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PM2	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA52 24/5/04	Senator FAULKNER—What is not included, given the date was 9 January? [figures relating to the costs to the department of the visits by the President of China (\$196,570.72) and President Bush (\$167,060.46)] Ms Yeend—I am not sure. I would have to look to see if the amounts as of today's date have differed. Sometimes some accounts come in slowly, other times this would be an accurate representation, and I would need to check.	Answered 11/2/05
PM3	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA52 24/5/04	Senator FAULKNER—What is covered in the hospitality budget? Ms Yeend—I would need to check again, but my understanding is that the hospitality budget would probably cover the feeding of some members of the party and a range of other things, including the advance visit. We tend to put together any cost of the advance and the visit under the one item. It does not include—if this is what you are looking for—any costs of the function at the Lodge as that was not an expense against the guest of government official visit and state occasions budget.	Answered F&PA 52-3 24/5/04
PM4	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA63 24/5/04	Senator FAULKNER—In terms of your knowledge of the Flint matters the only advice sought by the department from outside the department was the advice sought from the AGS. Is that correct? Ms Belcher—In the preparation of the secretary's advice to the Prime Minister only the AGS advice was sought. That was the only contact made outside the department. Senator Hill—I think Ms Belcher had better say, 'To her knowledge,' in case the secretary sought other advice of which she is unaware. Ms Belcher—Yes. Senator FAULKNER—How can we establish that? Senator Hill—We can ask the secretary. Ms Belcher can only answer for what is within her knowledge. Senator FAULKNER—Perhaps we could ask for that to be checked with Dr Shergold and, if he did seek advices from elsewhere, the committee could be informed.	Answered 11/8/04

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PM5	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA65 24/5/04	Senator Hill—I will refer to the Prime Minister the question as to whether he has sought advice from other parties and see how he wishes to respond. ... Senator Hill—You can draw it if you like, but it is not valid from what you have been told because the Prime Minister may have sought advice from other parties. Senator FAULKNER—Are you able to assist us with that or have you taken that on notice? Senator Hill—I said I would refer that to the Prime Minister if that was your wish. Senator FAULKNER—Fine.	Answered 11/8/04
PM6	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA77 24/5/04	Senator FAULKNER—Are you able to say what proportion of the ads were reshot? Ms Scott—No. Senator FAULKNER—Does anyone know that? Ms Scott—We could find that information out.	Answered 11/8/04
PM7	PM&C	Ray	F&PA78 24/5/04	Senator ROBERT RAY—It is a lot of money for several focus groups—\$150,000. Are you sure that is right? Ms Scott—I am happy to have the figure checked.	Answered 11/8/04
PM8	PM&C	Ray	F&PA78 24/5/04	Senator ROBERT RAY—I understand that. It is usually that the same focus group does both. How many focus groups were used? Ms Scott—We will seek to get information about the number of people in the focus groups and so on to you today, if possible, but I have not got that level of detail here.	Answered 11/8/04
PM9	PM&C	Ray	F&PA78-79 24/5/04	Senator ROBERT RAY—Can you take this question on notice: since the inception of this project, how much have you spent, in total, on market research up until today? We have the figure now for the advertising company, but how much have you spent on market research—that is, quantitative, qualitative, the lot—since when you started to look at this in 2001 through to today? If you can answer it now, do so. Ms Scott—Again referring to PM 48 from last estimates: Elliot and Shanahan, \$167,500. Senator ROBERT RAY—Plus \$150,000 for the next lot. Ms Scott—Yes, in that vicinity. Senator ROBERT RAY—So \$317,000 approximately? Ms Scott—Yes. Ms Flanagan—We will take that on notice and get back to you with the exact figures.	Answered 11/8/04
PM10	PM&C	Ray	F&PA79 24/5/04	Senator ROBERT RAY—What exactly does that mean? They had \$518,000 paid to them. I am not quite sure what you got for that. What physically do they do?	Answered 11/8/04
PM11	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA79 24/5/04	Senator FAULKNER—With the same time frame in mind, are you actually able to prepare for us quickly a document that goes to the key expenditures involved in the reshooting, the redevelopment, of these advertisements? Are you able to disaggregate that?	Answered 11/8/04

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PM12	PM&C	Ray	F&PA81 24/5/04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—So any professional paid advisers are on this list.</p> <p>Ms Scott—I will have to check, simply because we have different work being undertaken now. For example, Cultural Partners, Gavin Jones Communications, Haystac and Smart Love are doing different tasks this time around, but they are on the original list. I am not sure that the list that you have from PM 48 will encompass all the people that we have sought advice from. It certainly does not encompass some of those that we have sought and got free professional advice from.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—I would like you to get back to me on two points. One is: if in terms of this list you have employed anyone else and paid them for advice—and this is payment for the advice rather than for printing or whatever—could you let me know who they are and how much you paid? The other is: if you have recontracted or renegotiated an extension to the contract of any people on this list, could you let me know who and how much? Then we can proceed with the questioning.</p> <p>Ms Scott—Okay.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM13	PM&C	Ray	F&PA97-98 24/5/04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—And how did you come by them? By way of tender or recommendation? [Vibe Australia]</p> <p>Ms Scott—That was before my time, Senator.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Someone must know.</p> <p>Ms Scott—Ms Flanagan may.</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—... Who would know within OSW the circumstances of their employment?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—We can take that on notice, or we can see whether staff are still there and try to find out for you tonight how that selection was made.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM14	PM&C	Ray	F&PA98 24/5/04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—You would not be able to tell us whether Vibe Australia is on your list of firms, would you?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I could take it on notice, but I could not tell you off the top of my head.</p>	Answered 11/8/04
PM15	PM&C	Ray	F&PA114 24/5/04	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—You mentioned 11 meetings, or maybe 12 with the final one; who represented the political side on the ministerial committee? Obviously the Prime Minister would not go along. You have your permanent members, but usually the client department is then represented in each case. Who represented the client department—in this case PM&C?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—It was most usually officers of the minister assisting who attended.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—So it was staff?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—It was staff, yes.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—On all occasions?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—I would need to get GCU to check that. Again some of this was before my time, but in the times that I went it was staff that attended. The minister did not attend.</p>	Answered 11/8/04

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PM16	PM&C	Ray	F&PA117-118 24/5/04	<p>[Part A] Senator ROBERT RAY—When did you last release research in the Office of the Status of Women? ... Ms Flanagan—Certainly in my time there has been no release of market research and, Senator, I would have to take on notice whether we have done it before.</p> <p>[Part B] Senator ROBERT RAY—Let us broaden it out to the entire PM&C. When did you last release research? I can remember one of two instances, I think, but when did you last do it?</p>	<p>Part A Answered 11/8/04</p> <p>Part B Answered 26/7/04</p>
PM17	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA122 24/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—I am referring to a newspaper article in the Sydney Morning Herald on 23 February this year that goes to the question of whether Mr Howard would or would not be offered the award of what is described—and it is—as ‘the prestigious Australian Academy of Science medal’. Is the department aware of whether the Prime Minister has been invited to be a recipient of that particular medal? Dr Horne—I am not personally aware of whether he has but I shall inquire to find out whether the department is aware or not aware.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM18	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA125 24/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Are you able to confirm what the commencement date of the amalgamated authority will be? My recollection is July 2005, but you might confirm that for me. Dr Horne—I cannot lay my hands on the press release at the moment, but I shall check the press release before I answer your question.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM19	PM&C OSW	Crossin	F&PA10 25/5/04	<p>Senator CROSSIN—Instead of trawling through this verbally, are you able to give me a list such as we get from most other portfolios—particularly education, with which I am familiar—that outlines things exactly? There must be some ongoing programs, ones that will not stop on 30 June. Do you have a list somewhere of these six areas broken down into initiatives that will be ongoing no matter what, with the amounts next to them? Ms Flanagan—We can tell you what we currently have allocated and what we expect to spend next year, with the caveat that the minister might want to change those priorities. Senator CROSSIN—Let us start there. Do you have a list of those? Ms Flanagan—We can take it on notice to get that to you. ... Senator CROSSIN—So you can certainly give me a list of what is under contract and what must continue? Ms Flanagan—Yes.</p>	Answered 11/2/05

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PM20	PM&C OSW	Crossin	F&PA11 25/5/04	<p>Senator CROSSIN—We are talking now about a bucket of money that will be freed up, such as the women’s longitudinal health survey. I am not asking you to tell me what it might possibly be spent on, but surely you can say to me, ‘There’s X thousands of dollars which we will now be able to allocate somewhere else because it’s freed up.’ Surely you can give me that column of money. There must be another line item of moneys not yet committed. You probably have in your mind how you want to commit the money. You are telling me that the minister has to sign off on it and I understand that. What I want from you is the amount of money that you have to allocate against programs. So those are three columns of money that I think you can provide to me.</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—In effect there are two columns: the money that is already contracted and locked in and the money that is not. We can get that for you, although I do not know how quickly.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM21	PM&C OSW	Crossin	F&PA15 25/5/04	<p>Senator CROSSIN—I know that. The reason we were given was that the government was inquiring into their treaty processes. That has now occurred, and I am wondering whether you have an update on why the optional protocol has not been signed now. Does OSW take any ongoing interest in monitoring or inquiring into this?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—Yes, we certainly do. We can take that on notice and get back to you.</p>	Answered 11/8/04
PM22	PM&C OSW	Crossin	F&PA15 25/5/04	<p>Ms Flanagan— ... In terms of paid maternity leave, you would be aware that in this budget the government announced a lump sum of \$3,000 on the birth of a child available to anybody. There are also a range of other—</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—Available to anybody, or available to the primary carer?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—Available to the person that has the child, as I understand it.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—The primary carer, who might not necessarily be the mother.</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—I will have to check that. The wording that we have here is that it is a universal maternity payment for each newborn child, so it does not go to—</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—My understanding—and you might want to take it on notice—is that it is to be paid to the primary carer, who may or may not be the mother.</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—We will take that on notice.</p>	Answered 11/8/04
PM23	PM&C OSW	Crossin	F&PA16 25/5/04	<p>[Part A]</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—How many women are in non-traditional trades in this country?</p> <p>Ms Scott—We have that information but we do not have it with us today.</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—We will need to take that question on notice.</p> <p>[Part B]</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—Then I take it that you would not be able to tell me whether the number of women in non-traditional trades has increased or decreased over the last number of years?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—As I say, we can take that question on notice.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM24	PM&C OSW	Crossin	F&PA17 25/5/04	<p>of women on Commonwealth boards and the number of women in leadership roles, but have you ever done any research about the number of women in non-traditional areas?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—Again, we will need to take that on notice. I note that the Women’s Data Warehouse has a lot of information that tracks these sorts of things, but whether we have actually commissioned research I would have to take on notice.</p>	Answered 11/8/04

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PM25	PM&C OSW	Crossin	F&PA18 25/5/04	Senator CROSSIN—Similarly, for other years can you provide me with a list of those organisations associated with the secretariat? [NGOs] Ms Flanagan—Yes, we can take that on notice and provide it to you.	Answered 11/8/04
PM26	PM&C OSW	Crossin	F&PA18 25/5/04	Senator CROSSIN—When were successful applicants informed of their funding last financial year? Ms Bourne—I would have to take that on notice. I do not know off the top of my head.	Answered 11/8/04
PM27	PM&C OSW	Crossin	F&PA18 25/5/04	Senator CROSSIN—Can you find out for me when people found out last year that they were successful and when you are anticipating that that might occur this year? Ms Bourne—Yes.	Answered 11/8/04
PM28	APSC	Forshaw	F&PA26 25/5/04	Mr Podger—The responsibility for coordinating the government’s response and putting material to ministers to consider on that one lies with the Prime Minister’s department. You will recall one of the points I raised in this is that the Public Service Commissioner is only responsible for code of conduct and values for Australian Public Service employees and not for MOP staff, and hence it would not be the role for the commission to put together material for the response. But certainly the commission did provide the Prime Minister’s department with its views on the possible response for that. I think it was in January. I would have to check for an exact date, but I am pretty sure that our advice to the Prime Minister’s department was given at about the end of January. Senator FORSHAW—Could you confirm that? Mr Podger—Yes, I can confirm that.	Answered 23/6/04
PM29	APSC	Forshaw	F&PA27 25/5/04	Senator FORSHAW—Can you tell me what the APS levels are for the additional staff who have been employed in the current year? You might take that question on notice. Mr Jones—If you want a general answer, I can say that they will be APS5-6 and EL1. They will be a mix of those two levels. If you want particular numbers, I should come back with that answer. Senator FORSHAW—Please do.	Answered 23/6/04
PM30	APSC	Forshaw	F&PA29 25/5/04	Senator FORSHAW—I take your point. What is the total cost to government of such bonuses? Mr Podger—I would have to pull out the numbers for last year as to the total cost. I do not have that at hand. Senator FORSHAW—Can you do that for us? Mr Podger—Certainly.	Answered 23/6/04
PM31	APSC	Forshaw	F&PA29 25/5/04	Senator FORSHAW—I understand, from the State of the Service Report 2002-03, that the number of senior executive service officers has increased from 1,543 in 1998 to 1,872 in 2003. Firstly, is that the most recent figure? Mr Podger—That is the most recent figure that we have published. We can derive this figure from our database at any time, but as a general rule we publish on 30 June data. Senator FORSHAW—It would be helpful if you could give us, on notice, the latest figure.	Answered 23/6/04

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PM32	APSC	Forshaw	F&PA30 25/5/04	<p>Senator FORSHAW—The next State of the Service Report is due in November. Would you provide us with an up-to-date schedule of where those SES officers are located? As you said you could you take that off your database.</p> <p>Mr Podger—Parallel with the State of the Service Report we will get out our annual statistical bulletin, which will have all that detail.</p> <p>Senator FORSHAW—When is that going to be available to us?</p> <p>Mr Podger—That normally comes out at the same time or within a week or two of the State of the Service Report. I think last year we got it out at the very beginning of December.</p> <p>Senator FORSHAW—Could you give us something in the next week or so as to what the position is now? You said you had it available on the system.</p> <p>Mr Podger—We will not have cleaned data until after 30 June. We do have some data on a month by month basis but we go through a process of cleaning it with departments, so it would have to be after 30 June.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—That could still meet the 9 July deadline or thereabouts?</p> <p>Mr Podger—I am not sure what the 9 July deadline is.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—It is the deadline for questions taken on notice for this committee. In any event if you cannot—</p> <p>Mr Podger—We can aim to do that. We will do our best to meet that.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—That would be good.</p>	Answered 23/6/04
PM33	APSC	Forshaw	F&PA37 25/5/04	<p>Senator FORSHAW—In terms of the overall position—that is, the total number of vacancies that occur and the number that are advertised—you are not able to tell me what proportion are filled by outside applicants as against those in the service?</p> <p>Mr Podger—I do not think I can answer that direct question. We can probably answer a related question in terms of the number of jobs that are filled on internal transfers and promotions versus lateral engagement. That information is presented in our engagements, promotions and transfers data. It is not exactly what you have asked, but it would be close to it.</p> <p>Senator FORSHAW—What is that figure?</p> <p>Mr Podger—I would have to go away and do my calculations, but it would be something we would be able to identify.</p>	Answered 23/6/04
PM34	ANAO	Brandis	F&PA40 25/5/04	<p>Senator BRANDIS—You can take this on notice if it is more convenient to you, but can you let us know the current rate of the subtenancy? Is the subtenancy rental inclusive or exclusive of outgoings?</p>	Answered 5/7/04
PM35	ANAO	Brandis	F&PA41 25/5/04	<p>Senator BRANDIS—But it would be a registered mortgage, so presumably a copy of the document, or at least the title extract, would be available from a search of the land title register.</p> <p>Mr Barrett—I thought we had given you a full copy of all the documents that we got when we did do that title search. However, if we have not, and we have those, we will give them to you.</p>	Answered 5/7/04

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PM36	Ombudsman	Forshaw	F&PA45 25/5/04	<p>Senator FORSHAW—But you do try to at least distinguish between them. You said that over 50 per cent are Centrelink related. Can you break that down further? For instance, what proportion would be related to complaints about family payments?</p> <p>Prof. McMillan—I do not have the figures with me at the moment, although I think we can do that in a rough form. We register complaints and then we try to break them down statistically into issues in terms of the area of administration and the nature of the problem. I do not have the figures at hand at the moment, but I am happy to try and provide them.</p> <p>Senator FORSHAW—I appreciate that. What would be helpful is if you could supply us with a breakdown of the Centrelink complaints into various categories—family payments, pensions, disability payments and so on—for the last three or four years. Can you tell me how many of these 20,000-odd complaints per year are resolved?</p>	Answered 9/7/04
PM37	Ombudsman	Murray	F&PA48 25/5/04	<p>Senator MURRAY—Behind my questions is this question: are you finding that, with the increased delivery of services by third parties that do not fall within your power, you have to knock back a large number of complaints at source simply because you do not have the power to deal with them? Is that area of ‘it’s not in our jurisdiction’ increasing?</p> <p>Prof. McMillan—Certainly there are instances when we do that. I do not have the statistics in front of me that would enable me to say whether it is a large problem or not, but it is certainly an issue.</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—Do you have the statistics?</p> <p>Prof. McMillan—I suspect we do. I will undertake to go back and draw up whatever statistics we can provide on that issue.</p> <p>Senator MURRAY—What I am looking for, essentially, is a measure of unmet need. If we could be provided with statistics of those who have legitimate concerns who are not within your jurisdiction but who might fall within your jurisdiction as a result of the proposed legislative change, that would be of assistance.</p> <p>Prof. McMillan—I will undertake to provide what statistics we can.</p>	Answered 9/7/04
PM38	ONA	Faulkner	F&PA51 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Are you able to say when all that occurred and in which papers it was advertised?</p> <p>Mr Varghese—I do not have the dates in front of me but I could get those for you. We normally advertise in the Canberra Times and the Australian.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—If you could let us know, we would appreciate that.</p>	Answered 27/5/04
PM39	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA66-67 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Who chairs those meetings?</p> <p>Ms Scott—It varies; it depends on who is attending.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Who does it vary between?</p> <p>Ms Scott—I will have to check with my colleagues.</p>	Answered 11/8/04
PM40	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA68 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—When did it last meet? [People Smuggling Task Force]</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—I would have to check.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER— ... would you mind taking on notice the occasions the task force has met this calendar year?</p>	Answered 11/2/05

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PM41	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA69 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Do we know whether HREOC's report A last resort? was available to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet prior to its being handed down or made public?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—Are you asking whether we saw a draft or a final draft?</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Yes.</p> <p>Ms Scott—I will have to check on that.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—If you could, I would appreciate it. If there was any involvement at the departmental level before the report was handed down, could you take on notice at what level of the department and which officers were involved in that? Do you know whether, as a matter of course, such a report goes to the Prime Minister's office prior to public release?</p>	Answer received 11/2/05
PM42	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA69 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—If you can provide this information to the committee because there has been some public commentary, some media suggestion that certainly one department tried to have this report watered down. What I want to know is whether this report was made available to either the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet or the Prime Minister's office before it was handed down. If it was, to whom was it made available? If so, as a result of those events, did anyone from the department or the Prime Minister's office have any communication with Dr Ozdowski or any other HREOC staff involved in the inquiry? That is what I would like to know.</p> <p>Ms Scott—I can give you a response to an earlier question. We did have a copy of the final report before it was released, and that was provided at the branch head level—SES Band 1.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—You might also provide, if you could, the dates that that occurred and the status of the report.</p> <p>Ms Scott—I understand it was a final report. It was not a draft report.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I have provided the questions I would like you to address. In part they are obviously addressed to the department but in part they more directly go to the Prime Minister's own office.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM43	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA71 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Did the International Division have any involvement in the drafting of the MOU that was signed between the US, the UK and Australia on 23 March 2003 establishing an arrangement for the transfer of prisoners of war, civilian internees and detainees between Australian, US and UK forces?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—I cannot recall anything specifically, Senator. As we may have indicated at previous estimates for PM&C, I chaired an interdepartmental committee, known as the Iraq coordination group, which brought together Defence, foreign affairs, ONA and other agencies as necessary on a quite regular basis at that time. I would have to check the records as to whether that specific issue was a subject of discussions involving PM&C. I do not have a recollection of it. There are other aspects that we did look at quite closely, such as rules of engagement, but that particular MOU is something that does not bring any immediate recollection.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Would you mind checking?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe— I will take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 14/2/05

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PM44	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA71-72 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—When did the division become aware of the International Committee of the Red Cross report? Can you indicate that to me?</p> <p>Ms Bird—As ministers have indicated, the ICRC did not provide the report to the Australian authorities. Some ADF legal officers attached to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad were aware of the ICRC concerns about some aspects of the detention, and they reported to officials in Canberra as part of their regular sitreps that these concerns were being managed through the proper channels.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—But there was a formal ICRC report, wasn't there?</p> <p>Ms Bird—Yes, there was.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I appreciate the information you have provided, and I thank you for it, but my question went specifically to the ICRC report.</p> <p>Ms Bird—As far as I am aware, PM&C got the ICRC report only when, again, it was in the public domain.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Can you take on notice precise dates for both of those?</p> <p>Ms Bird—Sure.</p> <p>Senator Hill—What were those dates for? One was when you got the ICRC report; what was the other one?</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—The other one was in relation to the mistreatment of Iraqi detainees. I notice the qualification as far as I am aware and I accept that, and I have heard the evidence of the official at the table and I accept that. But it might be useful for us to actually put a date to it.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM45	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA72 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Yes. There was also an Amnesty International report, wasn't there?</p> <p>Ms Bird—Yes. Again, I am not sure. I do not think we got that until it was in the public domain.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Can you check that for me and provide that information to us? What about the Human Rights Watch report?</p> <p>Ms Bird—I am not aware of that one. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM46	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA72 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—If you could, for the benefit of the committee, please provide the date of the sit reps and the date that they were received by PM&C. You have used two terminologies there I think: 'became aware of' and 'received'. Did you actually at some point physically receive the reports?</p> <p>Ms Bird—We received one of the sit reps at a certain stage.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I understand. I think you ought to make those dates, if you would not mind, clear in your answer.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM47	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA73 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Can you indicate when those briefings were provided? [Iraqi detainees]</p> <p>Ms Bird—I would have to check that, but after the story was in the public domain we provided some briefings to the Prime Minister.</p>	Answered 11/2/05

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PM48	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA90 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Can I ask now for the departmental calculations, please? Can the department indicate how many functions were held at Kirribilli House from 1 July 2003 to 1 January 2004? Do you have that information before you? [Follow up from PM38, Add. Est.]</p> <p>Ms Costello—I do not have that information with me.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—But is that not in the draft answer prepared for the Prime Minister?</p> <p>Ms Costello—Yes, but I do not have a copy of that draft with me.</p> <p>Senator Hill—That is something we can provide, if you want it, but we would have to get it.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM49	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA91 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Are you aware of which wines he recommended for the Anzac Day function?</p> <p>Ms Costello—No, I do not have that information with me.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Could you find that out for us?</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM50	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA92 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—When your adviser comes back we might check that out because I would like to know whether that was true. I would also like to know whether it was true that the Wine and Brandy Corporation actually offered a list of Australian wines to select from and this was rejected by the Prime Minister and his department in favour of Mr Bourne's consultancy.</p> <p>Ms Costello—I can say that, at the time the consultancy was let, care was taken to select a consultant who was not also a provider of wine or spirit so that there was no conflict of interest.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Would you be suggesting that someone from the Wine and Brandy Corporation has a conflict of interest?</p> <p>Ms Costello—I do not know what their role is. I am just saying that, at the time, care was taken to make sure that it was a consultant who was not connected with the industry as a provider.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I would have thought that, if a service was offered free of charge to the Commonwealth, most people would grab it. Anyway, we will check when your adviser comes back. We will come back to those issues when we are able to. Perhaps Mr Williams could join us and we can deal with the outstanding issues.</p> <p>Ms Costello—We do not have an answer on the Wine and Brandy Corporation. We would have to do some further research on that.</p>	Answered 26/7/04
PM51	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA97 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—With regard to your preliminary discussions with the Department of Family and Community Services, you are saying to the committee that no-one mentioned to you the 'Keeping the System Fair' education campaign.</p> <p>Mr Williams—I will take that on notice because I was not personally involved in the discussions between the GCU and FaCS. The advice I have is that the campaign that was being discussed was More Help for Families. However, I will take on notice your question about—</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I would appreciate that, but I would appreciate an early response to it. I think it is something that ought to be able to be sorted pretty quickly.</p>	Answered 11/8/04
PM52	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA99- 100 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—One thing you can do for me then, in relation to this Medicare campaign, is disaggregate the \$15.7 million figure into those elements.</p> <p>Mr Williams—I will have to take that on notice, because I do not have a copy of the media plan with me.</p>	Answered 11/8/04

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PM53	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA102 25/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Can we be sure of this? I assumed it was something like that, but are you certain that that particular contract relates to the PM&C officials at the hotel?</p> <p>Ms Yeend—I will double-check on that, but my understanding is that that is the case. One of the officers in my branch who does that visit is responsible for paying, before she leaves, the account for herself and other departmental officers—but I would need to check. Can I have the details again?</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—It is contract ID 1281567, accommodation contract value \$6,260.55. Then we have a similar contract. On this occasion it is 1281568, with a similar description—Claridges, \$6,784.69. They are two similar amounts.</p> <p>Ms Yeend—I will need to check on those.</p>	Answered 11/2/05
PM54	GG	Faulkner	F&PA93 26/5/04	<p>Senator FAULKNER—How many nights accommodation at the Berkeley?</p> <p>Mr Hazell—I would have to check, Senator.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I thought it was a little under a week. That was my understanding from what was said publicly.</p> <p>Mr Hazell—I would have to check the details. I think it would have been under a week. I cannot tell you exactly how many days but it would have been under a week.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—It was five or six days, maybe? Anyway, you will get me the precise figure.</p> <p>Mr Hazell—I can get that figure for you. I am sorry I do not have it at my fingertips.</p>	Answered 28/6/04
PM55	PM&C	Harradine	Written	Attached—this question was transferred from the Department of Health and Ageing	Answered 11/8/04

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Please provide this information by the next sitting of the Senate on 15 June 2004.

This question is part of a group of questions that were asked of the Department of Health and Ageing through the Senate Community Affairs (CA) Committee. The CA Committee has been advised by health and ageing that Senator Harradine's question relating to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Embryo Research and Human Cloning, is to be transferred through the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. The question follows:

With reference to the Intergovernmental Agreement on Embryo Research and Human Cloning:

The Agreement records that it was signed by Jim Bacon as Premier of Tasmania, but by 31 March 2004 Tasmania's Premier was Paul Lennon. Who signed the agreement for Tasmania?

For context, the following is an extract from the original group of questions:

57. Why did the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreement between the states and territories on Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning, dated 31 March 2004, use the definition of "excess ART embryo" in the Prohibition of Human Cloning Act and not the definition from the Research Involving Human Embryos Act?

58. Why was the COAG agreement, dated 31 March 2004, necessary?

59. The Agreement records that it was signed by Jim Bacon as Premier of Tasmania, but by 31 March 2004 Tasmania's Premier was Paul Lennon. Who signed the agreement for Tasmania?