

ADDITIONAL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2009-10

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Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

Answers to QON are due on Friday, 26 March 2010.

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PM 103	OOSGG	RONALDSON	40	Mr Fraser—The miscellaneous expenditure reported of \$16,347 includes expenditure on stationery and other consumables associated with the Governor-General's visits, gratuities, excess baggage, drinking water, internet and telecommunications costs, laundry and other sundries. Senator RONALDSON—I saw that on the answer, but I am asking you to break that down further please. Mr Fraser—I would have to take that on notice to provide that further level of detail.
PM 1	OOSGG	RONALDSON	41	Senator RONALDSON—Can you provide me with a list of the Governor-General's public appearances in the first half of that 17-month term as opposed to the second half, including a breakdown of rural, regional and metropolitan? Mr Brady—Certainly.
PM 2	OOSGG	RONALDSON	42	Senator RONALDSON—You put the note [refuting claims regarding the GG's travel] from the secretary on your own website. Mr Brady—We would have to check, but that is my recollection.
PM 3	OOSGG	COLLINS	43	Mr Fraser—Thank you, Senator, for the question. The costs in relation to this particular trip compare very favourably to the costs incurred for previous travel by governors-general overseas. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—For instance, I took some time to look at Major General Michael Jeffery's travel, although I do not think anyone from the opposition at the time ever practised the lack of dignity of suggesting that it was by issue of the Prime Minister. But let us look at them... ...I could go to Peter Hollingworth's, but perhaps you could give us the full list on notice.
PM 4	OOSGG	(BOB) BROWN	44	Senator BOB BROWN—I wanted to ask about the honours system and the awarding of the Order of Australia honours as such. Can you tell me, in the last year—and you may take on notice a question in relation to the last five years—how many nominations there were for the various orders and how many of those were successful?
PM 5	OOSGG	(BOB) BROWN	45	Mr Brady—I can go back and double-check but my understanding of the way the honours and awards secretariat works is to treat all applications equally.

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PM 6	OOSGG	(BOB) BROWN	45	Mr Brady —The people who make the decision are the Council for the Order of Australia. They are community representatives...I can give you a list of the council members.
PM 7	OOSGG	(BOB) BROWN	45	Senator BOB BROWN —I did have another question which I will put on notice. It is to do with the nomination, which was successful, of a Japanese businessman who has been critical of efforts by certain people to stop whaling. I will put that on notice. Mr Brady —That would be an honorary award, which does not fall within the jurisdiction of the council. Senator BOB BROWN —You might explain that to me too. Mr Brady —Can I take that on notice? Senator BOB BROWN —Yes, thank you.
PM 8 ¹	AIFS	RYAN	47	Senator RYAN —I am not familiar with your particular processes. I take it that the people on that panel were all from inside the AIFS? Ms Tait —I do not have that information with me at this time, but yes, I believe so. Senator RYAN —I would appreciate the names of who was on the panel and also whether or not any members of the panel had any contact with any minister's office regarding this particular contract. You may be able to answer this now; you may have to take it on notice.
PM 9a	PM&C	PAYNE	58	Senator PAYNE —....May I ask a couple of questions, first of all, about the last two COAG meetings in 2009—the July meeting held in Darwin and the December meeting held in Brisbane. Can you advise the committee the total cost of the federal government for the Darwin meeting? Dr Grimes —I do not have those figures available right here, but we might see if there is an officer who may have those figures for you. We will have to take those questions on notice.
PM 9b	PM&C	PAYNE	58	Senator PAYNE —Mr Grimes, when you do provide a response to that, can you on notice to advise us the breakdown in relation to catering to functions, transport, accommodation, and staff numbers—I will not go to names after the last discussion—from each of the Prime Minister's and the Treasurer's offices federally, and to numbers of departmental advisers who attended?
PM 9c	PM&C	PAYNE	58	Can you also advise whether in relation to the most recent meeting held in Queensland, I think at their parliament house, whether the federal government made any contribution to cost for the Queensland government that they may have incurred in hosting that? I understand the Commonwealth bears its own costs, but was any additional contribution made to the costs to the Queensland government?
PM	PM&C	PAYNE	58	I assume at this point you are not able to tell me whether what number of staff attended from the

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9d				Prime Minister's office? Dr Grimes —No, I would not be able to advise you on that.
PM 9e	PM&C	PAYNE	58	Senator PAYNE —If you can get me that information, please, and an indication of the roles of those staff? Dr Grimes —We can take the questions that you are asking on notice and see what information we can provide.
PM 9f	PM&C	PAYNE	58	Senator PAYNE —Similarly in relation to the Treasurer: the number of staff that accompanied the federal Treasurer and what role they carried out?
PM 10	PM&C	PAYNE	58, 59	Dr Grimes —If you want us to take on notice whether we bore any costs in PM&C, I am not aware of us contributing any costs. Senator PAYNE —All right. Thank you. Mr Grimes, can you give the committee a comparison of the costs for those two meetings compared to costs for the meetings held in 2008? Dr Grimes —We can take it on notice.
PM 11	PM&C	PAYNE	60	Senator PAYNE —So in the advertisements which were advertised in the <i>APS Gazette</i> in October, were there any cross-portfolio requirements in those? Ms Beauchamp —I would have to take those specifically on notice.
PM 12	PM&C	PAYNE	60	Senator PAYNE —Okay. So could you advise the committee what was the total cost to PM&C within the constraints of the budget of the COAG Reform Council? I understand it was for advertisements, travel for applicants to attend interviews and so on. Were the employment opportunities advertised anywhere other than the <i>Gazette</i> ? If so, where, how many occasions and to what cost? Ms Beauchamp —Can I just confirm, Senator: that is specifically in relation to COAG Reform Council appointments? Senator PAYNE —Yes. The advertisements concerned positions for senior advisers, advisers, analysts and so on, which I assume go to the expansion and staffing of the COAG Reform Council. The application, as I read the URL at least, was to PM&C.nga.net.au/fnt_jobs_list.cfm . I did not read that as being through the COAG Reform Council, but perhaps I misunderstood that.
PM 13	PM&C	PAYNE	60	Can you also advise us then how many applications were received for each position, how many were eventually recruited and whether they have commenced work? How many of those at each level? Ms Beauchamp —Can I just confirm that this level of detail really is one for the COAG Reform Council. My apologies for having to take it on notice.
PM 14	PM&C	PAYNE	60	Senator PAYNE —There is no need to apologise. I am very definitely learning in this space. Can you advise who makes the final decisions in relation to selection of candidates? Is there any input from the states in relation to that process given the nature of the CRC?

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				Ms Beauchamp —I will have to take that on notice.
PM 15	PM&C	PAYNE	61	Senator PAYNE—Thank you very much. If there are further questions that I want to put on notice in relation to those issues around the Reform Council, Chair, I will do that, and I appreciate the officers' guidance. Can we go to the review of COAG decisions since 2007? The communique from 2009 indicates: COAG also reviewed the implementation of its other decisions since ... 2007 and found that the majority are being implemented as agreed, with actions being taken to address the small minority of initiatives experiencing problems. It also said: COAG also agreed that all First Ministers would closely monitor the ongoing implementation of COAG initiatives and that Senior Officials would review progress with any initiatives that are experiencing implementation problems or delays. Is it possible to advise the committee which COAG initiatives were determined to be those initiatives experiencing problems by that statement? Dr Grimes—I would have to take that on notice.
PM 16	PM&C	PAYNE	61	Senator PAYNE —In addition to that, Dr Grimes, can you determine for the committee if it is possible to identify for us what the problems are that have been identified and come back to the committee about that?
PM 17	PM&C	PAYNE	65	Senator PAYNE—Thank you very much, Dr Grimes. Ms Cross, can you give the committee a breakdown of how the funding is distributed under the NPA on remote Indigenous housing between the states and the territories? Ms Cross—I would have to take that question on notice. I do not have those details here.
PM 18	PM&C	PAYNE	66	Senator PAYNE—I take your point and I appreciate that, but, Dr Grimes, can you advise the committee about the updates you receive from FaCSIA, what information is reported on by the implementation departments to your department as the department that manages the COAG process? Dr Grimes—As to the specifics of those, I do not have them on hand at the moment, but I am very happy to take that on notice and provide you with that information.
PM 19	PM&C	PAYNE	67	Senator PAYNE—I am grateful, Dr Grimes, for your agreeing to take on notice the nature and form of updates that are provided from the substantive departments to your department in relation to the NPAs. Can you do that across all of the NPAs, please? Dr Grimes—Yes, we can provide you with a broad answer on the sort of information we receive.
PM 20a	PM&C	PAYNE	70	Senator PAYNE—Dr Grimes, can I then ask you to take on notice whether the [RET review] report is likely to be made public? Dr Grimes—Yes, I am happy to take that on notice.
PM 20b	PM&C			Senator PAYNE—Is it possible, Dr Dickson, to tell us the terms of reference of the review? Dr Dickson—I do not have the detail for you, sorry.

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				Senator PAYNE—On notice, if you do not have them with you? Dr Dickson—Yes, we can provide the terms of reference.
PM 21	PM&C	RYAN	75	Senator RYAN—Given the discussion we have just had, I will not ask the next logical question, about who in the Prime Minister's office provides that advice. Is that practice still in place? You have never at any point been given a list of Labor duty senators that is any wider or any larger than the list you provided in answer to the question on notice? Ms Beauchamp—That is my understanding. Senator RYAN—I would appreciate it if you could check and advise us if that was not the case.
PM 22	PM&C	COLLINS, RYAN	75	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Yes. Senator Ludwig, while we are on this, since your change of policy has there been a change in attendance? Senator Ludwig—I do not keep records myself as to whether duty senators attend. That is why I asked Senator Ryan if he attended. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Maybe the department can tell us if any opposition duty senators have attended since the minister's change of policy. ... Ms Beauchamp—From my understanding and my observations, there has been no noticeable change. I will have to take the details on notice.
PM 23a	PM&C	RYAN	75, 76	Senator RYAN—If we go to the community cabinets that have been held since January 2008, does the department have a list available of how many the Prime Minister has attended, if not all of them? Ms Beauchamp—Since January 2008? Senator RYAN—I believe the first one was 20 January 2008. Has the Prime Minister attended all of them? Ms Beauchamp—I will have to take specifically that on notice.
PM 23b	PM&C			Senator RYAN—And if he has not, I would appreciate either a list of those he has not attended or those he has attended, whatever is more convenient.
PM 24	PM&C	COLLINS	77	Senator JACINTA COLLINS—...Can you indicate whether there is any measurement of the satisfaction rate of people who are attending [community cabinets]? Ms Beauchamp—I would have to take that specifically on notice in terms of satisfaction rates. We do get feedback generally. But I do not know exactly what those satisfaction levels might be.
PM 25	PM&C	FERGUSON	78	Senator FERGUSON—...Can you tell us the difference in the cost on average of holding a meeting outside of Canberra compared with a cabinet meeting held in Canberra or Sydney? Ms Beauchamp—Not off the top of my head. I would have to take that on notice. Senator FERGUSON—So, surely, in budgeting, they must have taken into account the difference in cost between holding a cabinet meeting in Canberra compared with one of the regional electorates or

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				marginal electorates that they are held in around the country.
PM 26	PM&C	FERGUSON	79	Senator FERGUSON—I find it very strange that the costs of venue hire, catering and whatever else there might be would be much more expensive in Bathurst than they would be in Hobart. Is it possible to get a breakdown of the Hobart and Bathurst expenses? Ms Beauchamp—It is possible, and I will take that on notice.
PM 27a, b	PM&C	RYAN	80	Senator RYAN—Could you take on notice, Ms Beauchamp, the classifications of the 13 staff who work in the community cabinet unit. Obviously I respect privacy, but I would be happy if you would take that on notice. Who decides who meets with the Prime Minister and ministers at community cabinets, in short? Is it the ministers' offices? Is it the cabinet secretariat to whom applications are made? Ms Beauchamp—I will have to take the specific details on notice.
PM 27c	PM&C	RYAN	80	Senator RYAN—In that case, could I also have—and I assume that you would have this available, given that the advertisement for the Ballarat one refers to applications to go to the community cabinet secretariat—a list of who the ministers have met at each of the community cabinets, including the Prime Minister? Senator JACINTA COLLINS—Sorry—a list of the individuals? Senator RYAN—Individuals or organisations. Senator JACINTA COLLINS—But an individual meeting a minister at a community cabinet may not have ever envisaged that their meeting a minister was going to become a matter of public record. I think there are some privacy issues we might want to explore here first. ... Senator JACINTA COLLINS—I am just questioning whether there are some privacy issues that PM&C would need to be mindful of before specifying the names of individuals who might have met with a minister. Senator RYAN—There are also some transparency issues, because I would like to know who is transacting business with the government. I am not asking for details of the meeting; I am asking for who met whom, not for summaries or minutes of the meetings. Ms Beauchamp—Can I take that on notice, but we would have to seek the permission of those people who attended each community cabinet one-on-one meeting?...
PM 27d	PM&C	RYAN	80	Senator RYAN—What about people representing organisations and businesses? Can you give me those details? Let us say, for example, the convener of the local World Wildlife Fund chapter met with the minister for the environment or the minister for climate change at one of these community cabinets. Could I have access to the organisation without the person in that case? Ms Beauchamp—Again, I would have to seek the approval of that organisation.

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PM 28a	PM&C	RYAN	80	Senator RYAN—Does the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet commission or otherwise pay for any form of research into public opinion, whether it be qualitative or quantitative, from the community, subgroups within the community or organisations within the community? It is a very broad question and intentionally so. Ms Beauchamp—It is a very broad question and I would have to take that on notice.
PM 28b	PM&C	RYAN	81	Senator RYAN—Qualitative and quantitative research into community attitudes or attitudes, for example, of an industry sector or of a sector of volunteers. I am interested in whether the department undertakes any such research.
PM 28c	PM&C	RYAN	81	If it does, I would appreciate the amount paid and what the objective of undertaking the project was—for example, to ascertain community opinions on health reform, climate change or to ascertain industry sector views on a car industry policy.
PM 28d	PM&C	RYAN	81	Further—as you have to take us on notice—whether such research is ever made available to ministerial officers or to ministers or whether it is entirely used solely within the department for its own purposes. I understand that is a broad question, but I think you understand it is a reasonably broad question. Ms Beauchamp—I will take that on notice, but if we had commissioned specific pieces of research and entered into contracts, those contracts would be listed on AusTender.
PM 29	PM&C	FERGUSON	81	Senator FERGUSON—Can you confirm that list of names [in community cabinet attendance], which would then be in your possession, is not passed on to anybody for security checks, for instance? Ms Beauchamp—That is correct as far as I am aware, but I will confirm that.
PM 30	PM&C	KROGER	82	Senator KROGER—Who has access to the list of attendees? Ms Beauchamp—Probably nobody outside of the community engagement team. Senator KROGER—The community engagement team being the 13 staff members. Ms Beauchamp—Correct. Senator KROGER—So no ministers would be aware of or would have a look at that list. Ms Beauchamp—No, not that I am aware of, but I will confirm that.
PM 31	PM&C	KROGER	82	Senator RYAN—I would also like to know if you subsequently find out that any of those lists have been passed on and what fields are captured in them—names, email addresses, phone numbers. Ms Beauchamp—I will be able to get that information and I will be able to confirm what I have said later today. Senator FERGUSON—We need to know whether or not it is just the names of those attending or whether it is the name, plus an address, an email address or a telephone contact. I would like to know what is actually entailed in that list.

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				Ms Beauchamp—I will confirm that today. Senator ABETZ—How do you communicate with a person that they have been accepted into the community cabinet? You must have some contact details for those people. Ms Beauchamp—As I said, I will confirm.
PM 32a	PM&C	ABETZ	85	Senator ABETZ—I do not often rely on this, but they tell me that a particular article that was published on 1 February 2010, titled ‘The reshuffle Rudd may have to have’, which appeared in the <i>Australian Financial Review</i>, was mysteriously left out of the media clips on that day. I was wondering whether you can tell us, one, whether the media monitoring service that is engaged actually passed that article on to the Prime Minister’s office— Ms Beauchamp—I will have to take that on notice.
PM 32b	PM&C	ABETZ	85	Senator ABETZ—Yes, on notice. And, if they did, who within the Prime Minister’s office took the decision to remove that article from all the other articles that would normally be disseminated? How common a practice is it in the Prime Minister’s office to just pull those articles that may not necessarily be favourable? Ms Beauchamp—I will take all that on notice...
PM 33	PM&C	ABETZ	85	The Hon. Duncan Kerr has now resigned as Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs. Is it intended, Minister, to replace him? ... Senator Ludwig—I will check with the Prime Minister.
PM 34a	PM&C	ABETZ	86	Senator ABETZ—What input, if any, did that section make to Fair Work Australia in relation to the modern awards? Dr Grimes—We would have to take that on notice to see if there was any involvement in that process.
PM 34b	PM&C	ABETZ	86	Senator ABETZ—When you do that, can you then indicate to us, if there was such a submission or representation to them, whether such submission or representation could be made publicly available in relation to the matters that they would have raised. Thank you.
PM 35	PM&C	RONALDSON	87	Senator RONALDSON—What were the costs for your department [Copenhagen delegation]? Mr Suckling—I do not have the total costs for our department at hand. Senator RONALDSON—I hope you are not serious, that you do not have the costs for this. Mr Suckling—No—I can take it on notice. I do not have them at hand.
PM 36	PM&C	CAMERON	91	Senator CAMERON—Dr Grimes, in relation to costings, is it true that Australia’s list of attendees at the Copenhagen climate change conference was more comprehensive than that provided by other countries? For example, I understand that the United Kingdom did not list the Prime Minister, ministerial staff, subnational or regional agency staff; China did not include the presidential staff; and

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				the US list did not include the President, any White House staff or state or regional representatives. Dr Grimes—That may be right, but I am not aware of the department conducting analysis on that. Senator CAMERON—Can someone take that on notice? Dr Grimes—We can certainly take that on notice.
PM 37	PM&C	CAMERON	91	Senator CAMERON—In relation to costs for overseas travel, can anyone tell me what the bill was for the previous Prime Minister John Howard's stay at the St Regis Grand Hotel in Rome? I understand it was in the order of \$180,000 for four nights. Is that correct? Dr Grimes—I do not have the information here to confirm that figure, but we can check back through the records, if you like.
PM 38	PM&C	CAMERON	91	Senator CAMERON—...Are you aware if at the St Regis Grand Hotel the Prime Minister was charged an extra \$10,000 as a late checkout fee?
PM 39	PM&C	CAMERON	92	Senator CAMERON—I have one last question on this issue of costs and ministerial travel. Could you give me a breakdown of how many ministerial trips involved an accompanying spouse under this government and under the previous Liberal government? Senator Ludwig—I can. Under the Liberals from October 2004—
PM 40	PM&C	FERGUSON	92 - 94	Senator FERGUSON—Madam Chair, I only want to ask a couple of questions just to make it quite clear, in response to some of the answers, that with the freedom of information request that was complied with and reported on 9 January no costs associated with PM&C have been included in that freedom of information request. In other words, all of the costs are on top of the amount that has been described in the freedom of information request. Senator FERGUSON—Are you saying that at no stage have you responded giving any information on the costs of PM&C to anybody else even including the freedom of information request, which is some \$1½ million? So what you are saying is that your costs are on top of any published amount that has been put in the paper. ... Senator Ludwig—Thank you, Chair. As I indicated earlier, you are claiming that there is an FOI request. This department, as I hear the evidence, say that they have not received any. Why would you ask PM&C? It would seem appropriate for you to ask the Department of Climate Change. Secondly, in relation to the question about other costs, of course the department of finance can deal with issues in relation to MoPS Act employees and provide those costings. Yes, Senator, as you will find in opposition, you do have to go to relevant committees to ask relevant questions of the various departments because that is where the information resides. They are best placed to provide the level of detail that you require. You can certainly, as other senators ask questions, put them on notice. I

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				indicated earlier that I would take the earlier part of your question on notice.
PM 41a	PM&C	FORSHAW	95	Ms Beauchamp—My understanding is that we are not currently pursuing it, but I will have to take that on notice. Senator FORSHAW—Pursuing anything at all to do with the [Mr Frecklington's royal carriage] coach. Mr Lewis—I remember the discussions around this table at the time. I, like you, lost it from my radar screen. I do not think the department has done anything on this recently. We can take the question on notice.
PM 41b, c, d	PM&C	FORSHAW	95	Senator FORSHAW—I would like you to also, when you take it on notice, find out: have there been any requests from Mr Frecklington to access the \$100,000, if that was promised by the previous government, as the article says, to assist with transportation costs?... Is there expected to be any role at all for the Australian government in this initiative? It is not a small matter; a lot of public money has been put into this. Secondly, the presentation of a royal carriage as a gift to the Queen, our head of state, would be a matter of some interest to the government and the department. If you would be happy to take that on notice and give the committee a report, that would be good.
PM 42	PM&C	HANSON-YOUNG	95	Senator HANSON-YOUNG—...You have had a discussion about the <i>Oceanic Viking</i>, but I have questions specifically in relation to the cargo ship that is docked in Merak, which we know is a different vessel. My questions go to the interaction that the Prime Minister's office has had with Border Protection, Customs, the Federal Police, Foreign Affairs, and Immigration because, of course, it has been reported that it was the Prime Minister who asked for this boat to be intercepted by the Indonesian government. Border Protection and Customs have not been able to tell us when, indeed, the Prime Minister's office was notified about this boat's existence. We know the boat was intercepted on 11 October by the Indonesian government. When was the Prime Minister's office made aware of the boat's existence? Mr Lewis—I do not have a record here of when that might have happened. It probably would have been a little time after 11 October, but I cannot be precise. I can take that question on notice and see if, in fact, that advice was given to the PMO.
PM 43	PM&C	HANSON-YOUNG	96	Senator HANSON-YOUNG—When the decision is to inform or request the Indonesian government to participate in that disruption activity, as the Customs and Border Protection Service put it—it is a disruption activity—is that advice that is given to the Prime Minister at the time or is that routinely done.

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				Mr Lewis—That is an operational matter. Senator HANSON-YOUNG—What makes it an issue where the Prime Minister needs to be involved? Why would the Prime Minister have been told about this particular case? Mr Lewis—If it is considered to be a matter that is of sufficient gravity, sufficiently unusual, sufficiently important or sufficiently complex—but that is a matter of judgment. Senator HANSON-YOUNG—So we do not know exactly when, but can you take that on notice?
PM 44	PM&C	RONALDSON	98	Senator RONALDSON—Ms Beauchamp, Mr Suckling indicated there were only two PM&C staff members who attended the Copenhagen circus. Senator Abetz put questions on notice on 15 December. I put questions on notice on 21 December. Are you aware that there are 30 days allowed? How can it possibly be that on 8 February, when there are only two staff members who went to the circus, we have not got those questions on notice? Ms Beauchamp—I will take that on notice...
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Speechwriters

PM 45 – PM&C – Senator Ronaldson

- a) Is there a speechwriting section PM&C? If so, for whom do they write speeches?
- b) How many people are in that section, and at what levels are they?
- c) Are there any external contractors employed to write speeches? If so, who and how much are they paid?

Damage & staff at Kirribilli and The Lodge

PM 46 – PM&C – Senator Ronaldson

- a) Has there been any damage to the Prime Minister's residences in Kirribilli House or The Lodge, and if so, what was the cause, nature and cost to repair that damage?

- b) Has there been any increase since last Estimates to staffing allocation at the Lodge and Kirribilli, and if so, can the committee be provided with a job description of each new position?

COAG Reform Council

PM 47 – PM&C – Senator Xenophon

- a) Following the release of the Draft Productivity Commission Report into Gambling in Australia last year, on what dates did the COAG Reform Council meet to discuss the Commission's key recommendations? What was the outcome of these meetings?
- b) What plans are in place to implement these recommendations, and which recommendations does the Council intend to implement?
- c) What other plans does the Council have in place to deal with the serious issue of problem gambling in Australia?

COAG meetings costs

PM 48 – PM&C – Senator Payne

- a) What was the cost to the Federal Government for the 2 July 2009 COAG meeting held at the Darwin Convention Centre? Please provide a breakdown of costs for transport, catering, equipment, transport etc.
- b) What was the cost to the Federal Government for the 7 December 2009 COAG meeting held at Parliament House in Brisbane? Please provide a breakdown of costs for transport, catering, equipment, transport etc.
- c) Did the Federal Government contribute to any costs incurred by the Queensland Government for the costs of hosting the COAG meeting on 7 December 2009 at Parliament House Brisbane?
- d) How many staff from the Prime Minister's office attended the 7 December 2009 COAG meeting and the 2 July 2009 COAG meeting and what were their roles?
- e) Please provide a total amount, with relevant breakdowns, for the costs of each COAG meeting since the Rudd Government was elected.

Costs of expansion of COAG Reform Council

PM 49 – PM&C – Senator Payne

- a) What was the total cost for the recent recruitment round undertaken by the COAG Reform Council? Please provide a breakdown of costs including advertisements, applicant travel to interviews, additional workspace costs etc.
- b) With regard to the recent recruitment round undertaken by the COAG Reform Council, please explain where the employment opportunities were advertised and on how many occasions?
- c) How many applications were received for each position? At what levels? Have successful applicants commenced work yet? As a result of this recruitment drive, what is the current level of staffing at COAG Reform Council?
- d) Who made the final decisions on the selection of candidates? Did the State and Territory Governments have any input in selection of candidates?
- e) Did the states contribute to any of the costs for this recruitment exercise and staffing expansion? If so, how much?

Review of COAG decisions since 2007

PM 50 – PM&C – Senator Payne

With reference to the statements in the December 2007 COAG communiqué that:

“COAG also reviewed the implementation of its other decisions since 2007 and found that the majority are being implemented as agreed, with actions being taken to address the small minority of initiatives experiencing problems,” please indicate which COAG initiatives were determined to be COAG initiatives experiencing problems and why?

Are you aware of any matters that have been settled by correspondence since the last COAG meeting? If so, please advise the nature of those matters.

National Partnership Agreement to deliver a Seamless National Economy

PM 51 – PM&C – Senator Payne

- a) With regard to the National Partnership Agreement to Deliver a Seamless National Economy, can you please provide an overview of how each of these reforms are progressing and indicate if any reforms have been delayed or whether there have been any problems in implementation?
- b) Have there been any changes to the existing implementation plan?

Dr Allan Hawke review of Ministerial Councils

PM 52 – PM&C – Senator Payne

- a) What are the terms of reference for the Dr Hawke review into Ministerial Councils agreed to at the 2 July 2009 COAG meeting?
- b) What is the cost of this review and what proportion of the funding is the Commonwealth Government contributing?
- c) The original deadline for the report was November 2009. Why was an extension granted until March 2010?
- d) Is the report expected to be received in March 2010 and will this report be made public?

Referendum questions regarding state and federal relations

PM 53 – PM&C – Senator Payne

- a) Is the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet working on producing series of national referendum questions to secure a mandate for constitutional change that would better define federal and state government powers, propose the introduction of a republic and formally recognise Indigenous Australians and Local Government?
- b) Does the Government have plans to take these questions to the next COAG meeting?
- c) Will the Government present these questions to the public before the next election?

Costing of the new child care regulations announced at COAG

PM 54 – PM&C – Senator Payne

- a) With regard to the New Quality Agenda for Early Childhood Education and Care, please describe the cost-benefit analysis that has been undertaken.
- b) Please explain the findings of any such research in relation to single working mothers.

Progress of smart meters

PM 55 – PM&C – Senator Payne

- a) Please provide an update on the status of the staged national smart meter roll out?
- b) How is the Government seeking to respond to the recommendations of the COAG Reform Council Report and work towards alleviating the delays with the Qld and WA Governments?

Progress of national health reforms

PM 56 – PM&C – Senator Payne

- a) What is the latest information from COAG with regard to national health reform and the possible federal takeover of public hospital funding?
- b) Is PM&C and the COAG Reform Unit actively looking at practical and implementation measures for taking over the full funding of the public hospital system?
- c) Has the Prime Minister met with any of his state and territory counterparts since the 7 December 2009 COAG meeting to discuss national health reform and the possible federal takeover of public hospital funding?

Renewable Energy Certificates Review by COAG sub group

PM 57 – PM&C – Senator Payne

- a) Has the COAG Review into the Federal Government's Renewable Energy Target been completed yet?
- b) Who will be responsible for assessing the recommendations of the COAG Review into the Federal Government's Renewable Energy Target when the report is tabled? Will the report be made public?

Transport regulations - A truly national transport system

PM 58 – PM&C – Senator Payne

- a) With regard to Government's 'A truly national transport system', why did the Governments not agree to a host national regulator at the recent COAG meeting when 3 states, NSW, VIC, QLD had offered to host it? Why has COAG delayed making a decision on this matter until "the first half of 2010"?
- b) Please explain why the National Partnership Agreement that would define the national rail safety regulators powers and roles will not be considered until 2010 and 2011?

***Transferred to FaHCSIA* PM 59 – PM&C – Senator Payne**

- a) Please provide a breakdown of the funding under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing.
- b) As a figure, and as a percentage, what amounts have each of the states and territories received?
- c) How many homes have been built under this program as at today's date?
- d) How many Indigenous families have benefited from this program so far?
- e) Why is the Government renegotiating this agreement? What have been the key problems identified?

New ASIO building in Canberra

***Transferred to AGs* PM 60 – PM&C – Senator Bob Brown**

- a) When did the NCA first see the plans for the design, footprint and height of the ASIO building?
- b) Did the NCA suggest any other sites for the building at any stage of the process?
- c) On what dates was the NCA notified of any changes to the building plans for the ASIO building?
- d) Were these notifications informing the NCA of changes to the plans or asking for responses to changes?
- e) How many times did the NCA request changes to the plans? How many of these requests were adopted?

Staffing

PM 61 – PM&C – Senator Barnett

- a) How many permanent staff recruited since the supplementary budget estimates?
- b) What level are these staff?
- c) How many temporary positions exist or have been created since budget estimates?
- d) Since supplementary budget estimates, how many employees have been employed on contract and what is the average length of their employment period?

Staffing – efficiency dividend/budget cuts

PM 62 – PM&C – Senator Barnett

- a) Have staffing numbers been reduced as a result of the efficiency dividend and/or other budget cuts?
- b) If so, where and at what level?
- c) Are there any plans for staff reduction? If so, please advise details ie. reduction target, how this will be achieved, services/programs to be cut etc.
- d) What changes are underway or planned for graduate recruitment, cadetships or similar programs? If reductions are envisaged please explain including reasons, target numbers etc.

Government Advertising

PM 63 – PM&C – Senator Barnett

- a) What communications programs has the Department/Agency undertaken, or are planning to undertake?
- b) For each program, what is the total spend?

Hospitality

PM 64 – PM&C – Senator Barnett

- a) What is the Department's hospitality spend FYTD?

- b) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of all events.
- c) For each Minister/Par Sec's office, please detail total hospitality spend FYTD.
- d) Please detail date, location, purpose and cost of each event.

Grants

PM 65 – PM&C – Senator Barnett

- a) These are subject to a continuing order of the Senate: Examine what has been provided and ask about non-answers, or potentially controversial grants.
- b) Has the Department complied with interim requirements relating to the publication of discretionary grants?

Discretionary Grants

PM 66 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

Could the Department provide a list of all discretionary grants, including ad hoc and one-off grants since November 2007? Please provide details of the recipients, the intended use of the grants and what locations have benefited from the grants.

Freedom of Information

PM 67 – PM&C – Senator Barnett

- a) Has the Department/agency received any advice on how to respond to FOI requests?
- b) How many FOI requests has the Department received?
- c) How many have been granted or denied?
- d) How many conclusive certificates have been issued in relation to FOI requests?

Community Cabinets

PM 68 – PM&C – Senator Barnett

- a) What was the cost of Ministers travel and expenses for the Community Cabinet meetings held since Budget Estimates?
- b) How many Ministerial Staff and Departmental officers travelled with the Minister for the Cabinet meeting(s)?
- c) What was the total cost of this travel?
- d) What was the total cost to the Department and the Ministers office?

Reviews

PM 69 – PM&C – Senator Barnett

- a) How many Reviews are currently being undertaken in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency?
- b) When will each of these reviews be concluded?

- c) Which Reviews have been completed since Budget Estimates?
- d) When will the Government be responding to the respective reviews that have been completed?
- e) What is the total number of Reviews *both completed and ongoing* in the portfolio/agency or affecting the portfolio agency since November 2007?
- f) What is the estimated cost of these Reviews?
- g) What further reviews are planned for 2009 - 10 FY?

Consultancies

PM 70 – PM&C – Senator Barnett

- a) How many consultancies have been undertaken or are underway since November 2007? Please identify the name of the consultant, the subject matter of the consultancy, the duration and cost of the arrangement, and the method of procurement (ie. open tender, direct source, etc). Please also include total value for all consultancies.
- b) How many consultancies are planned for this calendar year? Have these been published in your Annual Procurement Plan (APP) on the AusTender website and if not why not? In each case please identify the subject matter, duration, cost and method of procurement as above, and the name of the consultant if known.

National security and international policy

***Transferred to DITRD LG* PM 71 – PM&C – Senator Kroger**

Homeland and border security – Aviation security – Proposed use of body scanners²

- a) How much of the \$28.5 million to assist in the introduction of new screening technology announced by the Government will be allocated specifically towards the introduction of full body scanning technology?
- b) What is the likely cost of each individual body scanning device?
- c) What is the likely cost of introducing body scanning technology overall?
- d) Will all passengers be subjected to body scans?
- e) If not, which passengers will be exempt from being scanned?
- f) Is the Government considering exempting passengers from being scanned on the basis of cultural reasons, such as religious objection?
- g) Will passengers on all routes be scanned, or only selected routes?
- h) If passengers will only be scanned on selected routes, which routes and why has the government chosen those routes in particular?
- i) The Government has indicated that it plans to introduce ‘appropriate privacy and facilitation measures to mitigate [privacy] concerns’³. What are these measures?

² Kevin Rudd, Anthony Albanese, Brendan O’Connor: Joint Media Release – ‘Strengthening aviation security’
[\[http://www.ministerhomeaffairs.gov.au/www/ministers/oconnor.nsf/Page/MediaReleases_2010_FirstQuarter_9February2010-StrengtheningAviationSecurity\]](http://www.ministerhomeaffairs.gov.au/www/ministers/oconnor.nsf/Page/MediaReleases_2010_FirstQuarter_9February2010-StrengtheningAviationSecurity)

³ See above

- j) How does body scanning technology work?
- k) What do full body scans reveal?
- l) Will children be subjected to full body scans?
- m) Has the Department investigated the legality of subjecting children to full body scans?
- n) If so, what has been the outcome of those investigations?

Staffing levels

PM 72 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

- a) What is the total expenditure on staffing for the Department and for all portfolio agencies? What is the SES and non-SES breakdown?
- b) What are the current staffing levels for SES and non-SES officers?
- c) What have been the changes in staffing levels since November 2007?
- d) What have been the budgetary implications?
- e) What, if any, functions have been sacrificed?
- f) Has there been a target for staff reductions to achieve savings? What is that target and what strategy is being implemented to achieve this?
- g) Have any voluntary or involuntary redundancies been offered to staff? If so, how have staff been identified for such offers? Are there such plans for the future?

Consultancies

PM 73 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

- a) How much, and for what, has the Department spent on external consultancies since November 2007?
- b) For external consultancies currently being undertaken, what is the cost and project description of each?

Electorate data

PM 74 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

- a) Has the Department undertaken any research or created any reports that break down funding by electorate?
- b) For whom, and when, have these reports been created?
- c) How often are these reports updated?
- d) Can the Department provide these reports?
- e) Have these reports or other electorate-specific data been used in the allocation of grants since December 2007?

Reports

PM 75 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

- a) How many Reports have been commissioned by the Government in the Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio since November 2007? Please provide details of each report including date commissioned, date report handed to Government, date of public release, Terms of Reference and Committee members.
- b) How much did each report cost? How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?
- c) What is the current status of each report? When is the Government intending to respond to these reports?

Election commitments

PM 76 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

- a) Has the Department identified the status of election commitments within its purview?
- b) Which of these commitments have yet to be completed? Why? What are revised expected completion dates for delayed commitments?

Advertising and marketing

PM 77 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

For all expenditure on advertising and marketing since December 2007:

- a) What is the cost, broken down by campaign/project?
- b) To whom was the contract awarded?
- c) What is the justification for the expenditure for each?

Financial Regulations

PM 78 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

With reference to an article in *The Canberra Times* on 25/01/10 which said "Federal Government department and agencies breached financial regulation thousands of times during the last financial year, an embarrassing fact soon to be revealed with the tabling in Parliament of the first public report on the compliance process."

PM&C was identified as one of the worst offenders:

- a) How many breaches of financial regulations did the PM&C commit?
- b) Were any breaches relating to honouring election commitments?
- c) Can PM&C provide a list of all breaches of financial regulations by PM&C?
- d) What was the cost of fixing/resolving these breaches?

Savings

PM 79 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

The Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements for PM&C (p. 9) shows that the PM&C will make \$4,644,000 in savings over 4 years.

- a) What are these savings?

- b) Where are these savings being made?
- c) Can the PM&C provide a list of savings that the Department is making?
- d) Has anyone been offered redundancies as part of the efficiencies?

Signing of official documents

PM 80 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

A piece in the SMH (21/01/2010) titled "Julia Gillard should be treasurer" said that "Officials in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet have been known to wait until the Prime Minister is out of the country to get things signed off by the acting Prime Minister."

- a) Does PM&C keep a record of the documents that the Prime Minister or Acting Prime Minister signs?
- b) In total, how many documents has the Prime Minister signed?
- c) In total, how many documents has the Acting Prime Minister signed?
- d) Can PM&C provide the dates when Julia Gillard was acting Prime Minister?
- e) Can PM&C provide the dates when another Minister was acting Prime Minister?

Staff de-stressing classes

PM 81 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

The Sunday Telegraph reported on 17/01/2010 that PM&C staff are offered a number of different classes to de-stress. They include yoga, boxing mental health awareness classes. Only two people are quitting smoking.

- a) Can PM&C provide a list of all 'de-stressing' classes offered to public servants in PM&C?
- b) What was the total cost of 'de-stressing' classes?
- c) How many people took 'de-stressing' classes?
- d) How many people undertook yoga classes?
- e) What was the total cost of yoga classes?
- f) How many people undertook boxing classes?
- g) What was the total cost of boxing classes?
- h) What is the cost of classes where participants quit smoking?

Referendum questions

PM 82 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

The Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, was reported as saying in the AFR on 20/1/2010 that the PM&C is considering 4 potential referendum questions relating to a republic, recognition of indigenous Australian, local government and cooperative federalism.

- a) What is the cost of the investigation into a possible referendum?
- b) Has any investigation been made into the additional costs of holding a referendum?

- c) If so, what are the projected costs of such a referendum?

Copenhagen trip

PM 83 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

The Canberra Times reported on 11/12/09 that the Australian delegation to the Copenhagen summit last December included 114 people. Rudd's personal entourage comprised of 14 members of his own office, including Deputy Chief of Staff David Fredericks, Lachlan Harris, the PM's physician, an official photographer, and five Federal Police Agents. The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet was represented by deputy secretary Gordon de Brouwer and first assistant secretary Patrick Suckling.

- a) How many people from the delegation flew first class to Copenhagen?
- b) Who were they?
- c) What was the cost of travel for members of PM&C who travelled first class?
- d) What cost was borne by PM&C for travel to Copenhagen by the Prime Minister's staff?
- e) Was the PM's physician needed?
- f) What did the PM's physician do when he was not needed during the trip?
- g) What were the costs for paying the salaries of members of PM&C who were in Copenhagen during that time?

Ministerial pressure on APS staff

PM 84 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

The Canberra Times reported on 4/12/09 that "ministers or their advisers pressured one in four executive-level bureaucrats to breach their duty to be apolitical, impartial or accountable in 2008-09."

- a) Did any PM&C staff report that they felt that ministers or their advisers pressured them to breach their duty to be apolitical, impartial or accountable in 2008-09?
- b) Did any staff report that they felt that the Prime Minister or his advisers pressured them to breach their duty to be apolitical, impartial or accountable in 2008-09?

Breaches of APS code of conduct

PM 85 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

The State of the Service report for 2008-09 reported that there were in total 521 employees who were investigated and found to have breached the APS Code of Conduct:

- a) How many employees in PM&C were investigated for breaches of the APS Code of Conduct?
- b) How many employees in PM&C were investigated and found to have breached the APS Code of Conduct? If so, what breaches and how many of each were recorded?
- c) In relation to PM&C staff, how many employees were reprimanded for a breach of the APS Code of Conduct?
- d) In relation to PM&C staff, how many employees were counselled for a breach of the APS Code of Conduct?

- e) In relation to PM&C staff, how many employees had their employment terminated for a breach of the APS Code of Conduct?
- f) In relation to PM&C staff, how many employees were reassigned for a breach of the APS Code of Conduct?

Code of conduct for ministerial staff

PM 86 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

- a) In relation to the Code of Conduct for Ministerial Staff, were any of the Prime Minister's staff investigated for breaching the Code of Conduct for Ministerial Staff?
- b) If so, were any breaches recorded and what was the breach?
- c) Were any of the staff of other ministers investigated for breaching the Code of Conduct for Ministerial Staff? If so, were any breaches recorded and what was the breach?

Consultants

PM 87 – PM&C – Senator Ryan

The AFR reported on 27/10/09 that "As one well-placed Labor source says about a leading consulting company's recent multi-million dollar handiwork: "Frankly, the work was superficial." A former senior bureaucrat believes "there is a danger that consultants work to a template, that they impose a framework regardless of the individual department's requirements.

- a) How many former Boston Consulting Group employees have worked, or are now working in PM&C?
- b) How many former McKinsey consultants have worked, or are now working in PM&C?
- c) Has the Secretary of the PM&C received advice/direction in relation to a consulting tender from the Prime Minister?

National Archives of Australia

Closure of Offices

PM 88 – NAA – Senator Scullion

On November 2 the Federal Government announced that as part of its Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO) statement, the National Archives would be required to find budget savings of \$700,000 in 2009-10, and \$1.4m for the following three financial years.

- a) Why is the Federal Government allowing the closure of these offices if it contravenes the NAA's Service Charter?
- b) Why is the Government contradicting its mandate to 'close the gap' by removing a culturally-sensitive service for Indigenous clients in the Northern Territory, South Australia and Tasmania, in particular members of the Stolen Generation?
- c) Who designed the consultation procedure and why were so few local historians consulted?
- d) Were any objections received during the consultations?
- e) How many letters of objection has your office received in relation to the closures?

- f) Why weren't the public given an opportunity to provide a submission on the proposed closures?
- g) Were there other areas of the NAA's business operations, for example exhibitions and publications, which were considered for budget cuts?
- h) What arrangements are in place for the transfer of records from the offices which the Government proposes to close?
- i) What are the operating costs of the Darwin, Adelaide and Hobart offices?
- j) Where does the NAA propose to move the records from each of the offices?
- k) How much will it cost to expand storage capacity in the buildings where the records will be moved?
- l) How much will it cost to transfer the records?
- m) How much will it cost and how long will it take to digitise the records?
- n) How does the NAA plan to address the issues of online accessibility in the areas which will be affected by the closures?
- o) How does the NAA plan to compensate and accommodate local historians who will lose material essential to their work?
- p) How does the NAA plan to overcome the potential for censorship as more records are digitised?
- q) There is no other purpose-built facility to store records in the Northern Territory. What will the building be used for and is there an opportunity to co-locate the NT Archives collection with the national collection?

PM 89 – NAA – Senator Bob Brown

- a) When did the government inform the NAA that it had to cut its funding annually by \$1.4 million from 2010 to 2014? Did the NAA have warning of the extent of the budget cuts?
- b) How many options were canvassed to meet the budget cuts? What were these options?
- c) Did the NAA inform the government that it would have to close state and territory offices to meet the budget cuts before it made the announcement to staff?
- d) On what grounds was it decided that Tasmania, South Australia and the Northern Territory should be closed rather than other state or territory offices?
- e) What will happen to the NAA collections in:
 - Tasmania
 - South Australia
 - Northern Territory
- f) Were discussions held with the prospective host bodies/organisations for the NAA collections before the decision was made to close the three offices?
- g) How much of the NAA collection is available online?

PM 90 – NAA – Senator Xenophon

The NAA states as one of its outcomes that "Australians have access to a national archival collection that assists them to understand their heritage and democracy".

- a) How is this consistent with closing the offices in Adelaide, Darwin and Hobart?
- b) What consultation process did the NAA go through before making the decision to close these offices?
- c) Where there any other options (eg. limiting opening hours, reducing staff numbers etc) considered as money-saving measures for these offices, rather than outright closure?
- d) How many people visited these offices last year?
- e) What means were used to publicise these offices, and how much funding was used to so publicise?
- f) What was the cost of running the offices in Adelaide, Darwin and Hobart – the offices that will close?

PM 91 – NAA – Senator Xenophon

Information on the NAA website states that people in SA, Tasmania and the Northern Territory will still have access to material from the archives through the website, email, phone and post.

- a) Does the NAA concede that it is not feasible to offer the same level of service via these options, compared to person-to-person service offered by the offices?
- b) How will the closures affect people's access to NAA public events, where state and territory offices also hold workshops and lectures in conjunction with the events? Further, what workshops and lectures were carried out in 2009 at NAA offices on a state and territory basis?

Australian Public Service Commission

PM 92 – APSC – Senator Fifield

- a) How many people with a disability are currently working in the Australian Public Service?
- b) How many people with a disability have been recruited to the Australian Public Service in the past 12 months?
- c) How many people with a disability have been retrenched and / or left the Australian Public Service in the past twelve months?
- d) What departments / agencies had the retrenchments / departures?
- e) What were the reasons for the retrenchments / departures?
- f) Does the ASPC actively recruit through the Disability Employment Network?
- g) How many departments / agencies have a relationship with the Disability Employment Network or other service providers who specifically assist people with a disability into work?
- h) Which departments actively recruit and have a relationship with the Disability Employment Network or other service providers who specifically assist people with a disability?

PM 93 – APSC – Senator Fifield

The recent State of the Service Report says the 2008/09 engagement rate of people with a disability at its lowest in 10 years. Engagement peaked in 2003 with 3.5% engagement compared to today which is 1.3%.

- a) What was the ASPC engagement procedure in 2003 that resulted in the peak?
- b) What has changed to create the steady decline?
- c) Is the ASPC considering setting targets for employing people with a disability?

Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE's)

PM 94 – APSC – Senator Fifield

- a) Does the ASPC contract any work to any Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE's) or other businesses that primarily employ people with a disability?
- b) Does the ASPC actively encourage departments and agencies to consider contracts with ADE's?

Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General

PM 95 – OOSGG / PM&C⁴ – Senator Ryan

In relation to the visit of Prince William in January 2010, Prince William participated in a number of official functions, at least one of which was hosted by the Governor-General at Admiralty House:

- a) What was the cost of the function at Admiralty House?
- b) What was the cost for security?
- c) What was the cost for transport of HRH Prince William?
- d) What was the cost of food?
- e) What was the cost of alcoholic beverages?
- f) What was the cost of air travel?
- g) What costs were paid by the Government in relation to the reported contingent of 60 foreign press?

PM 96 – OOSGG – Senator Ryan

In relation to the parties the Governor-General hosted in 2009:

- a) How many Christmas or New Years parties did the Governor-General host at either Yarralumla or Admiralty House?
- b) What was the cost of each of these parties?
- c) Was food or alcohol served at these parties?
- d) What was the cost of alcohol at these parties, if it was served?
- e) Who was invited to these parties?

PM 97 – OOSGG – Senator Ryan

In relation to the Governor-General's launch of the P&O liner Pacific Jewel in Adelaide. A spokeswoman for the GG said that the traditional naming ceremony would be a charitable event with entertainment and fireworks with funds donated to the Leukaemia Foundation and Special Olympics Australia:

- a) What was the total cost were incurred by the Governor-General's Office for the launching of the P&O liner Pacific Jewel?
- b) Is there a code of conduct relating the Governor-General's activities relating to for-profit enterprises?
- c) How much money did the fundraiser make?
- d) How much was donated to both the Leukaemia Foundation and Special Olympics Australia?
- e) Did the Governor-General's office issue invitations?

⁴ PM&C to answer PM 95b-g

PM 98 – OOSGG – Senator Ryan

In relation to the Governor-General's wine cellar:

- a) What is the value of the Governor-General's wine cellar?
- b) Can you provide a list of wines that are in the cellar?

PM 99 – OOSGG – Senator Ryan

In relation to the travel entitlements of members of the Governor-General's family:

- a) Have any members of the Governor-General's family travelled at the expense of the Office of the Governor-General?
- b) If so what was the cost of their travel?
- c) Which members of the Governor-General's family have travelled at the expense of the Office of the Governor-General and where did they go?
- d) What are the rules relating to travel for members of the Governor-General's family?

PM 100 – OOSGG – Senator Ryan

In relation to the Governor-General's official functions:

- a) Can the OOSGG provide the number of Official functions hosted by the Governor-General in each state or territory?
- b) Can the OOSGG provide the number of Official functions hosted by the Governor-General in each capital city?

PM 101 – OOSGG – Senator Ryan

Can the OOSG provide a list of all official travel taken by the Governor-General to:

- a) Every state and territory?
- b) Every state capital?

Australian National Audit Office**PM 102 – ANAO – Senator Xenophon**

Following the Senate Inquiry into the GroceryChoice website, a recommendation was made that the ANAO investigate the tender process undertaken by the ACCC in relation to the data collection contract awarded to Retail*Facts. The ANAO has responded that it won't seek to do this, as its resources are committed to an existing program of work, and that the issues surrounding the awarding of the contract have already been explored in detail through the committee.

- a) On what basis does the ANAO determine what investigations it will conduct?
- b) Given the extent of the concerns of the Committee regarding the tender process of the contract, is the ANAO completely satisfied with the ACCC tender process for the GroceryChoice website? Does it consider the process for future tenders could be improved, and if so, how?