

Estimates 2006-07 — Supplementary Budget Estimates, October 2006**Questions on Notice Index—Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard reference	Question	Comments
PM1	PM&C	FAULKNER	F&PA 43	Mr Harper—The \$8.5 million was for fit-out works in the Sydney office. Senator ROBERT RAY—Is that for the task force fit-out? Mr Harper—Yes, and IT equipment et cetera. Senator FAULKNER—Is the rest contingency, basically? Mr Harper—No, we can give you a breakdown. Senator FAULKNER—It might be best to take it on notice. Do you have it there? Mr Harper—No, not in detail. I can get it for you.	Answer received 15/12/06
PM2	PM&C	FAULKNER	F&PA 45	Mr Henderson—I think we are at the point where they are considering design options. Do you want to know exactly where we are up to? I would have to take that on notice. Senator FAULKNER—If you could just let us know where it is up to. The decision about those design options lies with the Prime Minister, does it?	Answer received 7/12/06
PM3	PM&C	EVANS	F&PA 50	Senator CHRIS EVANS—How many people do you have employed on task forces apart from the APEC task force? Mr Williams—I do not know that I have a list of the current task forces at the moment, but there are a number associated with COAG initiatives and there is the task force on uranium. I would have to take the question on notice.	Answer received 15/12/06

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PM4	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 53	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—You might have to take a few questions on notice. Basically, my question is: what is the rationale for appointing two? What is their role? Who are they? Who is home-based in Sydney and who is home-based in Canberra? I think that will do on that particular issue. My second question, again, goes to the Prime Minister approving staff. Could I have an explanation as to why the Prime Minister has approved 10 staff members for the Leader of National Party in the Senate seven days after The Nationals assumed the balance of power in 2005. I think you understand that therefore Senator Boswell is much more highly staffed than Senator Evans; and they do have different roles and capacities. But I assume you cannot help me with that now.</p>	Answer received 5/02/07
PM5	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 53	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—You might also confirm that the Prime Minister has approved a senior adviser, three advisers, five assistant advisers and one admin assistant to Senator Boswell at a cost of over \$700,000 a year? And you might be able to help me with this: when did the Leader of National Party in the Senate cease to have any executive responsibilities—that is, cease to be a parliamentary secretary?</p>	Answer received 5/02/07
PM6	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 53	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—I also have a question, in a similar vein, about Parliamentary Secretary Mr Andrew Robb. We can confirm, of course, that he has two DLOs, because Ms Belcher has very kindly given us the list. Can we have an explanation as to why he has been allocated another eight staff as parliamentary secretary—that is, he has two senior advisers, three advisers, an assistant adviser, an EAOM and an admin assistant? He has eight staff plus two DLOs. That comes to about \$1 million worth of staffing a year. Why does a parliamentary secretary get that staffing?</p> <p>Senator Minchin—It would depend on the role and responsibilities allocated to the particular parl sec and whether there is a junior minister in the portfolio. But, again, I will get an explanation for that and the breakup of responsibilities in that portfolio and why the parl sec has so many staff.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—If you could take it on notice as to the reason for it.</p>	Answer received 5/02/07

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PM7	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 54	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—I would think even an eight to four ratio would be a lot fairer. But what I am offering from an opposition point of view is to take them out of the total establishment figures so it does not appear that you have got so many, because really these are not for partisanship reasons; this is for cooperation—</p> <p>Senator Minchin—To help the parliament work, sure.</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—in the chamber. We always get a negative response to that, but I would like at least your considered response.</p> <p>Senator Minchin—Yes.</p>	Answer received 5/02/07
PM8	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 54	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—While we are on the question of staffing, the government members secretariat has now grown to 12, including two senior advisers, five advisers, four assistant advisers and one admin assistant—compared to a secretariat of six assistant advisers under the Hawke-Keating government. Can we be provided with a reason for this growth and top-heaviness in staff?</p> <p>Senator Minchin—Okay.</p>	Answer received 9/02/07
PM9	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 55	<p>Senator Minchin—The industrial relations task force, the backbench—</p> <p>CHAIR—The chair is Phil Barresi.</p> <p>Senator Minchin—So you do not know whether he has an extra staffer; you just want to know—</p> <p>Senator ROBERT RAY—Whether one has been allocated to that task force.</p> <p>Senator Minchin—Okay.</p>	Answer received 5/02/07
PM10	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 55	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—So he either resigned or was terminated. One would presume he resigned. Could you take on notice how he ceased to be a consultant on that day? We will give him the presumption of a resignation letter</p>	Answer received 6/12/06
PM11	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 56	<p>Senator ROBERT RAY—You might like to take this on notice, although I might be able to get the answer from DOFA. How many of the Prime Minister's staff have personal classifications that place them at a higher salary level? Incidentally, we are not condemning them; we just want to know the information.</p> <p>Senator Minchin—That is fine. We can get that.</p>	Answer received 6/12/06

QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard reference	Question	Comments
PM12	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 56	Senator ROBERT RAY—Secondly, how many of the Prime Minister's staff are receiving salary outside the relevant salary band? Do you understand that there are bands set at each level? Senator Minchin—Yes.	Answer received 6/12/06
PM13	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 56	Senator ROBERT RAY—How many of the Prime Minister's staff are on AWAs? How many are on a certified agreement? Again, even on the best of days, I would not expect you to be able to give me that without taking it on notice.	Answer received 6/12/06
PM14	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 56	Senator ROBERT RAY—I suppose you could put your finance hat on here, Senator. In how many other elements of the Public Service do you think that staffing has increased as it has in ministerial staffing, from 292 in 1996—in a fanfare of saying how modest you were—to 446 in June this year?	Answer received 12/02/07
PM15	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 57	Senator FAULKNER—Also, can you please tell me the date of the Thawley-Blazey email, the first one which I have identified, and the date of the response, which was a Blazey-Thawley email?	Answer received 6/12/06
PM16	PM&C	RAY	F&PA 58	Senator ROBERT RAY—Yes, at the last round. It was a breakdown of the costs of hospitality provided at the meeting and dining room facility of the Prime Minister's office. Senator Faulkner effectively asked, 'Where do I find those costs?' and you said, 'In the appropriate program.' Well, thank you for that, but, nevertheless, just to be equally helpful, can we now have a breakdown of the costs? We were not going to ask this but, given the cleverness and glibness of the answer, we will. Can we have a breakdown of the costs for the year 2005-06, because you now know the appropriate program? Dr Morauta—We will take that on notice. I do not think we have anything with us with which we can do that. We will see what we can do.	Answer received 12/02/07

QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard reference	Question	Comments
PM17	PM&C	FAULKNER	F&PA 60	<p>Senator FAULKNER—There are two elements to it. These issues of security are serious ones. As a consequence of this particular incident, is the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet aware of any review of security arrangements in the building that are being undertaken? I understand where the Prime Minister's office is and I understand the layout of the building. I am just asking you, given the Prime Minister has offices there and cabinet from time to time meets in that building—as Senator Minchin can confirm—whether there has been any review that you are aware of in relation to security arrangements?</p> <p>Mr Williams—I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Answer received 7/12/06
PM18	PM&C	EVANS	F&PA 62	<p>Ms Goddard—Yes, PM&C advised the Prime Minister on possible details of that taskforce and helped set up the taskforce and the panel.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—When did you start on that work?</p> <p>Ms Goddard—I would have to check, but it would have been in the weeks leading up to that announcement.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps you could take that on notice for me.....</p>	Answer received 24/01/07
PM19	PM&C	EVANS	F&PA 64	<p>Dr Dickson—They have already travelled to the United States, to Europe and to North Asia.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Is this just the panel or the panel and a few staff?</p> <p>Ms Goddard—It is the panel and a few secretariat members.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Are those costs a part of the supplementation you are seeking?</p> <p>Ms Goddard—That is correct.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps on notice you could get me those costs.</p>	Answered on F&PA 89 (30/10/06)
PM20	PM&C	EVANS	F&PA 65	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Could you get me the description of the consultancies, the consultant and the cost of that consultancy in each of the cases? They would be interesting.</p> <p>Dr Dickson—Yes.</p>	Answered on F&PA 89 (30/10/06)
PM21	NWC	WATSON/SIEWERT	F&PA 72-73	<p>Senator WATSON—Can you give us details of the other 28? You said over 30.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT—Could those perhaps be tabled?</p> <p>Senator WATSON—Tabled—that would be great.</p>	Answer received 20/02/07

QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard reference	Question	Comments
PM22	PM&C	FAULKNER	F&PA 95	Senator Minchin—Well, I am sorry to disappoint you, but this officer is not able to give you that date. He may be able to take further instructions and maybe during the course of this week, if he is at liberty or if this committee is able to be given further information, we will supply it.	Answer received 6/12/06
PM23	PM&C	FAULKNER	F&PA 96	Senator FAULKNER—No, this is a question on notice. It is my question. It is numbered 41 for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. I know it is not the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at the table. I know it is the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. I am asking whether DFAT consulted PM&C in the preparation of an answer to that DFAT question that I asked. I am not surprised to hear you might not have been consulted, but I would be very surprised to hear you would not have a record of it if you had been. Mr Lewis—I will have to take that question on notice. I do not know.	Answer received 6/12/06
PM24	PM&C	EVANS	F&PA 98	Senator CHRIS EVANS—Was he involved with the decision to make a joint submission with New Zealand and the US? Mr Borrowman—I would have to take that on notice.	Answer received 6/02/07
PM25	PM&C	EVANS	F&PA 99	Senator CHRIS EVANS—Do you know whether you briefed the Prime Minister for any discussions with the Russian officials on this matter? Mr Borrowman—I am not aware that the Prime Minister has had any discussion with Russian officials on this matter.	Answer received 7/12/06
PM26	PM&C	EVANS	F&PA 107	Senator CHRIS EVANS—Have you got a breakdown of the funding for the various elements of the campaign? Mr Williams—We do not have the media plan here with us, so we can take that on notice. Senator CHRIS EVANS—Have you got a rough idea? Are the three evenly spread or is it front-end loaded? Mr Williams—I would rather take it on notice. I would hazard a guess and say there is a bit of front-end loading just to get the campaign going. But I would really want to take it on notice to give you a substantive answer.	Answer received 24/01/07
PM27	ONA	FAULKNER	F&PA 112	Senator FAULKNER—I see. Are you able to say when that round table occurred? Mr Varghese—No. I do not have the date with me. Senator FAULKNER—You do not know when it occurred. Mr Varghese—I do not have the date; I could take it on notice.	Answer received 27/04/07

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PM28	ONA	EVANS	F&PA 121	<p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Does that just go to ONA or does it go to PM&C and DFAT?</p> <p>Mr Varghese—It would go to other members of the Australian intelligence community. I would need to check whether it goes to policy departments as well. I think it probably is received by Foreign Affairs, but I would need to check whether other agencies also receive it.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Perhaps if you could take it on notice, that would be appreciated.</p>	Answer received 27/04/07
PM29	ONA	EVANS	F&PA 122	<p>Mr Varghese—We certainly receive analytical product from the Americans on Iraq. Whether there has been an earlier national intelligence estimate, which is the very formal process, on Iraq, I would just need to refresh my memory.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—I would be interested, if you would not mind taking that on notice. If so, how many and when? I take it these are not things that are churned out every couple of weeks or months. You said they are more considered pieces of work. I assume they are not nearly as frequent, then.</p> <p>Mr Varghese—That is right. I am a bit reluctant to promise to share that information with you because, as you will appreciate, we are dealing with highly classified documents. I would just need to go and check the relevant facts first before getting back to you</p>	Answer received 27/04/07
PM30	NWC	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/02/07
PM31	NWC	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/02/07
PM32	NWC	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/02/07
PM33	NWC	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/02/07
PM34	NWC	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/02/07
PM35	NWC	STPEHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/02/07
PM36	NWC	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/02/07
PM37	NWC	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/02/07

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PM38	PM&C	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 15/12/06
PM39	PM&C	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 24/01/07
PM40	PM&C	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answer received 15/12/06
PM41	PM&C	STEPHENS	Written	Attached	Answered 04/06/08.
PM42	PM&C	EVANS	Written	Attached	Answered in part 14/12/06 Answered in full 12.02/07
PM43	PM&C	EVANS	Written	Attached	Answer received 6/12/06
PM44	PM&C	EVANS	Written	Attached	Answer received 12/02/07
PM45	PM&C	EVANS	Written	Attached	Answer received 7/12/06
PM46	PM&C	EVANS	Written	Attached	Answer received 24/01/07
PM47	PM&C	EVANS	Written	Attached	Answer received 5/02/07
PM48	PM&C	EVANS	Written	Attached	Answer received 14/12/06
PM49	GG	EVANS	Written	Attached	Answer received 9/02/07
PM50	GG	EVANS	Written	Attached	Answer received 9/02/07
PM51	PM&C	EVANS	Written	Attached	Transferred to community affairs 10/11/06
PM52	APSC	SIEWERT	Written	Attached	Answer received
PM53	APSC	SIEWERT	Written	Attached	Answered received 2/01/2007
PM54	PM&C	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 6/12/06
PM55	ANAO	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 10/1/07
PM56	APSC	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received

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PM57	NWC	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answered 16/02/08
PM58	ONA	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 30/04/07
PM59	OMB	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/12/06
PM60	IGIS	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 5/02/07
PM61	GG	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 9/02/07
PM62	PM&C	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 5/02/07
PM63	ANAO	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 10/1/07
PM64	APSC	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received
PM65	NWC	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answered 22/02/08
PM66	ONA	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 30/04/07
PM67	OMB	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/12/06
PM68	IGIS	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 5/02/07
PM69	GG	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 9/02/07
PM70	PM&C	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 6/02/07
PM71	ANAO	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 10/1/07
PM72	APSC	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/12/06
PM73	NWC	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answered 22/02/08
PM74	ONA	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 30/04/07
PM75	OMB	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 20/12/06
PM76	IGIS	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 5/02/07
PM77	GG	LUDWIG	Written	Attached	Answer received 9/02/07

QON No.	Department / agency	Senator	Hansard reference	Question	Comments
PM78	PM&C	Evans	F&PA 89	<p>Ms Goddard—Senator Evans asked me a number of questions about the nuclear task force, which I am able to give some answers to. Senator, you asked about the consultancies that had been let by the task force. Three have been let to date. One is a study being undertaken by the Electric Power Research Institute in the United States at a cost of \$US60,000—</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—It is a US company?</p> <p>Ms Goddard—Yes, it is a US research institute. That one is doing an expert review of international studies comparing the economics of electricity generation technologies.</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Do you know whether that is a private company or is it attached to one of the universities?</p> <p>Ms Goddard—I do not know, I am afraid. It is a research institute so I suspect it is—</p> <p>Senator CHRIS EVANS—Do you know where in America it is based?</p> <p>Ms Goddard—No, I do not. I can find out for you.</p>	Answer received 22/12/06

Please note that answers PM1-PM53 are due on 15 December 2006.
Answers PM54-PM77 are due 31 January 2007.

Written QON

PM 30

1. Has the projected expenditure of \$200,000 during 2006/2007 on external legal services been revised up or down since your appearance at Budget Estimates this year?

2. Please provide a table listing legal firms, expenditure and purpose of service covering each year the NWC has been in existence?

PM 31

Please provide an update on progress and funding agreements for the States' water projects, as outlined below:

Western Australia

\$617 million pipeline from the Yarragadee aquifer to metropolitan Perth.

Queensland

\$500 million pipeline in the southeast.

New South Wales

\$390 million for recycling effluent in Western Sydney for industry, park watering and environmental flows in the Hawkesbury and Nepean Rivers.

South Australia

\$100 million desalination plant for drinking water and boosting the Murray River and to supply BHPs \$5 billion Olympic Dam extension.

Victoria

Linking the Campaspe and Goulburn Rivers. \$70 million piping project.

PM 32

The National Water Commission has assembled a special high level briefing on the national water supply situation and the seasonal outlook. The briefing was prepared utilising the combined resources of the Bureau of Meteorology, the Bureau of Rural Sciences and CSIRO, with additional input from the Murray-Darling Basin Commission and the Water Services association of Australia.

- a) When did work commence on the briefing?
- b) How much did the briefing cost to produce? Were costs shared by agencies?

PM 33

NWC met for its 7th meeting on 6 September.

- a) Discussed was a framework for consideration of iconic state and territory major water projects for the Prime Minister. Has this framework been finalised? What form does the framework take? Provide the framework to Committee.
 - b) Please provide an update on the progress and timeline for delivery of the Commission's first biennial assessment of water reform measures.
 - c) Update the committee on the timeline for delivery and the outcomes of this assessment and its impact on water policy.
 - d) Has work begun on the new national framework for river and wetland health which will form part of the second level assessment for the Australian Water Resources project?
 - e) When will this framework be available to the Committee?
 - f) How will the framework differ to previous frameworks covering river and wetland health?
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PM 34

According to the NWC website, a special call for irrigation proposals has been held and many further proposals to improve irrigation are now being assessed.

- a) How many proposals were received? State by state breakdown?
 - b) When will assessments be finalised?
 - c) What are the assessment criteria?
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PM 35

NWC CEO Ken Matthews recently announced Colin Chatres will be appointed to the position of Chief Science Adviser.

- a) When did Mr Chatres commence in the role of Chief Science Adviser?
 - b) Provide the Committee with a job description/duties of the Chief Science Adviser?
1. Did the upgrade of the Chief Science Adviser position occur subsequent to the announcement of the OWR?
 2. Does the Chief Science Adviser provide advice directly to the Parliamentary Secretary? To other agencies/departments?
 3. What APS level or equivalent is the Chief Science Adviser?

PM 36

Recently NWC CEO Ken Matthews announced that Volker Aeuckens will commence in the role of Chief Adviser to the CEO.

- a) When did Mr Aeuckens commenced in this role?
- b) Has the position of Chief Adviser to the CEO always existed?
- c) What is the job description/duties of the Chief Adviser to the CEO?
- d) Does the Chief Adviser to the CEO travel with the CEO? If so, does he travel the same class of travel as the CEO when he travels with him?
- e) What APS level or equivalent is the Chief Adviser to the CEO?

PM 37

Please provide an organisational chart for NWC that notes officer's name, APS level, title and responsibilities.

PM 38**Office of Water Resources**

- a) Have any staff members have been seconded to OWR? If so, at what levels? What is the duration of the secondments?

- b) Since the announcement of the OWR, has any staff member taken LWOP under the Public Service Act 1999 Advice No. 34: Prime Minister's Public Service Directions 1999 to work in the Parliamentary Secretary's office?

PM 39**Office of Water Resources**

1. What level is each current staff member?
2. How many are on AWAs?
3. How many staff have been seconded to OWR from PM&C or elsewhere?
4. How many seconded from departments other than PM&C? At what levels?
5. How long is each secondment for?

PM 40**Office of Water Resources**

Does the OWR have any Departmental Liaison Officers in the Parliamentary Secretary's office? If so, how many? How long is the appointment? What APS level?

PM 41**Office of Water Resources**

Provide a consolidated table with information on expenditure and planned expenditure for the \$2 billion AWF - that is, for the Raising National Water Standards program, Water Smart Australia Programme and Community Water Grants Program.

The table to include:

- (a) List of projects approved, total cost, Commonwealth contribution for project, other contributions;
- (b) whether the project has commenced - and if so when it is expected to be operational, and if not when it will be operational;
- (c) if a project has not commenced, why not?
- (d) List of projects awaiting approval and total expected cost and expected Cth contribution for the project.

PM 42

1. In relation to the fit out of 1 National Circuit

- a. What is the total floor area (square metres) of the executive area in the new building?
- b. What is the total fit out cost of the executive area in the new building?
- c. What is the total fit out cost of the Secretary's office in the new building?

2. In relation to question PM53 asked in the February 2006 hearing on the Cabinet Implementation Unit:

- a. Why has that question remained unanswered?
- b. Has the Department sought legal advice on the answering of this question? If so what is the cost of that advice?
- c. Has a response been provided to the PMO? If so when was that response first provided to the PMO?

PM 43

1. Please provide a breakdown of any and all advertising campaigns that have been approved by the MCGC, but which are not yet active (in terms of material going to air or in-print). For each campaign, please indicate the nature of the campaign, the anticipated media spend and the anticipated dates when advertising will take place.
2. Please provide a breakdown of all advertising projects on which the GCU is currently working but which have not yet reached the stage of campaigns approved by the MCGC. For each, please indicate the nature of the campaign, the anticipated media spend and the anticipated dates when advertising will take place as well as the stage in the MCGC process to which each campaign has progressed.
3. Please provide a breakdown of current staffing levels within the GCU as well as a breakdown of the public service grades of staff employed within the unit.
4. Please provide a breakdown of all travel expenses incurred by the GCU since figures were last provided through the Estimates process. Please breakdown the total and itemise by air fares, ground transport (taxi etc), accommodation, meals and drinks and incidentals.

PM 44

1. In response to House of Representatives question 3533, from the Member for banks, the Prime Minister indicated that the costs of support incurred by Dr Hollingworth for the period January 2005 to May 2006 were broken down as:
 - Property Operating Expenses \$157,850
 - Staff \$106,441
 - Support \$22,822
 - Travel (including vehicles) \$26,654

With regard to the above figures:

- a. What is the value of the lease or rent on the premises, and in addition to lease or rent are any other costs included in the figure of \$157,850? If so, please provide a detailed breakdown of all costs incurred.
 - b. With regard to costs incurred for staff, please indicate how many staff are employed, their roles and whether they are employed in a full or part time capacity for Dr Hollingworth?
 - c. Please indicate the type of expenses included in the designation 'support'.
 - d. Please provide a detailed breakdown of the \$22,822 worth of expenses listed as 'support'.
 - e. Please provide a detailed breakdown of all air fare costs included in the \$26,654 for 'travel'. Please indicate the date and purpose of each journey, the class travelled in and the number of passengers.
 - f. Please provide a detailed breakdown of all vehicle costs included in the \$26,654 for 'travel'. Please indicate the type of vehicles provided, the costs of the vehicles, the costs of maintenance, the cost of petrol and all other vehicle expenses.
 - g. Please indicate the nature of driver services provided to Dr Hollingworth, including the number of hours per week a driver is available, the hours of availability and whether or not a driver is available for private purposes as well as Dr Hollingworth's official business.
 - h. Please indicate the nature and value of any other expenses included under 'travel' which have not been accounted for under parts e and f above, including accommodation, meals, taxis and incidentals.
 - i. Please indicate whether or not Dr Hollingworth is able to retain for personal benefit any frequent flyer points earned through travel undertaken at public expense.
 - j. Please indicate how many frequent flyer points have been earned by Dr Hollingworth through taxpayer funded travel, and whether any of those points have been redeemed for official and / or personal travel, as well as providing details of the travel.
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PM 45

1. Please indicate the total cost to the Australian Government of the hosting of APEC 2007. Please also provide a breakdown of the Commonwealth or State departments, agencies or other bodies which are funded for APEC 2007 and the level of funding to each of these organisations.
 2. In response to question PM 26 – Part 21 of May 2006 Estimates, it was indicated that APEC Taskforce travel spending for the period July 2005 to May 2006 totalled \$683,000. Does this figure include any travel undertaken by staff of the Attorney-General's Department working on APEC preparations?
 3. Please indicate the total of spending on travel by the APEC Taskforce since May 2006. Does this total include spending by staff of the Attorney-General's department working on the preparations for APEC?
 4. What is the name of the contractor that has been engaged to assist with the selection of an item of national dress for Leaders' Week (as indicated by Mr Henderson in the Estimates hearing of 30 October 2006)? Please indicate the nature of the services provided, the term and total value of the contract.
 5. Please refer to question PM 26 – Part 19 from May 2006 Estimates and provide an updated response to that question.
 6. Please refer to question PM 26 – Part 20 from May 2006 Estimates and provide an updated response to that question.
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PM 46

1. Please provide details of the cost to the taxpayer of the Prime Ministerial visits to India in March, and to the US, Canada and Ireland in May, including the total cost of the visit and broken down by travel costs, accommodation, other transport, meals / drinks and incidentals and the number of people in the party by whom the costs were incurred.
 2. Please provide details of the costs of any overseas travel by the Prime Minister since May including the destination, date and purpose of the visit, the total cost of the visit and that cost broken down by travel, accommodation (please identify hotels), other transport, meals / drinks and incidentals and the number of people in the party by whom the costs were incurred.
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PM 47

1. Please provide a breakdown of costs to the taxpayer of all state or official visits to Australia since May, including the nature of the visit, individuals involved, number of people in the party and all taxpayer funded costs broken down by travel, other transport, accommodation, meals and drinks and other expenses.
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PM 48

1. Please refer to question PM27 from the May 2006 Estimates round and provide an updated response to parts one (in relation to PM's residences only), two and three of that question.
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PM 49

1. Please provide an itemised breakdown of all costs for capital works, maintenance, acquisitions, and contracted services at and for the official residences of Governor-General since 31 January 2006.
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PM 50

1. The response to question PM 1 of the May 2006 Estimates round indicated that the cost of the Governor-General's outback tour was \$114,836.70. Please provide an itemised breakdown of this total, broken down by; air transport; land transport; accommodation; equipment; meals, drinks and food. For any costs not covered by these categories, please indicate the nature of the expenditure and the cost.

2. Please provide an itemised breakdown of the costs of any vice-regal travel subsequent to the Governor-General's trip to Egypt / Turkey and Outback Tour broken down by travel, accommodation (please identify hotels), other transport, meals / drinks and incidentals and the number of people in the party by whom the costs were incurred.

PM 51

1. Which specific provisions of the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples does the Australian Government object to?
2. Please provide reasons for those objections/ reservations.

PM 52

1. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are currently employed in the APS?
2. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been employed in the APS each year over the last 5 years?
3. How many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are currently employed in ICCs?
4. What percentage of the total number of people employed in ICCs is this?

PM 53

1. How many people with a disability are currently employed in the APS?
2. How many people with a disability have been employed each year for the last five years in the APS?

Questions for all Departments/Agencies

PM 54- PM61

With regard to each agencies (and the department itself) that fall inside the department's portfolio, could the department indicate

1. What date the agency's 2005-06 Annual Report was tabled before parliament?
2. If the annual report was not tabled by 31 October 2006, could the department indicate:
 - a. When the report was tabled, or if it remains untabled what date the report is expected to be tabled by.
 - b. Whether the agency's own legislation provides an alternative timeframe for its annual report. If so, could the department provide:
 - i. A description and reference to the relevant provision and legislation.
 - ii. An explanation of why the agency cannot meet the general timeframe set out in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Requirements for Annual Reports, and so requires an alternative timeframe?
 - c. Whether the agency was granted an extension under section subsections 34C(4) - (7) of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901*? If so, could the department provide:
 - i. The date for finalizing the report as set out in the extension.
 - ii. The reason given for granting the extension.
 - iii. The date that the Minister tabled in Parliament a statement explaining why an extension was granted.
 - iv. A copy of the Minister's statement.
 - d. Where the agency's legislation doesn't provide for an alternative timeframe (as per question b) nor was the agency granted an extension (as per question c) could the department provide:
 - i. Explanation for why the Annual Report was tabled outside the timeframe set by DPM&C despite there being no provision alternative timeframe set out in the agency's legislation nor there being any formal extension granted.

Details of any other arrangement in place for the tabling of the agency's Annual Report.

PM 62 – PM69

With regard to the preparation of Possible Parliament Questions briefs or other such documents intended to brief Minister's on an issue specifically for Question Time, could the department/agency provide:

1. The number of such briefs prepared in each of the last three financial years (2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06).
2. The number of staff who are responsible for coordinating such briefs and the salary level they are engaged at.
3. The name of internal unit/team that those staff belong to and a description of its other responsibilities.
4. The total budget associated with the unit/team referred to in response to part 3.

PM 70 – PM 77

- (1) What sum did the department spend during 2005-2006 on external
(a) barristers and

(b) solicitors (including private firms, the Australian Government Solicitor and any others).

(2) What sum did the department spend on internal legal services.

(3) What is the department's projected expenditure on legal services for 2006-2007.