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QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard reference	Question	Comments
PM1	GG	Faulkner	F&PA 62 22/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—I use the terminology ‘others’ which covers all contingencies. So we have not got the breakdown of the costs of that visit yet?</p> <p>Mr Hazell—No.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Will you be able to provide that to the committee when it is available?</p> <p>Mr Hazell—That will be some time away but, yes of course.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—And you might also provide the costs of the visit, part 1 and part 2, of the outback visit as well, which I assume you have not got either. Would that be right?</p> <p>Mr Hazell—That is correct.</p>	Received 23/10/06
PM2	GG	Faulkner	F&PA 63 22/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Okay. Do you keep a close eye on the valuation of the items?</p> <p>Mr Hazell—In the case of the art works, the valuation is from the National Gallery. We keep a register of where all the pieces of art are, but the value of those is provided to us by the Gallery.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Is that generally an insurance value?</p> <p>Mr Hazell—I understand so, yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—We have heard evidence previously, in relation to the Australian Fund at least, that it is. You might take on notice then any changes to the inventory. I will not delay the committee. ‘Changes’, of course, means additions and subtractions.</p>	Received 23/10/06

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PM3	PM&C	Ray	F&PA 69 22/05/06	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—What is the hold-up with those four? Is it the complexity of the questions?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—On the water policy ones they are awaiting clearance, and on the Cabinet Implementation Unit one, broadly speaking, there are rather large policy issues around the question asked and the detail that might be provided in answer, and we are still working on that.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—I see. So that is a complexity issue. When were the three questions on water policy submitted for clearance?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I will have to take that on notice, but I am sure we can find the answer quite quickly.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Are they submitted for clearance to Mr Howard or Mr Turnbull?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—My understanding is that they went to the Prime Minister's office, but I will need to confirm that.</p>	Received 12/10/06
PM4	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 81 22/05/06	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Did they have copies of the documents you submitted?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I do not know, Senator. I am not sure.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Is there someone here who can help us with that?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—No, I do not know, Senator.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—And there is no-one here who can help us with that?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—No.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you could take that on notice for me. Given that the Prime Minister's office knew of the nature of the documents, if not had copies, which is an open question, we can assume, I suspect, that therefore the 39 documents they submitted on 27 February were in addition. Otherwise, they would simply be resubmitting stuff you had already submitted.</p>	Received 17/07/06

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PM5	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 81-82 22/05/06	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—That is a different answer. When you say that, are you speaking on behalf of Prime Minister and Cabinet or are you saying that as Duncan Lewis the individual? Was PM&C provided with information as to the sort of documents or a list of the documents that were supplied to the Cole commission by the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—That is not something that I can answer. I do not know.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you might take that on notice for me.</p>	Received 13/07/06
PM6	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 89 22/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Are we aware whether the Prime Minister had any contact with Mr Thawley about the investigation?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I am not able to answer that.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Why not?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—It is a matter that I think is probably before the commission.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Come off it! This is a matter—</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I am not able to answer that question—</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—The reason I am asking these questions is that there can be no argument about this particular issue being before Cole. It is not. I am talking about the US Senate inquiry. That Senate investigation is not a matter that is before Cole in any way, shape or form, and everybody knows it, so let us try to answer the substantive question.</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I am not able to answer that. I do not know the answer.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Now how about uttering the other words: 'And out of respect for the committee, I will take it on notice and give you an answer.'</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I will take it on notice. I do not know the answer.</p>	Received 13/07/06

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PM7	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 90-07 22/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Did the department brief the Prime Minister for discussions with Mr Thawley in September and October 2004?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I do not believe so, but I do not have any specific information to that extent. I go back to the answer we gave to your question with regard to the Prime Minister’s involvement or engagement with Ambassador Thawley, where we have said to you formally that Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet records show that there is no record of the department having a role in Ambassador Thawley’s meeting. I cannot give you a more definitive answer than that. If I could take that one on notice, we can get you a very quick answer as to whether a brief went to the Prime Minister.</p>	Received 13/07/06
PM8	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 91-92 22/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—I do not know who wrote the answer to the question on notice. Whoever it is, I am not actually abusing them. But you would appreciate, I am sure, Senator Minchin—because you are so careful in the words you use yourself—that the words ‘no record of any involvement’, which has now been redefined to ‘no record of any role’ by the witness at the table, is still unclear. I am trying to find out whether there was an awareness or record that the department had in relation to the meeting—not the involvement of or a role for Prime Minister and Cabinet, but an awareness or a record, which is a very different question. Every time I ask this question, it is redefined in a different way.</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I think that can be taken on notice. It is a different question from the one we answered. We accept that. We will take it on notice.</p>	Received 13/07/06

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PM9	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 92-93 22/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—We know that the ambassador and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade tried to shut down the US Senate inquiry. I want to know whether that was in accordance with PM&C guidance. We have got two documents on the public record that point to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and possibly the Prime Minister himself being informed and providing guidance to Ambassador Thawley on that very matter. Can someone from the department help me on this?</p> <p>Mr Lewis—I am unable to, Senator. I do not believe we have people here who can do that.</p> <p>Dr Morauta—We can take the question on notice.</p>	Received 13/07/06
PM10	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 93 22/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Please find out for me when the Prime Minister first became aware of that investigation. Can you also take on notice for me what action the department took after it became aware of the investigation. Can you also indicate to me when the department became aware of the fact that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade instructions were given to Washington about the inquiry—you might find that out for me. Please find out for me on how many occasions the Prime Minister spoke to Mr Thawley about this matter. I specifically want chased through the matter you have already taken on notice about the Prime Minister speaking to Mr Thawley in September and October 2004. You might also inform me, in relation to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, if there was any involvement of the department and any other agencies in relation to the US Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations inquiries into the AWB. I would appreciate all those matters being taken on notice. It is very disappointing that there is no-one from the department that is apparently able to answer those questions.</p>	Received 17/07/06

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PM11	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 94 22/05/06	<p>Mr Lewis—I will ask Mr Glyde to address the question on the Indian matter that is running in the newspapers today.</p> <p>Mr Glyde—I am not aware as to when PM&C first became aware of this matter, but I am aware that this is a matter that is being dealt with by the Attorney-General's Department, and I suggest that is probably the best place to direct the questions in the first instance. I can get back to you in relation to when PM&C first became aware of the allegations, but I do not have the specifics of that. It is a matter for the Attorney-General's Department.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—In terms of PM&C's knowledge, are we talking recent times or are we confident it was some years ago when the matter was more current?</p> <p>Mr Glyde—That is what I really have to check. I am not quite sure about when PM&C first became aware of this—whether it was just in recent times or earlier.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I was not going to hold you to the date; I was just trying to get a sense of whether you were involved when the issue first came up.</p> <p>Mr Glyde—I am afraid I do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you could take that on notice for me?</p> <p>Mr Glyde—Yes.</p>	Received 13/07/06

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PM12	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 97 22/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—I understand that. What about the costs issue? Does this tend to mean that some costs are picked up by the Commonwealth?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—Most of the costs but not all. For instance, if a state funeral is granted, we advertise it in the public notices, so there is an advertising cost, which is generally one of the higher costs involved in a state funeral. We pay the funeral director's costs and the celebrant if there is one. If there is hospitality before or after, we do not pay for that—that is the family's business. There are guidelines and it would depend. There are so many variables as to what might happen at a particular funeral.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Are there written guidelines?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Could you table them?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—I do not have them with me but, yes, I can.</p>	Received 13/07/06
PM13	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 97 22/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—You are going to table the convention or guidelines in relation to those who are offered state funerals. You might table, if you do not mind, the guidelines in relation to the costs that are borne by the Commonwealth. There are also, it seems to me, occasions when a state funeral is offered perhaps to a person, a prominent citizen, who might not necessarily be in a category defined by convention. That is obviously the case; I can think of a number of examples. Can you confirm that for the committee?</p>	Received 13/07/06

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PM14	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 99 22/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Is it an easy thing to do to show the pattern, let us say, over the past period of years? I do not want to disaggregate it, but I would have thought that the amounts spent on state funerals on an annualised basis would be a comparatively easy thing for you to pull out for us.</p> <p>Mr Leverett—Yes, we could do that. I am not sure how far back we can go, but certainly for recent years that is easy.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—It would be interesting to see the pattern over a number of years. It could be five or 10 years—that would be excellent. I assume that would be a comparatively easy thing to do. I ask you to take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Morauta—One thing that occurs to me is that we need to be careful if there was only one funeral in a year. We would not want to—</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I was going to suggest that you might indicate the cost borne by the Commonwealth and the number of state funerals that had been granted. That would pick up the valid point that Dr Morauta made.</p> <p>Mr Leverett—As I said earlier, we will tell you the numbers but not the cost, but I can add the cost as a separate exercise.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I just want an annualised figure, not a disaggregated one, at this stage. If you provide that other documentation and table it at some stage, we might be able to follow that up at the next estimates round.</p>	Received 13/07/06

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PM15	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 110 22/05/06	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Do you know what the function of the working group inside PM&C was? What was its charter?</p> <p>Ms Wilson—As I understand it, it was to lead discussions on a bilateral basis with each state and territory jurisdiction on possible joint initiatives.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Do you know the size of that unit?</p> <p>Ms Wilson—No, I would have to take that on notice. I do not have that information.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—It would be appreciated if you would take that on notice. Just to go back, would that have been the Indigenous Policy Branch or was that not in existence then?</p> <p>Ms Wilson—I do not believe it existed in its current form then. I think there was a slightly different configuration within PM&C. I am sorry that I do not have the detail of that. I could take that on notice for you.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Yes, if you would not mind, just for completeness. Essentially, you are saying that the working group inside PM&C was a new group. Is that fair to say? Or was it an old group that morphed into a new group?</p>	Received 3/07/06

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PM16	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 19 23/05/06	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—But how much of that was about administrative arrangements? My question went to the outcome from the family violence national framework and that particular policy issue. I know you have been having a lot of discussions about the administrative arrangements and they have dominated a bit of that debate for the last couple of years. Are you able to break that down for me, Dr Morauta?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—The information I have got here is simply about how many meetings there were with Indigenous matters on the agenda.</p> <p>Ms Wilson—We are still following up what the reporting arrangements were on the family violence prevention program and whether there was a reporting back—</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you could take on notice the question of whether or not and when issues of family violence and child abuse were actually on the COAG agenda rather than the broader structural agreements. You were also going to see if you could get for me the funding initiatives under the family—</p>	Received 21/06/06

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PM17	PM&C	Siewert	F&PA 20 23/05/06	<p>Ms Wilson—It is certainly one of the issues that secretaries have discussed in quite some detail. There is a flexible funding pool available to support SRAs. In addition, a number of portfolios have identified an amount of money that they will provide from within their existing programs on a flexible basis to support SRAs.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—Does that go into the pool or is that—</p> <p>Ms Wilson—It does not go into the pool per se but it is available as a minimum to support SRAs. It is on the table should there be relevant things that come up in shared responsibility agreements that would be appropriate, for example, for the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations to support from within its programs.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—Is there a percentage identified?</p> <p>Ms Wilson—I believe that there are dollar figures identified.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—I am happy for you to get back to me on that one.</p> <p>Ms Wilson—Okay, we will take that on notice.</p>	Received 13/07/06
PM18	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 22 23/05/06	<p>Senator Minchin—I do not have the transcript of the Prime Minister's press conference subsequent to his meetings. We would only be at liberty to talk about or confirm those things which the Prime Minister himself had said on his trip that he had discussed with Mr Bush. I apologise for not having in my consciousness whether or not that was raised by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—So will you take it on notice?</p> <p>Senator Minchin—I am happy to do so.</p>	Received 13/07/06
PM19	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 59-60	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Wasn't there a communications plan for a second phase of the Work Choices legislation that went to the MCGC?</p>	Received 27/06/06

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PM20	PM&C	Forshaw	F&PA 62	<p>Mr Williams—There were a number of agencies that were called to give evidence before that committee.</p> <p>Senator FORSHAW—Yes, specifically, and in the end they agreed to appear. But PM&C was the lead department that put in the submission and appeared here. What I want to know is, ‘When were those answers finalised and what happened to them when they were sent through to the secretariat?’ because my clear recollection is that they had not been received in time for the committee to publish its report.</p> <p>Mr Williams—I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FORSHAW—Yes. And I want to know if they were sent to the minister and if that is where the hold-up was—</p> <p>Mr Williams—I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FORSHAW—or the Prime Minister, I suppose, in this case. Thank you.</p>	Received 21/06/06
PM21	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 71 23/5/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—What I am asking, Chair, is what trips are being planned or organised by this department—planning might not necessarily be involved, but the actual organisation, the payment, bookings and all those sorts of things are undertaken by the department. I am asking about that. There is an expenditure of public money involved. I am not asking about it into the wild blue yonder; I am asking about it before the end of this financial year. It seems to me to be core business of this estimates committee. I would like to know what trips are being planned. I have specifically asked if the Prime Minister is proposing to go to Europe, and I would like to ask when. And I have specifically asked whether there is any suggestion he might attend a World Cup soccer match.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Football.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Football, as Senator Ray prefers to call it. I don’t know why he has a prejudice in that regard!</p> <p>CHAIR—Mr Leverett, you would rather take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—Yes.</p>	Received 5/07/06

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PM22	PM&C	Ray	F&PA 78 23/5/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Do we know what the minor repair work that was undertaken on the silver salt and pepper shakers was?</p> <p>Ms Patterson—I do not.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Could you find out and give us a cost?</p> <p>Ms Patterson—Yes.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Please take that on notice.</p>	Received 3/07/06
PM23	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 79 23/5/06	<p>Mr Williams—It is listed in the answer in attachment A as 'Tasmanian musk and Huon pine occasional table' with a value of \$12½ thousand. It is in the answer.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Is it the same table?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I assume it is. It is the same description.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I was assuming and I just wondered if we knew.</p> <p>Mr Williams—As Ms Patterson said, we will take it on notice and get back to you. The full answer to the question is on the 18 items repaired. It seems to me that that is probably it.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Is the dining table that also had a stain repaired in November 2004 the very large dining table?</p> <p>Mr Williams—It could be the dining table described. It would be safer to take these questions on notice so we do not mislead the committee.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I would appreciate it if you could establish the value of the dining table, the value of the repair and the cost of repairing the console table. I note that that was damaged in transit. I would assume that, in relation to the Australiana Fund, these costs of repair are met by the insurer. Would that be right?</p> <p>Ms Patterson—That was my understanding.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—It is mine, but I just want to be clear on it.</p> <p>Ms Patterson—I will double-check on the point about the transit of the item and whether that makes any difference.</p>	Received 3/07/06

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PM24	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 82 23/05/06	<p>Senator FAULKNER—I was wondering where the costs for entertaining in that Parliament House facility will be drawn? If you do not know, you can take it on notice.</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I do not think it is even our department. We will check it out.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Why would it not be your department?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I think it may be the Department of Parliamentary Services.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—They do not pay for entertainment costs.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—He is not asking about capital costs now; he is asking about servicing the dining area.</p> <p>Mr Williams-We would need to take that on notice.</p>	Received 3/07/06
PM25	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 83 23/05/06	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Do you have a copy of the Australian Embassy guest list?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—I do not have a copy of it.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Are you able to get that, or should I ask the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for that?</p> <p>Mr Leverett—I will have to ask. I certainly cannot produce it now.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you could take on notice whether you can supply a list. If you cannot, that is fine.</p>	Received 5/07/06
PM26	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Received 13/07/06
PM27	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Received 5/07/06
PM28	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Received 5/07/06
PM29	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Received 13/07/06
PM30	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Received 21/06/06
PM31	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Received 27/10/06
PM32	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Received 17/07/06
PM33	NWC	Stephens	Written	Attached	Received 20/07/06
PM34	NWC	Stephens	Written	Attached	Received 20/07/06
PM35	NWC	Stephens	Written	Attached	Received 20/07/06
PM36	NWC	Stephens	Written	Attached	Received 20/07/06
PM37	PM&C	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 10/08/06

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PM38	ANAO	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 11/07/06
PM39	APSC	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 7/07/06
PM40	NWC	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 20/07/06
PM41	ONA	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 30/06/06
PM42	OMB	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 7/07/06
PM43	IGIS	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 16/06/06
PM44	GG	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 23/10/06
PM45	PM&C	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 7/08/06
PM46	ANAO	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 14/07/06
PM47	APSC	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 7/07/06
PM48	NWC	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 20/07/06
PM49	ONA	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 7/07/06
PM50	OMB	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 7/07/06
PM51	IGIS	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 16/06/06
PM52	GG	Ludwig	Written	Attached	Received 23/10/06

Please note that answers are due on 7 July 2006

Written QON

PM 26

APEC 2007 Taskforce

1. What is Alan Henderson's current role in the APEC 2007 Taskforce?
2. When and why did Mr Henderson take up that role?
3. If Mr Henderson has no current role are there any plans for him to take over the running of the APEC 2007 Taskforce, if so please indicate when and why.
4. How many of the taskforce's staff are based in Sydney?
5. How many of the taskforce's staff are based in Canberra?
6. Are any taskforce staff based in other location, if so, where and how many?
7. Please provide a breakdown of current staff by classification and ongoing / non-ongoing status if that breakdown differs from that provided for the February 2006 Additional Estimates round.
8. Has the taskforce undertaken any research or produced any projections as to the level of disruption caused to the people of Sydney during Leaders' Week, for example, transport delays and closures, road blocks and so forth?
9. Please provide details of the level of disruption anticipated during Leaders' Week.
10. What action is planned to ensure that disruption is kept to a minimum and that people living and working in Sydney are not disadvantaged by disruptions during Leaders' Week?

11. The response to question PM64 part 4 from the February 2006 Estimates round indicates that the following expenses have been incurred by the taskforce:

Interior design and fit-out – Canberra	-	\$26,872.77
Partitioning for workstations – Canberra	-	\$49,868
Office refit – Canberra	-	\$18,370

Were these goods and services purchased for interior design and fit-out of the taskforce's Canberra accommodation?

12. Has there been an upgrade / re-fit of the taskforce's Canberra accommodation?
13. If so, please indicate the total cost of that upgrade / re-fit and please provide a breakdown of all spending over \$5000.
14. When was this upgrade / re-fit completed?
15. What is the address of the building in which this accommodation is located?
16. Does the taskforce anticipate moving its Canberra accommodation to the new PM&C building at One National Circuit when that building is completed?
17. In response to question PM64 (part 4) of the February 2006 Additional Estimates round it was indicated that \$73,484 had been spent on "fit out" for level 30/31 of the Margaret Street offices. Please provide details of what goods and services were provided by Zero Nine.
18. In response to question PM51 part 2 from the February 2006 Additional Estimates round it was indicated that \$2.745 m has so far been spent on 'other administrative costs'. Please provide an itemised breakdown of all expenses in this category valued at \$10,000 and over.
19. Please refer to question PM51 part 2 from the February 2006 Additional Estimates round and provide an updated response to that question, showing both new expenses incurred since 31 January 2006 and total cumulative costs.
20. Please refer to question PM64 parts 1-4 from the February 2006 Additional Estimates round and provide an update of all new expenses relevant to those questions since the end of January 2006.
21. Please provide a breakdown of all travel costs incurred by taskforce staff, including date, destination, purpose and class of travel.

PM 27

1. Please provide an itemised breakdown of all costs for capital works, maintenance, acquisitions and contracted services at the official residences of the Governor General and the Prime Minister since 31 January 2006.
2. Please provide detail of any expenses over \$5000, paid for with public funds, incurred in facilities provided by the Commonwealth to former Governor-Generals since 31 January 2006. Please indicate the nature of the expense, the cost and relevant former Governor-General.
3. Please provide a breakdown all entertainment costs (stating the date, nature and purpose of the event, and cost of goods and services, broken down by type) paid for with public funds at the official residences of the Prime Minister since 31 January 2006.
4. Please provide details of all costs borne by the Commonwealth for Prime Ministerial overseas travel since 31 January 2006. Please indicate the visit in question and breakdown costs in categories including but not limited to transport, accommodation, food and beverages, gifts and entertainment. Please also indicate the number of staff travelling with the Prime Minister and provide a similar breakdown of costs incurred by those staff.

PM 28

1. In the last five years what is the value of any changes or improvements at the existing PM&C Canberra premises to the building fit-out (for example partitioning, work stations etc)?
2. In the last five years what is the value of any changes or improvements in capital works at the existing PM&C Canberra premises?
3. In the last five years what is the value of any changes or improvements in equipment for employees (for examples chairs, computers etc) at the existing PM&C Canberra premises?
4. In the last five years what is the value of any changes or improvements in building security (internal and external) at the existing PM&C Canberra premises?
5. What is the value of the existing fit-out (furniture and equipment) in the current Canberra PM&C building?
6. Has the PM&C Chief Executive provided the instructions for disposal of furniture to any employees from the existing PM&C Building at this time? If yes, what instructions have been provided to Staff?
7. Has the amount of furniture at the existing PM&C Building to be disposed of been determined at this time? If yes, what is to be disposed of?
8. What is the value of the contract for the removal of existing furniture that is to be disposed of from the existing PM&C building?
9. Why is existing furniture not suitable to be re-installed at new premises?
10. How will PM&C dispose of other equipment (for example computers), excluding furniture, from the existing Canberra PM&C building?
11. What is the value for the contract of any transport of materials from the existing premises to One National Circuit? When was this signed? If there was more than one contract, please include a list indicating their value and the date of signing?

12. What is the value of purchased equipment and fit-out for the One National Circuit at this time? If there was more than one contract, please include a list indicating their value and the date of signing?
13. What is the current number of employees employed by PM&C at the existing Canberra building? What is the distribution of these employees by classification, gender and employment status (ongoing or non-ongoing)?
14. What will be the role of the 130 additional task force employees foreshadowed in the answer to Questions on Notice PM 52? How long will they be employed?
15. Why has the staffing number grown in PM&C in Canberra from 347 (2003- 2004 PM&C Annual Report) to the foreshadowed 450 employees plus 130 additional employees at One National Court?
16. What are the employee numbers and the calculations used to determine the Forward Estimate Employee Expense figures in Table 5.1 of the Portfolio Budget Statements 2006- 07 for the periods 2007- 08, 2008- 09 and 2009- 10?
17. Why do those forward estimates on employee expenses show no significant increase, given the estimated increase in numbers up to 450?
18. What is the size in square metres of the immediate work area for each of the 450 PM&C employees in the new building?
19. Is it anticipated that at any time the 130 additional task force employees will be present in the new building in addition to the 450 PM&C employees?
20. What action has PM&C taken to ensure that the new building complies with the Governments responsibility for the occupational health and safety of its employees?
21. What is the value of each workstation for employees at One National Circuit?
22. What equipment will each employee workstation have at One National Circuit?
23. What is the expiry date on the lease on the One National Circuit building?
24. Are there any options for either party to extend the lease upon its nominal expiry date?
25. Can PM&C re-negotiate the terms of the lease should the rental area required by the Department need to be reduced?

PM 29

1. Has the Health Task Force's report or précis of the task force's report been distributed to anyone else apart from those named in Questions PM 67? If so, to whom and when was it distributed?

2. How many pages is the report?
3. How many recommendations are included in the report?
4. Does one of the recommendations of the report include a change to the division for responsibility for the health system from State to Federal Governments?
5. Can a copy of the recommendations be provided?
6. What proposals has the Prime Minister looked at in regard to the Commonwealth- state interface in regard to Health and Hospital administration and service delivery?
7. Were any aspects of the Podger Review discussed at COAG? If yes, at what meetings (dates) did these discussions take place?
8. Were all COAG members provided with a full copy of the Report? If not, what were they provided with?
9. Can PM&C confirm that a leaked copy of the Podger Review was obtained by the Age Newspaper and reported in the Age Newspaper on 11 March 2005?
10. Can PM&C confirm that as reported in the Age Newspaper on 12 March 2005 the Task Force's report states:

While a Commonwealth takeover would involve complex, costly and expensive transition, the taskforce has been able to demonstrate that it is feasible and considers it would ultimately facilitate delivering on and protecting key national priorities.?
11. Is PM&C aware of who leaked the report to the Age Newspaper?
12. Did PM&C or any other Government Agency or Department investigate the leaking of the Report?
13. If not, why not?
14. If yes, what were the results of the investigation?
15. Who else had copies of the Podger Review prior to 11 March 2005? When did they receive the Podger Review and who provided it to them?

PM 30

1. Who made the decision to donate \$250,000 to this year's Red Shield Appeal?
2. Have there been similar donations made to other charities over the last five years?

3. Was there any consideration given this year to donating similar amounts to other charities?
 4. Has the Prime Minister launched fund raising campaigns or appeals from other charities?
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PM 31

1. What are the current taskforces, interdepartmental committees or interdepartmental working groups for which PM&C is the lead agency? For each of these can you provide the following:
 - the date it was established;
 - the objectives of these body,
 - agencies or organisations represented on the body,
 - who the body reports to, and
 - an indication of any end date for their work or if they are ongoing.
2. What are the current taskforces, IDCs or interdepartmental working groups on which PM&C is represented, but for which it is not the lead agency? For each of these can you provide the following:
 - the date it was established;
 - the objectives of these body,
 - agencies or organisations represented on the body,
 - who the body reports to, and
 - an indication of any end date for their work or if they are ongoing.
3. Are there any additional current taskforces, IDCs or interdepartmental working groups for which PM&C is providing secretariat support? For each of these can you provide the following:
 - the date it was established;
 - the objectives of these body,
 - agencies or organisations represented on the body,
 - who the body reports to, and
 - an indication of any end date for their work or if they are ongoing.
4. How many PM&C staff are currently assigned to taskforce, IDC or interdepartmental working group activities, and what are their classifications?
5. How many non-PM&C staff are currently on secondment to PM&C for taskforce, IDC or interdepartmental working group activity and what are their classifications?

6. How much accommodation within the department is assigned for taskforce, IDC or interdepartmental working group staff? How much of that is in use and how much is currently vacant?
7. Is the department planning for an increase in its taskforce, IDC or interdepartmental working group staff in the remainder of this and the next financial year? If so, please provide details of expected staffing changes and the bodies to which those staff are to be assigned.
8. On July 15 last year the Prime Minister announced the establishment of a taskforce to communicate its workplace changes, headed by Andrew Robb MP. Did or does PM&C provide secretariat support to that group?
9. If so, what was the nature of that support, how many staff were assigned and were any expenses incurred by the taskforce that were met by PM&C?

PM 32

Was PM&C involved in the development of the proposals related to superannuation changes announced in the 2006 Budget?

When was PM&C first made aware of those proposals?

When was the Prime Minister first made aware of those proposals?

Were those proposals discussed in Cabinet?

Can the Department confirm that the Prime Minister stands to gain significantly from those changes?

Can the Department confirm a recent media report which states that the Prime Minister would gain \$370,000 if he retires on 30 June 2006, directly as a result of the proposed changes?

Can PM&C confirm that the Prime Minister, Treasurer and every other member of Cabinet stand to personally gain from the proposed super changes announced in the Budget?

When was the Department first made aware that the changes would benefit the Prime Minister?

Has the Department briefed the Prime Minister on the benefit he might personally gain as a result of the proposed superannuation changes? If so when?

PM 33

- \$2 billion for Raising National Water Standards (\$200 million), Water Smart Australia Program (\$1.6 million) and Community Water Grants Program (\$200 million – administered by DAFF and DEH). In a table, please itemise for each program the following information:

- The applicant's name/s
- Describe the project and its location
- Amount of funding provided
- Date funding was approved
- When the funding is provided
- Other financial contributors to projects (if known)

There have been a number of employment advertisements recently. Current staffing numbers? Locations? (i.e. group) How many AWAs across the board? Staffings numbers per group – i.e. Water Reform Group, Corporate Strategy and Services Group and Water Programmes Group.

Does the NWC have a Departmental Liaison Officer (DLO) in any Minister's office? How many and which offices?

May 2005 Estimates Mr Matthews indicated full-staffing capacity would be about 45 employees. Is the NWC now fully staffed and is that figure of 45 still current or has it been revised? If revised, up or down, and what is the revised figure?

PM 34

How many domestic and international flights – including date and purpose of travel (including travel for Commission meetings) - has Mr Matthews made since he was appointed Commissioner? Class of travel?

PM 35

Did the NWC undertake any public activities to mark National Water Day in 2006? If so, what? What cost?

PM 36

How many Commission meetings has the Prime Minister attended? What dates and locations?

How many Commission meetings has Malcolm Turnbull attended? What dates and locations?

QUESTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE AGENCIES CONSTITUTED UNDERNEATH IT

PM 37 – PM 44

- (1) What sum did the department or agency spend during 2005-2006 on external legal services (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).
- (2) What sum did the department or agency spend on internal legal services.
- (3) What is the department or agency's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.

PM45 – PM 52

The following questions relate to the purchase of executive coaching and/or other leadership training services by the department/agency, broken down for each of the last four financial years.

Where available, please provide:

1. Total spending on these services.
2. The number of employees offered these services and their salary level.
3. The number of employees who have utilised these services and their salary level.
4. The names of all service providers engaged.
5. For each service purchased from a provider listed in the answer to the previous question, please provide:
 - a. The name and nature of the service purchased.
 - b. Whether the service is one-on-one or group based.
 - c. The number of employees who received the service.
 - d. The total number of hours involved for all employees.
 - e. The total amount spent on the service.
 - f. A description of the fees charged (e.g. per hour, complete package).
 - g. Where a service was provided at any location other than the department or agency's own premises, please provide:
 - i. The location used
 - ii. The number of employees who took part on each occasion
 - iii. The total number of hours involved for all employees who took part.