

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee

ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2008-09 (February 2009)

Index to Questions on Notice (QON)

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Note: the FPA Committee resolved that agencies provide answers to Questions on Notice by Thursday, 9 April 2009.

QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard Reference	Question	Comments/answer received
PM1	Office of the Official Secretary of the Governor-General	FIFIELD	F&PA 42	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Thank you for that. So after the draft came from PM&C there was no input subsequent to the speech arriving at Government House that you are aware of from the minister's office or the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p>Mr Brady—Not to my recollection. I would have to check. I may have had some email correspondence with the PM's office, but that would have been to make absolutely certain that they were aware that the speech was to be rigorously non-political.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—But there would have no input to the speech from the Prime Minister's office or the minister's office?</p> <p>Mr Brady—I would have to double check, but I do not recollect that in any case.</p> <p>Senator FIFIELD—If you could, that would be appreciated.</p>	11/3/09
PM2	Office of the Official Secretary of the Governor-General	FERGUSON	F&PA 42	<p>Senator FERGUSON—I will just ask one question as a follow-up. Mr Brady, I noticed that you very appropriately referred to an address by our 'head of state' the Governor-General. But my question really is that, when you are saying that she is there representing Australia, how many other countries at this conference were represented by their heads of state?</p>	11/3/09
PM3	Office of the Official Secretary of	FORSHAW	F&PA 43	<p>Senator FORSHAW—My first question: are you able to provide the committee—take this on notice—with a list of the activities or official program of the Governor-General since she was appointed?</p>	11/3/09

	the Governor-General				
PM4	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 47	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Mr Mrdak, can you provide me with an accurate list of all the days that the Deputy Prime Minister or any other person has been Acting Prime Minister since December 2007? Do you have that information available?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I do not have it readily available, Senator, but I can take that on notice if you do not mind and come back to the committee as quickly as possible.</p>	9/4/09
PM5a	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 47	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Is that document, the new directions to agencies, publicly available?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Our chief executive’s instructions?</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Yes.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Yes, I will be happy to provide that for the committee.</p>	9/4/09
PM5b	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 48	<p>Mr Mrdak—The Chief Executive’s instructions draw strong attention to the FMA requirements, and then we have guidance material which I would be also happy to provide to you, which instructs our people on how they should go about procurement processes which does address some of those issues, yes.</p>	9/4/09
PM6	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA49	<p>Senator RONALDSON—What then was the level of actual expenditure in the first year of the Rudd government?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—When you say ‘first year’ I do not know if those figures are available—I can check with Mr Mrdak—but in the financial year 2007-08 there was in fact a reduction in consultancies. That is not to be unexpected because of the government transition and the election and the like. I am doubtful, but I will just check with Mr Mrdak, that figures are available for, say, the first year of a government. I doubt that that is a reporting period. If Mr Mrdak can help you that would be good.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am advised that for the 2007-08 financial year, the 24 departments of state and large FMA agencies reported a 20 per cent or \$89 million reduction in overall expenditure on consultancies compared with the previous year. I am advised that there was a reduction from expenditure of \$447 million in 2006-07 to \$359 million in 2007-08. That is my advice. I am happy to take it on notice if there is any further information I can provide.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—So you are saying that there was about an \$88 million reduction from the financial year before that. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Yes, that is the advice I have been given.</p>	9/4/09

				<p>Senator Faulkner—Which is of course the point I was making concerning the reporting period. I appreciate the point that you made about the first year of the current government.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Will you take that on notice Mr Mrdak. I am a bit surprised, given that this was very widely reported, that someone has not actually done those figures in response to a fairly likely question from me, but if it has not been done that is fine.</p>	
PM7	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 52	<p>Senator RONALDSON—What an extraordinary intervention for someone so new to the place. Mr Mrdak, can you detail the countries that the staff have been to and the length of time for each of those trips? Actually, I might put that on notice. That might be easier.</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—We are happy to provide that on notice for you.</p>	9/4/09
PM8a	PM&C	FIFIELD	F&PA 53	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Minister, you may direct this question where it should go. Senator Minchin had questions on notice about meetings which the Prime Minister had with heads of missions. The answer to question 575 was that, as of 27 August 2008, the Prime Minister had met six heads of mission in Australia. The Prime Minister had met one head of mission on four occasions and the other five heads of mission on one occasion each. It went on to note that obviously the Prime Minister did have occasion to bump into heads of mission at various functions. I want to follow up on those answers. Which head of mission did the Prime Minister met with on four occasions?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I am not sure I can do that readily. If you do not mind I will try to chase that up quickly and come back to you before the end of the day—if I can.</p>	9/4/09
PM8b	PM&C	FIFIELD	F&PA 53	<p>Senator FIFIELD—If you could, that would be great. Thank you very much. Also, which countries do the other five heads of mission that have met with the Prime Minister represent? If you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will take that on notice and come back to as quickly as I can.</p>	9/4/09
PM8c	PM&C	FIFIELD	F&PA 53	<p>Senator FIFIELD—Also, since 27 August 2008, how many heads of mission in Australia have met with the Prime Minister as opposed to having a chance meeting at a function?</p>	9/4/09
PM9	PM&C	TROOD	F&PA 54	<p>Senator TROOD—How many people have you recruited from Boston Consulting?</p>	9/4/09

				Mr Mrdak —I would have to check to be— Senator TROOD —Could you take that on notice.	
PM10	PM&C	TROOD	F&PA 55	Mr Mrdak —Yes. We have recently advertised. Mr Lewis, the National Security Adviser, briefly outlined to the committee that there are a number of recruitment processes now underway for the national security group. In the light of the government’s national security statement last year and the additional resourcing being provided, we also have recruitment action taking place across the department in a number of key areas. We have recently advertised, for instance, for the head of our corporate division, which became vacant recently. So we have a number of senior executive and general recruitment processes open. Senator TROOD —Perhaps you can let me know on notice how many positions are open as of today’s date.	9/4/09
PM11	PM&C	TROOD	F&PA 55	Senator TROOD —Could you also advise the committee of the number of people formally with the Boston Consulting Group whom you have employed, please.	9/4/09
PM12	PM&C	TROOD	F&PA 55	Senator TROOD —Perhaps, Mr Mrdak, you can help me with this. How many employees in the national security division happen to be women? Mr Mrdak —I will check that and come back to you. We will be able to get you that information very quickly. Senator TROOD —It may be an easy sum to do, and I may even be able to do it. But perhaps you can tell me how many women are employed there and what percentage that is of those employed in that division.	Answered at hearing – p83
PM13	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 59	Senator RONALDSON —Surely that should have been the answer, shouldn’t it? ‘These are the ones that I have records of. This the information that I have provided to the ANAO because those details were available.’ I am still perplexed by the commentary about the ANAO performance audit. I took that to read that because they were doing it you were not able to provide the information, but that is not the situation, is it? Mr Mrdak —No, Senator. What I was trying to capture there was the fact that I could not accurately provide all the information you sought and, as I said, the ANAO has had access to all our records. But I am happy to review this answer in the light of this discussion.	9/4/09
PM14	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 60	Senator RONALDSON —I will leave that for finance then. Mr Mrdak, I have some standard questions about the number of DLOs and ministerial officers.	9/4/09

				<p>Can you provide the committee with an update of the total number of DLOs currently located in each ministerial and parliamentary secretary office?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Yes, Senator. I will take that on notice but the numbers have remained unchanged as far as I am aware. There is a total of 70 DLOs across ministerial offices.</p>	
PM15	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 63	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Mr Mrdak, has there been any damage reported to suite MG-8 since October 2008 that you are aware of?</p> <p>Senator Faulkner—It sounds like it is a matter for the Department of Parliamentary Services. Anyway, let's just check.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—I was asking Mr Mrdak. If he has not got that I will put it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I have not heard of any such reports.</p>	9/4/09
PM16	PM&C	BROWN (B)	F&PA 65-67	<p>Senator BOB BROWN—I want to ask about the Prime Minister's ministerial statement on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan in which he announced the proposal for insulating ceilings and putting in solar hotwater systems in which he said, inter alia, that the program would include a reduction in emissions of some 49.9 million tonnes. What I want to ask is: is that so? What has the Prime Minister or his department got to say about the very compelling evidence, as we have seen in the newspapers from the Australia Institute and Dr Denniss, that emissions saved through this program—that is, insulating ceilings and putting in solar hot-water services—will simply allow other polluters to keep polluting more, if you are going to have a five per cent target. Dr Denniss says:</p> <p>Fewer emissions from an individual mean more emissions from an aluminium smelter. Fewer emissions from one state simply mean more emissions from another state. Consider this example. If a family installs a solar hot water system on their roof, they will need to purchase less electricity. The coal-fired power stations that supply that power will burn a bit less coal and, as a result, will produce fewer emissions. Now that the power station has lowered its emissions, it will need fewer permits, freeing up spare permits that it can then sell to the aluminium industry or any other large polluter. Was the Prime Minister not wrong when he said of the insulation program:</p> <p>Once fully implemented, the initiative could result in reductions of greenhouse gas emissions by 49.9 million tonnes by 2020, or the equivalent of taking one million cars off the road.</p> <p>In effect, that is not so, is it? He had it wrong. It simply will allow aluminium or coal producers, for example, to keep polluting more than they otherwise would have, because they will get the pass-on of the permits from all of the households in Australia reducing their emissions.</p>	9/4/09

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PM17a	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 68	<p>Senator RONALDSON—I have some general stuff to go on with. Mr Mrdak, can I take you back to those 70 DLOs that we were talking about earlier on. Are any of those DLOs based outside of Canberra or Parliament House that you are aware of?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Not that I am aware of, no.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Can you make some inquiries and take that on notice?</p>	9/4/09
PM17b	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 68	<p>Senator RONALDSON—If they are based outside Canberra or Parliament House, can you indicate where they are based?</p>	9/4/09

PM18	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 68	Senator RONALDSON —That is my expectation as well, but I need to ask the question. Do any of the DLOs travel with their ministers back to their electorate offices or non-Canberra ministerial offices in non-sitting weeks, do you know?	9/4/09
PM19	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 68	Senator RONALDSON —There was reporting late last year about the community cabinet. Are you aware of what the cost of those has reached? I do not know whether there have been any since— Mr Mrdak —Yes. The latest community cabinet was last week in Campbelltown, New South Wales. I will get the latest figures. There have now been 10 community cabinet meetings. Senator Faulkner —That is right. Mr Mrdak —We gave detailed cost breakdowns up until November. I will be happy to provide to the committee the latest costs on notice.	PM&C costs answered at hearing (p74) –
PM20a-h	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 74	Senator RONALDSON —Mr Mrdak, can you advise me how many days between 30 December 2008 and 1 February 2009 that Mr Rudd was at Kirribilli House? Ms Mrdak —I would have to take that on notice. I am not in a position to give you that information today. Senator RONALDSON —Do you know if Mr Rudd attended the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne? Ms Mrdak —I do not. I would have to take that on notice. Senator RONALDSON —If he did, do you know how many days he was there? Ms Mrdak —Again, Senator, I have no knowledge of that matter. I will take that on notice, if that is okay. Senator RONALDSON —If he did, do you know whether he flew from Sydney or Canberra? Ms Mrdak —Again, the Prime Minister was on periods of leave during that time. I would have to take that on notice. Senator RONALDSON —If he did, do you know whether he returned from Melbourne to Sydney or Canberra? Ms Mrdak —Again, if I could wrap those questions up and come back to you— Senator RONALDSON —Do you know whether his travel was on a VIP or by commercial aircraft? Ms Mrdak —No, I do not know. Senator RONALDSON —Did any family members travel with him to	9/4/09

				<p>Melbourne?</p> <p>Ms Mrdak—I do not know. I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Has the department done any calculations as to the greenhouse gas emissions that may have been caused by this travel to the Boxing Day Test?</p> <p>Ms Mrdak—We have done no such calculations.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Could you do so for me?</p> <p>Ms Mrdak—I can make inquiries as to whether that is possible. As I said, I do not know the circumstances of whether he did or did not travel to that Test. I will endeavour to find out.</p>	
PM21a-d	PM&C	RONALDSON	F&PA 75	<p>Senator RONALDSON—Can you detail the nature and cost of official gifts received by the Prime Minister since December 2007?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will take that on notice. I am not personally familiar with any gifts he has received in that period.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Can you also advise me how many of these have been retained by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—Again, I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—What happens to gifts which are not retained by the Prime Minister? Where are they located? Are they displayed?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will check that. But, predominantly, they are retained by the ceremonial and hospitality area of the department if they are not retained by the Prime Minister under the existing provisions.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—What happens to consumable gifts—wine, et cetera—received as official gifts but not taken by the Prime Minister? Are they consumed elsewhere or stored indefinitely? What happens to consumables?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I will check. But, predominantly, they are stored. I will check in relation to consumables...</p>	9/4/09
PM22	PM&C	BOYCE	F&PA76	<p>Senator BOYCE—My questions relate to the increase in part-time workers between your report of 2006- 07 and 20007-08. You had an increase of part-time workers from 3.9 per cent to 8.2 per cent.</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—In the department?</p> <p>Senator BOYCE—In the department. That is a fairly big increase. Why was that?</p> <p>Mr Mrdak—I would have to have a look at that issue. I could not give you an answer immediately. But I am happy to go away and have a look to see if there is a rationale for why that took place. There may have been some change</p>	9/4/09

				in the way that we work. Often, people returning from maternity leave and the like choose to move to part-time work, and we try and facilitate that as much as possible. But I will come back to you with some more detail.	
PM23	PM&C	BOYCE	F&PA77	Senator BOYCE —I just have another couple of questions, and you will probably have to take these on notice. I want to know the average number of hours worked by part-time staff in the department.	9/4/09
PM24	PM&C	BOYCE	F&PA77	Senator BOYCE —And the other question I had was the average number of hours that part-time staff have agreed to work. There have been a number of concerns about the workload on people in PM&C and I just want to be very sure that part-time work is not being used as some sort of a cover for people being paid for less than they are actually doing. Mr Mrdak —Certainly, I can assure you on that—that would not be the case. I will take on notice the actual hours that people have put in place for part-time work. I do not see that that is a situation in most cases. We do try and flexibly allow people to work part-time wherever possible.	9/4/09
PM25	PM&C	BOYCE	F&PA77	Senator BOYCE —But we have heard of cases of full-time workers who have worked extraordinarily long shifts: over 12 or 14 hours—around the clock, in one particular case. I would be interested to know what part-time workers have worked overtime on their shifts and what the quantum of that is, please. Mr Mrdak —Certainly. If we can identify that I will come back to you on notice.	9/4/09
PM26	PM&C (for ONA)	TROOD	F&PA 84	Mr Campbell —I am not suggesting that the implications of the global financial crisis are unpredictable in toto, but rather that at this time in the sequence of its unfolding I am not of a view with respect to the security implications—which, typically, and with regard to the Great Depression, unfold over slightly longer time frames—that appropriate policy judgments are now available to offer. But I do agree with your general premise that they will emerge. What we are now seeing are the obvious and immediate first-order and typically financial, economic and social impacts arising, but the geostrategic factors take a little longer to unfold. I think what is worse than a considered piece of advice on those sorts of issues is early or illconsidered— Senator TROOD —It seems to me that as much information as can be gathered on this potentially perilous situation is an objective that perhaps should recommend itself to your office.	8/4/09

				<p>Mr A Campbell—I agree.</p> <p>Senator TROOD—On that point, are you aware of the intelligence agencies doing any work in this field? I am unable to ask ONA obviously.</p> <p>Mr A Campbell—I am not comfortable discussing intelligence issues and, as I have not prepared with regard to what the protocols are on discussing those sorts of tasking activities, I would request that that question might be taken on notice for the Director-General, ONA.</p> <p>Senator TROOD—I am happy for you to take it on notice. Can you respond to this then: have you asked any of the intelligence agencies to investigate these matters?</p>	
PM27	ANAO	RONALDSON	F&PA 86	<p>Mr Holbert—The audit prior to the current audit was in relation to elements of the community information education program surrounding the tax reform process—the A New Tax System policy. That was undertaken around 1999. I would have to check that to be certain. Prior to that there was a more comprehensive audit in 1995.</p> <p>Mr McPhee—We could take that on notice and provide you with specific advice on that.</p>	9/4/09
PM28	ANAO	RONALDSON	F&PA 89	<p>Mr McPhee—I have written to the minister in relation to a number of areas in the guidelines. The government always intended that at some point the guidelines would be reviewed. Given that we had had six months experience and had had a number of matters come to attention where I thought the guidelines could be enhanced, I wrote to the minister and mentioned those to him, and I think we provided the Department of Finance and Deregulation with a copy of the information as well.</p> <p>Senator RONALDSON—Are you prepared to provide the committee with that?</p> <p>Mr McPhee—I would be uncomfortable about providing the exact letter, Senator Ronaldson, but I would be happy to indicate the areas that I believe would benefit from attention. The reason I say that is that the JCPAA is having an inquiry early next month, about 11 March, on this very issue, and I am expecting them to ask me that question and I think it is appropriate that I flag the areas where I think the guidelines, or the related supporting information, could be improved. So, rather than release the letter to the minister, I am happy to provide you with the areas I have highlighted to the minister, if that is appropriate.</p>	9/4/09
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PM41f	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM41g	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM41h	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM41i	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM41j	PM&C	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM42a	ANAO	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM42b	ANAO	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM42c	ANAO	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM42d	ANAO	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM42e	ANAO	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM42f	ANAO	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM42g	ANAO	FIFIELD	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM43	PM&C	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM44a	Ombudsman	LUDLAM	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM44b	Ombudsman	LUDLAM	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM44c	Ombudsman	LUDLAM	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM44d	Ombudsman	LUDLAM	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM44e	Ombudsman	LUDLAM	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM44f	Ombudsman	LUDLAM	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM44g	Ombudsman	LUDLAM	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09

PM44h	Ombudsman	LUDLAM	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM44i	Ombudsman	LUDLAM	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM44j	Ombudsman	LUDLAM	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM45a	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM45b	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM45c	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM45d	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM45e	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM45f	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM45g	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM45h	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM45i	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM46a	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM46b	PM&C	RYAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM47a	ANAO	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM47b	ANAO	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM47c	ANAO	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM48a	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM48b	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM48c	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM48d	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM48e	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM48f	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM48g	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM48h	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM49a	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM49b	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM49c	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM49d	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM49e	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM49f	PM&C	RONALDSON	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM50a	ANAO	BOYCE	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM50b	ANAO	BOYCE	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09

PM50c	ANAO	BOYCE	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM50d	ANAO	BOYCE	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM50e	ANAO	BOYCE	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM51a	PM&C	BERNARDI	Tfr. (FaHCSIA)	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM51b	PM&C	BERNARDI	Tfr. (FaHCSIA)	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM51c	PM&C	BERNARDI	Tfr. (FaHCSIA)	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM51d	PM&C	BERNARDI	Tfr. (FaHCSIA)	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM51e	PM&C	BERNARDI	Tfr. (FaHCSIA)	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM51f	PM&C	BERNARDI	Tfr. (FaHCSIA)	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM51g	PM&C	BERNARDI	Tfr. (FaHCSIA)	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM51h	PM&C	BERNARDI	Tfr. (FaHCSIA)	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM52	PM&C	BIRMINGHAM	Tfr. (DEWHA)	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM53	AIFS	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM54	ANAO	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM55	APSC	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	7/4/09
PM56	NAA	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM57	Ombudsman	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM58	IGIS	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	2/4/09
PM59	ONA	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM60	OOSGG	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM61	Privacy	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	31/3/09
PM62	OPH	HUMPHRIES	Written	See Attachment	14/4/09
PM63	AIFS	COONAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM64	ANAO	COONAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM65	APSC	COONAN	Written	See Attachment	7/4/09
PM66	NAA	COONAN	Written	See Attachment	9/4/09
PM67	Ombudsman	COONAN	Written	See Attachment	7/4/09
PM68	IGIS	COONAN	Written	See Attachment	2/4/09
PM69	ONA	COONAN	Written	See Attachment	8/4/09
PM70	OOSGG	COONAN	Written	See Attachment	15/4/09
PM71	Privacy	COONAN	Written	See Attachment	31/3/09
PM72	OPH	COONAN	Written	See Attachment	14/4/09
PM73a	OOSGG	JOHNSTON	Tfr. DEWHA	See Attachment	25/3/09

PM73b	OOSGG	JOHNSTON	Tfr. DEWHA	See Attachment	25/3/09
PM73c	OOSGG	JOHNSTON	Tfr. DEWHA	See Attachment	25/3/09
PM73d	OOSGG	JOHNSTON	Tfr. DEWHA	See Attachment	25/3/09
PM73e	OOSGG	JOHNSTON	Tfr. DEWHA	See Attachment	25/3/09
PM73f	OOSGG	JOHNSTON	Tfr. DEWHA	See Attachment	25/3/09
PM73g	OOSGG	JOHNSTON	Tfr. DEWHA	See Attachment	25/3/09

Written Questions On Notice

PM29(a-1)–PM&C (ABETZ)

In relation to GM Holden using television footage of the Prime Minister at their Elizabeth Factory in December 2008 in their Australia Day Long Weekend television advertising last month:

- a) Did the Prime Minister, his office or his Department have any discussions with Senator Carr, his office or his Department regarding this footage being used. If so, please detail.
- b) Did the Prime Minister, his office or his Department have any discussions GM Holden regarding this footage being used? If so, please detail.
- c) Did the Prime Minister give approval for this footage to appear in the advertising? If so, when and to whom?
- d) Did the Prime Minister's office give approval for this footage to appear in the advertising? If so, when, by whom and to whom?
- e) Did the Prime Minister's Department give approval for this footage to appear in the advertising? If so, when and to whom?
- f) Please detail all instances of a serving Prime Minister appearing in the advertising of commercial companies.
- g) Please detail all instances of currently serving Ministers appearing in the advertising of commercial companies.
- h) Does the Prime Minister endorse the product in whose advertisement he appears?
- i) What make and model of car does the Prime Minister drive?
- j) Have similar requests to appear in advertising been made by either Ford or Toyota?
- k) If such a request were to take place, would the Prime Minister agree to it?
- l) What guidelines are laid down by the Prime Minister in relation to Ministers actively participating in the promotion of commercial enterprises?

PM30–PM&C (BIRMINGHAM)

Please detail the dates of all meetings, discussions and correspondence, both formal and informal, between the Prime Minister, including the Prime Minister's Office, and Telstra chairman Donald McGauchie. Please detail any other persons present at any meetings.

PM31–PM&C (BIRMINGHAM)

Please outline the nature of any discussion about the Government's proposed National Broadband Network.

PM32(a-g)–PM&C (B BROWN)

In October 2008, the Prime Minister announced that the Government will develop draft guidelines for addressing excessive executive salaries, for discussion throughout 2009. The basic proposal is to link the structure of salary packages to capital holding requirements by APRA¹ regulated institutions.

- a) Why has the Prime Minister produced no such proposal?
- b) Banks are already required to increase capital holdings if they take riskier decisions – so how would the link to executive salaries actually work in terms of encouraging greater risk management?
- c) Under this proposal, is it still possible for companies to pay bonuses to CEOs even if they perform poorly? Will these guidelines allow for shareholder oversight of CEO salaries or bonuses?
- d) Will these guidelines be voluntary or mandated?
- e) Should the government need to assist a financial institution through its bank guarantee, is there anything in that guarantee which attaches conditions to the level of executive salaries or bonuses payable by the institutional receiving public funds?

¹ Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority

- f) The Prime Ministers proposal is dependent on definitions of 'excessive salaries' and 'excessive risk' and 'adequate capital requirements? What does the word 'excessive' mean? Is there an example in recent Australian corporate history of an excessive salary?
- g) Why are President Obama's proposals on reining in executive greed, applied proportionately, not applicable in Australia?

PM33(a-z)–PM&C (BUSHBY)

On November 6 2008, Kevin Rudd was in Rosny Park Tasmania for the official opening of Julie Collins electorate office.

Questions

- a) What was the total cost of the Prime Minister's visit to Hobart on 5 and 6 November 2008?
- b) How did the PM travel from Launceston to Hobart for this visit?
- c) What day and time did the PM depart Launceston?
- d) What day and time did the PM arrive in Hobart?
- e) What day and time did the PM depart Hobart?
- f) Where did the PM stay while in Hobart? What was the cost of this accommodation?
- g) When was the itinerary for the visit to Tasmania for drafted? Was it changed? If so, when, and how? Please provide copies of all draft and final itineraries.
- h) Was the PM originally booked at different accommodation to that at which he stayed in Hobart? If so, where, and was any extra cost incurred by changing accommodation?
- i) How many personal staff travelled with the PM to Hobart? And what classification were they?
- j) How many PM&C staff travelled with the PM to Hobart? And what classification were they?
- k) How many family members travelled to Hobart with the PM? Please identify
- l) How many Federal political colleagues travelled with the PM to Hobart? Please identify
- m) Did any State or Local Government politicians travel with the PM to Hobart? Please identify
- n) Did any staff of the PM's colleagues, State politicians, or local government politicians travel with the PM to Hobart? Please identify
- o) How many cars were required to transfer the PM party to and from Hobart Airport to the Hotels they were using and how many cars were used to transport the PM party from their accommodation in Hobart to the Julie Collins office opening and then to the Hobart Airport? (if not by plane how many drove to Hobart?)
- p) What was the total cost of these cars?
- q) What was the cost of the PM's special purpose aircraft flight to Hobart from Launceston?
- r) What was the cost of flights and car transport for personal, PM&C as well as other support staff who also travelled down for the PM's Hobart visit?
- s) What was the cost of accommodation for the PM, any family members, personal staff, PM&C staff and other support staff who travelled to Hobart for the PM's visit? Please itemise each.
- t) How many staff undertook the advancing work for the PM's visit to Hobart?
- u) What accommodation did the advance staff for the PM's Hobart visit use?
- v) What was the cost of the accommodation for the staff undertaking the advancing?
- w) What was the cost of the flights and any car transport the PM's advancing staff used for his Hobart visit?
- x) Please detail any other expenses for the PM, his family or PM&C or personal or support staff during the visit to Hobart?
- y) Did the PM undertake any official engagements while he was in Hobart other than the opening of the office of Franklin Labor MP Julie Collins?
- z) How long did the PM spend at his official engagements in Hobart?

PM34(a-b)–PM&C (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:

- a. Consultants in total
- b. ITC Consultants
- c. Legal Consultants
- d. HR Consultants
- e. Accounting Consultants

b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?

PM35(a-b)–PM&C (COONAN)

a) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:

- a. Consultants in total
- b. ITC Consultants
- c. Legal Consultants
- d. HR Consultants
- e. Accounting Consultants

b) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?

PM36–PM&C (COONAN)

Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:

- A) Consultants in total
- B) ITC Consultants
- C) Legal Consultants
- D) HR Consultants
- E) Accounting Consultants

PM37–PM&C (FIFIELD)

Please provide an itemised list of artworks the Prime Minister has in his Ministerial Suite in Parliament House

PM38–PM&C (FIFIELD)

Please provide an itemised list of the artworks in all ministerial offices in Parliament House

PM39(a-n)–PM&C (FIFIELD)

- a) What is the status on Cabinet submission co-ordination process review?
- b) When did the review commence?
- c) What was the result of the investigation into security concerns relating to Cabinet documents?
- d) Who undertook the investigation?
- e) How long did the investigation take?
- f) Will the results of the investigation be made public?
- g) If not, why not?
- h) If so, when will the result of the investigation be made public?
- i) Have measures been put in place to improve the security of Cabinet documents?
- j) Have policies and procedures been updated for dealing with all cabinet documents?
- k) Is the lack of coordination comments slowing the policy development process?
- l) If it has not resumed, are Ministers and their Departments still given an opportunity to comment on upcoming policies during the development process?
- m) How is this process undertaken?
- n) How does this process allow for FOI provisions?

PM40(a-g)–PM&C (FIFIELD)

Reference *Appendix A: Policy decisions taken since the 2008-09 MYEFO* in the recently released Updated Economic and Fiscal Outlook (UEFO) located on page 50.

It states over \$11 billion in the forward estimates to 2011-12 will be spent on “additional funding”.

- a) Please outline in detail how **this** \$11 billion of “additional funding” will be used? Is it part of the \$15 billion COAG announcement of last December? Please outline the breakdown in funding.

- b) Please outline the staffing arrangements of the COAG Unit within the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet in terms of size, cost and the role, if any of State and Territory Government staff
- c) How many members of the public service have been allocated to the many new COAG advisory committees and groups that have been established since November 2007?
- d) How many of these staff have been transferred from other duties and how many new employees have been hired for these purposes?
- e) Given the Prime Minister's pledge to "reengineer federalism" and bring about "cooperative federalism" can you outline in detail the changes that have been made since November 2007 to how COAG operates?
- f) In relation to the Government's \$42 billion alleged 'stimulus' package. Is there a state by state breakdown on the proportion of funds that each are likely to receive?
- g) Please provide an itemised list of breakdown of spend by state of various components of the package

PM41(a-j)–PM&C (FIFIELD)

(In regards to 2020 Summit – Government Response)

- a) What is the reason for the response being delayed?
- b) Has there been a delay from relevant Ministers to clear the response?
- c) If so, which Ministers have not cleared the response?
- d) What is the current status of the response?
- e) When did the response start to be drafted?
- f) Who is drafting the response?
- g) What steps are being taken to ensure the response is released?
- h) Is the response completed and not yet released to the public?
- i) If so, what are the reasons for the response not being released to the public?
- j) When can the response be expected to be released to the public?

PM42(a-g)–ANAO (FIFIELD)

- a) Since the efficiency dividends made by the Government's 'razor gang', what is the impact on the ANAO's ability to conduct audits?
- b) Is the ANAO satisfied that Audits undertaken since the efficiency dividends are as thorough and robust as Audits undertaken prior to the efficiency dividends?
- c) How many Audits have been undertaken since the efficiency dividends were implemented?
- d) How many Audits were taken on average per year prior to November 2007?
- e) How many Audits are currently being undertaken?
- f) What was the average time frame for an Audit prior to November 2007?
- g) What is the average timeframe for an Audit post November 2007?

PM43–PM&C (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this department as at:

- a) 24 November 2007
- b) 26 February 2009

PM44(a-j)–OMBUDSMAN (LUDLAM)

- a) Can the Ombudsman outline how the proposed closure of the Western Australian office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman will improve service delivery to Western Australians?
- b) It would appear that the arguments for closing the Western Australian office apply to other State offices. Does the Commonwealth Ombudsman propose to also close other state offices in a bid to deliver this "improved service model"?
- c) The Western Australian office is currently managed, under a temporary arrangement, from the South Australian Office. It is my understanding that in 2008 your Office advised staff in the South Australian and Western Australian Office that you were considering the closure of the South Australian office and the relocation to Western Australia by 2011. Is it still your intention to close the South Australian Office?

- d) What is the total value of the savings the Ombudsman Office is required to make in its 09/10 budget?
- e) Deputy Ombudsman Ron Brent has publicly stated that the Western Australian Office is the most expensive to operate. Can the Ombudsman confirm that the combined cost of operating the Western Australian and South Australian offices is less than the operating costs of the Queensland Office?
- f) Has the Ombudsman considered alternative proposals to closing the Western Australian Office, such as undertaking an internal restructure to reduce senior positions or the relocation of the Western Australian office to cheaper accommodation as was recently undertaken in Victoria?
- g) There can be up to six time zones in operation in Australia during the year. Is the Ombudsman aware that Western Australian's are already disadvantaged under the current service model? This model closes the Canberra based Public Contact Team (call centre) at 6pm EST. I estimate that this equals 250 hours of service a year, or approximately 6 weeks, that Western Australian are currently denied access to your office. Given your existing service model denies equal access to Western Australians, what guarantees are you prepared to make that the "improved service model" (that includes the closure of the Western Australian Office), will not further disadvantage Western Australians in accessing your services?
- h) Currently, an officer from the Western Australian Office visits the Perth Immigration Detention Facility on a fortnightly basis to listen to and investigate detainee complaints and observe immigration practices. How does the Ombudsman propose to manage this obligation as the Immigration Ombudsman in Western Australia if the office closes?
- i) In previous years the Western Australian office has provided valuable outreach services to remote indigenous communities, including some of the most remote communities in Australia. How does the Ombudsman propose to continue to deliver this important service if the Western Australian Office closes?
- j) The staff in the Western Australian Office regularly participate in regional expos and shows throughout the annual calendar to promote the services of the Commonwealth Ombudsman. Does the Ombudsman intend to continue this important service by using interstate staff and how does flying staff from Victoria to Carnarvon result in cost savings?

PM45(a-i)–PM&C (RYAN)

On 23 November 2007 the then Leader of the Opposition, in an article in the Herald Sun, promised to "*Hold a national audit of electricity, water and energy use in all Commonwealth departments...*"

- a) What is the progress of the Government's promised audit of electricity, water and energy use in each and all Commonwealth departments?
- b) Has it been completed?
- c) When was it commenced?
- d) If not, when it is expected to commence?
- e) When is it expected to conclude?
- f) Have any external parties been commissioned to manage, undertake or support this process?
- g) If so:
 - a. How were such commercial arrangements undertaken?
 - b. Was an open tender used to select the external party?
 - c. What is the cost of such engagements?
- h) What are the outcomes of the audit thus far?
- i) What cost savings and reductions in electricity, water and energy use have been achieved thus far?

PM46(a-b)–PM&C (RYAN)

- a) Has any exercise equipment been purchased, leased or otherwise acquired by the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet for permanent or temporary placement and/or use at the Lodge or Kirribilli House?

- b) If so, what is the cost incurred?

PM47(a-c)–ANAO (RONALDSON)

- a) Of the 16 advertising campaigns assessed by the ANAO to date, how many of them required ANAO intervention (in whatever form) before they were assessed by ANAO to be unambiguously within the government's advertising Guidelines?
- b) For each campaign which was not immediately approved by the ANAO:
- What was the name of the campaign?
 - What Department(s) had responsibility for initiating the campaign?
 - Which 'creative' agency or agencies were involved in the creation of the advertising material?
 - What were the specific points of concern raised by the ANAO in relation to these campaigns which prevented immediate approval of the creative executions?
 - What was the specific response of the Department(s) to each of the concerns listed in (d)?
 - What was the resolution finally agreed upon by the Department(s) to each of the concerns listed in (d)?
- c) Was there any instance in which the ANAO believed that the media 'buy' by the relevant Department was inadequate (for whatever reason) and recommended that more money be spent on buying advertising space? If so, in which campaign(s)?

PM48(a-h)–PM&C (RONALDSON)

Further to questions asked at the Committee Meeting, can the Department provide the following information:

- Is there a list of all official gifts received by Prime Ministers, where those gifts were not retained by the Prime Minister who received them? If so, how far back in time does this list go? Can this list, if it exists, be tabled?
- If no comprehensive list exists, what form of inventory control is used by the Department to manage those gifts which have been received into the Department's care? How can the Department assure itself that such items have not been removed from Departmental control?
- Were any of these 'unretained gifts' permanently disposed of? If so, how?
- How many of these 'unretained gifts' are or were consumable items, for example, bottles of wine?
- What happens to consumable 'unretained gifts' if the Prime Minister does not want them? How are such consumable products stored? Is there a virtual or actual wine cellar at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet?
- What is the ultimate disposition of consumable 'unretained gifts'?
- Who selects what 'unretained gifts' will be displayed at the Department in showcases? How often are these displays changed?
- Are any 'unretained gifts' sent to Australian cultural institutions for display? If so, which institutions have which items? Are they on 'permanent loan' to such institutions? If not, what are the terms and conditions of the lending?

PM49(a-f)–PM&C (RONALDSON)

- Has the Department contracted the firm Heidrick & Struggles for any purpose(s) at any time(s) after 1 November 2007? If so, on how many occasions?
- If not, have personnel from the firm been employed by the Prime Minister under Part II or Part III of the *Members of Parliament (Staff) Act*?
- For what specific purpose(s) has this firm or its staff been employed?
- To whom has (or will) any report(s) be given?
- What is the total value of the contract(s)?
- How many staff of Heidrick & Struggles are employed on the project(s)?

PM50(a-e)–ANAO (BOYCE)

- The ANAO reduced the number of reports it undertakes by 10% last year. This has resulted in 5 fewer reports being produced.

- b) Given the efficiency dividend, how does the ANAO plan to continue producing this number of reports and not reduce the number in 2009 or in future years?
- c) Can you provide the monetary cost of producing each report undertaken by the ANAO in 2008, as well as the number of employees used to produce each report?
- d) Can the ANAO provide staffing levels for the periods 2006-07 2008-09 and current, broken down by job title/type of position?
- e) Given budgetary pressures, how difficult has it been for the ANAO to recruit staff with the skills required to produce reports?

PM51(a-h)–PM&C (BERNARDI) – Transfer from FaHCSIA

On 28 January, the Government announced that it will appoint a Community Response Taskforce “to advise on responses to economic hardships caused by the economic downturn.”

- a) How many people will be on this Taskforce?
- b) How will they be selected?
- c) The media release states that the first meeting of the Taskforce will take place in “late February or early March.” Has a more specific date been set yet?
- d) Where will the meeting take place?
- e) Will the Taskforce be holding regular meetings throughout the year? How regular will these be?
- f) Will any information be available to the public about the advice given to Government by the Taskforce?
- g) What is the Budget for the Taskforce?
- h) Do members receive remuneration?

PM52–PM&C (BIRMINGHAM) – Transfer from DEWHA

In regards to: *Australian National Academy of Music – negotiations and reversion to original name*
At what point did PM&C become involved in discussions with ANAM Board members?

PM53–AIFS (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this agency as at:

- a) 24 November 2007
- b) 26 February 2009

PM54–ANAO (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this agency as at:

- a) 24 November 2007
- b) 26 February 2009

PM55–APSC (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this agency as at:

- a) 24 November 2007
- b) 26 February 2009

PM56–NAA (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this agency as at:

- a) 24 November 2007
- b) 26 February 2009

PM57–OMBUDSMAN (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this agency as at:

- a) 24 November 2007
- b) 26 February 2009

PM58–IGIS (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this agency as at:

- a) 24 November 2007
- b) 26 February 2009

PM59–ONA (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this agency as at:

- a) 24 November 2007
- b) 26 February 2009

PM60–OOSGG (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this agency as at:

- a) 24 November 2007
- b) 26 February 2009

PM61–PRIVACY (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this agency as at:

- a) 24 November 2007
- b) 26 February 2009

PM62–OPH (HUMPHRIES)

How many SES positions were there in this agency as at:

- c) 24 November 2007
- d) 26 February 2009

PM63(a-e)–AIFS (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?
- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants

PM64(a-e)–ANAO (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants

- c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?
- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants

PM65(a-e)–APSC (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?
- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants

PM66(a-e)–NAA (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
- a. Consultants in total

- b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?
- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants

PM67(a-e)–OMBUDSMAN (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?
- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants

PM68(a-e)–IGIS (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
- a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?

- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants

PM69(a-e)–ONA (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?
- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants

PM70(a-e)–OOSGG (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?
- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants

- e. Accounting Consultants

PM71(a-e)–PRIVACY (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?
- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants

PM72(a-e)–OPH (COONAN)

- a) How much did each department and agency spend in 2007-08 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- b) What was the average cost per hour for each department of the above A-E?
- c) How much is it estimated that each department and agency will spend in 2008-09 on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants
- d) What is the average cost per hour for each department and agency of the above A-E?
- e) Over each year of the forward estimates, how much will each department and agency spend on:
 - a. Consultants in total
 - b. ITC Consultants
 - c. Legal Consultants
 - d. HR Consultants
 - e. Accounting Consultants

PM73(a-g)–OOSGG (JOHNSTON)

- a) Was the Governor-General representing the Prime Minister of Minister for Climate Change at The World Future Summit in Abu Dhabi last month?
- b) Had the Prime Minister or Climate Change Minister been invited to attend the event?

- c) Did either office request the Governor-General to attend on their behalf?
- d) If so, is this not blurring the boundary between partisan politics and the independence of the office of the Governor-General?
- e) What assistance did the Minister's or Prime Minister's office provide?
- f) Who wrote the speech?
- g) Did the Minister's office assist with the writing or vetting of the speech?