

Supplementary Budget Estimates 2002-03
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Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

QoN No.	Agency/Program	Senator	Hansd pg	QUESTION	Comments
PM1	GG	Faulkner	111	Is there is any truth to the suggestion that the Governor-General is attending a high proportion of religious functions?	Ans. 5/2/03
PM2	GG	Brandis	111/112	Mr Bonsey, we would probably find too, wouldn't we, that Sir William Dean would have attended a slightly higher number of legal profession related functions or judicial functions and that perhaps Sir Zelman Cowan would have attended a slightly higher than average number of university and academic functions—reflecting their backgrounds?	Ans. 5/2/03
PM3	PM&C	Ray	114	Thank you for answering a question I did not ask. I know that is the reason. I want to know why the parliamentary question person has told the DOFA official not to forward it yet to Senator Abetz's office. I think this question was put on notice on 19 July. By the end of July, they had the answer to how many mobile phones they allocated out to the 24.6 staff—that is, MOPS, section 4—working within the broad portfolio area, not including DLOs. Why was an instruction given not to forward it to Senator Abetz's office?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM4	PM&C	Faulkner	119	When was the communication with the Presiding Officers made [Centenary Medal].	Not required – answered at hearing
PM5	PM&C	Faulkner	124	What is the value of the contract with Wollcott?	Transferred to CA cttee (Health)
PM6	PM&C	Faulkner	125	For this particular campaign, will you be able to provide us a copy of the research brief?	Transferred to CA cttee (Health)
PM7	PM&C	Faulkner	127	I would be very interested in that, Mr Williams. Could I have a copy, please? [Colmar Brunton survey]	Ans. 3/2/03
PM8	PM&C	Faulkner	128	Thank you very much. Would you be able to take on notice what the costs borne by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet were for those 10 trips? [PMs O/S trips]	Ans. 6/1/03 Amended ans 4/7/03

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PM9	PM&C	Ray	131	Not quite. I am looking for a specific breakdown for the five people who stayed at this hotel for four days—that is, their accommodation and total costs as picked up by the department. Is that clear? Then I would like the total cost for the other 19 accompanying the Prime Minister. I understand that the accounts are not in and you cannot answer it yet. Clearly, if the accounts do not come in in time, Mr Metcalfe, we cannot expect you to answer it by 17 January. If they are not in by additional estimates we will raise it again. So we want total costs for accommodation, food and anything else at that hotel for the 19 people and the five people.	Part Ans. 6/1/03
PM10	PM&C	Faulkner	134	There is one issue I would like taken on notice, if you would not mind, Mr Metcalfe. I will not go into detail. There was one outstanding issue from the Select Committee on a Certain Maritime Incident to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. It relates to a DFAT cable on SIEVX. I wonder whether—without going into any detail, given that that committee no longer exists—that could be taken on notice at this committee and provided when you are able to?	Ans. 3/2/03
PM11	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	When was the last time the Task Force on Domestic Violence met?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM12	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	How often are the supposed to meet?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM13	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Does the Task Force make recommendations on grant funding?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM14	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Why the delay?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM15	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	If the money has not been given out, is it because you (the Minister) disagree with the recommendations of the Task Force?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM16	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	When will funds be given out?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM17	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Last estimates we were told that you couldn't spend \$4.3million of PADV money, as you could not find suitable program managers. What has happened to this money that was underspent? Has it been rolled into this year's budget?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM18	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Has any money been spent since we last met, in May? If so, how much and please detail the programs.	Ans. 6/1/03
PM19	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	How much has gone to indigenous family violence?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM20	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Would you consider indigenous family violence a priority of the Government?	Ans. 6/1/03

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PM21	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Last estimates we asked the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) if they could use domestic violence money – they stated that they were “ <i>advocating constantly for increased effort in this area</i> ” and that although they already spent \$4.9 million annually on programs related to family violence, the “ <i>demand was much greater than that</i> ” and they could easily expend an extra \$4.3 million. Would you agree with this statement?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM22	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Have you given any consideration increasing these extra funds to this area?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM23	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Is there a national peak body for domestic violence services across Australia? If so, is it funded by the Commonwealth Government and if so, where from?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM24	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	If not, how does the Commonwealth Government receive input and consult with service providers working with men, women and children on domestic violence?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM25	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Has OSW done any costings of paid maternity leave? If so, what are they?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM26	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Have any OSW officials participated in any inter-departmental meetings or cabinet documents on the cost of implementing paid maternity leave? Has the Minister?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM27	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Will they be made available to the public?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM28	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Can you tell me what sort of committee this is – is it reporting to cabinet etc?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM29	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Can you tell me who was the Cabinet Minister in attendance?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM30	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Were there representatives from the Men’s Rights Agency present?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM31	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Mr Ticehurst mention 5 suicides per week due to child access problems, do you know where these figures are from? Could you find out?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM32	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Can you tell me how this committee or the Family Law Reform Act is taking into account violence perpetrated by a parent against wither the other parent or the child/children?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM33	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	On what basis does OSW consider that a child’s relationship with both parents after divorce should override safety issues?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM34	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Which ‘relevant stakeholders representing women and women’s organisations’ met regularly with the Office of the Status of Women to discuss current policy issues?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM35	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Was paid maternity leave raised as a relevant policy issue by any or all of these stakeholders who represent women and women’s organisations in Australia.	Ans. 6/1/03

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PM36	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	The Commonwealth, State and Territory Working Party which was established in 2001 to explore issues affecting women's sense of body image and to consider strategies to promote positive body image- currently where is this Working Party at and what has it achieved thus far?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM37	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	In relation to the capacity building workshops conducted by the Office of the Status of Women for women's NGOs, which groups participated in these workshops/ how many people participated in these workshops/when and where were they held?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM38	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Which organisations subsequently were successful in obtaining commonwealth funding?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM39	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	The OSW states in the PMC annual report that as a result of the ' Appoint Women ' initiative, the number of women who hold commonwealth board positions has in fact increased from 31.7% in 1996 to 33.8% in 2002. Given this is not much of an increase in 8 years (less than half a percent per year) what has been identified as reasons for this small increase and how does the 'Appoint Women' initiative intend to address this given it's purpose is to encourage portfolios to appoint highly skilled women to Commonwealth boards and bodies?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM40	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	In relation to the Women's Indigenous Advisory Group , who are the 12 members of this Advisory group? Where are they based? Where do they meet? How often do they meet? What are the priorities of this Women's Indigenous Advisory group? Are they involved and do they advise on the PADV program?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM41	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Australia's combined 4 th & 5 th report to the CEDAW Committee was due to be completed in August 2000 . In 2002 the OSW website says-"OSW is currently preparing Australia's combined 4 th /5 th report, it is expected that this will be released this year." Why has this not been done?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM42	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	If it has been done why is it not on the website yet and what are the reasons for the delay?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM43	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	If it has not been done , when is it now expected to be completed?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM44	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Why has there been such a delay in producing this report?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM45	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	What has been advised to the Government in relation to CEDAW and the Optional Protocol by the OSW?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM46	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	Have the 'relevant stakeholders representing women & women's organisations' that OSW meets regularly to discuss current policy issues, raised the lack of response to CEDAW and the failure to ratify the Optional Protocol? (Refer back to Question 1 & 2 [PM11; PM12])	Ans. 6/1/03

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PM47	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	In the Country Statement to the UN Commission on the Status of Women (NY March 2002) it is stated, <i>“Over the past twelve months, the Australian Government has taken significant steps to implement Australia’s Beijing Plus Five Action Plan 2000-05.”</i> What policy has the Government actually developed in response to the Beijing Plus Five Action Plan ?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM48	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	What has been achieved since the round table of Government Department Senior Officials in May? What new actions have been adopted to reduce gender inequality in these Departments and by the Government on a national scale?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM49	OSW	Crossin	Written QoN	What further future developments or plans have been made in relation to the Beijing Plus Five Platform and it’s implementation in Australia? Is there ongoing work on the Beijing Plus Five Platform? Is there any form of review conducted by the OSW to assess the Governments commitment and implementation of policy inline with the Beijing Plus Five Platform?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM50	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total expenditure on renovations, restorations and repairs on the buildings, grounds, furniture and fittings at Kirribilli House during the period 1 March 1993 to 1 March 1996 inclusive?	Ans. 3/2/03
PM51	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	If work has been committed to be undertaken at the residence during the above period, but not yet paid, what is the expected total expenditure on that work?	Ans. 3/2/03
PM52	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the specific nature, location of the work within the grounds or buildings, date of request, date of completion and cost of each item (excluding security works) of (a) major works, and (b) minor works, undertaken or committed to be undertaken on the residence, grounds and other buildings of Kirribilli House in the period 1 March 1993 to 1 March 1996 inclusive?	Ans. 3/2/03
PM53	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total cost of security works undertaken on Kirribilli House in the period 1 March 1993 to 1 March 1996 inclusive?	Ans. 3/2/03
PM54	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total expenditure on renovations, restorations and repairs on the buildings, grounds, furniture and fittings at The Lodge during the period 1 March 1993 to 1 March 1996 inclusive?	Ans. 3/2/03
PM55	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	If work has been committed to be undertaken at the residence during the above period, but not yet paid, what is the expected total expenditure on that work?	Ans. 3/2/03
PM56	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the specific nature, location of the work within the grounds or buildings, date of request, date of completion and cost of each item (excluding security works) of (a) major works, and (b) minor works, undertaken or committed to be undertaken on the residence, grounds and other buildings of The Lodge in the period 1 March 1993 to 1 March 1996 inclusive?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM57	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total cost of security works undertaken on The Lodge in the period 1 March 1993 to 1 March 1996 inclusive?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM58	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total expenditure on renovations, restorations and repairs on the buildings, grounds, furniture and fittings at Kirribilli House during the period 1 March 1996 to 1 March 1999 inclusive?	Ans. 6/1/03

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PM59	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	If work has been committed to be undertaken at the residence during the above period, but not yet paid, what is the expected total expenditure on that work?	Ans. 6/1/03
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PM61	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total cost of security works undertaken on Kirribilli House in the period 1 March 1996 to 1 March 1999 inclusive?	Ans. 3/2/03
PM62	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total expenditure on renovations, restorations and repairs on the buildings, grounds, furniture and fittings at The Lodge during the period 1 March 1996 to 1 March 1999 inclusive?	Ans. 6/1/03
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PM65	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total cost of security works undertaken on The Lodge in the period 1 March 1996 to 1 March 1999 inclusive?	Ans. 3/2/03
PM66	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total expenditure on renovations, restorations and repairs on the buildings, grounds, furniture and fittings at Kirribilli House during the period 1 March 1999 to 1 March 2002 inclusive?	Ans. 7/2/02
PM67	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	If work has been committed to be undertaken at the residence during the above period, but not yet paid, what is the expected total expenditure on that work?	Ans. 6/1/03
PM68	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the specific nature, location of the work within the grounds or buildings, date of request, date of completion and cost of each item (excluding security works) of (a) major works, and (b) minor works, undertaken or committed to be undertaken on the residence, grounds and other buildings of Kirribilli House in the period 1 March 1999 to 1 March 2002 inclusive?	Ans. 7/2/02
PM69	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total cost of security works undertaken on Kirribilli House in the period 1 March 1999 to 1 March 2002 inclusive?	Ans. 7/2/02
PM70	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total expenditure on renovations, restorations and repairs on the buildings, grounds, furniture and fittings at The Lodge during the period 1 March 1999 to 1 March 2002 inclusive?	Ans. 7/2/02
PM71	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	If work has been committed to be undertaken at the residence during the above period, but not yet paid, what is the expected total expenditure on that work?	Ans. 3/2/03

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PM73	PM&C	Faulkner	Written QoN	What was the total cost of security works undertaken on The Lodge in the period 1 March 1999 to 1 March 2002 inclusive?	Ans. 7/2/02