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PM1	ONA	Faulkner	107 3/11/03	Mr Jones—I said that we did not report on this issue except once, in passing, in our reporting to the government. Senator FAULKNER—It would be useful if you could provide that. I do not know if you have a copy available but it would be helpful if it could be provided. You had better check it with Senator Hill because it is a press release and he might be really offended if the Senate estimates committee had a copy of it. Senator Hill—We will look at it very carefully.	
PM2	PM&C OSW	Crossin	122 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—I am wondering why, when questions were due on 10 July—and I understand there was a general extension to 7 August—we did not receive any answers until two weeks ago. Ms Flanagan—I will have to take that on notice.	Answered 5/2/04
PM3	PM&C OSW	Crossin	122 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—When did your answers go to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet? Ms Flanagan—We can confirm that for you too. I do not have that detail with me.	Answered 5/2/04
PM4	PM&C OSW	Crossin	123 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—You understand that I had to make several phone calls to the Prime Minister's office and to Senator Hill's office, write a letter to Senator Hill and threaten the fact that I was going to raise this in the Senate before we finally got the answers. I just find that totally unacceptable. It means that we have had less than 10 days to prepare for this round of estimates. I do not know whether that is the game or the trick in all of this. Would you take on notice from me that I would like a very clear answer, other than: 'It is our clearing processes that delayed us 2½ months beyond the agreed time lines that the Senate sets,' as to why that is the case. Mr Metcalfe—If I can assist any further, Senator, I will. Senator CROSSIN—I am asking you to go back and have a look at that, to assist further and to give me a satisfactory answer as to why the answers were late. Mr Metcalfe—If I can provide anything further on notice I will.	Answered 5/2/04
PM5	PM&C OSW	Crossin	125 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—The question I am actually asking, though, is on the answer you gave me to question 59. Let us go through each of those areas. PADV2, Community awareness—was there an underspend in that area? Ms Flanagan—What this table does not do is to give the breakdown that I think you are asking for in terms of the breakdown against each of the subprogram elements of these programs. Senator CROSSIN—That is what my question asked though. My question asked where the underspends were. You have not answered my question then. Ms Flanagan—It appears, certainly from reading this, that we have not done that properly. Senator CROSSIN—Could you take that on notice please? Ms Flanagan—Yes, we will.	Answered 5/2/04

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PM6	PM&C OSW	Crossin	125 3/11/03	<p>Senator CROSSIN—I hope that I do not have to wait another 5½ months for it. In question 56 I asked you to list the legislation on which OSW provided advice during the year. You have not actually given me the year’s list. OSW have given me only the legislation for the autumn session. Can you tell me why you have not provided me with the list for the year?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—For the whole year?</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—That is what I asked for. Estimates questions following the budget go from a budget cycle to a budget cycle and your answer simply lists the autumn session, which would have been the session that we were in. You have not even listed the spring session. I do not know what happened to the winter session but your answer actually goes to 2003. I was talking about the year, so from May 2002 to 2003. Again, there is a substantial lack of detail in that answer as well.</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—I will check whether people assumed that you were only meaning 2003. If not, we will provide all legislation. The other scenario might be that we did not provide any comment on any other legislation except for this. Let me check that as well.</p>	Answered 5/2/04
PM7	PM&C OSW	Crossin	125 3/11/03	<p>Senator CROSSIN—I asked a question on 26 or 27 May about legislation on which you provided advice during ‘the year’. Your answer actually gives me a forward position. I did not ask for that.</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—That is fine. Again, I am not sure whether it came out of the Hansard or whether it was a question asked in this particular way.</p>	
PM8	PM&C OSW	Crossin	125 3/11/03	<p>Senator CROSSIN—Did your office provide advice to this government on the higher education reforms and their impacts on women and women students?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—I would have to check. I think that we did actually see the legislation but I do not know whether we provided any comment on it.</p>	Answered 5/2/04
PM9	PM&C OSW	Crossin	125 3/11/03	<p>Senator CROSSIN—What about the abolition of the student supplement loan?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—That we also saw. As you would appreciate, OSW sees a lot of the legislation and cabinet submissions going through. We comment on some and not on others.</p>	
PM10	PM&C OSW	Crossin	126 3/11/03	<p>Senator CROSSIN—Can you also find out for me whether or not your office was asked to provide advice on the Medicare package and its impact on women?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—I can find that out for you.</p>	Answered 5/2/04
PM11	PM&C OSW	Crossin	126 3/11/03	<p>Senator CROSSIN—In question 57 I asked about the review report of the Partnerships Against Domestic Violence. You actually advised me that the review had produced a draft report for the minister’s information. The final report has been prepared and its availability is currently being considered. When will that be available?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—As you know, we have a new minister, Minister Patterson, and a decision was not taken before she became minister. We have resubmitted the reports for her to have a look at. She is currently considering its release.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—When did you submit the report to Minister Vanstone?</p> <p>Ms Flanagan—The report was not finalised until August, so it was submitted to her some time after that. Again, I can try and find a date for you.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—If you could take that on notice that would be useful.</p>	Answered 5/2/04

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PM12	PM&C OSW	Crossin	127 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—Okay. In your answer to question 60 you advised me that the evaluation of the national secretariats under the women’s development program is a three-part process. What is the time line for that evaluation? Ms Flanagan—We have just signed two-year contracts with each of the secretariats. I do not know whether Ms Bourne has some information on when the evaluation is due to be completed under that contract. Ms Bourne—Not specifically, but I could find out for you.	Answered 5/2/04
PM13	PM&C OSW	Crossin	127 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—You have conducted an evaluation of those secretariats before you have re-signed a contract with them or not? Ms Bourne—Yes. Senator CROSSIN—Are those evaluations publicly available? Ms Bourne—I am not certain but I could find out and let you know.	Answered 5/2/04
PM14	PM&C OSW	Crossin	127 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—All right. In relation to the two-year period, could you give me some more detail on the external evaluation, the internal compliance audit and the self-evaluation: when are they expected, who does them, what time are they due to report to you and whether any of those are actually available publicly? Ms Flanagan—Yes.	Answered 5/2/04
PM15	PM&C OSW	Crossin	127 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—My time is short, so I am sorry if I am hopping around a bit but I have a few areas that I specifically wanted to cover. You might need to take this on notice: in terms of your own department and agency, what proportion of your staff are making use of certified agreement provisions such as purchased leave or carers leave? Ms Flanagan—We can take that on notice unless Ms Bourne has the details here.	Answered 5/2/04
PM16	PM&C OSW	Crossin	127 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—You might also advise me what percentage of your staff are on AWAs as opposed to being under the certified agreement. Mr Metcalfe—Senator, are you asking about the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet as a whole or simply the Office of the Status of Women? Senator CROSSIN—Both. Mr Metcalfe—We will take that on notice.	Answered 5/2/04
PM17	PM&C OSW	Crossin	128 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—Could you also advise me what options are available that are not entitlements under the certified agreement—for example, any negotiated part-time work or provisions for fractional appointments, say, on return from maternity leave? Ms Flanagan—As Mr Metcalfe has pointed out, we are part of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and covered by that certified agreement so we will answer the general question on behalf of Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet as to what is available.	Answered 5/2/04

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PM18	PM&C OSW	Crossin	128 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—Can you advise me what the department’s internal policy is on the use of such arrangements—options that are available that might not be entitlements under the certified agreement—and whether or not employees are seeking to make use of such arrangements and are not having those requests granted? For example, are they in high workload areas? Are they from men or women? Are they young or older employees? This is Senator Moore’s area but I think the idea is to look at the flexibility of the workplace vis-a-vis certified agreements or AWAs. Ms Flanagan—Okay.	Answered 5/2/04
PM19	PM&C OSW	Crossin	130 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—Can you provide us with details of the amount of money that you have now provided to the NCA as a result of this? Ms Flanagan—Yes, we can.	
PM20	PM&C OSW	Crossin	130 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—While we are talking about figures, you might also provide us with the amount of money that is now not spent from that \$600,000—perhaps a breakdown of what has been spent out of that \$600,000 to date.	Answered 5/2/04
PM21	PM&C OSW	Crossin	130 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN— ... Where was the design competition advertised? Ms Flanagan—It was advertised in a number of places. The competition was advertised in the press, arts newsletters, national institutions and universities in Canberra. Again, the National Capital Authority organised it for us but, if you want a list of newspapers and the various things, we can get that for you. Senator CROSSIN—That would be useful. Do you know how many entries were received? Ms Flanagan—We do not seem to have the figure here, but Ms Bourne’s recollection is that— Ms Bourne—I recollect it was around 19, but I can confirm that for you. Senator CROSSIN—That would be useful.	Answered 5/2/04
PM22	PM&C OSW	Crossin	130 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN— ... Do you know how many entries were received? Ms Flanagan—We do not seem to have the figure here, but Ms Bourne’s recollection is that— Ms Bourne—I recollect it was around 19, but I can confirm that for you.	Answered 5/2/04
PM23	PM&C OSW	Crossin	130 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—Who were the five finalists? Ms Flanagan—We can get you the pamphlet which shows the winning designs	Answered 5/2/04
PM24	PM&C OSW	Crossin	130-31 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—Were they also flown to Canberra to inspect the proposed site for the artwork? Ms Flanagan—Yes, they were. Senator CROSSIN—What was the total cost of that exercise? Ms Flanagan—Again, we can get the breakdown from the National Capital Authority.	Answered 5/2/04
PM25	PM&C OSW	Crossin	131 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—Can you tell me when the five finalists came to Canberra? You might want to take these on notice. Ms Flanagan—They came to Canberra in August 2002. Senator CROSSIN—Can you take on notice for me where they were flown from, how long they stayed here and the total cost of flying the finalists to Canberra? You had not actually budgeted \$480,000 for the artwork, had you? You had budgeted \$600,000. Is that correct? Ms Flanagan—Yes.	Answered 5/2/04

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PM26	PM&C OSW	Crossin	134 3/11/03	Senator CROSSIN—How much was taken from the Women’s Development Program? Ms Flanagan—I have been given a piece of paper which shows the two figures that I think we mentioned in answer to the question on notice. The \$226,000 for 2002-03 came from the Women’s Development Program; \$100,000 came from other women’s programs. These are allocated at the moment because you know very clearly that the artwork has stopped. In 2003-04 there was \$120,000 from other women’s programs. There is an amount of \$154,000-odd which was spent in 2001-02, I imagine in the lead-up. Senator CROSSIN—Where did that come from? Ms Flanagan—That is what we need to take on notice.	Answered 5/2/04
PM27	ONA	Faulkner	4 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—Could you indicate the amount of time that had elapsed by the time the AFP determined to conduct an investigation? Mr Jones—I am not quite sure at what point they decided to carry out a formal investigation. Senator FAULKNER—They do inform you formally, don’t they, when they have determined to do that? Mr Triffett—They did inform us, Senator. Senator FAULKNER—Are you able to say when they did that? Mr Triffett—I cannot remember the exact date. We had a number of discussions, following our formal request to them, about distribution lists and things like that, which were provided to them. They went through those and then advised that an investigation would be undertaken. I cannot remember the exact date of that. Senator FAULKNER—Perhaps you could take that on notice.	Answered 10/11/03
PM28	PM&C	Faulkner	11 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—I suspect you are going to have to take this on notice because Mr Williams is not here today: could you give us a copy of the internal guidelines or criteria, if there are any, to be applied? Mr Metcalfe—I will take that on notice, Senator.	Answered 5/2/04
PM29	PM&C	Faulkner	11 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—I would appreciate that. Also, what material or evidentiary support or basis is a department or agency required to provide for an exemption? Mr Metcalfe—I will take that on notice.	Answered 5/2/04
PM30	PM&C	Faulkner	11 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—So that in these circumstances we get the full picture, you might also take on notice the departmental processes—assuming this would have been coordinated by Mr Williams—and whether it went to the departmental secretary before the decision by the Prime Minister. Please outline those. Mr Metcalfe—I will take that on notice.	Answered 5/2/04
PM31	PM&C	Faulkner	13 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—Perhaps you could take on notice for us the membership of those two IDCs. Ms Bird—Sure. I can get back to you on that.	Answered 5/2/04

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PM32	PM&C	Faulkner	16 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—So there are state visit protocols? Ms Bird—Yes, that is right. Senator FAULKNER—Can they be made available to the committee? Are they in that sort of form? Ms Yeend—They certainly are. They are handed out to the relevant embassy when we hear. I will provide it to the committee.	Answered 12/4/04
PM33	PM&C	Faulkner	18 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—Have we ever had a situation where a head of state has visited Australia previously and that visit has been defined as a working visit? Ms Bird—I am sure there would have been. Senator FAULKNER—Well, I am not, you see. Mr Metcalfe—We will take that on notice because the knowledge of officers at the table does not extend that far back.	Answered 5/2/04
PM34	PM&C	Faulkner	19 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—In relation to working visits from heads of government or heads of state, how many of those have we had over the past few years? Ms Bird—I will have to take that on notice.	Answered 5/2/04
PM35	PM&C	Faulkner	21 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—Can you say how many people were formally invited? Ms Yeend—I am not sure; I would have to check on the actual numbers that were invited. But 72 accepted.	Answered 5/2/04
PM36	PM&C	Faulkner	23 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—How many bottles of wine were ordered for the 72 seated guests? Ms Costello—I would have to check that for you. Senator FAULKNER—I am sure you have it there, don't you? Ms Costello—I will have to check the actual numbers, but I can get that for you now.	Answered 13/2/04
PM37	PM&C	Faulkner	24 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—The approximate costs would be helpful. Mr Chairman, I note that perhaps the department can provide final costs at a later stage. I understand— Mr Metcalfe—We will try to give you a ballpark figure if we can, and we will confirm it on notice.	Answered 5/2/04
PM38	PM&C	Faulkner	24 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—What about the band? What was the band, by the way? What was the name of the band? It was not the Rolling Stones or anything like that, was it? Ms Yeend—No. I know it was a bush band. I am not sure of the name. I would have to check.	Answered 5/2/04
PM39	PM&C	Faulkner	24 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—How much did the band cost? Ms Yeend—I am not sure. I would have to check.	Answered 5/2/04
PM40	PM&C	Faulkner	24 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—What did the printing of place cards and the menu cost? Ms Yeend—I would have to check for the menu. The place cards are done in house.	Answered 5/2/04

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PM41	PM&C	Faulkner	24 4/11/03	<p>Senator FAULKNER—What other costs are you able to identify for us for this Lodge barbecue function? I appreciate that there are a lot of security costs and other costs that are not met by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. Let me say that I understand that that is the case. I think every member of the committee does. I am merely trying to identify all the costs in relation to this particular function borne by your department—either in your section, Ms Yeend, or in official establishments, Ms Costello. Are you able to identify any other costs or areas of costs borne by the department?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—I do not think we can, unless Ms Costello has anything further.</p> <p>Ms Costello—There were eight casual staff hired for the day, so there was an additional staffing requirement.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—I think we have covered the—</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—The key areas.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—The food, the marquee, the band and, as I mentioned earlier, the number of casual staff to supplement the Lodge staff.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—But we do not have costs for the band or the staff.</p> <p>Ms Costello—Not finally, no.</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—Not at this stage, no.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—What about the transport arrangements that we spoke of?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—The two buses?</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Yes.</p> <p>Ms Yeend—We do not have costs yet.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—You do not have costs for the transport? Were there any other areas of expenditure that were borne by the department?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—None that come to mind, but, as is usual, I will take that on notice and, if there is anything more that we can assist you with, we will.</p>	Answered 5/2/04
PM42	PM&C	Faulkner	28 4/11/03	<p>Senator FAULKNER—You are responsible for sending out the invitations—or it was your section of the department that sent out the invitations. Did they all go out at once or were there any later ones sent?</p> <p>Ms Yeend—That was the responsibility of one of my officers. It was organised in a week when we had two head of state visits. I do not have those details at the moment; I can ask about it.</p>	Answered 5/2/04
PM43	PM&C	Faulkner	29 4/11/03	<p>Senator FAULKNER—For what period of time were they able to be there?</p> <p>Ms Yeend—It would as usual be a very small period of time—probably just for the presentation. I would have to check that.</p>	Answered 5/2/04

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PM44	PM&C	Faulkner	30-1 4/11/03	<p>Senator FAULKNER—What is the hourly rate, please? [Mr Daniel Bolger] Ms Yeend—It is a competitive environment. We have different contractors that we come to with media arrangements. I am not sure that it would be doing a service to him— Senator FAULKNER—No, not good enough on this one. This has been an issue about which there has been a lot of dissatisfaction about how this matter was coordinated and organised by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. You have engaged someone from outside. As is always the case with contractors and consultants, we are entitled at this committee to know about those sorts of costs. I do not think there can be any argument to the contrary. I have not yet got to the level of competence of this operation or at the department's efforts in this regard. I come here with no fixed views about it but certainly with some questions to ask about it. I do not believe it is acceptable for the department not to provide the committee with that information. Mr Metcalfe—I understand this contractor, as with other contractors, is paid an hourly rate. That is provided for in the contract. Ms Yeend does not have that figure. We could obtain that figure but, in providing that figure to the committee, I think we would make the point that Ms Yeend was beginning to make that, essentially, we operate in a competitive environment and, if these rates become publicly known, then to a certain extent the competition and the Commonwealth's negotiating position alter. Having said that— Senator FAULKNER—That is true surely of any consultant or person who is contracted to the Commonwealth. On that basis no figures would ever be made available to the committee. Mr Metcalfe—Having said that, Senator, I will ask that we check that figure and we will come back to you.</p>	Answered 5/2/04
PM45	PM&C	Faulkner	34-5 4/11/03	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Are you able to say when the Prime Minister's office actually received a copy of the President's speech to the parliament? These things are usually done in advance, aren't they? Ms Bird—I would have to check with the Prime Minister's office. Senator FAULKNER—You do not know when? Ms Bird—I am not sure; I would have to check with the Prime Minister's office.</p>	
PM46	PM&C	Harradine	38 4/11/03	<p>Senator HARRADINE—What other departments, agencies or statutory authorities were represented at that meeting? Ms Davidson—I would have to check that. I did not attend the meeting; one of my officers did.</p>	Answered 5/2/04
PM47	PM&C OSW	Crossin	46 4/11/03	<p>Senator CROSSIN—But I would also like you to provide me with a breakdown of the 2001-02 line item in the PBS when this money was first set aside. I can only find a mention of it in this year's PBS for the first time. Ms Flanagan—There were certainly public announcements and public statements about what was envisaged. Senator CROSSIN—Perhaps you can take it on notice.</p>	Answered 5/2/04

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PM48	PM&C OSW	Faulkner	48 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—It got to the actual drawing stage, didn't it? Ms Flanagan—Yes. Senator FAULKNER—Where are they now? Ms Flanagan—I would need to check with the NCA, but I am presuming that the NCA holds them.	Answered 5/2/04
PM49	PM&C OSW	Faulkner	48 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—Are they going to be lodged in the National Archives? They are an important artefact, aren't they? Senator Hill—They are part of the history of this place. Mr Metcalfe—We will take that on notice.	Answered 5/2/04
PM50	PM&C	Faulkner	52 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—Mr Metcalf, has anyone from the department thought, in these very difficult circumstances, about a record of the ceremony, at least, being provided to Mrs Russell—perhaps a photographic or video record? Mr Metcalfe—I will need to take that on notice as to whether any consideration has been given to that, and if it has not, whether consideration will be given to it. As we indicated earlier, the Prime Minister has written to Mrs Russell, and I think that any measure that would assist in this respect will be thought about. Senator FAULKNER—Could I respectfully suggest that, in the circumstances, a video or photographic record of the President of the United States of America laying a wreath in memory of Mrs Russell's husband would be the least that could be done? I would strongly but respectfully suggest that that might be something the department gives some urgent consideration to. Mr Metcalfe—I will do that.	Answered 5/2/04
PM51	PM&C	Faulkner	56 4/11/03	Senator FAULKNER—Is there a [what is the] standard definition, as we speak, of a contract and standard definition of a consultancy that agencies and departments can use and apply? Ms Belcher—Yes, there is in the annual report guidelines. I am not sure that we have them with us. Off the top of my head I cannot give you the exact words but we will check the definitions.	Answered 5/2/04

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PM52	PM&C	Faulkner	57 4/11/03	<p>Senator FAULKNER—With all due respect, I would have had a great deal more confidence in the department’s effectiveness and efficiency if it had been aware of this massive trend, this blow-out. But, anyway, you cannot help me on that one. What about Mr Cousins’s consultancy—can someone help me there? Have we actually worked out yet what Mr Cousins does for his \$43,000 a year?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—I might first say that I do not know that that is the right figure.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Fair enough. What is the current figure?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—I certainly cannot confirm that that is what he is paid. Indeed I do not believe it is. I think that is a figure you had from quite some years ago.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—It is the last figure I had. You had better update me, Ms Belcher, because I do not want to be unfair to Mr Cousins if he is not receiving that amount of money.</p> <p>Ms Belcher—All I can do is tell you again that Mr Cousins is engaged to advise and assist the Prime Minister in relation to the formulation of communication strategies to promote the government’s policies. He is engaged on a part-time basis.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—And what is the value of this consultancy?</p> <p>Ms Belcher—I am sorry, I do not have that. I just am aware that the contract that you were referring to was one negotiated some time ago. I know there has been a renegotiation, so I did not want that assumption that that figure was still relevant.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Given that no-one actually knows what he does, I assume it has been renegotiated down.</p> <p>Ms Belcher—I think that is likely, but I would not—</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—I do too. After all, he does next to nothing or perhaps nothing—nothing has ever been identified. Can someone please establish before we go just how far south this consultancy figure has gone? I think this committee can take full credit for saving the taxpayers any number of dollars by exposing this colossal waste of taxpayers’ money. Ms Belcher, before we leave the department, if it is possible for you to provide that figure, we would be very grateful.</p> <p>Ms Belcher—I would need to take that up with the Prime Minister’s office.</p>	Answered 5/2/04
PM53	PM&C	Faulkner	57 4/11/03	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Thank you very much. I appreciate that. While we are at it, would you mind asking them what he [Mr Cousins] actually does? See if they will come clean on that too.</p>	Answered 5/2/04
PM54	PM&C	Faulkner	62 4/11/03	<p>Senator FAULKNER—I will check with PSCC as to whether they have been involved in that, and what costs might have been borne. But could you check and let me know at a later stage if there has been involvement by any other agencies, or if there has been any expenditure on the part of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. [re Prince Harry’s visit]</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—I will take that on notice. Senator, in my capacity as Chair of the National Counter-Terrorism Committee, I am aware of some discussions that have taken place, essentially between the PSCC and the state police commissioners in relation to the visit. That is the only personal knowledge that I have had of the issue.</p>	Answered 5/2/04

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PM55	PM&C	Faulkner	63 4/11/03	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Okay. What sort of amounts are transferred and for what reasons? [wine]</p> <p>Ms Costello—I would have to check the records on that, I am afraid.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Can you say when the last transfer took place?</p> <p>Ms Costello—No, I cannot.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Are other things transferred between Kirribilli House and the Lodge or is this just limited to wine?</p> <p>Ms Costello—I am not sure what you mean.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—This is a transfer paid for by the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Ms Costello—Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—It is not as if Mr Howard puts it in the boot of his car and drives up the Hume Highway with it. It is transferred at the expense of the Commonwealth.</p> <p>Ms Costello—Yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Okay. So I think we are entitled to know what those expenses are. I am keen to understand how much has been transferred, when it has been transferred, what it has been for and how much it has cost. If you could provide any of that information now I would appreciate it. Are you able to provide any of that?</p> <p>Ms Costello—I am trying to establish the nature of this. There have occasionally been items of furniture that have been transported. In terms of other items, no, I do not know of any. I can check the records for any couriers—we would use courier services.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Fair enough. All I am asking is whether there were other items that might be transferred. I appreciate that you have told us that there is wine transferred—</p> <p>Ms Costello—Occasionally.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Occasionally. You have taken on notice the details of that. I appreciate that and look forward to receiving that information. I am also asking you whether there are any other items from time to time that have been transferred between Kirribilli House and the Lodge. If it makes it easier—and I do not want to ask you to do a huge amount of work on this—you can just go from the present time back to 1 July 2002. That might limit the task for you. As far as you know, it is only wine and maybe occasionally some furniture. Is that the case?</p> <p>Ms Costello—An individual piece of furniture or something, yes.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Fair enough. If you can provide the detail of that to the committee, I would appreciate it. I assume things like crockery and that sort of stuff is not transferred between Kirribilli House and the Lodge, is it?</p> <p>Ms Costello—That is correct.</p>	Answered 13/2/04
PM56	PM&C	Faulkner	67 4/11/03	<p>Senator FAULKNER—You have indicated that the secretary of the department, Dr Shergold, has written to Telstra Enterprise Services. Would it be possible for the committee to be provided with a copy of Dr Shergold's letter, please?</p> <p>Mr Metcalfe—We will take that on notice. We will check with the secretary with a positive view to assisting the committee.</p>	Answered 5/2/04

QoN No.	Agency/Program	Senator	Reference	QUESTION	Comments
PM57	PM&C	Sherry	69 4/11/03	Senator SHERRY—Just on this issue, are the employees at Telstra Enterprise Services, both the administrative staff and/or the cleaning staff, security cleared by the government? Dr Ball—The actual staff that work on our network are security cleared by government, yes. Senator SHERRY—Including the cleaners? Dr Ball—I am not sure whether the cleaners are. I would have to take that on notice.	Answered 5/2/04
PM58	PM&C	Sherry	69 4/11/03	Senator SHERRY—Did you check the legal status of material that is dumped at a tip? If someone just happened to be fossicking and picked them up, does the property remain under the legal ownership of the Commonwealth? Mr Metcalfe—We would have to take that on notice, Senator. I assume we would have copyright in the material. I am simply not sure about the legal ownership of the tapes; I imagine they are owned by TES, their legal status having been disposed of inadvertently.	Answered 5/2/04
PM59	PM&C	Crossin	NA	Written question(s) attached.	Answered 19/12/03 5/2/04
PM60	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 13/2/04
PM61	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 11/2/05
PM62	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 5/2/04
PM63	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 5/2/04
PM64	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 5/2/04
PM65	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 5/2/04
PM66	PM&C	Faulkner	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 5/2/04
PM67	PM&C	Harradine	NA	Written question(s) attached	
PM68	PM&C	Carr	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 5/2/04
PM69	Ombudsman	Carr	NA	Written question(s) attached	
PM70	APSC	Carr	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 5/2/04

QoN No.	Agency/Program	Senator	Reference	QUESTION	Comments
PM71	ONA	Carr	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 5/2/04
PM72	OSGG	Carr	NA	Written question(s) attached	Answered 19/12/03
PM73	IGIS	Carr	NA	Written question(s) attached	

PM59

Senator Trish Crossin

Subject: QON for the Dept of Prime Minister and Cabinet arising from Estimates

1. Can the Minister provide full details of the annual cost of running the office of the Governor General in 2001-02 and 2002-03? Please include all costs associated with the running of the office, including salaries, properties, stationery, utilities, travel, staff, etc.
2. Can the Minister provide the cost of the last four UK Royal Tours of Australia. In this answer can the Minister provide the dates of the tours, members of the royal family travelling, the itinerary while in Australia, the purpose of the visit and the full cost to the Australian taxpayer of such travel?

Senator Faulkner

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

PRIME MINISTER & CABINET

OUTPUT 4.3 – GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

1. Given the precedent set in 1998 when the market research documents related to the CEIP (Community, Education and Information Programme) TAX campaign were made public – can the advertising and market research reports relating to the National Security Campaign (outlined in PM&C Annual Report 2002-03, Appendix 3, p.120) be made public?
2. Did PM&C receive any copies of the Worthington Di Marzio National Security market research report?
 - a. If yes, how many copies did PM&C receive?
 - b. When did PM&C receive the report/s?
3. Did PM&C provide any copies of the Worthington Di Marzio National Security market research report to the Prime Minister's Office?
 - a. If yes, how many copies were provided to the Prime Minister's Office?
 - b. When did the Prime Minister's Office receive the report/s?
4. Did PM&C provide any other Ministerial Offices with the Worthington Di Marzio National Security market research report?
 - a. If yes, which Ministerial offices?
 - b. When did these Ministerial offices receive the report/s?

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

PM61

PRESIDENT BUSH VISIT

1. How many special guests did the Prime Minister have in the chamber during the Bush speech?
2. How many special guests did the Prime Minister have in the chamber during the Hu Speech?
3. How many special guests did the Deputy Prime Minister have in the chamber for both the Bush Speech and the Hu speech?
4. Why were their guests transported to Parliament by Commonwealth Car?
5. How many were transported by Commonwealth Car?
6. Did this occur on both days?
7. How much did the Car shuttle cost for non-Members of Parliament over the two days?

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET OUTPUT 4.3 – GOVT COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

PM62

Refer to answers to Questions on Notice PM 70 part 5.

1. Are there any new advertising campaigns planned or underway that aren't quantified on the list provided in QON PM 70 part 5?
2. If so, what are they? What agencies are handling them? What are their costs?
3. How much has the New Apprenticeships campaign (featuring Scott Cam and others) cost to date?
4. Are there any more planned bursts?
5. If so, when are they scheduled (start date to finish) and what will the extra bursts cost?
6. Are there any other Commonwealth Government campaigns related to training or employment being planned, budgeted or under way?
7. If so, what are they, and how much are they costing?

PM63

Campaign on Relationship Violence and Sexual Assault.

The Commonwealth Contracts Gazette **Contract 1217887** has a \$5,901,249 bill to Universal McCann for an advertising campaign re. relationship Violence and Sexual Assault.

1. What is the timing of this campaign?
2. What media will the campaign be channelled through? What is the breakdown cost?
3. Is there any Market Research, and what does the market research explore?

PM63

ADVERTISING: PBS CAMPAIGN

QUESTIONS

1. Are there any further bursts of the PBS campaign planned?
2. If so, when will they happen and how much will they cost?
3. What are the placement costs so far?
4. What is the total cost of the PBS campaign so far?

PM64

ADVERTISING: SAFE TRAVEL

1. Are there any further bursts of the Safe Travel campaign?
2. If so, when will they happen and how much will they cost?
3. What are the placement costs so far?

PM65

ADVERTISING: SECURITY CAMPAIGN

I refer to the joint press release from Mr Downer, Senator Ellison, and Mr Ruddock dated 13 October which flags a community awareness campaign to raise awareness of people trafficking issues within Australia.

There is also flagged in an answer to a QON PM 70 Part 5 from last estimates further unspecified National Security advertising.

1. Is the People Trafficking Campaign specific to the QON PM 70 Part 5 answer, or are there any other security campaigns planned in the run up to the elections.
2. How much will the People Trafficking campaign cost?

3. Has the market research been commissioned? If so, for how much, which consultant or agency is carrying it out? Is this market research under way?
4. If other campaigns on security have been commissioned what is their theme? How much are will they cost?

PM66

PM AND C CONTRACTS

Contract 1174391 Ceremonial and Hospitality, food serving supplied by the Sydney Convention centre - value of \$253,289?

What was the nature of the function re. this expense?

PM67

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio
Questions on Notice Senator Brian Harradine
November 2003**

Please provide me with a copy of the Report on Protocols to Preclude the Creation of Embryos Specifically for Research Purposes, prepared for the Council of Australian Governments.

PM68, 69, 70, 71, 72 & 73

Senator Kim Carr

Questions on notice to all departments

Work-life balance issues have been identified as important for the public service. The March 2003 Management Advisory Committee report Organisational Renewal discussed workforce planning issues, stating:

As the labour market tightens into the future, there will be increased pressure on attracting the skills required and maintaining competitive remuneration packages which support effective recruitment at the base grade and lateral levels.

Employment conditions and the capacity for work/life balance will be an important element of such packages, and may offer APS agencies a competitive edge ...

Increased flexibility in working patterns and arrangements will be an important part of the response to the demographic changes, recognising the life stage dynamics influencing workforce participation.

The APS has been a leader in providing family friendly work practices (e.g. part-time work, flexible working hours, home based work, purchased leave) and needs to continue in this role through flexible conditions and supportive management approaches as part of its attraction and retention strategy.

In light of the MAC report, the following questions are asked of each department:

- 1) What has been the department's response to the MAC report to date?
- 2) Which issues identified in the MAC report have been identified as priority areas for the department?
- 3) What family friendly or work-life balance initiatives:
 - a) exist in the department;
 - b) are available to staff through the certified agreement; or
 - c) are contained in the certified agreement, but the granting of them in individual cases is discretionary on the part of the organisation.
- 4) What family friendly or work-life balance initiatives has the department introduced in, or since, the implementation of the department's most recent certified agreement?
- 5) With respect to certified agreement-based family friendly or work-life balance provisions:
 - a) What number and proportion of departmental staff are making use of such provisions in areas including:
 - i) purchased leave (also known as 48/52 schemes);
 - ii) negotiated part-time work arrangements;
 - iii) parental leave;
 - iv) use of information, advice or counselling services made available by the department;
 - v) departmental provision of facilities (such as family care facilities); and
 - vi) home based work.