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QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard reference	Question	Comments
PM1	GG	Crossin	F&PA 41 31/10/05	Senator CROSSIN—How many times this year has a government member represented the Governor-General and given a message on his behalf? Mr Hazell—Offhand, I cannot tell you that. Senator CROSSIN—Could you take that on notice, please? Mr Hazell—Sure.	Answer received 3/2/06
PM2	GG	Crossin	F&PA 41 31/10/05	Senator CROSSIN—At Uluru—Ayers Rock. It was the 20th anniversary of the hand back. You probably do not have the answer with you but can you take on notice who invited the Governor-general to that? Mr Hazell—Certainly.	Answer received 3/2/06
PM3	GG	Crossin	F&PA 41 31/10/05	Senator CROSSIN—I am particularly keen to know if you can tell me what were the lines of communication around last week's 20th anniversary hand-back celebrations at Uluru. Mr Hazell—Where? Senator CROSSIN—The Governor-General was not able to attend, I understand. Mr Hazell—At where, sorry? Senator CROSSIN—Can you also please take on notice for me whom his message was given to and why? Mr Hazell—Sure.	Answer received 3/2/06

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PM4	GG	Crossin	F&PA 42 31/10/05	<p>Senator CROSSIN—In an instance where the Governor-General cannot attend, is there any protocol that suggests that the message should be given to the House of Representatives member to read out rather than to some other member of parliament?</p> <p>Mr Hazell—I do not think I can be too specific about that. As I said, it really depends on the nature of the circumstance and those inviting him. I would really have to check to be more specific in helping you.</p> <p>Senator CROSSIN—Could you have a look at that, please, and answer this question: if the government is the body issuing the invitation and the Governor-General is unable to go, is it custom and practice that the local House of Representatives member reads the Governor-General's message rather than anybody else?</p> <p>Mr Hazell—Sure. We will take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 3/2/06
PM5	GG	Faulkner	F&PA 48 31/10/05	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Would you be able to provide copies of the inventory over the last—I don't want to create a lot of work for you—couple of years, so we can get a bit of an idea what you have and what it is worth? Thanks very much.</p> <p>Mr Hazell—Yes, can I take that on notice?</p>	Answer received 3/2/06
PM6	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 53 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—So DEWR put up a submission to cabinet that was the basis of the 21 September announcement?</p> <p>Mr Innis—I cannot recall whether it was a formal cabinet submission or a memorandum prepared by the department. I will get that checked for you.</p>	Answer received 6/2/06
PM7	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 56 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Have you had any formal assessment of the COAG trial reported to PM&C? Perhaps you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I will take it on notice. It would be better to take it on notice.</p>	Answer received 6/2/06
PM8	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 56 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I would be interested to know whether you have received the lessons learned document and whether you have received any other assessment. I am also interested in what PM&C has done to provide some accountability for the funds expended on the COAG trials, given that it is five years on.</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I should be able to get back to you later on that.</p>	Answer received 6/2/06
PM9	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 57 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I guess I am specifically asking about the COAG trials. Have you any direct involvement in that?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I think I need to take that on notice. I do not have the information with me.</p>	Answered at hearing – 31/10/05 p.62

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PM10	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 57 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you could take on notice whether PM&C has any role in the COAG trials—their monitoring, evaluation and coordination—and if so what that involvement is. As I understand it, there is a separate lead agency in each of the trials. I do not think PM&C is one of them.</p> <p>Dr Morauto—No, I do not think so.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Is there a reporting line from those lead agencies back to PM&C?</p> <p>Dr Morauto—I will take the whole lot on notice.</p>	Answered at hearing – 31/10/05 p.62
PM11	PM&C	Bob Brown	F&PA 58 31/10/05	<p>Mr Glyde—To the extent that all elements of the package [Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement]—and I forget the total amount of the package, but it is in the order of \$90 million or \$100 million; I will have to take the exact size of the package on notice—would have been developed and negotiated in confidence with the Tasmanian government and others and then announced on that day. It was no more or less secret than any other element of the package.</p>	Answer received 10/2/06
PM12	PM&C	Bob Brown	F&PA 59 31/10/05	<p>Senator BOB BROWN—Did the union approach the government or did the government approach the union to establish this package?</p> <p>Mr Glyde—I am afraid I do not know that.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN—Can you find out?</p> <p>Mr Glyde—I can undertake to try.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN—Would you?</p> <p>Mr Glyde—Yes.</p>	Answer received 18/05/06
PM13	PM&C	Bob Brown	F&PA 59 31/10/05	<p>Senator BOB BROWN—I do ask you that: at what time did the negotiations commence and with whom and who instigated those negotiations?</p> <p>Senator Hill—As far as the department is concerned you can ask that, but if you want to ask the Prime Minister you should ask me and I will refer it to him.</p> <p>Senator BOB BROWN—Would you do that?</p> <p>Senator Hill—Yes, I will do that.</p>	Answer received 13/2/06
PM14	PM&C	Bob Brown	F&PA 59 31/10/05	<p>Senator BOB BROWN—Minister, would you ask the Prime Minister when he first spoke to Mr O'Connor or Mr Smith from the union about this \$4 million or any part of the package that was consequently announced in the week before the election?</p> <p>Senator Hill—I will refer that to the Prime Minister.</p>	Answer received 10/2/06

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PM15	PM&C	Bob Brown	F&PA 59 31/10/05	Senator BOB BROWN—Would you also ask the Prime Minister what role the National Association of Forest Industries, NAFI, took in developing the package or when it held discussions with the Prime Minister or the department and when that role began? Senator Hill—I will refer that as well. There may be some difficulty in defining the commencement date of these processes because, as I recall it, there has been quite a long period of discussion through the relevant minister on a whole-of-government basis in relation to this particular issue, but I will refer your question.	Answer received 18/5/06
PM16	PM&C	Bob Brown	F&PA 59 31/10/05	Senator BOB BROWN—Just regarding the Prime Minister and PM&C, would you discover what talks were held with NAFI or with the union, the forestry division, and its representatives in the 12 months leading up to the election and when those talks were held? Senator Hill—Yes, the department can be asked whether it was involved in discussions with NAFI or the union in the 12 months before the election which related to the commitment that was ultimately made by the Prime Minister during the election.	Answer received 18/5/06
PM17	PM&C	Bob Brown	F&PA 59-60 31/10/05	Senator BOB BROWN—Could you establish when the \$4 million component for this training purpose was agreed? Senator Hill—You have asked questions of the Prime Minister in relation to the \$4 million training commitment, and I said I would refer those questions to the Prime Minister. If you are asking the official whether PM&C was involved in that particular aspect, obviously it has been subsequently involved if it has passed the administrative responsibility to another department. If you are asking about the pre-election period, that is a reasonable question. If the official has information on that he can provide it now or do some research. Mr Glyde—I am afraid I am not in a position to provide it now—I was not in the department at the time—but I am happy to take it on notice and come back to you.	Answer received 13/2/06
PM18	PM&C	Milne	F&PA 60 31/10/05	Senator MILNE—On the same matter, what was the date on which either Mr Maclean or Mr O'Connor from the CFMEU was informed that the \$4 million had been confirmed as part of the package? Did Prime Minister and Cabinet inform them? If so, on what date? Mr Glyde—I will have to take that on notice.	Answer received 10/2/06

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PM19	PM&C	Milne	F&PA 60 31/10/05	Senator MILNE—The same question is directed to the Prime Minister. If it was not Prime Minister and Cabinet that informed them, when did someone from the Prime Minister's office inform them? Senator Hill—I will refer that to the Prime Minister.	Answer received 10/2/06
PM20	PM&C	Bob Brown	F&PA 61 31/10/05	Senator BOB BROWN—It is very pertinent. However, I am not qualifying it. I am just asking the question. Can you bring it up to today's date? Has the Prime Minister had a meeting with representatives of the Exclusive Brethren? If so, when and for what purpose? Senator Hill—I am happy to refer that to the Prime Minister, with the caveat that the question refers to meetings outside of the election context. Senator BOB BROWN—You seem to be shepherding the Prime Minister already. I do not want any caveat on the question. I want the question asked without caveats or restrictions. It is a simple question and it should be able to be asked about any lobbyists. I am sure if it were about the Wilderness Society or the Australian Conservation Foundation you would have no trouble in getting answers to the question. Senator Hill—I will put the question to the Prime Minister in the terms that I have just outlined.	Answer received 19/09/06
PM21	PM&C	Milne	F&PA 61 31/10/05	Senator MILNE—I want to ask a more specific question. Has the Prime Minister had any meetings with the Exclusive Brethren with regard to the funding of education trusts and/or private schools and specifically with regard to any exemptions to the current requirements for federal government funding for private schools? Senator Hill—With the qualification that I have added, that is covered by the question that was put by Senator Bob Brown. Senator BOB BROWN—Can you put the question taking into account Senator Milne's question? Senator Hill—Yes, with my qualification. Senator MILNE—My question is specifically in relation to the funding of private schools.	Answer received 19/09/06
PM22	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 63-64 31/10/05	Senator CHRIS EVANS—Can you tell me when the decision was taken to fund a campaign on the industrial relations legislation? Mr Williams—I will have to take that on notice. I do not know if I can tell you the specific date a decision was taken to fund that campaign.	Answer received 30/1/06

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PM23	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 64 31/10/05	<p>Senator FAULKNER—So when did the campaign come to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Taylor—It would have been in June this year.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Can you be any more specific, Mr Taylor? Can we narrow it down to one of the 30 days?</p> <p>Mr Taylor—I cannot with the records I have here. I do know that the committee considered on 23 June, but I believe it was sometime before that. It might have been a week or so before that.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—What did the committee consider on 23 June?</p> <p>Mr Taylor—They considered the selection of a research company and a public relations company, and that was it.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—So on 23 June they considered the selection of a research company and a public relations company, but that is considerably down the track, isn't it?</p> <p>Mr Taylor—It is, and that is why I hesitated. They would have met prior to that, but I do not have a record of that with me here, but I will get it before we finish today.</p>	Answer received 30/1/06
PM24	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 65-66 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—And that was then narrowed to two by DEWR officials and PM&C officials?</p> <p>Mr Williams—That is correct.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—When was that done?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 30/1/06
PM25	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 67 31/10/05	<p>Mr Williams—The indicative budget is \$44.3 million.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Does that cover research, public relations and advertising or just advertising?</p> <p>Mr Williams—Research, public relations and advertising—and the media spend.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—And the media spend.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—At what date was that approved? At which meeting?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I would have to take that on notice. I do not know that.</p>	Answer received 30/1/06

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PM26	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 68 & 84 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—So the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations arrived at a figure of \$44.3 million through the processes of the committee and that was then authorised by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Finance and Administration. Is that a fair description of what occurred?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I believe that is the case, but I would like to check it to be absolutely correct in my evidence to the committee.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—We are yet to be definitive about who finally approved the cost. I think Mr Williams suggested that it might have been the Prime Minister and the Minister for Finance and Administration, but he was going to double check that. Are we any better informed, Mr Williams, about who signed off on the budget?</p> <p>Dr Morauta—I think we are clear that the Prime Minister would be the ultimate person who signed off on the budget.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—We were not clear about that earlier.</p> <p>Senator Hill—The Prime Minister would normally do that in conjunction with the Minister for Finance and Administration and the Treasurer. We have taken the question on notice and we should provide it—</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I think Mr Williams was going to get back to us tonight if possible. I want to be clear who signed off on it. I would have thought it would have been a normal process that would have been followed. I am just trying to be clear. It now seems to be suggested that the normal process would require the Prime Minister to sign off—which was not clear earlier. We now need to find out whether it was the Prime Minister who signed off. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I said earlier that I would take it on notice, and I will come back to you on that.</p>	Answer received 3/2/06
PM27	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 68 31/10/05	<p>Mr Williams—The \$44.3 million is the current approved budget.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—When were you given that figure?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I would have to take that on notice. I do not have the date of that figure.</p>	Answer received 30/1/06

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PM28	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 69 31/10/05	Mr Williams—I do not have that material here for the \$2.9 million disaggregation. Senator FAULKNER—My understanding is that the vast majority of that was newspapers. Is that right? Mr Williams—I think that is correct. Senator FAULKNER—You ought to know that. Mr Williams—I will take it on notice.	Answer received 30/1/06
PM29	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 69 31/10/05	Senator FAULKNER—What are the precise dates of the July tranche? You said you do not have the disaggregation but can we be clear on the dates of that campaign, please? Mr Williams—We will have it back in the office but we do not have it here. I will ask my colleague to search his papers.	Answer received 30/1/06
PM30	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 71 31/10/05	Senator FAULKNER—Have you seen any larger campaigns in your time as a government official? That sort of expenditure on placements over less than a three-week period? Mr Williams—I would take that on notice.	Answer received 30/1/06
PM31	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 74 31/10/05	Senator FAULKNER—Which internet sites have been inflicted with this particular advertising? Are you able to tell us that? Mr Williams—I would have to take that on notice.	Answer received 30/1/06
PM32	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 74 31/10/05	Senator FAULKNER—NESB, Indigenous, internet. Are you able to disaggregate that further and tell us how much, for example, was spent on internet campaigning? Mr Williams—I can take that on notice. We should be able to get that advice.	Answer received 30/1/06
PM33	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 86 31/10/05	Senator CHRIS EVANS—Obviously that is a fairly major campaign as well for this financial year. That \$9 million is the media buy, is it? Mr Williams—The media buy is \$8.4 million. That is during this financial year. Senator CHRIS EVANS—Have you got a breakdown of that on TV, radio and papers? Mr Williams—No, I do not. Senator CHRIS EVANS—Could you take that on notice for me? Mr Williams—I will.	Answer received 30/1/06
PM34	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 87 31/10/05	Senator CHRIS EVANS—When was the Supporting the System campaign run? Mr Williams—I will just check to see if I have that material here. No, I do not. I will have to take that on notice.	Answer received 30/1/06

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PM35	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 87 31/10/05	Senator CHRIS EVANS—Do you know what the budget for that one was? Mr Williams—No, I do not. Senator CHRIS EVANS—Can you take that on notice as well? Mr Williams—Yes.	Answer received 30/1/06
PM36	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 92 31/10/05	Senator CHRIS EVANS—Dr Morauta, perhaps you might cogitate on this over the break: I am just wondering—this is not meant to be a trick question—whether there are any other costs for PM&C. I take that to be the answer, but if— Dr Morauta—Okay, we will think about it, and if there is anything we can add we will after the break.	Answer received 7/2/06
PM37	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 93 31/10/05	Senator FAULKNER—Would you be able to give me the cost of the party at Claridges? Mr Leverett—I do not know that I can get you the cost of the full party tonight but we can certainly take that on notice. Senator FAULKNER—You can provide me with the Prime Minister's costs and then the costs of the full party. I am interested also in any extras like food and alcohol consumption. Can you help me with that too? Mr Leverett—I can help you with that but I would have to take it on notice.	Answer received 7/2/06
PM38	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 95 31/10/05	Senator CHRIS EVANS—Can I go back to the reach targets. When was the last time a government campaign sought a reach target of this level? Mr Williams—I would have to take that on notice.	Answer received 30/1/06

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PM39	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 98 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Was it provided to MCGC?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I would have to take that on notice. My expectation is that they did receive some elements of that tracking research, but I will take that on notice to be safe.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Was the Prime Minister provided with it directly?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I cannot answer that, Senator.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—He was not provided it through the MCGC?</p> <p>Mr Williams—Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Are you aware of who else was provided with the tracking research?</p> <p>Mr Williams—As I said, I will take this question on notice, but my expectation would be that it was provided to the department, Minister Andrews's office—he is a member of the committee for the purpose of the campaign—and members of the committee.</p>	Answer received 30/1/06
PM40	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 98 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—How often did the tracking research come in?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I cannot recall the frequency.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Will you take that on notice for me?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—The frequency and the dates that you received tracking research.</p>	Answer received 30/1/06
PM41	PM&C	Faulkner	F&PA 99-100 31/10/05	<p>Senator FAULKNER—Well, why haven't I received an answer? Why has it told me that he is not intending to answer the question?</p> <p>Senator Hill—I do not know. I have not seen the answer. I will have to make inquiries.</p> <p>Senator FAULKNER—Good. Thank you. Let us know.</p>	Answer received 30/1/06
PM42	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 101 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—You briefed the Prime Minister on 16 September and 14 October. When did the department become involved in the question of this Australian inquiry?</p> <p>Mr Borrowman—I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 10/2/06
PM43	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 101 31/10/05	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I am glad to see people anticipating estimates procedures. I take it from that that you as PM&C have not briefed the Prime Minister on the question of an Australian inquiry then?</p> <p>Mr Borrowman—Again, I would have to take that on notice because this has been evolving during the course of the day and I have been up here for most of the day.</p>	Answer received 10/2/06

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PM44	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 103 31/10/05	Senator CHRIS EVANS—That is why I asked the question. I got a more general answer. When was the last time you briefed him in relation to discussions with the Japanese? Mr Lewis—I am not sure that we have a specific date, but it has been in the last couple of weeks. We will take that on notice. Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you could give me the dates that you provided briefs to the Prime Minister in preparation for contact with the Japanese government regarding Iraq. Mr Orme—Okay.	Answer received 10/2/06
PM45	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 116 31/10/05	Ms Pearce—We established our office in Sydney only in June. If you would like more detail, we will have to take that on notice. Senator CHRIS EVANS—Okay.	Answer received 6/2/06
PM46	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 116 31/10/05	Senator CHRIS EVANS—Has that been expended or is it likely to be expended? Ms Pearce—It is being progressively expended. It has not been expended in total as yet, but we can take that on notice as well and provide you with more information.	Answer received 6/2/06
PM47	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 117 31/10/05	Senator CHRIS EVANS—On a different page of the report it had \$25 million. Was that just a wrong figure? Ms Costello—Can you tell me what page that is? Senator CHRIS EVANS—It is page 135 of the PM&C annual report of 2004-05. Ms Costello—I do not have a tracking on that figure but I assume that that includes the first year's depreciation. But I will have to check that. Dr Morauta—We will take it on notice. There seems to be—	Answered received 1/11/05
PM48	PM&C	Conroy	Written	Attached	PM48a_Ombudsman answer received 19/12/05) Answer received 30/1/06
PM49	ANAO	Conroy	Written	Attached	Answer received 30/04/07
PM50	APSC	Conroy	Written	Attached	Answer received 19/12/05
PM51	NWC	Conroy	Written	Attached	Answer received 23/1/06

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PM52	ONA	Conroy	Written	Attached	Answer received 4/1/06
PM53	IGIS	Conroy	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/1/06 (see PM48)
PM54	GG	Conroy	Written	Attached	Answer received 3/2/06
PM55	PM&C	Murray	Written	Attached	Answer received 22/05/06
PM56	ANAO	Murray	Written	Attached	Answer received 21/12/05
PM57	APSC	Murray	Written	Attached	Answer received 19/12/05
PM58	NWC	Murray	Written	Attached	Answer received 23/1/06
PM59	ONA	Murray	Written	Attached	Answer received 4/1/06
PM60	IGIS	Murray	Written	Attached	Answer received 8/5/06
PM61	GG	Murray	Written	Attached	Answer received 3/2/06
PM62	PM&C	Fielding	Written	Attached	Answer received 18/05/06 (PM62a_Ombudsm an answer received 19/12/05)
PM63	ANAO	Fielding	Written	Attached	Answer received 18/05/06 (answered in PM62)
PM64	APSC	Fielding	Written	Attached	Answer received 18/05/06(answered in PM62)
PM65	NWC	Fielding	Written	Attached	Answer received 18/05/06(answered in PM62)

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PM66	ONA	Fielding	Written	Attached	Answer received 18/05/06(answered in PM62)
PM67	IGIS	Fielding	Written	Attached	Answer received 18/05/06(answered in PM62)
PM68	GG	Fielding	Written	Attached	Answer received 18/05/06(answered in PM62)
PM69	APSC	Evans	Written	Attached	Answer received 19/12/05
PM70	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Answer received 3/2/06
PM71	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Transferred to DOFA 28/11/05
PM72	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Answer received 27/10/06
PM73	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Answer received 6/2/06
PM74	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Answer received 26/4/07
PM75	PM&C	Evans	Written	Attached	Answer received 3/2/06 (GG) and 7/2/06 (PMC)
PM76	GG	Evans	Written	Attached	Answer received 3/2/06

Please note that answers are due on 31 January 2006

Written QON

PM48 to PM54

Performance of Information Technology outsourcing arrangements

1. Please provide details of total departmental/organisational spending on Information and Communications Technology products and services during the last 12 months.
2. Please break down this spending by ICT function (eg communications, security, private network, websites).

3. Was this spending in line with budget forecasts for this 12 month period?
 - a. If not, please provide details of:
 - i. The extent that ICT spending exceeded budget forecasts for this 12 month period;
 - ii. Details of on specific ICT contracts which resulted in department/organisation spending in excess of budget forecasts for this 12 month period;
 - iii. The reasons ICT spending exceeded budget forecasts for this 12 month period.
 4. Please provide details of any ICT projects that have been commissioned by the Department/organisation during the past 12 months that have failed to meet designated project time frames (ie have failed to satisfy agreed milestones by agreed dates).
 - a. For such projects that were not completed on schedule, please provide details of:
 - i. The extent of any delay;
 - ii. The reasons these projects were not completed on time;
 - iii. Any contractual remedies sought by the Department/organisation as a result of these delays (eg penalty payments).
 5. Please provide details of any ICT projects delivered in the past 12 months that have materially failed to satisfy project specifications.
 6. Please provide details of any ICT projects that were abandoned by the Department/organisation within the last 12 months before the delivery of all project specifications outlined at the time the project was commissioned.
 - a. For such abandoned projects, please provide details of:
 - i. Any contractual remedies sought be the Department as a result of the abandonment of these projects.
 - ii. Any costs of re-tendering the ICT project.
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PM55 to PM61

Order for departmental and agency contracts

1. What guidance is provided to staff with responsibilities for contract negotiations specifically about the requirements of the Senate Order? If relevant guidance is not provided, please explain why this is the case.
2. What training and awareness sessions are provided, either in-house or through other training providers (eg. DOFA, APS Commission or private firms) in respect of the Order? Please provide a list of the dates, the identity of the training providers and the content of the training that staff attended in 2005. If training and awareness sessions are not provided, please explain why this is the case.
3. Has the department/agency revised its procurement guidelines to incorporate the new Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines that took effect from 1 January 2005, particularly with respect to the confidentiality elements contained in those guidelines? If so, when did this occur and can a copy be provided? If not, what is the cause of the delay and when will the revision occur?

4. ANAO audits for the last three years have revealed a consistently low level of compliance across most agencies with DOFA confidentiality criteria (February 2003) for determining whether commercial information should be protected as confidential. The ANAO's latest report on the Order (No.11 2005-2006, September 2005) states that departments and agencies need to give higher priority with this important requirement of the Senate Order.

- What specific measures have been or will be taken to address this problem, give it higher priority and raise compliance levels?
- What guidance and training are provided to staff about the confidentiality criteria and the four tests employed to determine whether information should be protected?
- What internal auditing or checking is performed to test compliance in this area? If none is performed, why not and is the agency considering the adoption of internal controls and checks?

5. What problems, if any, has the agency and/or relevant staff experienced in complying with the Senate Order? What is the nature and cause of any problems? What measures have been, or could be, adopted to address these concerns?

PM62 to 68

Portfolio wide questions for Prime Minister and Cabinet Department

1. How much money has the portfolio spent on domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
 2. How much money has the portfolio spent on overseas airfares for each of the last three financial years?
 3. How much money has the portfolio spent on economy class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
 4. How much money has the portfolio spent on business class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
 5. How much has the portfolio spent on first class domestic airfares for each of the last three financial years?
 6. What would be the estimated financial year dollar saving if all public servants in the portfolio travelled economy class for flights of less than one and a half hours duration?
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PM69

1. What is the current percentage of proportional representation of Indigenous people compared to non-Indigenous people in the APS? When were the most recent figures assessed?
2. How long has it been declining for?
3. How much has it declined since 1996?
4. What are the reasons for this decline?

5. What are the current separation rates? How much have they increased by? Is it true that this year's separation rates are the highest they've been in a decade?
 6. What concrete measures is the public service taking to increase Indigenous employment in the APS? When were they introduced? How are they funded?
 7. Has the APS Commission set targets? If so, when did they set them?
 8. When did the government announce these measures?
 9. Provide the details of how much has been allocated and spent in 2004-05?
 10. Confirm that \$1, 427, 000 is allocated under the 2005-06 budget? Please provide a specific breakdown according to activity. Please also specify the amount of departmental costs included in that sum.
 11. Specify the activities and programs that will be funded by the additional \$6.4 million that was announced by John Howard on 12 August 2005? Identify the amount of administered funds and departmental costs included in this sum?
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PM70

In relation to the budget item, Indigenous Functions – new arrangements:

1. In 2004-05, \$695, 000 was spent under this item. Where is this money identified in the budget papers? Please provide a specific breakdown of these funds and specific description of functions they are used for.
 2. Confirm that \$702, 000 has been allocated for 2005-06? Where is this money identified in the budget papers? What does the Department anticipate this will be spent on? Provide specific breakdown of the budget allocations.
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PM71 [Transferred to the Department of Finance and Administration 28 November 2005]

In relation to the Indigenous COAG arrangements:

(1) In the May 2005 estimates, OEA said it was committed to a "three-year rolling evaluation plan" from 30 Jun 05 – 30 Jun 07. OEA also committed to having a program for this evaluation plan finalised towards the end of June or early July.

Is this program now available? Can you please attach if so.

(2) what will this evaluation encompass?

(3) OEA conducted an interim six-month program between Jan and Jun this year.

(a) What happened during this interim program?

(b) What were the conclusions of the interim program?

(c) Were any reports produced? Will these be publicly available?

(4) At the May estimates, OEA had not given any thought as to whether it will be able to assess the effectiveness of TSI programs. Has this changed? If so, please give details of any planned evaluations.

PM72

Task Forces, Interdepartmental Committees and Working Groups

1. Please provide a list of all currently operative task forces, interdepartmental committees, and interdepartmental working groups which are chaired or led by an official of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.
2. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 1, please provide an explanation of their aim, operational remit, reporting requirements and deadlines.
3. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 1, please indicate under whose authority the body was established.
4. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 1, please provide a list of the members, including the name of the department, agency or organisation they represent, and their role in the task force, interdepartmental committee or working group .
5. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 1, please indicate which department, agency or other organisation provides secretariat support.
6. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 1, please indicate when and where they have met, and when and where they plan to meet.
7. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 1, please indicate who is responsible for determining the agenda of meetings.
8. Please provide a list of all currently operative task forces, interdepartmental committees, and interdepartmental working groups (excluding any listed in response to question 1) upon which there is representation from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.
9. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 8, please provide an explanation of their aim, operational remit, reporting requirements and deadlines.
10. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 8, please indicate under whose authority the body was established.
11. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 8, please provide a list of members, including the name of the department, agency or organisation they represent, and their role in the taskforce, interdepartmental committee or working group.
12. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 8, please indicate which department, agency or other organisation provides secretariat support.
13. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 8, please indicate when and where they have met, and when where they plan to meet.
14. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 8, please indicate who is responsible for determining the agenda of meetings.
15. Please provide a list of all taskforces, committees, working groups or consultative bodies, excluding any listed in response to questions 1 and 8 above, to which the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet provides secretariat support.
16. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 15, please provide an explanation of their aim, operational remit, reporting requirements and deadlines.
17. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 15, please indicate under whose authority the body was established.

18. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 15, please provide a list of the members, including the name of the department, agency or organisation or interest they represent and an explanation of their role on the specific body.
 19. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 15, please indicate when and where they have met, and when where they plan to meet.
 20. For each of the bodies listed in response to question 15, please indicate who is responsible for determining the agenda of meetings.
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PM73

Questions on notice in relation to the APEC Taskforce

1. How many staff are currently working in the APEC taskforce, please indicate their classifications?
 2. What are the expected staff numbers in the task force through 2005-06 and 2006-07 in the lead up to the APEC meeting in 2007?
 3. In relation to the lease of premises in Sydney for the APEC Taskforce:
 - a) What is the annual cost of the lease?
 - b) Where is the premises located?
 - c) What is the floor area leased?
 - d) How many people are currently located at the premises?
 - e) How were these premises were chosen? How many sites were considered? What were the other sites cheaper than the one chosen?
 - f) When did the lease commence?
 - g) When did staff actually start using the premises?
 4. On page 29 of the Department's annual report it indicates that an equity injection of \$5.6 million is provided in 2005-06 for fit out and equipment for the Sydney offices of the APEC Taskforce.
 - a) Provide specific details on how this \$5.6 million will be spent.
 5. What will happen with all of the equipment purchased post 2007 when the APEC meeting is over and the Taskforce is disbanded?
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PM74

Ministerial Staff and Departmental Liaison Officers [parts 1, 3, 4, 5 transferred to DOFA 1 December 2004]

1. Please provide details of the number of personal and ministerial staff currently allocated to each minister and parliamentary secretary, itemised by the office of each minister and parliamentary secretary, along with the details of the classifications of these staff members.

2. Please provide details of the number of departmental liaison staff currently allocated to each minister and parliamentary secretary, itemised by the office of each minister and parliamentary secretary, along with the details of the classifications of these officers.
 3. Please provide details of the numbers and classifications of staff currently working in the Government Members' Secretariat.
 4. Do staff working in the Government Members' Secretariat constitute a separate staffing allocation to the overall ministerial and personal staff allocation made top the Government?
 5. Does the number of Government ministerial and personal staff, used to as a basis to calculate the Opposition personal staff allocation, include staff working in the Government Members' Secretariat?
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PM75

Official Residences

1. Please provide details and costs of any renovation or building works undertaken or planned at any of the official residences of the Prime Minister or Governor General for the financial year 2005-06.
2. Please provide details and costs of any garden maintenance or works undertaken or planned at any of the official residences of the Prime Minister or Governor General for the financial year 2005-06.
3. Please provide details and costs of any furniture, household effects, fittings, carpets or other items purchased or planned for purchase in the current financial year for the official residences.
4. Please provide details, including costs, of any official functions held at the official residences, paid for with public funds, in this financial year and any planned events this financial year.
5. Please provide details of any purchases of alcoholic beverages purchased, or planned for purchase with public funds this financial year for the official residences.
6. Please provide details of the estimated costs of security arrangements at the official residences for the current financial year. [\[This part \(question\) was transferred to the Attorney-General's Department 11/11/05\]](#)

n.b. These questions are not intended to apply to any personal activities, purchases or otherwise of a private nature undertaken with private funding by the Governor General, the Prime Minister or their families.

PM76

In 2003-04 the Australiana Fund purchased the following item:

Set of two punch bowls, Chinese export porcelain, c.1829, commissioned in China for the first elected Lord Mayor of Sydney, decorated with sacred carp design on the inside, rose medallion borders including Mandarin figures on the outside. Located at Admiralty House.

Please provide details of the cost of this item, its historical significance and the reason for its purchase.
