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QoN No.	Agency/Program	Senator	Hansd pg	QUESTION	Comments
PM1	OSGG	Faulkner	84	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—I am looking at contract 1055621, which is the Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General, office rent for 4 Treasury Place, Melbourne, February 2003.</p> <p><b>Mr Bullivant</b>—I can only assume that it is the contractor from whom we are leasing the premises in Melbourne.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—It is renewed on a quarterly basis, is it?</p> <p><b>Mr Bullivant</b>—I think it is a three-year lease, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—A three-year lease?</p> <p><b>Mr Bullivant</b>—Yes, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—What is the contract value of that lease?</p> <p><b>Mr Bullivant</b>—I could not tell you at the moment, Senator; I would have to take that on notice.</p>	<p><b>Answered</b>  <b>F&amp;PA 85</b>  <b>(see file note</b>  <b>3/7/03)</b></p>
PM2	OSGG	Murray	88-89	<p><b>Senator MURRAY</b>—I want to stay with that issue, if I may. Mr Hazell, surely if the Governor-General responds to correspondence using the letterhead of the Governor-General and not a personal letterhead then the issue is in dispute. I do not accept the interjection by my colleague, and I would doubt you would have a ready answer to hand. If you would like to take a response on notice I would be content with that if you are unable to answer now.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazell</b>—Are you suggesting that we should have further stationery printed?</p> <p><b>Senator MURRAY</b>—No. I am not going anywhere near that. Let me spell out to you what I am exploring here. Newspaper reports say that there have been 157 sexual assault cases which have been under review by the Anglican Church in Brisbane, a number of which—I am not sure how many—were during the time Dr Hollingworth was archbishop of Brisbane. I do not know with respect to how many of those or of other instances there has been correspondence to the Governor-General whilst he has been in office. I would assume that if those cases are ongoing and if that correspondence is in the hands of the Commonwealth as opposed to the private hands of Dr Hollingworth, there would be issues of freedom of information applications and that if there were legal cases there would be issues of whether or not discovery would be permitted and so on. In other words, it gets a little thorny. That is why I am asking from the point of view of Commonwealth liability, not necessarily financial but in terms of due process, whether correspondence received by Dr Hollingworth related to his former occupation and replied to by him on Commonwealth letterhead is the property of the Commonwealth—the property of the office of the Governor-General—or his personal property.</p>	<p><b>Answered</b>  <b>8/8/03</b></p>

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PM3	OSGG	Faulkner	91-92	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—In these circumstances all I can do is ask you to take some questions on notice about it, Mr Hazell, and respond as soon as you are able to. I would be interested to know where the request for the co-hosting of the function to be held at Admiralty House came from. The substantive issue here is in relation to the way that the media were managed at this event, and we might be able to follow through at the supplementary estimates round. I would like to ask on notice whether the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet requested that there be restrictions on the movement of the media at that function. If that is the case, who requested it and for what reasons?</p> <p>I would like to be informed of your office's understanding of why there was such a need for secrecy and unnecessary media control at this function at Admiralty House. This is where the media were first of all told to meet at Victoria Barracks and then taken to Admiralty House for the function. I would like to know whether the office was informed as to whether the reason for this was that protesters might become aware of the function for the families. Apparently someone jumped to the conclusion that therefore there was a need to cover up where the function would be held. Did those circumstances in part lead to Admiralty House, because of the special security arrangements that apply there, being seen as an appropriate venue for the hosting of this particular function? If you need to look at some of the press reporting of this, you could look at the <i>Australian</i> newspaper of 31 March, followed up in the <i>Weekend Australian</i> on 5 April.</p> <p><b>Mr Hazell</b>—I will take that on notice, Senator.</p>	Answered 8/8/03
PM4	Ombudsman	Faulkner & Ray	93	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—That is what I was going to ask. Can someone tell us what the status of that is?</p> <p><b>Prof. McMillan</b>—We do not have any details but I am told that the report is inaccurate. I would be happy to provide a further response to that question, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—When you do, could you highlight where the report is inaccurate? This is the one of Friday, 3 January, in the <i>Australian</i> newspaper yet again.</p>	Answered 11/7/03
PM5	Ombudsman	Faulkner	93-94	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Mr Taylor is quoted as saying 'yesterday'—this was on 3 January, so I assume that he allegedly made the statement on 2 January 2003—that it was not uncommon for the Ombudsman to use his powers to compel the production of documents. He is recorded further as saying:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I am not aware of any case where it has been necessary to take the next step, to request the Federal Court to compel the minister or the department to produce the documents ...</p> <p>That is the issue here—the significance of taking court action. Do we know whether any such proceedings were commenced?</p> <p><b>Prof. McMillan</b>—I can certainly say that there are no such proceedings under way at the moment. In my two months I have not been advised of any.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Perhaps you will take on notice, as well as Senator Ray's question, what the status of those comments from the Senior Assistant Ombudsman might have been and the status of any such proceedings, although you have probably dealt with that.</p> <p><b>Prof. McMillan</b>—Happy to do so, Senator.</p>	Answered 11/7/03

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PM6	PM&C	Ray	112	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Minister, given the fact that the government, or at least the Prime Minister and I am not sure who else, was told about the unsubstantiated allegations in December last year relating to the court case that evolved in Melbourne, was any thought given to briefing the Leader of the Opposition about these developments?</p> <p><b>Senator Hill</b>—I don't know the answer to that; I can ask.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—I am not prejudging it, but I think it is a question of public policy. There may be arguments both ways. I would like to know if any consideration was given. I know Leaders of the Opposition get briefed on some things and not on others. I think that question was misinterpreted this afternoon as to whether the Leader of the Opposition had proper advice—and I understand that is not appropriate—or whether he should have been informed about developments affecting the head of state. Will you take that one on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator Hill</b>—I will ask, yes.</p>	Answered 29/10/03
PM7	PM&C	Murray	113-114	<p><b>Senator MURRAY</b>—In his statement today, the Prime Minister said that child abuse is an abomination. I am certain that that is his opinion now and that it has always been his opinion. I think that is a restatement of a position. However, there has been a cabinet decision which is slightly at odds with these matters. Sometime ago the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs brought down a report which included a unanimous set of recommendations—it was unanimous in relation to the Liberal, Labor and Democrat members; there were no National Party people there—in relation to the child migrant inquiry report entitled <i>Lost innocents: righting the record</i>. The report included a recommendation that Brother Francis Paul Keaney, who had received an award and who had died in the fifties, have his honour removed by whatever process was appropriate. The committee found him to be, and he is generally known to be, a person of notoriety who ran an institution where the physical sexual assault of children was epidemic. He is notorious for that. Yet the response of the government to that recommendation was that they would not do anything about it. In view of the greater understanding that is perhaps flooding governments of all persuasions about this issue and in view of the more intense focus on it, is it possible that the government would reconsider that decision? I know this is a policy matter.</p> <p><b>Senator Hill</b>—I think it should be better directed to me.</p> <p><b>Senator MURRAY</b>—I can direct it to you, Minister. Would the government reconsider that decision? It would be a symbolic decision. It is an offensive matter with regard to sexual abuse.</p> <p><b>Senator Hill</b>—I have to confess that I do not remember that particular recommendation. I am wondering as to the basis of the response. It was suggested to me that the response may well have been based on the fact that there is not a technical process whereby it can be withdrawn posthumously. But I would need to take it on notice, which I will, and have a look at it again, and draw it to the Prime Minister's attention and see whether he believes there would be any benefit served in reconsidering the matter.</p>	Answered 29/10/03

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PM8	PM&C	Ray	120	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Do we know what the budget is for that distinct area of NSD?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I might take that on notice. I do not have a disaggregated figure and indeed one of the tasks that I have in the coming weeks is to form up and agree with the secretary on a budget. I can tell you that it is roughly 30 staff across the two branches and, apart from normal office expenses and a bit of travel, the salary component will be the most significant part of the work of the new division.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM9	PM&C	Ray	124	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—What is the timetable for filling that position?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—The advertisements appeared in the <i>Canberra Times</i> and the <i>Australian</i> on Saturday, and I think they will be in the <i>Gazette</i> this Wednesday or Thursday. Applications close mid-June. I hope to chair a selection process that would interview people, probably in early July, and we would hope to move fairly soon after that—so over the next couple of months.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Could you take on notice who the appointment is?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—To advise you on notice?</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Clearly, if the decision is made after 10 July, you cannot meet the 10 July deadline; I accept that.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I think it would be optimistic to think we would have the decision made and signed off by 10 July. But, on notice, we can advise you in due course.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—I am just saying the cut-off motion does not apply to you in this case.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—Thank you, Senator.</p>	10 July cut-off not applicable Answered 29/10/03
PM10	PM&C	Faulkner	128	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—So has any leak inquiry resulted in any action whatsoever—legal, disciplinary, administrative—since 1996?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I do not think we have that information at the table here. We could take that on notice and see if we could possibly answer it.</p>	Answered 31/10/03
PM11	PM&C	Bartlett	130-31	<p><b>Senator BARTLETT</b>—What level of staff from your department was involved and what were their specific roles?</p> <p><b>Ms Davidson</b>—I would find it hard to estimate how much time we spent on it. There were at least five meetings of the IDC and there would be work in between the IDC meetings in that we would receive papers on which we would have to form views before the next meeting. I would find it difficult to give an exact estimate of time.</p> <p><b>Senator BARTLETT</b>—Perhaps just the number of staff or the levels that were involved. I am trying to get a sense of whether it was one person at a junior level sitting there as a matter of course or a large number of people at a senior level.</p> <p><b>Ms Davidson</b>—It varied quite considerably for IDC meetings. I attended one meeting with two other officers and at other times it was more junior officers who attended. So it was not always the same officers who attended the meetings.</p> <p><b>Senator BARTLETT</b>—If you could provide that detail on notice down the track, that would be handy. Was a similar sort of approach taken last time the CSHA—I think it is now called the CSTHA—was negotiated?</p>	Answered 16/10/03

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PM12	PM&C	Faulkner	134-35	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Fair enough. You mentioned guidelines; have they been finalised?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I do not think they have been finalised. We had a close to final version. Dr Shergold has expressed interest, as I said. I can check to see whether they have been finalised but I think that they have not been through a final approval process in the department.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—There would be no problem in making those available?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I can take that on notice. I do not see any reason why they would not be able to be made available.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—I would appreciate that. I wonder if it at some stage during the day you might check whether they have been finalised.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—Yes, I will get an answer for you.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Perhaps an answer could be provided at this stage, if they have been, but I appreciate that they may not have been—so when they are.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—Yes, I will come back to you.</p>	<p><b>Referred to again on F&amp;PA 140</b></p> <p><b>Answered 16/10/03</b></p>
PM13	PM&C	Faulkner	135	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—We will get to this issue later, but how many of your officers received a Centenary Medal?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I would have to take that on notice. I can check through the course of the morning.</p>	<p><b>Answered F&amp;PA 145-46</b></p>
PM14	PM&C	Faulkner	138	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Are you able to take on notice the cost of the security work of the department?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—Yes. Certainly the cost of improving the windows I think ran to about \$350,000, but I will take that on notice and give you a detailed figure. The other costs associated essentially with erecting physical barriers to try to provide some separation between vehicles and the building is something that we probably have quotes on, but we will not have the final cost until the work is completed.</p> <p>As part of these new security arrangements we are also going to redesign the entry foyer to the department. I think you may have visited the department and noticed that there is reasonably open access at the moment. Like many other departments, we think it is important to at least have some sort of barrier so that a person needs to swipe a pass or at least be brought into the department rather than being able to simply walk past a security guard who may be temporarily distracted. That work will be part of the security upgrade as well.</p>	<p><b>Part Answered F&amp;PA 140</b></p> <p><b>Join with PM17 Answered 3/9/03</b></p>
PM15	PM&C	Ray	140	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—I was just asking about the structural engineer's report. While I am at it, can I ask about contract 1108198 which is for \$3,984.75 for legal advice from AGS. Was that related to security matters as well?</p> <p><b>Mr Crane</b>—No, Senator, that would not be related to security issues.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—It says it is for the services and security branch—for legal advice to them.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—That branch could receive legal advice on a range of issues.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Can we narrow the range down to what they sought advice on? I am not asking what the advice was.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I will have to check and see whether I can come back to you.</p>	<p><b>Answered F&amp;PA 145</b></p>

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PM16	PM&C	Faulkner	141	<p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I think there is a piece of artwork that was owned by the department and that has simply been placed on the wall.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—It was previously owned by the department?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—That is my understanding.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—You can take it on notice and let us know what that is. It was in mothballs before, was it?</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM17	PM&C	Faulkner	141-42	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—I commend Senate estimates and DPRS on some of the issues relating to the Parliament House system. I was keen to see if you could provide the committee with a figure of the total cost of the security works undertaken and the budget for those planned. I do not want a major disaggregation of it; I think these are security works and their purpose is well understood.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—It is prudent work for obvious reasons. I have given you the figure for the security film. In terms of the other works that we expect, I do not know if we have costings at this stage, but I could take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Really I am asking for two figures: the figure for works undertaken to date, if Mr Crane is able to provide that, and the figure for a budget for future security works—what you have earmarked.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I will take that on notice.</p>	Join with PM14 Answered 3/9/03
PM18	PM&C	Allison	145	<p><b>Senator ALLISON</b>—In your questions about progress what did you discover? It would appear that there has not been a lot progress.</p> <p><b>Ms Davidson</b>—I am not aware of what work has been undertaken recently by the ministerial council. I would have to check on that. Senator, it might be something that you could take up with the Department of Family and Community Services at their hearings, because I think they could probably provide you with more detail about it.</p>	No answer required

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PM19	PM&C	Faulkner	146	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Before the break we were canvassing the issue of enhanced security arrangements at the department. It is obviously also appropriate that for certain senior officers there be appropriate security measures taken at private residences, as you would appreciate. Can you indicate to me how many senior officers of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet—and I am looking at this in a portfolio-wide sense—have access to that capacity from the PSCC?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I will take that on notice because, to the best of my knowledge, none do. Are you talking about close personal protection in terms of physical bodyguards or are you talking about security measures that might be in place at home?</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Any of those matters, I suppose. Generally, I was thinking about any measures, but specifically about enhancements to home security, which is, I thought, standard operating procedure. I might be wrong about that.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I will have to check in relation to other agencies, so I will take that on notice. The best advice I have is that there are no such arrangements and no provision for such arrangements identified as being required or in place for any senior officers of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—What about secretaries? Do they qualify?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—That includes secretaries. Whether individual officers maintain a home security alarm system is a personal matter in terms of the contents of their house but it is not something that the department would normally install or pay for. But I will absolutely check on that point to reassure myself.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Perhaps you could check for the period in question we have been canvassing: from calendar year 2001.</p>	Answered F&PA 167
PM20	PM&C	Faulkner	146-47	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—We know from answers to questions on notice that were provided to the committee that he undertakes this consultancy to the Prime Minister without the benefit of an office, mobile phone, IT support or other office costs. I was interested in understanding where he actually works in relation to this parttime consultancy. From where does he operate this consultancy?</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—I would need to ask about that. I do not know whether he operates from his home or a private office. He has access to Phillip Street in Sydney but he does not operate his consultancy from there, as I understand it.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—He has access to Phillip Street in Sydney; I understand that. Would there be records in Phillip Street in Sydney of how many times Mr Cousins has attended there?</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—I do not know, Senator. There might be.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Could you check that for us?</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—Yes.</p>	Answered 16/10/03

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PM21	PM&C	Faulkner	147	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—There are no accountability issues in relation to that contract, are there?</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—In what respect, Senator?</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—I am interested in trying to understand what Mr Cousins does and what contact he has with the Prime Minister's office, because all the answers to questions that we have indicate that it is very, very limited. Senator Ray asked whether Mr Cousins had an office and a phone. He does not have that; the answer was no. We found out that he is based in Sydney. We found out that there are no mobile phone, IT support or other costs in relation to Mr Cousins's consultancy. We know that, basically, he has never been here. I am trying to find out what he does and what sort of contact he has with the Prime Minister's office.</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—I will see what more detailed description I can get.</p>	Answered F&PA 194
PM22	PM&C	Faulkner	148	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Could you please establish for us, over the period of Mr Cousins's consultancy, on how many occasions he has been to Kirribilli House, and then let us know. I do not expect you to have that information at your fingertips.</p> <p><b>Mr Crane</b>—Yes, we will take that on notice.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM23	PM&C	Faulkner	148	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Do we know the date this matter went to cabinet?</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—No.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Could you establish that for us please?</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—Yes. There may have been more than one discussion.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Yes, of course.</p> <p><b>Senator Hill</b>—The issue went a number of times over a number of years.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Yes, because it was suspended at one stage, wasn't it?</p> <p><b>Senator Hill</b>—Yes. As I recall it, cabinet authorised the sale process to recommence—subject to checking my memory on that, we could find out the date of that decision.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—I am interested in those dates, particularly the most recent dates. I am also interested, Ms Belcher, in whether Mr Moore-Wilton was present at the cabinet.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM24	PM&C	Faulkner	150	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Senator Hill, I am not making any allegation that there is a conflict of interest here, or even a perceived conflict of interest. What I am trying to establish, and have been for some time, is whether the processes were thorough to ensure that that was not the case, and I think that is perfectly reasonable, don't you? I would have thought that the issue of timing that you raise probably is an important one, so I will ask Ms Belcher: how far back did you examine Mr Moore-Wilton's non-involvement in the Sydney airport sale?</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—I would need to remind myself but it was certainly back into the 1990s—I think around 1998. I may have called for every cabinet file of this government. Certainly it was back some years.</p>	Answered 16/10/03



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PM25	PM&C	Faulkner	150-51	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—It is not a major point, however. But I hope you go and have a word to your cabinet colleague who was spreading this around. I can privately mention to you who was saying it—or I can do it publicly if you prefer. Was it Mr Moore-Wilton’s practice to attend ERC meetings?</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—No, he attended some; I do not believe he attended them all.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Did he attend ERC meetings dealing with the sale of Sydney airport?</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—I will include that in my search.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM26	PM&C	Faulkner	155	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Are you able to say—and obviously this question does not go to this issue— whether any of the officers who had access to it printed a copy of the cable?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—We would have to take that on notice to give you a definitive answer. We can run a systems check. I suspect, for example, that Pam Ward may well have printed a copy, because she is the assistant to the first assistant secretary and does access the system and pulls off the more important cables that come through. We will need to ask DFAT if we can get an audit trail of what printing may have occurred.</p>	Answered 3/9/03
PM27	PM&C	Faulkner	155	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—If that is the case, and perhaps you can check that for us, we can perhaps establish if Ms Jones is the only PM&amp;C officer who printed a copy of the cable.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—We will have to do a systems check. We will take that on notice.</p>	Answered 3/9/03
PM28	PM&C	Faulkner	157	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Did anyone check with the former officer?</p> <p><b>Mr Fox</b>—I do not know if they checked with her at the time.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Can someone check and find out what the situation was?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—We can check with that officer to see if she has personal recollection of seeing that cable.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—I have no idea who the officer was.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—It was Ms Bryant, I think.</p> <p><b>Mr Fox</b>—Yes.</p>	Answered 3/9/03
PM29	PM&C	Faulkner	157	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—But nobody has checked with Ms Bryant so we do not know. I know she is in another department now. I am not critical of that, because everyone associated with the CMI inquiry has found their way to another department, so there is certainly no criticism of Ms Bryant. Good on her. She is in a different department, along with scores of others—except, of course, Mr Jordana: let us draw a distinction with him. So could you check that?</p> <p><b>Mr Fox</b>—I will check with Ms Bryant.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—It seems in answering this question a little bit of initiative about where this thing went would be helpful, if you are able to track it down.</p>	Answered 3/9/03
PM30	PM&C	Faulkner	157	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—I appreciate that. But does that mean you would have thought Mr Hammer would have had access to the cable?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I do not know whether Mr Hammer would have had access to it or read it. But in the line area that was dealing with this issue, which was the social policy division, I would have expected senior officers would have had this cable drawn to their attention. We can ask them.</p>	Answered 3/9/03

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PM31	PM&C	Faulkner	158	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—What I would like to do at this stage is chase through what happened to the printed copy of the cable. If you can establish that, I would appreciate it. This might mean that you have to ring some officers who have since found themselves in other departments, but I do not think it is unreasonable.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—No, we will be happy to do that, Senator, to see if they have a recollection.</p>	Answered 3/9/03
PM32	PM&C	Faulkner	159	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—In relation to those named officers, and the others who may have had access, can we please establish—and I do not expect you to know this now—what action any of those officers took as a result of reading the cable? Can you take that on notice, please?</p>	Answered 22/10/03
PM33	PM&C	Faulkner	162-63	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Were there unofficial engagements?</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—Not that I am aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Any sightseeing?</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—Not that I am aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Are you sure of that?</p> <p><b>Senator Hill</b>—She said not that she is aware of.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Do you know what happened?</p> <p><b>Senator Hill</b>—I have no idea what happened.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Was there a visit to Alcatraz?</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—Not that I am aware of, Senator. I can check for you with the Prime Minister's office. I am happy to do that.</p>	Answered F&PA 168
PM34	PM&C	Faulkner	167	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Can you now say what that room cost per night? There was the suggestion that it was \$9,600 a night. Did the suite that Mr Howard used cost 5,500 euros at the diplomatic rate? The actual suite rate was 8,910 euros. What did we pay?</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—I do not have that information with me.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Could you provide that after the break?</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—Yes.</p>	Answered In PM9 from Add. Estimates Feb '03

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PM35	PM&C	Ray	167	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Before we go to lunch, I am curious about the airfares of the four PM&amp;C officers who went to the United States on 8 to 15 June. Are their airfares imputed VIP costs or are they commercial airfares?</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—For the visit on 8 to 15 June, they would have been commercial airfares because the new VIP aircraft were not available.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—At \$14,000 a head? It seems a bit high to me. I know airfares are not cheap but—</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—All I can say is that that is the information I have.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—I am looking for a little more of an explanation than that.</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—I will find out.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—I look at all the others—I look at an officer going to London, which is about the equivalent, I would have thought—and the cost is about \$10,000, which sounds to me like business class at the top of the range, which is fine, and then a month later it is \$12,000. But then I look at these four officers going to the United States at \$57,000—and my maths makes that out at \$14,000 each—and I am surprised it is that high.</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—I will get a disaggregation for you.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—If you have anyone who can look at that over lunch, I would appreciate it—without forgoing your lunch.</p>	Answered F&PA 168
PM36	PM&C	Faulkner	173	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—It is amazing that the Italian government have not paid up, because they are shocked by the figures as well. Do the room costs include the phone and the mini-bar and all that sort of thing? I know there is a butler on tap over there at the St Regis, in the Royal Suite.</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—I think that would be the room cost alone.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—So there is more? Was there more?</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—I anticipate that there were meal costs. What I have given you is just the room rate.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Could you establish that for us as well?</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—Certainly.</p>	Answered In PM9 from Add. Estimates Feb '03
PM37	PM&C	Ray	174	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Can I in conclusion say you will check the answer you have provided to us [PM8].</p> <p><b>Ms Yeend</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Mr Metcalfe might undertake to check why we got the wrong version [PM8]. Thank you.</p>	Covered by amended version of PM8

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PM38	PM&C	Faulkner	176	<p><b>Mr O'Neill</b>—There is a component for Government House, which is just over half a million. I gave those figures to the committee before. It was \$510,000 to Government House. For the department, we used largely existing resources. Obviously they can be identified as costs; I do not have those details here. There has been some supplementation during the current financial year—people within the salary budget of an APS4 position have been engaged to assist with the processing.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—People or person?</p> <p><b>Mr O'Neill</b>—People; I employed two APS2 positions for a couple of months rather than a person at the APS4 level.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Can we get a dollar figure on the costs?</p> <p><b>Mr O'Neill</b>—I would need to take that on notice because there is a range of promotional work and administration work. There is the IT work we have discussed before, which we devoted a fair bit of effort to so that we did not have a heavy demand on departmental staff resources.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM39	PM&C	Faulkner	178	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—It was made to the hotline. We have talked about the hotline before—1800 190 101. Is a record made of the calls that go in to this hotline?</p> <p><b>Mr O'Neill</b>—In some cases they would be. Most times what happens is that when an issue like that is raised, it would either be passed on to Australia Post or to Government House. I would need to check the details and do a bit of exploring to be able to answer the question properly.</p>	Answered Not required
PM40	PM&C	Faulkner	179	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Have some of Mr Abbott's medals gone missing or not?</p> <p><b>Mr O'Neill</b>—As I indicated, I had heard that some or all had been delayed because they had been misdirected, but I understood they had been retrieved and returned, completely. That was my understanding.</p> <p><b>Ms Belcher</b>—This clearly has not been handled well with Ms Corcoran's office. We will talk to Government House. We will also talk to our own people to find out what happened in relation to those phone calls.</p>	Answered F&PA 179
PM41	PM&C	Faulkner	181	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—How does registered post work if the packages are broken up and delivered individually? I missed that point. Could you explain that to me? You said they are delivered by registered post.</p> <p><b>Mr O'Neill</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—To the MP.</p> <p><b>Mr O'Neill</b>—Yes. I need to check with Australia Post what happened in those cases.</p>	Answered 16/10/03

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PM42	PM&C	Ray	181	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Obviously, it is one registered mail item when it gets sent to Banks. What we cannot understand is this: how could it be broken up and sent to others? Are those still registered? So is each item then a registered mail item?</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—I do not think we know the answer to that. I suspect the answer is that they would not have been.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—It is just that Mr O’Neill said that because they are registered they could track them.</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—Yes, but I was not conscious of what you are describing now. I was thinking in terms of the normal registered mail arrangements. I would need to check to see whether, with that box of 10—because I was assured that each box was accountable—that general statement applied to the specific ones in the box of 10. I would need to check that to give you a more authoritative answer on that.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM43	PM&C	Faulkner	182-83	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Who updates the web site? Is that done outside the department? Is that work outsourced or is it done internally?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—It is outsourced to OPC Safety Web, who do all of the web sites for the department.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—How much does that cost?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—I will need to take that on notice and get those details. It is only one component of the web site, and during the year there is updating of the honours list with the announcements at different times through the year.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM44	PM&C	Ray	183	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Do you have a figure for the overall cost of the web site, as opposed to the cost of doing this particular task?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—I have a figure with me but that is where it is normally aggregated as a figure for maintaining the web site. I would need to identify the Centenary Medal costs.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—No, I am sorry, let us go back. I understand you are going to try to identify the costs for the Centenary Medal because that would not be quite sitting at the forefront of your thoughts at the moment, but you have an overall cost for the web site and for their role in maintaining the web site?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—I did not have an overall cost with me at the moment.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—You do not have an approximation?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—I can take that on notice.</p>	Answered 22/10/03
PM45	PM&C	Ray	186	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—But how many did they knock back?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—I need to take that on notice. I do not have that figure at my fingertips.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Roughly. Did they knock any back?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—Very few, but I do not have that figure.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Do you know that there were very few? Or were there none? Or don’t you know?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—It was certainly not none, but I do not know the exact figure. It is few.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—You cannot give me an approximation?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—I need to take that on notice, Senator.</p>	Answered F&PA 186 – Senator Ray sought only a rough estimate.

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PM46	PM&C	Faulkner	189  190	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—We have the case of a New South Wales senator, Senator Sandy Macdonald, writing to 4,200 New South Wales recipients. Can I be assured that that would have been done as a laborious task off individual pages of the web site?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—I would need to check that, Senator. Whilst I made that general statement in relation to a member of the parliament, we made arrangements also for members and senators to congratulate recipients. I was not aware of such a large scale as you are describing. Certainly in the case of members we provided them with electronic lists of constituents so that they could write to them and congratulate them, even though they may not have nominated them, and that may have been provided to a senator. I would need to check.</p> <p>... <b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—That is what you said to us—it is on a page by page basis. We are trying to establish whether a capacity was, firstly, offered and, secondly, perhaps provided, for some sort of manipulation or use of the database to allow those addressees to be generated electronically for a mail-out that Senator Macdonald undertook some time in May. I am not critical of Senator Macdonald in that regard—good luck to him. It was a report in the newspaper. I just want to know about the entitlements.</p>	<p><b>Part answered F&amp;PA 191-92</b></p> <p><b>Answered 20/6/03</b></p>
PM47	PM&C	Ray	191	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Did all the medals get back to Mr Abbott’s office? Are you able to find that out?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—I will need to establish that.</p>	<p><b>Answered 16/10/03</b></p>
PM48	PM&C	Faulkner	192	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Let’s cut to the chase in relation to these two contracts. Can you tell me what contract 1116579 is for? This is done by Spin Creative Graphic Communications for production of the Centenary Medal federal members’ kit. That is that contract. That is \$6,166.90. Can someone explain what is delivered with that contract? What is 1116588, which is described as the production of the Centenary Medal mail-out? That is Spin Creative Graphic Communications. Could you comment on that?</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—How much was the second one?</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—It was \$6,236.34, so it is a similar amount of money.</p> <p><b>Mr O’Neill</b>—Certainly the first one was the production of posters and material for use by senators and members. It was the design of posters—there is quite a lot of creative work in that. As for the second one I would need what the particular mail-out was, whether it was at the same time or one of the earlier ones with the bills coming through a little late. I will need to check the second one, so I will take that on notice, if I may.</p>	<p><b>Answered 16/10/03</b></p>
PM49	PM&C	Ray	196	<p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—The main point to ask is whether the same arrangements, superannuation-wise, have been made with regard to sacrifice of superannuation for Mr Reith as were made for former Senator Short.</p> <p><b>Senator Hill</b>—I can get an answer to that.</p> <p><b>Senator ROBERT RAY</b>—Thank you.</p>	<p><b>Answered 30/10/03</b></p>

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PM50	PM&C	Faulkner	201-02	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—That is right. That was the big purchase to start the cellaring. So over \$43,000 was spent in 1999-2000. The whole idea, as presented to this committee, was that the advantage of doing this, with the benefit of the wine consultant paid for by Commonwealth taxpayers, was that this would be beneficial because these very good wines would be cellared and these vintages would be available for consumption at a later stage. So we started with 56 dozen in 1999-2000. How many dozen did we have in 2000-01?</p> <p><b>Mr Crane</b>—I do not have that figure, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—It is an awful lot of wine; it is \$22,670 worth. Surely someone can tell us. We know there were 56 dozen in 1999-2000. I would like to know how many dozen in 2000-01; how many dozen in 2001-02 and I would like to know how many dozen so far this year.</p> <p><b>Mr Metcalfe</b>—We will have to take that on notice.</p>	Answered 31/10/03
PM51	PM&C	Faulkner	203	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—I would have thought it was reasonable for someone to be able to provide this information, Mr Metcalfe: by whom and when was the decision made to cancel stage 2 of this exercise?</p>	Answered 31/10/03
PM52	PM&C	Faulkner	205	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Given that this in wide circulation in the advertising industry, it would be possible for this committee to have a copy of this model, would it?</p> <p><b>Mr Williams</b>—I do not see any problems with that. It is certainly freely available to people who are tendering for Commonwealth government work, yes.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—I would appreciate that so we can have a look at it.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM53	PM&C	Faulkner	207	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—You ought to have figures for the placement costs for those advertisements.</p> <p><b>Mr Williams</b>—No, I do not. As I said, it is non-campaign advertising and we essentially keep records of campaign advertising. But I can take it on notice and get it from the department of health. I think it was a fairly modest figure. I am not sure what the media schedule was. I will take it on notice and get that information for you.</p>	Answered 16/10/03

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PM54	PM&C	Faulkner	207-08	<p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—Could you take on notice for me a definition, please, of the distinction between the campaign advertising and the non-campaign advertising. I assume the non-campaign advertising does not go to the ministerial committee—is that right?</p> <p><b>Mr Williams</b>—That is correct. It is perhaps easier to define non-campaign. Non-campaign advertising is, by and large, advertising for job vacancies, advertising for tender opportunities, and public notices. You see a lot of public notices from parliamentary committees asking for submissions. You might see an advertisement from Centrelink advertising a particular service in a local regional office. Generally speaking, they are meant to be non-repetitive information—and by that I mean only appearing once or twice. It does get to a grey area, I will concede, and it is a bit hard. I can give you a written definition but it will not be much more than what I just articulated.</p> <p><b>Senator FAULKNER</b>—I am not expecting you to be able to define it here and now but I wondered if we could have a broader understanding of this. It may even assist us working through these estimates committees a little more quickly. I wonder also whether there is a very substantial dollar figure attached, say, to noncampaign advertising which means that it changes your roles and responsibilities also. I wondered whether you could just have a look at those two issues for us. In relation to other campaigns, I imagine there is some very substantial defence advertising this year and next year—would that be correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Williams</b>—It is correct, yes.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM55	ANAO	Brandis	213	<p><b>Senator BRANDIS</b>—Anybody else there on behalf of the Labor Party?</p> <p><b>Mr Coleman</b>—There was another person present.</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS</b>—What was his name?</p> <p><b>Mr Coleman</b>—I cannot recall, off the top of my head, what his name was.</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS</b>—Can you get back to us about that, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Coleman</b>—Yes.</p>	Answer incorporated in document tabled at hearing 29/5/03



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PM56	PM&C OSW	Crossin	220-21	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Are you able to provide for me, or comment on any, specific policy areas or pieces of legislation during the last year that OSW have been a party to? In other words, have you been asked to specifically comment or provide advice on specific policy areas and, if so, what were they?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—OSW provide advice on a whole range of policy areas. A specific example would be the work and family task force. OSW are a member of that task force, and we provide ongoing input to the work of the task force. We are on a number of interdepartmental committees. There are many of those running at any time across the Public Service. OSW are on a number of those and we also provide—</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Is there a list you might be able to table for us?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—Yes, we can certainly provide a list. That would be fine. In 2002, we provided comments on 32 pieces of legislation.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Are you able to tell me now what they are?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—I cannot tell you what they are off the top of my head, but I can give you general topic areas. We have two policy areas within OSW: economic status is one area and the other is specialist policy. The areas we provide comment on include work and family, child care, labour force statistics, and superannuation. Our specialist area includes international matters, family law, things like trafficking and issues such as women’s human rights. OSW is regularly asked to provide comment on cabinet submissions on work that task forces and IDCs are doing. It is part of our normal business.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—A list of those and a list of legislation would be useful.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM57	PM&C OSW	Crossin	224-25	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Is that review publicly available or is it something you did internally?</p> <p><b>Mr Whalan</b>—It was a contracted review that was done through Minter Ellison. I am happy to take on notice a request for a copy of the review report.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM58	PM&C OSW	Crossin	227	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—That was not the question I asked. In last year’s PBS against Indigenous family violence there was an allocation of \$1.5 million. It is on page 48 of last year’s PBS. Has the money being spent or is it part of the \$7.5 million underspend that you are carrying over?</p> <p><b>Ms Farrelly</b>—I would be happy to take that on notice. I expect that we will spend \$1,512,416.</p>	Answered F&PA 230

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PM59	PM&C OSW	Crossin	228	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Ms Parker, instead of going through each one, are you able to table something that shows us the new reallocated amount?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—Yes, we can.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Ms Parker, instead of going through each one, can you table something that shows us the new reallocated amount?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—Yes, we can.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Essentially, what you are saying is that after six months you looked at the programs again and you came up with a \$7.5 million underspend across a range of programs; is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Whalan</b>—In October or November, following the review, a revised set of priorities was put forward, and we then looked at what we could achieve under that revised set of priorities between then and the end of the financial year. It was clear that we would have a significant underspend.</p> <p><b>ACTING CHAIR</b>—Did I hear you say you want to table a document?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—Could I take that on notice? I misheard that. We can provide that information certainly.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM60	PM&C OSW	Crossin	235	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—So you are saying, in relation to page 31, that you actually have more detailed performance indicators and evaluation items that you can provide to this committee?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—We do. Yes, we can provide you with examples of how we evaluate each one of the administered items. As I mentioned, under the leadership initiative for the various components we have a range of evaluation mechanisms.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—So you are happy to provide those to us?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—We can provide those, yes.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM61	PM&C OSW	Crossin	236	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—We do not have time tonight to go into each of the programs, so can you provide us with up-to-date details of the projects and any consultants that have been commissioned under the projects? I was going to say since February but perhaps an update of where we are at which each of them. I only have an hour left, so time does not permit me to go through each of those five areas. Can you take that on notice to give details of the projects and consultancies that have been commissioned? We would like to know who, what and what they have been paid: what has been paid to which consultancy for which program.</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—Yes. All the programs?</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Yes.</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—The consultancies are actually listed in the annual report. We can give you the consultancies to date.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—The annual report is a couple of months old by the time we get to our estimates, so we were hoping to have an updated list.</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—That is fine, Senator. We can do that.</p>	Answered 16/10/03

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PM62	PM&C OSW	Crossin	237-38	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—On your national database, for example, if you exclude the 35 NGOs that are part of the secretariats, how many NGOs are left?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—I am not sure, although we are doing an update at the moment of a book that shows all the NGOs and a description of them. I would imagine there would be several hundred but I am not sure.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Would you be able to find that?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—Yes. We have a list. There is actually a list on the OSW web site but we are just in the process of updating that.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM63	PM&C OSW	Crossin	240	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—You are only participating in one being conducted as part of a UN survey; is that right?</p> <p><b>Ms Farrelly</b>—Indeed, we expanded the sample, Senator. I do not have the number by how much, but I can provide that on notice. This is a telephone survey and we believe it will provide very useful information currently.</p>	Answered 3/9/03
PM64	PM&C OSW	Crossin	241	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—A four-week campaign in what—newspapers, radio and TV or more fridge magnets, in fact?</p> <p><b>Ms Farrelly</b>—No.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—No fridge magnets. It is good to see you have not lost your sense of humour, at least, in any of this.</p> <p><b>Ms Farrelly</b>—I would be happy to take that on notice and provide some information on that one, if you would like.</p> <p><b>Mr Whalan</b>—It was in targeted media and press, and we can give you the details of exactly where.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM65	PM&C OSW	Crossin	241-42	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—What is the cost of these two consultants?</p> <p><b>Ms Farrelly</b>—It is yet to be finalised. I do not have that figure. I am sorry, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Are you able to give us an idea of the brief for these consultants?</p> <p><b>Ms Farrelly</b>—Indeed, I could give you their brief if you would like. I do not have it here.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—All right. Could you take that on notice? Could you take on notice the anticipated cost as well? When is the campaign planned to be launched?</p>	Answered 16/10/03

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PM66	PM&C OSW	Crossin	242	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Give that to me in clear language. I think what you are saying to me is: ‘We ran an ad on a television show and we looked at the ratings of the show. If the rating of that show was high, we made an assessment that the ad had been successful or had had a fair amount of penetration in terms of community awareness.’</p> <p><b>Ms Farrelly</b>—That was not the sole evaluation.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Was that one of them?</p> <p><b>Ms Farrelly</b>—The actual number of people engaged was one of the things we measured, but there was also a follow-up evaluation. I do not have it with me. If I could take that on notice, I would like to provide that separately.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—I am sorry, I am just trying to come to terms with this here. It would be bad luck if that was the time in the program when you decided to go and get a cup of tea—the split second your domestic violence advertisement came on. Even though a million people might be watching that show, a million people might have been making a cup of tea at that point in time and missed your ad. Is that an accurate measure of how successful the public awareness campaign has been?</p> <p><b>Mr Whalan</b>—That was not the full measure. Ms Farrelly is saying that she would like to come back to you with the full measure.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—So you will be able to take that on notice?</p> <p><b>Ms Farrelly</b>—Yes. It was evaluated separately as well, but I do not have the detail with me. I would like to provide it separately.</p>	<p><b>Answered 16/10/03</b></p>

QoN No.	Agency/Program	Senator	Hansd pg	QUESTION	Comments
PM67	PM&C OSW	Crossin	248	<p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—Did your figures in the country statement actually show a figure with the \$10.1 million taken out, or did they show the PBS figures of last May?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—I would need to take that on notice. I cannot remember what was actually in the statement.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—I cannot either here but, given that you knew in January that you were going to have \$10.1 million not allocated this year, I am wondering why the statement was incorrect. I might have a copy of it with me here. You don't have the statement with you?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—No, I don't. I am sorry.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—I probably have it here. Perhaps it won't be that easy to find quickly. Could you take that on notice in respect of the money that was allocated? I think here you simply have \$50 million over four years which is now going to be five years, isn't it?</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—If that is the case, why was it not corrected at the time? If you knew in January that you were going to have that money—</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—As I said, we had not gone through the budget process at that stage so we did not know that we would have an extension of one year.</p> <p><b>Senator CROSSIN</b>—So it was either going to be \$40 million over four years or \$50 million over five years.</p> <p><b>Ms Parker</b>—Quite possibly.</p> <p><b>Mr Whalan</b>—We will confirm whether it was a mistake or whether the final decision had not been made at that point.</p>	Answered 16/10/03
PM68	ANAO	Brandis	464	<p><b>Senator BRANDIS</b>—Whenever it was done, do you think the ANAO does have in its possession a registered copy or an extract from the registered mortgage?</p> <p><b>Mr Winder</b>—We will take that on notice.</p>	Answered 20/6/03

QoN No.	Agency/Program	Senator	Hansd pg	QUESTION	Comments
PM69	ANAO	Brandis	462-65	<p><b>Senator BRANDIS</b>—That may be so, but what I am suggesting to you, Mr Coleman, is that the statement in the letter from John Curtin House Ltd of 28 August 2002, which I have read to you, would strike anyone who read those sentences critically as being so strange and describing such a peculiar commercial relationship between mortgagor and mortgagee that a reasonably careful person would wonder whether the statement there made was in fact a truthful statement or whether it was merely being offered as a pretext or an excuse. If one were alerted to the peculiarity of that statement, all one would have to do would be to search the mortgage, find out what the aggregate of the borrowings of John Curtin House from the Macquarie Bank was to determine whether or not that statement in fact was honestly made. I do not know if that was done; apparently it was not.</p> <p><b>Mr Coleman</b>—I am not aware that was done.</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS</b>—Could that be done, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Coleman</b>—We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator BRANDIS</b>—In other words, I am asking the ANAO to search its records to see if it has a copy of the registered mortgage—and I am assuming the mortgage would have been registered—that it can derive from the copy or the extract of the registered mortgage what was the principal sum of the loan from the Macquarie Bank to John Curtin House Ltd and on the basis of that information arrive at some views, perhaps in consultation with property experts, as to whether or not the two paragraphs in the letter of John Curtin House Ltd of 28 August 2002 could possibly be right.</p> <p><b>Mr Coleman</b>—We will take that on notice.</p>	Answered 20/6/03
PM70	PM&C	Faulkner	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM71	PM&C	Faulkner	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM72	PM&C	Faulkner	n/a written	Attached	Answered 16/10/03
PM73	PM&C OSW	Crossin	n/a written	Attached	Answered 16/10/03
PM74	APSC	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM75	PM&C	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM76	Ombudsman	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM77	APSC	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03

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PM78	ANAO	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM79	ONA	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM80	OSGG	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM81	IGIS	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM82	PM&C	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM83	Ombudsman	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM84	APSC	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM85	ANAO	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM86	ONA	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM87	OSGG	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM88	IGIS	Carr	n/a written	Attached	Answered 3/9/03
PM89	PM&C	Harradine	n/a written	Attached (QoN (a) to (e) transferred to Health on 7 July 2003)	Answered 3/9/03
PM90	PM&C OSW	Harradine	n/a written	Attached	Answered 16/10/03
PM91	PM&C	Faulkner	209	<b>Senator FAULKNER</b> —That is what I was trying to understand. What is that current figure? [re. terrorism kit] <b>Mr Fox</b> —I did not get that one as of last Friday but I can obtain that for you, Senator.	Answered F&PA 209
PM92	PM&C	Bartlett	132	<b>Senator BARTLETT</b> —So by way of example, would you be aware of the Affordable Housing National Research Consortium and the proposal they put up to fund affordable housing? <b>Ms Davidson</b> —I do recollect it. <b>Senator BARTLETT</b> —And you were asked to prepare advice on their proposal? <b>Ms Davidson</b> —I cannot recall off the top of my head whether we did. I do not believe we were asked to provide it. Often it is a matter of us initiating the advice to the Prime Minister but I would have to check whether we briefed him on that.	Answered 16/10/03

Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

**Output 4.4 GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS**

1. What are the definitions of campaign and non-campaign advertising?
2. a) Explain the reason for the display advertisement highlighting the proposed Medicare changes and website, published in Australian newspapers in April, being classified as non-campaign advertising?  
b) Which newspapers published this advertisement?  
c) What was the total placement cost?
3. How much has been spent by the Commonwealth in the 2002-2003 Financial year on a) campaign advertising, b) non-campaign advertising?
4. Please provide the disaggregated cost of all advertising campaigns in the 2002-2003 Financial year, including the identification of each campaign, the agencies involved, moneys set aside for campaign development, qualitative and quantitative research, and placement in the following areas.
  - Defence
  - National Security
  - Environment
  - Health
  - International Travel
  - Taxation
  - Pensions and Benefits
  - Family payments
  - Quarantine
  - Higher Education
  - New Apprenticeships
  - Industry
  - Domestic Tourism
  - Transport
5. What campaigns are planned for the 2003-2004 financial year, and what moneys are budgeted for them, in the following areas? Please identify each campaign, if possible the agencies involved in each campaign, and identify moneys set aside for campaign development, qualitative and quantitative research and campaign placement.
  - Defence
  - Terrorism and National Security
  - Environment
  - Health
  - International Travel
  - Taxation
  - Pensions and Benefits
  - Family Payments
  - Quarantine
  - Higher Education
  - New Apprenticeships
  - Industry
  - Transport
  - Domestic Tourism
  - Veterans Affairs



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Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Output 4.4 GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS

Hansard Extract:

**Senator FAULKNER**—The perception I have is that the GCU is concerned about unreasonable advertising costs paid for by departments and agencies. Is that the nub of the problem?

**Mr Williams**—We have undertaken a couple of studies. One is in the area of production costs. We have a company under contract whereby departments can go and get a fairly quick turnaround to see whether production costs rendered look reasonable. We also have done this for the remuneration arrangements which pertain to creative agencies.

**F&PA Estimates Tuesday, 27 May 2003**

**Questions:** Were both the studies into production and placement costs done internally or by consultants?

If the latter, how much did they cost? Were advertising agencies canvassed?

When were they carried out?

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Prime Minister and Cabinet portfolio

Output 4.4 GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS

Hansard Extract:

**Mr Williams**—We took a view that the multiplier of two on notional head hour rates was reasonable.  
**F&PA Estimates Tuesday, 27 May 2003**

Were agencies previously been charging more than twice the hourly rate? Is this because their client was the Commonwealth or because of some other reason? What was the multiplier on the notional head hour charged by Whybin TBWA for “The Chains” advertising campaign?

QUESTION ON NOTICE:

Budget Estimates May 2003-06-16  
Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee  
Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

Office of the Status of Women

RE: Women Speak Conference 2003.

1. How many people participated in the 2003 Women Speak Conference?
2. What was the amount of funding provided by the OSW for the Conference?
3. Provide detailed financial statement of expenditure for this conference. How much was spent on speakers? How much was spent on the Conference dinner?
4. What was the cost of the Conference per individual participant? How many people applied/were granted sponsorship to enable them to attend under financial difficulty? Could you provide a breakdown of the cost of the registration fee participants had to pay to attend the Conference?
5. Has there been a formal evaluation completed yet? Please provide a copy.
6. What outputs or outcomes from this conference are currently being fed into OSW policy or Programs?
7. Have any of the papers or presentations from this conference been sent to conference delegates? Is there any plan for this to happen?
8. Were individual participants in the Corporate Conference “work and family conference” to which the OSW provided \$32,000 worth of funding made to pay a registration fee.

RE: Senator Hill presented the Government’s response to the Treaties Committee in March this year on the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. He made specific mention of the continuing work and interest of the Office of the Status of Women in the area of Sterilisation and Reproductive Health of women and girls with disabilities.

9. What was the amount of funding WWDA received to complete the report Moving Forward: Serialisation and Reproductive Health of Women and Girls with Disabilities?
10. Has the non-government organisation: Women with Disabilities Australia (WWDA) continued to receive funding through the OSW?
11. Is WWDA part of the Secretariat of women’s NGOs?
12. What further work has the OSW done in regards to the Sterilisation and Reproductive Health of Women and Girls with Disabilities?

RE: 5th Asian Pacific Population Conference 11 – 17 December 2002. The International Conference on Population and Development (ICDP) defines the broad concept of sexual and reproductive health emphasising the importance of women’s interests, needs and rights.

13. Was the OSW required to contribute (research or staff) to the delegation sent by Australia to the 5<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Population Conference in December 2002? In what form was this contribution made to the delegation?
14. Did OSW provide any information to the delegation of Senior Officials on the International Conference on Population and Development with regards to the reproductive rights of women within the context of the status of women in Australia and internationally?

APs Employment Database

APsC Annual Report 2001.02, P4.

1. In the Public Service Commissioner's annual report you concede there are still problems with the 'integrity of the data' on the APs employment database, especially in relation to 'quality and quantity' of the data. Can you confirm that?
2. What's the problem?
3. Have extra staff and/or resources been devoted to fixing it?
4. Have any costs outside what you estimated been incurred because of the problems? How much?
5. What has the project cost to date? What is the total budget for it? Has that been altered?
6. I understand the database was supposed to be a critical tool for workforce analysis and planning. What has happened to this critical work given the problems with the database?
7. We have already covered the very distressing results of the Organisational Renewal report which makes clear that workforce planning has not been very well carried out in the past, and that it is critical to the future of the service. What are you doing to fix the problems with the database?
8. The annual report says you are 'working with agency heads to improve the data, and expect to have more reliable data as the basis for reporting in 2002/2003. Is that in fact the case given we are close to the end of that period?
9. When do you expect you will have the system running at full strength rather than just providing 'more reliable data'?

**Non-ongoing staff**

10. I've been looking for comprehensive information on these non-ongoing employees and have found very little. At least not nearly the level of detail as there is for full-timers. Could you provide the following:
  - (a) a breakdown of the number of non-ongoing staff by agency and by category comparing this year's figures with those of previous years.
  - (b) a statistical breakdown of the median length of service for these employees by agency.

**Cost of the APs Commission Office**

11. I see from the PM&C Portfolio Budget Statement (p. 98) that next financial year the Commonwealth will spend over \$15 million on the Commission. What is the taxpayer getting for their money?
12. How does that allocation compare with previous years?
13. And you estimate you will raise over \$12 million from other sources. What are those sources and are you on track to make that figure?
14. What did you earn from outside over the 2002/03 and years before that?
15. Can you do everything you want to do on a total budget, including Commonwealth and outside earnings, of a little over \$27 million a year.
16. Can you give me a breakdown of the Commission's spending – how much goes on staff etc?

## **PM75 to 81**

Please put these questions on notice for every portfolio covered by your committee.

- (1) Have any agencies within your portfolio introduced arrangements whereby SES or other staff who are entitled to a motor vehicle as part of their remuneration are able to cash the vehicle out and have the cashed out amount count as salary for superannuation purposes?
  - (2) If so:
    - (a) When were these arrangements introduced and do they still apply?
    - (b) In what agencies do they apply?
    - (c) What was the policy justification for the arrangement in each agency?
    - (d) Were any actuarial calculations made of the long-term costs of these arrangements? If so, what were the details of these estimates? If no calculations were made why was this not done?
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## **PM82 to 88**

Please direct these questions on notice in relation to all Ministers, departments and each statutory authority staffed under the Public Service Act/Parliamentary Service Act within the Minister's portfolio covered by your committee.

- (1) What were the numbers of Senior Executive Service staff at each SES Band level at 30 June 1996 and at 30 June for each subsequent year including the number and level of SE staff as at 31 March 2003?
- (2) What were the minimum and maximum salary levels for each SES Band, whether determined by Australian Workplace Agreements or otherwise, as at 30 June 1996 and at 30 June in each subsequent year, including those at 31 March 2003?
- (3) What were the numbers of staff with salaries overlapping SES salaries as at 30 June 1996 and at 30 June in each subsequent year, including as at 31 March 2003 and what were the minimum and maximum levels of these salaries?
- (4) How many people are currently employed other than under the Public Service Act, including under contract arrangements, at salary levels equivalent to the SES and what are the minimum and maximum levels of the salaries paid?

## **PM89**

### **Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet Outcome 1, Output 2.1**

1. In February I asked the following questions about an inter-departmental review to be undertaken of the Customs regulations ban on the export of human embryos. Little detail was then available because the committee had not been formed. If the committee has now been formed, would you please advise me:

- (a) What are the terms of reference of the committee?
- (b) What are the names of the officers on the committee and their departmental affiliations?
- (c) What is the plan for how the review will be undertaken?
- (d) What is the aim of the review ie. will it be focused on achieving an ethical outcome, or advancing the research interests of scientists in this area or a commercial outcome?
- (e) Will the results of the review be made public? If not, why not?
- (f) Has the Prime Minister received representations from individuals or organisations lobbying against the ban on the export of human embryos? If so, who are these individuals/organisations and would you please provide copies of the correspondence?
- (g) Will the review be considered by the Prime Minister? If not, why not? Who will make the final decision?

## **PM90**

### **Office of the Status of Women Outcome 1, Output 2.2**

2. I understand that the Internet portal [www.women.gov.au](http://www.women.gov.au) does not have a balanced coverage of the debate surrounding abortion. Does the Department agree that there are women supporters and opponents of abortion? Is the Department aware that a search of the word “abortion” leads to only pro-abortion material being found? Would the Department please rectify this situation so that there is balanced material available on this topic?