then sought the views of the opposition, which he got.</p> <p>Senator COONAN—So it was not a decision of the Prime Minister on that process?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I can take that on notice for you.</p>	
PM21	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 73	<p>Senator ABETZ—...if the High Court challenge costs hundreds of thousands of dollars and causes potential difficulties for the Australian Electoral Commission, they would then require the good offices of Senator Faulkner to seek that supplementation. Is that correct?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I think there are some questions about budget process here that we are not completely sure about in terms of who writes which letters. I think we would like to take that on notice.</p>	This question was answered during the hearing. See F&PA 74.
PM22	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 77–78	<p>Senator ABETZ—It is full of holes; I agree with you on that. But at the third line of 7.2 it says:</p> <p>Ministers will be required to resign if convicted of a criminal offence.</p> <p>So you can be convicted. What does that mean? Somebody who is expert in criminal law might be able to tell us. You may be found guilty but then not necessarily convicted on sentencing, or you might be convicted without penalty. Does it mean that if you are convicted that is it—over and out, no ifs and buts, no weasel words later on that the judge said, ‘Look, yes, are you convicted, you are found guilty, but it was such a minor offence I’m not going to fine you or impose any penalty’?...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Yes—‘Record a conviction and let you go’. Would that require the minister to resign?...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I am happy to take that on notice...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—For the purposes of a criminal offence, does that include offences under the Police Offences Act or only under criminal codes?</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM23	PMC	FIFIELD	F&PA 81	<p>Senator FIFIELD—What is the date, Senator Evans, when it [the Ministerial code of conduct] will be issued? Senator Chris Evans—On the question of the lobbyists, I think we said the end of February or early March—was that it?...</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Will that be the totality of the revised guide?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—It will be one of the components we are waiting on...Ms</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				<p>Belcher, are you able to provide any further guidance on that?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—There is also the staff code of conduct.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—So once we have got the staff code of conduct and the lobbyist register, will we be in a position to issue the total document—or are there any other sections still required?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—No, I do not believe there are any others.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—If there are any others, Senator Fifield, I will take it on notice and get back to you.</p>	
PM24	PMC	MURRAY	F&PA 84	<p>Senator MURRAY—I understand the title is ‘Ministerial register of lobbyists’. Is that correct?...</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—What is the title of this thing?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—We have not actually got a title that cannot be changed at this stage, because we have not got that far...</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—But do you understand the point I am making?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—Yes, I do, Senator. We have just been calling it ‘the register of lobbyists’ up till now. I suppose there could be a rare case where someone does not lobby ministers but lobbies other people in the parliament.</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—Usually they lobby both.</p> <p>Ms Belcher—Normally it would be both, yes. I do not think there is any fixed view on what it could be called. I can see that the title would indicate something broader, so I am happy to take that up.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM25	PMC	FIELDING	F&PA 85	<p>Senator FIELDING—Will these performance benchmarks be made public?...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Yes, I said I would take that on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM26	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 86	<p>Senator ABETZ—The Prime Minister made a lot of promises and announcements on behalf of the government. I would have thought that it would be appropriate for Prime Minister and Cabinet to give us a checklist of what all the plans, reviews and, indeed, plans to review were that the government is committed to. I can understand that officials at the table would not have the full checklist, but if that could be taken on notice across portfolios that would be very helpful...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—...the officers I think will be able to help you with issues within the portfolio. Whether or not the government wishes to commission an across-government response, I will take on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM27	PMC	MURRAY	F&PA 88	<p>Senator MURRAY—...My real question is: if this is underway, has the Prime Minister called for advice as to whether this same freeze can apply to any public sector worker</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				<p>earning over the benchmark of \$127,060?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I do not know the answer to your question about advice in relation to those persons. I am happy to take it on notice;...</p>	
PM28	PMC	MURRAY	F&PA 88	<p>Senator MURRAY—...The second question will also probably have to be taken on notice. Has there been a letter to the chief ministers and the premiers of the states and territories asking them to act to freeze the wage increases of state and territory politicians and of all state public sector workers who earn in excess of \$127,060? Once you do that you have got a very large aggregate number, which does of course then have a material effect on reducing inflationary pressures as a result of people not having the same discretionary income. I think you clearly understand where I am going to with this. Could we have the answer to that?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—All I can do, Senator Murray, is indicate I will take that on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM29	PMC	RAY	F&PA 90	<p>Dr Morauta—I think it is 60 days for the Reps and 30 days for the Senate.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Yes, that is right. So it took you 182 days on average. Why was that?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I will just seek advice. I am not dead certain about this one...</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Yes, but we are not looking at just two or three here, are we? We are looking at almost a majority of the questions taking this long. We are averaging 182 days in the case of the House of Reps and 152 days in terms of the Senate. Is the problem here, again, clearance out of the PMO?...</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Can you give me an idea of how many cases?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—I am sorry, I cannot. I do not know.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—You might like to take on notice that question about what the delays have been. Minister, is it not a fact that any other department looking at this performance would not be encouraged to answer questions as required by parliament? These are not capricious deadlines put on...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Certainly I will undertake to get you a document on notice, setting out the time frames.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM30	PMC	RAY	F&PA 90	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—All right. I assume it was not the Prime Minister's office that was at fault when it came to the lodgement of the PM&C annual report. I understand that was lodged on 19 October. That was late.</p> <p>Dr Morauta—Yes, Senator, it was late.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Why was it late?</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				<p>Dr Morauta—Further information was sought and, when it was provided, the report was cleared and then tabled.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—What was that further information?...</p> <p>Dr Morauta—Let me take that on notice. I need to take advice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—I am not seeking the absolute detail of that further information, just a broad subject category of why that information was not available and why it made you table the report in a late fashion.</p>	
PM31	PMC	RAY	F&PA 92	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—...I had a more general question on the tabling of legal advice by government. I think I have already heard some coalition members ask you, Senator Evans, to table legal advice, but is there any thought being given to making it compulsory to table legal advice by government as to the constitutionality of an act of government as opposed to all the other categories? This actually affects the entire parliament. Constitutionality of legislation or constitutionality of an executive act seems to me to go beyond the normal bounds of confidentiality and privacy...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I am happy to seek some advice from PM&C and perhaps from the Attorney-General on that question. Of course, as with all legal advice, it is then disputed by another lawyer, and one seems to be able to commission whatever advice one needs. But, as you say, it might be appropriate on occasions to have the actual government's formal advice available to settle or at least reassure. We will take that on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM32	PMC	RAY	F&PA 92	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—It says here that there was a confidential submission on the car industry to John Howard from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet dated 3 October. That is pretty specific.</p> <p>Dr Dickson—I am pretty confident that there was no submission. There would have been briefings on car industry developments that were provided to the Prime Minister from time to time over a number of years.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—But there was no document of that date?</p> <p>Dr Dickson—I would have to check on that date, but there would not have been anything in the nature of a submission.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM33	PMC	FIFIELD	F&PA 94	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Is the period during which various ministers took leave and who was acting during that period available to the committee?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—I am quite happy to take that on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM34	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 98–99	<p>Senator RONALDSON—And the number of people who were there, the cost of the function?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I will just check with the department as to whether they are</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				<p>capable of answering any of those questions. As I say, I have no personal knowledge.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—But you are happy to take it on notice?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Just taking up Senator Ray’s point, one of those questions may well be capable of an answer by the department now, so I am happy to ask the officer whether she can help you with one of those. If she cannot then I will take it on notice...</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Just so we are absolutely clear, and before anyone gets overly excited, I will ask again. Senator Evans, are you prepared to take on notice whether the Prime Minister paid for this personally, whether it was funded by the Australian Labor Party, whether there were tickets sold to fund this, what the costs of the function were and were there any previous donors to the Australian Labor Party at this function? Unless my colleagues can think of anything else, I will now return to the department to ask them a couple of questions about this as well.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Could I just indicate that I will take those question on notice and, to the extent I can help you, I will.</p>	
PM35	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 101	<p>Senator RONALDSON—I will go back to the department again and I will again ask the question. Given that you have responsibility for the ministerial code of ethics, what steps are you taking, or have you taken, to satisfy yourselves that those who attended that function or the discussions that took place at that function were not in breach of the prime ministerial code of ethics, particularly in relation to the soliciting of donations?...</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—...You are quite rightly pursuing matters of interest as to the use of official establishments. Where we can help you today, we will; where we cannot, I will take the questions on notice...</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM36	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 101	<p>Senator RONALDSON—...In the interests of openness and transparency, will you provide this committee with a full guest list of the function?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I will take the question on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM37	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 102	<p>Senator RONALDSON—How much was the invoice for? What did it to cover?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—That is the question that Senator Evans has taken on notice.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I will happily take that on notice.</p>	The question relating to the amount of the invoice was previously asked (see: F&PA 98–99). This questions specifically also

					relates to 'what' the invoice covered. Answered 04/04/08.
PM38	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 103	<p>Dr Morauta—The method we use for reimbursement, and we have used it for some time, is that if the costs would have been incurred anyway in the normal running of the house they are not reimbursable, but if there are additional costs above the normal running cost of the house they are reimbursable. That is the principle that has been used for some time.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—So that has included the chef?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Just so I am clear on this, what guidelines were to be put in place as a normal requirement? Is it two, four or eight people? What is the normal requirement? If you say the normal requirement for a chef is to cook for 100 people, then they got away scot-free, didn't they? What are the criteria for 'normal' requirements?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—We could perhaps take that on notice...</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM39	PMC	RONALDON	F&PA 103	<p>Senator RONALDSON—So you will take on notice what the requirements of the chef were on that evening?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I am not sure we would be taking on notice what the requirements of the chef were.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Was it was a three-course meal? Surely, before you can ascertain whether they were the normal work duties of a person, you would actually need to know what they did, wouldn't you?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I need to check, but I think that the way it is done is by hours worked. I need to check that. I am just trying to give you an example of how it operates.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM40	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 105	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Can I just go on then? Were there any breakages to taxpayer-funded assets such as glasses during or after the function, and was there reimbursement for those?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—We might have to take that on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM41	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 106	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Are you able to tell the committee whether the wine that was provided at this meal was Australian wine and whether the food that was provided was Australian produce? If not, can you take that on notice please?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

PM42	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 106	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Were any repairs needed to the official residence post-party?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Repairs post-party?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Yes, to the official residence. Were any repairs required as a result of the party?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—I will take that on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM43	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 106	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Will you provide me with an itemised cost of everything involved in that evening—food, wine, entertainment, additional staff, security, general hire costs and any further costs associated with the chef?</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—We are happy to take that on notice. As you would imagine with a small dinner, a range of those, I think, would not be incurred. It was a small dinner party and not a large function. We will answer the question as best we can.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM44	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 106–107	<p>Senator RONALDSON—In relation to the ex-prime ministers function, will you provide me with details of any repairs or breakages that might have followed that. I am not talking about egos; I am talking about glasses, crockery, whatever.</p> <p>Senator Chris Evans—Certainly. I am not sure that Gough Whitlam is all that rowdy these days, but I will take the question on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM45	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 109	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Did the PMO send either the APS—I presume it would have been the APS—or the Federal Police a guest list?</p> <p>Ms Hazell—I have no knowledge of what the PMO may or may not have done in that regard.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Will you take that on, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I certainly do not know myself, as you would appreciate, and I am very happy to take that on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM46	PMC	FIERRAVANTI- WELLS	F&PA 110	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—...Previously, and I do not know if you heard the questioning before, the officials provided some answers in relation to the staffing arrangements now at Kirribilli and the Lodge and we were told that there are now eight current staff. What is the total cost of that eight staff?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am informed by officials that we do not have that official information.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Perhaps you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I will take it on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM47	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 112	<p>Senator ABETZ—Can I ask you why the position was not advertised.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				<p>Senator Faulkner—I do not know that officials can provide such an explanation. But I would say to you that, in relation to child care responsibilities, obviously there are particular requirements and pre-requisites, which I am sure you would understand. Unless officials have any more information on this, I am happy to take that issue on notice. But I am sure what I have said to you will represent at least part of the response on this issue.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—If you can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am happy to...</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—What hours is the child carer employed for per week?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—We would again have to take that on notice. I suspect they may well be quite irregular hours, but I am not going to speculate on that. We will find that out for you if we are able to.</p>	
PM48	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 112	<p>Senator RONALDSON—What hours is the child carer employed for per week?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—We would again have to take that on notice. I suspect they may well be quite irregular hours, but I am not going to speculate on that. We will find that out for you if we are able to.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM49	PMC	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 113	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I am not sure if Senator Ronaldson asked this question in this forum, but could you provide details on how many functions have been held at Kirribilli and the Lodge since November 2007?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am assured by officials that, prior to the dinner break, a very similar if not almost identical question was taken on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Including Christmas functions et cetera. Thank you.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM50	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 116	<p>Senator ABETZ—There has been some speculation that in relation to Senator Evans' desire to have the Don Bradman question removed from the citizenship test he was humiliated and overridden by the Prime Minister personally. I want to know what involvement the Prime Minister has had in the citizenship test and whether that speculation is true or untrue?...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Please take it on notice—that is fine.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am happy to, Senator.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM51	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 118	<p>Senator ABETZ—...When was it decided to make the apology the first item of substantive business for the parliament? When was that decision taken?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am not sure that I can answer that question. I do not know whether the officials will be able to be precise about this.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				<p>Ms Belcher—I do not have a precise date for that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Let’s take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—We are happy to take that on notice for you.</p>	
PM52	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 118	<p>Senator ABETZ—...I want to know, before that, when was it actually settled? When did we get the final version? If you have to take that on notice, so be it.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—No, Senator, the officials cannot assist me in this so we will need to take that on notice for you.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM53	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 119–120	<p>Senator ABETZ—The article said: The Prime Minister’s office has offered the traditional people of Canberra, the Ngunnawal ... Did that occur? Did the Prime Minister’s office offer the traditional people of Canberra the right to open the Sorry Day proceedings on the Wednesday to end what was described as ‘a bitter rift’? Either his office did or did not offer.</p> <p>Ms Belcher—Senator, I will have to check on that. It had been my understanding that it was the minister’s office, but I can take that on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM54	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 121	<p>Senator ABETZ—All right. Did he [the Prime Minister] counsel one of those staff members, Lachlan Harris, in relation to the false dawn Anzac Day service?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Senator, I have absolutely no idea. I doubt that officials would know.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—Can I refer you to the—</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Wait a minute. As you have asked the question, I am happy to take it on notice. There is no need to provide a reference. You can if you like—that is fine. I will certainly take the question on notice. I do not have any personal knowledge of that other incident.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM55	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 121	<p>Senator ABETZ—Was this Mr Lachlan Harris also counselled in relation to trying to fit up school children with politically charged questions whilst Mr Rudd was visiting a school?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I have no such knowledge, Senator...</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—I am sure the Prime Minister does. Would you take all those questions on notice and ask the Prime Minister to answer them all please.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am happy to take those on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM56	PMC	ABETZ	F&PA 121–122	<p>Senator ABETZ—Can I also ask whether this was the same Lachlan Harris who tried to heavy Kerry-Anne Walsh in relation to an article she was about to write about Mr Rudd’s background?</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				<p>Senator Faulkner—I do not know, Senator.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ—All right. Can you find out—take it on notice and get the Prime Minister to answer whether that is correct. In fact, Mr Ramsey wrote about it saying that:</p> <p>... Harris had phoned veteran Canberra correspondent Kerry-Anne Walsh, “ranting like a lunatic”. Her “insulting” questions were “disgusting” and “impugned Kevin’s integrity”. “How dare” she ask them. “Are you calling him a liar?”</p> <p>And he continues et cetera...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I do not think that is a fair comment. I certainly am not aware of the detail of the issues or incidents that you raise in your questions. I have indicated to you that I am happy to take the questions on notice...</p>	
PM57	PMC	KEMP	F&PA 124	<p>Senator KEMP—...Senator Faulkner, did the Prime Minister approve the wording of the letter that Mr Harris sent to Dr Brendan Nelson?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Senator, you are right that the Prime Minister accepts, and I think certainly everyone around this table would accept, that the behaviour was not appropriate, so I accept the premise of the question that you have just asked. I cannot confirm with you—I simply do not know—whether the Prime Minister saw the letters of apology that his two staff members had written prior to them being communicated to Dr Nelson, but if it would assist you I am happy to take that on notice and see if we can get a response.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM58	PMC	FIERRAVANTI-WELLS	F&PA 125	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Senator Faulkner, when did the Prime Minister become aware of the actions of the members of his staff?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I do not know.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I think this was something, as I understand from the events of last Wednesday, that was reported by a media outlet. I think it is very likely that the Prime Minister would have become aware some time after that. That is my understanding of it. If that is not correct, I will provide further and better advice to you...</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—Were there other people in the Prime Minister’s office who were aware of this incident before it actually happened?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I have no idea; none at all.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM59	PMC	FIFIELD	F&PA 126	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Who chose the dates for the 2020 summit?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—That I do not know. I will see whether officials are aware of the choice of dates. Primarily, obviously, the Prime Minister’s office would have been</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				briefed on the details surrounding the 2020 summit. We do not know the answer to your question, so I think the best I can do there is to take it on notice for you and provide an answer.	
PM60	PMC	FIFIELD	F&PA 126	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Was whoever chose the dates aware at that time that the dates selected coincided with the festival of Passover?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Because I cannot answer your previous question, it stands to reason, with respect, that I cannot answer that question. I will also seek to provide an answer for you.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM61	PMC	FIFIELD	F&PA 126–127	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Minister, I also understand there are going to be some special arrangements put in place so that members of the Jewish community can still have input, even though they will be unable to attend.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I will ask officials to report on that if they can. Officials inform me they are not aware of it. I am sorry; I cannot provide you with that detail...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I will get some early advice to you.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM62	PMC	FIFIELD	F&PA 128	<p>Senator FIFIELD—I have heard that Professor Davis of the summit panel—the 10 members of the steering committee who will be guiding the selection criteria and other administrative matters—is not being remunerated for his task. Is that correct?...</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—On advice from officials at the table, we will have to take that particular issue on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—Will it be the same for the other 10 members of the steering committee? Will they be remunerated?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I really need to take it on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM63	PMC	FIERRAVANTI- WELLS	F&PA 133	<p>Senator Faulkner—Are you asking for the date of a departmental briefing to the Prime Minister?</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS—I am asking for a time when it was done.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—That is the date of the briefing. I am doubtful whether officials will have that information available to them. Because it is a date, I am obviously happy to take it on notice. Dr Morauta makes the point that that date is obviously in advance of the public announcement of 3 February, which I am sure you would have appreciated, but the best thing I can do is to take your question on notice and provide you with a precise date of the departmental brief from PM&C to the Prime Minister on the issue.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM64	PMC	RONALDSON	F&PA 139	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Did any of the DLOs currently allocated to your office work in the capacity of DLOs in any ministerial office under the previous government?</p>	Answered 04/04/08.

				<p>Senator Faulkner—In my own office?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Yes.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Not that I am aware of, but to be honest I do not know the answer to that question.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Are you happy to take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am. Are you relating your questions to my own personal ministerial office?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Yes.</p>	
PM65	PMC	FIFIELD	F&PA 141	<p>Senator FIFIELD—...What remuneration does Dr Gallop receive in that capacity?[a member of the COAG Reform Council]</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I do not have that information here. We will have to take it on notice.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM66	PMC	FIFIELD	F&PA 141–142	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Is it correct that the COAG Reform Council does not presently have any full-time staff?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—I am very sorry, but as you would appreciate this is an output that has long past been dealt with and the relevant officials are not here. It is really difficult for us to help you. We are happy to take these issues on notice for you, but I am sorry it is the best we can do.</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
PM67	PMC	FIFIELD	F&PA 142	<p>Senator FIFIELD—That is fine. One more to be placed on notice, if I could: which building in Sydney is currently being rented for the purpose of the COAG Reform Council?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—That one we may be able to help you on out of corporate services. We will see if we can find that. If we move to other questions, we will come back to you.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—And just additional questions for taking on notice: how long has that premises been rented and has it yet been occupied by any staff?</p>	Answered 04/04/08.
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PM68	ANAO	WATSON	F&PA 6	<p>Senator WATSON—In terms of labour turnover rates at manager and lower levels, what are those rates at the moment and how do they compare with the past?</p> <p>Mr McPhee—Could I take that on notice. The turnover within the office is roughly 20 per cent. It has been higher and it has been lower, but I will provide you with the details of that across a number of years.</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—Senator Watson, when Mr McPhee comes back with that information, could he break it down as to where the turnover is—whether it is at the, say, more junior or more senior employee level?</p>	Answered 13/03/08

				<p>Senator WATSON—Yes. I indicated manager and lower levels.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>	
PM69	ANAO	RAY	F&PA 10	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Now I will ask the question that I have been refused forever: is it possible to provide the committee with the advice?</p> <p>Mr McPhee—Senator Ray, you put me in an interesting position because, as you know and as you said in your question, it is not normal convention to provide legal advice received to the committees. Because of the special position and the relationship I have with the parliament, I would be happy to make it available.</p>	Answered 13/03/08
PM70	ANAO	MURRAY	F&PA 12	<p>Mr McPhee—That is the inevitable consequence. As I say, we will look for internal efficiencies first, but the inevitable consequence is that the size of the number is too big to absorb just through administrative means.</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—Your responses so far have been general, per force, I suspect. For this committee or any shadow minister or minister to consider your responses, you would actually need detail of the real effect of this cut. I would ask you on notice whether you could provide to the committee at the earliest opportunity the real effects of this cut and your views on whether it is manageable or whether it will have a negative effect on the broader fiscal objective of the government, which is to reduce unnecessary expenditure or wasteful expenditure?</p>	Answered 13/03/08
PM71a	PMC	STOTT DESPOJA	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM71b	PMC	STOTT DESPOJA	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
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PM95	PMC	RONALDSON	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM 96-110	PMC	RONALDSON	WRITTEN	See attachment	Transferred to Dept. Finance on 6/03/08
PM111	PMC	RONALDSON	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM112	PMC	RONALDSON	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM113	PMC	RONALDSON	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM114	PMC	FIFIELD	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
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PM117	PMC	FIFIELD	WRITTEN	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM118	PMC	TROOD	HANSARD	See attachment	Answered

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PM119	PMC	RONALDSON	HANSARD	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM120	PMC	MINCHIN	HANSARD	See attachment	Answered 04/04/08.
PM121	ANAO	MINCHIN	HANSARD	See attachment	Answered 13/03/08

Written QON

PM1a–Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (MINCHIN)

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PM71a-i (STOTT DESPOJA)

Will the Government implement the recommendations made by participating Labor members to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services 2006 inquiry into corporate

social responsibility, *Corporate Responsibility: Managing risk and creating value*, namely:

PM71a (STOTT DESPOJA)

The consolidation of the Government's various corporate social responsibility programs in a single 'Corporate Social Responsibility unit within a business-oriented Australian Government Department, for example either Treasury or the Department of Industry Tourism and Resources'?

PM71b (STOTT DESPOJA)

The establishment of a National Sustainability Council to recommend public and private sustainability targets, monitor performance levels against these targets, and engage with the investment industry on necessary research, educational, and reporting needs?

PM71c (STOTT DESPOJA)

Requiring mandatory reporting against sustainability targets for all Australian Government agencies, including targets for water, energy, waste, vehicles and general procurement?

PM71d (STOTT DESPOJA)

Developing in consultation with business and industry a 'corporate responsibility capacity building tool' to assist companies to integrate corporate responsibility and sustainability into standard business practices?

PM71e (STOTT DESPOJA)

More active promotion by the Australian Government of the OECD Multinational Guidelines to Australian corporations?

PM71f (STOTT DESPOJA)

A governmental audit of how governmental regulation and financial arrangements impact for better or worse upon corporate responsibility and sustainability practices?

PM71g (STOTT DESPOJA)

An amendment to the *Corporations Act 2001* to require that all public and private companies, operating in Australia and above a specified size threshold, publicly disclose their top five sustainability risks and their strategies to manage such risks?

PM71h (STOTT DESPOJA)

A governmental policy and nominated targets on sustainability reporting to increase the uptake of sustainability reporting by business and industry?

PM71i (STOTT DESPOJA)

A requirement for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission to review and advise the Government on how well corporate operating and financial reviews are meeting evolving investor, market, and public needs concerning non-financial performance, risk management, and disclosure?

PM72 (STOTT DESPOJA)

Is the Government aware of, and has the Government taken steps to make itself aware of, any change in the judicial or practical interpretation of directors' duties favoured by the Labor members in their supplementary report, that might act as a barrier to, or otherwise inhibit, the consideration of 'legitimate environmental and social issues by directors'?

PM73(STOTT DESPOJA)

If there is no such barrier or inhibition, what will the Government do to promote publicly that view of the law and to facilitate its consistent and uniform application in the Australian business community?

PM74a-e (STOTT DESPOJA)

What other policies and strategies does the Government have in place in relation to Corporate Social Responsibility, especially in relation to:

PM74a (STOTT DESPOJA)

Alignment of all proposed Government initiatives on social and welfare policy, environmental and climate change policy, industry and industrial relations policy, business deregulation, and any others that might impact upon corporate social responsibility, in the interest of enhanced coordination of governmental policy initiatives in this area?

PM74b (STOTT DESPOJA)

Compliance by all contractors and sub-contractors involved in providing goods or services to the Commonwealth with appropriate legal and ethical procurement requirements as 'good corporate citizens'?

PM74c (STOTT DESPOJA)

Encouraging greater uptake of corporate responsibility and sustainability by business and industry, making the necessary cultural and behavioural changes within business and industry organisations, and improving the means by which business and industry identify, measure, reduce, and disclose adverse social and environmental costs of business and industry?

PM74d (STOTT DESPOJA)

Providing suitable incentives, partnering opportunities, tools, and other resources for businesses and industries seeking to become more socially and environmentally responsible?

PM74e (STOTT DESPOJA)

Otherwise raising business, industry, and public awareness and implementation of corporate responsibility and sustainability?

PM75 (STOTT DESPOJA)

What is the status of the investigation by Inspector-General Ian Carnell into the activities of ASIO agents in relation to the Izhar Ul-Haque case?

PM76 (STOTT DESPOJA)

Will the results of the investigation be made public? If not, why not?

PM77 (STOTT DESPOJA)

What capacity does the IGIS have to investigate the actions of agencies other than ASIO who may have been involved in the handling of that case?

PM78 (STOTT DESPOJA)

What powers does Mr Carnell have to discipline the ASIO officers involved in the Ul-Haque matter?

PM79 (STOTT DESPOJA)

In the IGIS 2006/2007 Annual Report, the Inspector-General raised concerns about the limited jurisdiction of the IGIS in light of the increasing span of agencies involved in IGIS investigations. In light of these observations, has the IGIS sought to increase its capacity to "extend an inquiry under the IGIS Act to include intelligence and security activities of other agencies in special circumstances"?

PM80 (STOTT DESPOJA)

Given the expanded scope of the IGIS investigative portfolio, has its annual budget of just \$1.7 million proved adequate?

PM81 (STOTT DESPOJA)

Would an increase in the IGIS' annual budget facilitate more effective inspection of Australia's security and intelligence agencies?

PM82 (FIELDING)

When will the Government be making family impact statements public, so that families can judge for themselves the impact of new government policy?

PM83 (FIELDING)

How will the family impact statements be made public? For example, will they be made available on a website or also in printed form?

PM84 (FIELDING)

Will family impact statements be made public when each government bill is introduced into Parliament?

PM85 (FIELDING)

What information is required to be in each family impact statement.

PM86 (FIELDING)

Please provide a copy of the guidelines for preparing family impact statements.

PM87 (FIELDING)

Please provide a copy of the template for family impact statements.

PM88 (FIELDING)

When will the Government release the family impact statement for the new workplace relations legislation?

PM89 (BIRMINGHAM)

How many meetings or discussions has the Prime Minister had with the Victorian Premier about the River Murray and other national water issues? When did these meetings or discussions occur?

PM90 (BIRMINGHAM)

Has the Prime Minister convened any meetings between the South Australian Premier, the Victorian Premier and himself regarding implementation of the National Plan for Water Security?

PM91 (RONALDSON)

Has the department been allocated additional funds for the specific purpose of hosting Community Cabinets?

PM92 (RONALDSON)

What was the cost of the Community Cabinet meeting held in Western Australia?

PM93 (RONALDSON)

What were the additional travel costs (itemised) met by the Department for Departmental Officers to travel to WA for the Cabinet meeting?

PM94 (RONALDSON)

What additional security measures have been put in place to ensure that Community Cabinet discussions remain private? Including sweeping for listening devices or the like.

PM95 (RONALDSON)

Who is covering the cost of the pre-cabinet business meetings?

PM96 (RONALDSON)

When was the CCSTU created?

PM97 (RONALDSON)

What area of the building does the CCSTU occupy?

PM98 (RONALDSON)

Who is the employing Minister for the CCSTU?

PM99 (RONALDSON)

Who does the CCSTU report to?

PM100 (RONALDSON)

What Dept is responsible for equipment supplied to the CCSTU?

PM101 (RONALDSON)

What office equipment, computers etc or other supplies have been provided to the CCSTU? Can you provide an itemised list?

PM102 (RONALDSON)

What are the operational costs for CCSTU – including wages, office equipment, stationary and Travel?

PM103 (RONALDSON)

Who signed the employee contracts of those employed in the CCSTU?

PM104 (RONALDSON)

How many people are employed in the CCSTU and what are their classifications, band level and job descriptions/roles?

PM105 (RONALDSON)

Did any of the staff work in the previous aNiMaLS unit?

PM106 (RONALDSON)

Have any employees of CCSTU been previous union members?

PM107 (RONALDSON)

What merit based accountability mechanism (Code of Conduct) was used to employee members of the CCSTU and what code will they be subject to?

PM108 (RONALDSON)

When will the CCSTU be called before an Estimates Hearing?

PM109 (RONALDSON)

What output will the CCSTU be under?

PM110 (RONALDSON)

If the CCSTU was formed before the additional Senate estimates hearings the week beginning 18 February 2008 why was the committee not informed that they could have been called to appear at Estimates?

PM111 (RONALDSON)

Has MaPs been consulted on the creation of a Code of Conduct for Ministerial Staff?

PM112 (RONALDSON)

Was MaPs consulted on the creation of the new code of Ministerial Ethics?

PM113 (RONALDSON)

Following on from the Question on Notice taken by PMC (PM10) during the Senate Finance and Public Administrations Committee's hearing (Monday, 18 February 2008) did PMC undertake any contracts with the following organisations:

AdCast ; Added Value; Allsorts; Alpha Salmon; AMR Interactive; ANOP Research Services; Badjar; Brand New Alliance; Brett Goulston & Associates; Cannings; Catalyst; Champions; Cornwell Design; DesignWorks Enterprise IG; DTDigital; Ecom; Evocatif; Generation Alliance; Haines; Hawker Britton; Hoed Mystery Shopping; Howorth Communications; iCRE8; Ikon Communications; IM Advertising; IM Promotions; Impact Employee Communications; International Quarterback; JAM; Junior; JWT; Longtail; Massive; Massivevision; Maxus; McMann & Tate; Mindshare; Moon Design; Neo@Ogilvy; New Dialogue Newgency; OgilvyAction; Ogilvy NZ; Ogilvy Public Relations; One Barrack Street; Online Research Unit Parker & Partners; Peach Advertising; Performance; Permission Communications; pHuel; Plush Films; Pulse Communications; Random; rmg:connect; Sales Success; Savage & Partners; Singleton Ogilvy & Mather Singleton OgilvyInteractive; Singleton OgilvyOne; Solutions Marketing and Research; Straterjee; STW Automotive Advertising; swat>marketing; thebrandshop; The Brand Agency; The Conscience Organisation; the white agency; Torque; Yello Brands; ZOO Communications.

PM114 (FIFIELD)

As at 12 February 2008 had all Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries resigned all their directorships in accordance with clause 2.4 of the Standards of Ministerial Ethics? If not, please provide full details including details of the directorships that had not been resigned and when they were resigned after 12 February 2008, if indeed they have been.

PM115 (FIFIELD)

As at 12 February 2008 had all Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries divested themselves of all investments and other interests in any public or private company or business in accordance with clause 2.9 of the Standards of Ministerial Ethics? If not, please provide full details including details of the investments that had not been divested and when they were divested after 12 February 2008, if indeed they have been.

PM116 (FIFIELD)

Has the Prime Minister given express approval to any Minister to retain any directorship, as outlined in clause 2.4 of the Standards of Ministerial Ethics? If so, please provide a copy of the Prime Minister's written approval.

PM117 (FIFIELD)

Has the Prime Minister given express approval to any Minister to employ any close relative or partner of a Minister in any office of any member of the Executive Government, as outlined in clause 2.18 of the Standards of Ministerial Ethics? If so, please provide a copy of the Prime Minister's written approval.

PM118 (TROOD)

[From F&PA Hansard, Monday, 18 February 2008, p. 138.]

Senator TROOD—Perhaps you would be good enough, Mr Lewis, to provide the committee with specific advice whereby in writing you might give the detail of the previous elements of the national security division and the ways in which they have been renamed. Would that be possible?

Mr Lewis—Yes.

Senator TROOD—That would just make it abundantly clear which parts of the old division are surviving and which parts of it are essentially surviving but might have, for example, a different nomenclature—and which are the new functions.

Mr Lewis—We can provide such a thing.

PM119 (RONALDSON)

[From F&PA Hansard, Monday, 18 February 2008, p. 141.]

Senator RONALDSON—Does each department have a media liaison officer who would work with the minister's office in relation to the preparation of press releases?...

Ms Belcher—There would be occasions when the department might draft a media release and send it up to the office. There is no central person. For example, I, in the past, have drafted media releases about the appointment of a secretary and sent it up to the Prime Minister's office for changing, for issuing. Another part of the department might do a press release on another matter...may I add to the answer I gave just now on media liaison officers. I am told that on occasions—when, for example, our ceremonial and hospitality area is managing a major visit—a media liaison officer might be engaged on a short-term contract.

Senator RONALDSON—Is that external?

Ms Belcher—Yes, that is right.

Senator RONALDSON—Has that contract been with the one company or the one person, do we know, for any period of time?

Ms Belcher—Just one moment; I will check.

Senator RONALDSON—Thank you.

PM120 (MINCHIN)

[From F&PA Hansard, Monday, 18 February 2008, pp 69–70.]

Senator MINCHIN—...Senator Abetz is also right to say that what has intervened since that episode is the case of the challenge to the result in Ms Bailey's electorate, in that we now have the party of which Senator Faulkner is president challenging the behaviour and conduct of the AEC, of which he is the minister responsible, before the Court of Disputed Returns, which, frankly, I think requires an answer from the Prime Minister...Could we perhaps leave this as a question to Senator Evans, representing Mr Rudd, as to his view of what now emerges

as, from the point of view of members of this committee, the quite extraordinary and difficult situation that Senator Faulkner has been placed in as a result of the court case which has arisen post the correspondence to which Senator Evans properly referred. You can take it on notice—we understand that—because it is a very serious issue...

Senator Chris Evans—I would appreciate the opportunity to answer Senator Minchin's question and show him due respect. Senator Minchin, I appreciate the question put to me. As I said, I have complete confidence in Senator Faulkner and his independence. I am sure in terms of that matter he will handle himself in the way he always have.

In terms of concern that may have arisen since, there seemed to be cross-party agreement that no conflict arose. I will ask the Prime Minister if he has anything further to say. I think the key here is that Senator Faulkner sought the appropriate advice. He also sought to consult to make sure the process was totally transparent, and that those who may have concerns about it were consulted—that is, the Liberal Party and the leader of the coalition opposition. He received, as I understand it, feedback that they were comfortable with that. I will check those comments and make sure I am absolutely factually correct. I will come back as soon as I can with that detail...I will take your question of notice, Senator Minchin.

PM121 (MINCHIN)

[From F&PA Hansard, Tuesday, 19 February 2008, p. 8]

Mr McPhee—Thank you, Senator Minchin. The report was an important and very significant one. The legislation under which I operate requires me to table records 'as soon as practicable'. As you would know very well, the caretaker convention is a convention mainly focused on the current government not committing the next government to any sort of particular courses of action et cetera. Historically the office has tabled records during the caretaker period. We had in fact, I think, tabled two reports, even in this caretaker period, prior to the Regional Partnerships report—but going back in time we had also tabled reports in that particular period.

Senator MINCHIN—Could you take it on notice perhaps to supply to the committee the evidence of that?

Mr McPhee—Do you mean the details?

Senator MINCHIN—Yes.