Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Additional estimates 2008–2009; February 2009

Answers to questions on notice from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Question 1

Output: Enabling services

Topic: Staffing—Indigenous Cadet Program

Hansard p. 9

Senator Coonan asked:

A. Does DFAT pay for some or all of the HECS liability of DFAT Indigenous Cadets?

B. Has the Department ever made any late HECS payments on behalf of its Indigenous Cadets?

C. If so, have there been any financial consequences for the Cadets as a result?

Answer

A. The Department pays all HECS liability on units successfully completed by DFAT Indigenous Cadets in the course of their cadetships.

B&C. Yes. As a result, the Department has assisted individual Cadets on a case-by-case basis for any negative financial consequences.

Question 2

Output: Enabling services

Topic: Staffing—Language training

Hansard pp. 9 and 11

Senator Coonan and Senator Trood asked:

A. How many overseas positions have had their language training cut or reduced in the last 18 months?

B. Would the Department provide a list, across post, of language-designated positions and the language proficiency of the current occupants?

C. Are there any Deputy Heads of Mission anywhere around the world who do not have the required language for the position to which they are posted?

Answer

A. In 2008, seven language-designated positions were withdrawn from the overseas network. Of these positions, one had its training reallocated to another position at post.

B. Refer to attached list.

C. Three Deputy Heads of Mission do not have the required language proficiency.

Question 3

Output: Enabling services

Topic: Staffing—SES positions

Question in writing

Senator Gary Humphries asked:

A. How many SES positions were there in the DFAT as at:

1. 24 November 2007
2. 26 February 2009

B. How many SES positions were there in the ACIAR as at:

1. 24 November 2007
2. 26 February 2009.

Answer

DFAT

A. The Department uses full time equivalent (FTE) staff data to manage staffing levels across the Department. Typically, one FTE would occupy one position.

The Department generates FTE data at specific intervals. The answers below reflect the FTE data at the closest date to those requested.

1. As of 30 November 2007, the SES FTE across the department was 171.7;
2. As of 20 February 2009, the SES FTE across the department was 175.7.

This data covers SES staff in Canberra, State Offices and at overseas posts.

ACIAR

B. Nil

Question 4

Output: Enabling services

Topic: Staffing—recruitment

Hansard pp. 12 and 13

Senator Trood asked:

A. With regard to 32 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) increase in staff reported on page 31 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statement, would the Department advise the level at which the staff were recruited?

Answer

The estimated 32 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) increase between the 2008-09 Budget and the Revised Estimates related to the full-year effect of 57 new positions commencing at different stages throughout 2008-09.

The increase was the result of New Policy Proposals (NPPs) funded through the Additional Estimates process (net increase of 21 FTE – representing 31 positions), the internally funded conversion of IT contractors to APS employees as a cost saving measure (net increase of 6.9 FTE – representing 21 positions) and other internally funded staffing decisions (net increase of 4.1 FTE – representing five positions.)

The levels of staff engaged in positions resulting from NPPs are as follows:

- Asia-Pacific Community Regional Consultations: two BB3s and one BB1/2;
- Bali Democracy Forum: one EL2, two BB3s and one BB1/2;
- International Commission for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament: one SES band 1, one EL2, three BB3s, and two BB1/2s;
- Pacific Engagement: one SES band 1, two EL2s, two BB3s and three BB1/2;
- Resident Ambassador to the Holy See: one SES band 2 and one BB1/2;
- Southern Ocean research: one BB3;
- UN Security Council Taskforce: one SES band 1, one EL2, three BB3s and one BB1/2.

The levels of staff engaged in positions resulting from the conversion of IT contractors to APS employees are 18 BB3s and 1 BB1/2. (Since the Revised Estimates, the number of positions to be converted has reduced from 21 to 19 positions.)

The levels of staff engaged in positions resulting from the other internally funded staffing decisions are one Medical Officer 3, one BB3 and three BB1/2s.

In most cases, the staff engaged in positions resulting from NPPs and the other internally funded staffing decisions were not recruited externally into those positions. Instead, they were engaged in those positions through redeployment within the Department. This in turn contributed to demand for external recruitment to fill resulting vacancies elsewhere within the

Department. This is the usual method for filling vacancies in the Department, taking account of its mobile workforce and network spread across Canberra, state offices and overseas posts.

The staff engaged in positions resulting from the conversion of IT contractors to APS employees have been or are in the process of being recruited externally into those positions.

Question 5

Output 1.1.2

Topic: Australia-Indonesia bilateral relationship

Hansard p. 33

Senator Ludlam asked:

A. Would the Department provide the attendance list for the recent conference on the future of the Australia-Indonesia bilateral relationship that was held in Sydney earlier this year?

Answer

Yes. The attendance list and conference program are set out below. A conference summary will also be published by the Lowy Institute for International Policy shortly.

CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Business and Economic Development

Australia

Mr Chris Barnes, General Manager, Business Development International Financial Services, Commonwealth Bank of Australia

Mr Ian Buchanan, Senior Executive Adviser, Booz & Company, Booz & Company

Mr Harold Clough AO OBE, Chairman, McRae Investments Pty Ltd.

Mr John Denton, CEO, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

Mr Martin Eames, Vice President, Asia Pacific, Santos Ltd.

Ms Elizabeth Hallett, Partner, Deacons

Mr Lyall Howard, Manager of Government Relations, Public Affairs, BHP Billiton

Ms Susan Mann, CEO, Curriculum Corporation

Mr Richard Martin, Managing Director, International Market Assessment, Asia
Mr Bruce Munro, Chief Executive, Asia Operation, Thiess Pty Ltd.
Mr Ezekiel Solomon, Partner, Allens Arthur Robinson

Dr Grant Thorne, Head of Technology and Innovation, Rio Tinto

Mr Alex Thursby, CEO, Asia Pacific and Acting Group Managing Director, Institutional, ANZ Banking Group Ltd.

Mr Andrew Wilson, Director, Herald Resources Ltd.

Indonesia

Mr SD Darmono, President, Indonesia-Australia Business Council (IABC) and President Director PT Jababeka

Mr Fauzi Ichsan, Vice-President, Global Markets Economist, Standard Chartered

Dr Umar Juoro, Chairman, Centre for Information and Development Studies (CIDES) and participant in the 2005 Australia-Indonesia Young Leaders Dialogue

Ms Shinta W. Kamdani, Chairman of the Permanent Committee on International Trade Cooperation, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce (KADIN)

Mr Chris Kanter, Vice President and Chairman of Investment Department, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce (KADIN)

Mr William Katuari, President Director, Wings Group

Mr Noke Kiroyan, Managing Partner, Kiroyan Partners and Advisor, Indonesia-Australia Business Council (IABC)

Mr Moetaryanto, Vice-Chairman, Petrolog Group

Ms Syalomi Natalia, Program Officer AusAID ANTARA Office, Kupang and alumni 2005 Australia-Indonesia Youth Exchange Program (AIYEP)

Mr Agung Pambudhi, Executive Director, Regional Autonomy Watch (KPPOD)

Mr Phillip S. Purnama, Director, Spinnaker Capital Group

Mr Sabam Siagian, Director, The Jakarta Post, and Adviser, Indonesia Australia Business Council (IABC)

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Dr Sudarno Sumarto, Executive Director, Social Monitoring and Emergency Response Unit (SMERU) Research Institute

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Professor Alan Dupont, Director, Centre for International Security Studies, University of Sydney

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Mr Ric Smith AO, Visiting Fellow at the Lowy Institute for International Policy and former Ambassador to Indonesia

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Ms Eva Rahmi Kasim, Secretary-General, Indonesian Federation of Handicapped

Dr Jamhari Mahruf, Deputy Rector, State Islamic University (UIN) Jakarta and Director, Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (PPIM)

Mr Abdul Mu'ti, Director, Centre for Dialogue and Cooperation among Civilizations (CDCC)

Dr Musdah Mulia, Chairman of Indonesian Conference on Religion and Peace (ICRP)

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Dr Rizal Sukma, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

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1500 – 1800	**Registration for Delegates** *Location: Lobby Level, Inter-Continental Hotel, Sydney*
1930 – 2200	**Australia-Indonesia Institute 20th Anniversary Dinner and Conference Dinner** (open to media) Keynote address by Hon Kevin Rudd MP, Prime Minister of Australia (20 mins) Brief remarks by H.E. Dr N. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia (5-10 mins) *Venue: Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney* *Dress: Lounge Suit/Batik*

Day 1	**Friday 20 February 2009**
0830 – 0900	*Registration for Delegates (continued)* *Location: James Cook Ballroom foyer, Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney*
0900 – 0915	**Welcome and introduction** Welcome and introduction by Allan Gyngell, Executive Director, Lowy Institute for International Policy *Venue: James Cook Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney*
0915 – 1030	**Opening Session** (open to media) Address by Mr Stephen Smith, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia and H E Dr N. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Indonesia (20 mins each; 15 mins Q&A with delegates and attending media) *Venue: James Cook Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney*
1030 – 1100	**Morning Tea** *Venue: James Cook Ballroom foyer*
1100 – 1230	**Session 1: Common Challenges as Democracies** ***Dynamics and opportunities in a new political era*** *Major reforms over the past decade have seen Indonesia emerge as South-East Asia's largest and most vibrant democracy.* • *What opportunities does Indonesia's transition present for both countries to strengthen government-to-government cooperation?* • *Are there common governance challenges where we can learn from each others' experiences, such as initiatives to improve local governance and service delivery?* • *In what key areas can we strengthen government-to-government links, including between parliaments and local governments? How can we best make those links work to our mutual benefit?* Moderated by Prof Andrew McIntyre, Australian National University

	Speaker 1 Dr Rizal Sukma, CSIS (5-7 mins) Speaker 2 Ms Clare Martin, ACOSS (5-7 mins) Speaker 3 Dr Anies Baswedin, Paramadina University (5-7 mins) *Followed by Q&A/Group discussion* *Venue: James Cook Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney*
1230 – 1400	**Working Lunch: Business partnerships** (open to media, by invitation) Moderated by Mr Alex Thursby, Managing Director Asia Pacific, ANZ Banking Group Ltd Address by Hon Mr Simon Crean, Minister for Trade, Australia and H E Dr Mari Pangestu, Minister for Trade, Indonesia (15 mins each followed by 10 mins Q&A with delegates and attending media) *Venue: Fort Macquarie Room, Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney*
1415 – 1545	**Session 2: Economic development, business and investment** ***Economic engagement – new opportunities*** *Indonesia, like Australia, is grappling with the impact of the global financial crisis and still faces significant economic and development challenges, not least in translating its improved economic growth of recent years into better living standards for more of its people. Both governments recognise the Australia-Indonesia business relationship is underperforming.* *What are Australia and Indonesia's respective visions for their economies, and how can we achieve these?* *What are the priority structural reforms to support Indonesia's development?* *How is Australia's aid program helping Indonesia meet its broader development goals, including through key structural reforms? In what ways can capacity building be expanded?* *How can Australia and Indonesia expand two-way trade and*

investment to our mutual benefit?

What sectors offer complementarities for trade and investment?

What steps can governments and the private-sector take to facilitate business ties?

Moderated by Mr Richard Martin, Executive Director, International Market Assessment, Asia

Speaker 1 Mr Bob McMullan, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance (5-7 mins)

Speaker 2 Mr Muhammad Lutfi, Indonesian Investment Coordinating Board (5-7 mins)

Speaker 3 Mr Ian Buchanan, Booze & Co (5-7 mins)

Speaker 4 Mr Fauzi Ichsan, Standard Chartered Bank (5-7 mins)

Followed by Q&A/Group discussion

Venue: James Cook Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney

1545 – 160	**Afternoon Tea** *Venue: James Cook Ballroom foyer*
1600 – 1800	**Session 3: Environment** ***Challenges and opportunities to work together*** *Both countries are demonstrating through leadership on joint initiatives like the forest carbon partnership their commitment to addressing the global challenge of climate change. Community and business groups are integral to finding solutions.* • *What are the major environmental challenges Australia and Indonesia face? What can we learn from each others' successes and failures in managing these?* • *Which areas would benefit from greater exchanges of knowledge and collaboration?* • *What can both countries do to strengthen global commitment to addressing the challenge of climate change?* • *What opportunities can we identify for both private and public-sector collaboration?* Moderated by Mr Alan Dupont, University of Sydney Speaker 1 Senator Penny Wong, Minister for Climate Change and Water (5-7 mins) Speaker 2 H. E. Mr Rachmat Witoelar, State Minister for the Environment (5-7 mins) Speaker 3 Mr Mas Achmad Santosa, Indonesian Centre for Environmental Law (5-7 mins) Speaker 4 Mr Oliver Yates, Macquarie Capital (5-7 mins) *Followed by Q&A/Group discussion* *Venue: James Cook Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney*
1830-2000	**Reception for Conference Participants, hosted by H.E. Prof Marie Bashir AC, Governor of New South Wales** *Venue: New South Wales Government House*

Day 2	**Saturday 21 February 2009**
0900 – 1030	**Session 4: People and perceptions** ***Strengthening the social fabric*** *People-to-people links are central to the vitality and strength of bilateral ties, particularly at times of political level tensions. But are outdated community perceptions in both countries hindering efforts to expand personal links, particularly among young Australians and Indonesians?* • *Which sectors are proving most conducive to promoting mutual understanding between Indonesia and Australia?* • *Can we identify new sectors – and fresh approaches – to facilitate people-to-people links?* • *How do we address outdated perceptions of each other?* • *How can we facilitate greater interaction between Indonesians and Australians in key areas, including new and under-explored areas?* • *How can we provide future generations opportunities to understand better their neighbouring country?* • *How can we encourage more informed media coverage of our respective countries?* • *Can we identify new areas that would benefit from, and help facilitate, two-way education initiatives?* Moderated by Prof Dr Tim Lindsey, AII and Melbourne University Speaker 1 Mr Paul Kelly, The Australian (5-7 mins) Speaker 2 Ms Desi Anwar, Metro TV (5-7 mins) Speaker 3 Mr Nik Feith Tan, Melbourne University (5-7 mins) Speaker 4 Mr Bambang Harymurti, Tempo Weekly (5-7 mins) *Followed by Q&A/Group discussion* *Venue: James Cook Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney*
1030 – 1100	**Morning Tea** *Venue: James Cook Ballroom foyer*
1100 – 1230	**Session 5: Closing wrap-up session** ***Where to from here?*** *Overview of discussions from each session, focused on the state of bilateral ties in key areas and where we can strengthen two-way*

	links to our mutual advantage. Moderated by Allan Gyngell, Lowy Institute Speaker 1 Mr Ric Smith, Lowy Institute (5-7 mins) Speaker 2 Ms Yuli Ismartono, Tempo Weekly (5-7 mins) Speaker 3 Dr Greg Fealy, ANU (5-7 mins) Speaker 4 Dr Adnan Buyung Nasution, President Yudhoyono's Supreme Advisory Council (5-7 mins) *Followed by Q&A/Group discussion* *Venue: James Cook Ballroom, Intercontinental Hotel, Sydney*
1230 – 1300	Media opportunities Involving Australian and Indonesian conference delegates *Venue: Intercontinental Hotel*

Question 6

Output 1.1.2

Topic: Burma—UNSG's special envoy

Hansard p. 27

Senator Forshaw asked:

A. How many trips has Mr Gambari made to Burma as Special Envoy?

Answer

The Government is aware of seven visits that Mr Gambari has made to Burma since he was appointed Special Envoy in 2006. These visits occurred in:

- May 2006
- November 2006
- September—October 2007
- November 2007
- March 2008
- August 2008
- January—February 2009.

Question 7

Output 1.1.2

Topic: Indonesia—West Papua asylum seekers

Question in writing

Senator Bob Brown asked:

In mid November 2008, the Indonesian Embassy advised Australian authorities that two Indonesians from West Papua, Yunus and Anike Wainggai, who arrived in Australia in January 2006 seeking asylum had sought the Indonesian Embassy's help to return to Indonesia.

A. Did the Minister have any communication with the Indonesian Ambassador about the Wainggais' repatriation? If so, what was the nature of this communication?

B. Did the Department of Foreign Affairs or the Minister's office undertake any investigation into the Indonesian repatriation of these two refugees? If so, what were the findings? If not, which Australian authorities did investigate the appropriateness of the repatriation other than the Australian Federal Police?

C. What assistance did Australia give to Indonesia in the repatriation of the Wainggais?

D. Would the Minister for Foreign Affairs normally become involved in the case of voluntary repatriations? If not, and if he became involved in this case, why?

E. The Minister has been reported as saying he told the Indonesian authorities of the importance of transparency in this case. Does he or the Department of Foreign Affairs think the Wainggais' repatriation was transparent? What investigations or evidence are they relying on to determine whether the repatriation was transparent?

F. Is Australia confident that the Wainggais' repatriation involved no coercion or misrepresentations by Indonesian authorities?

G. If the Wainggais' repatriation was voluntary, and without retribution from Indonesian authorities, how does the Minister explain Yunus Wainggai's uncharacteristic lack of contact with family members and friends over the past three months?

H. Were the Wainggais repatriated under the 1951 Refugees Convention or the 1996 Lombok Treaty? Which treaty has precedence?

I. Has Indonesia approached Australia about repatriation of any of the other 41 refugees from West Papua who arrived in Australia in January 2006?

J. Have Australian authorities in Indonesia or West Papua received information about the Wainggais' current situation? If so, what is it?

Answer

A. Yes. The Minister met with Indonesian Ambassador Thayeb on 25 November 2008 to emphasise the importance of transparency in the voluntary return of the Wainggais.

B. No.

C. The Government registered the temporary travel documents supplied by the Indonesian Embassy to the Wainggais with border agencies to facilitate their voluntary departure.

D. Only in exceptional circumstances of very high-profile voluntary return, such as that of the Wainggais.

E. The Department is satisfied that the Wainggais' return was transparent. Statements made by Mr Wainggai consistently indicated his desire to return.

F. The Department has no evidence to suggest there was any coercion or misrepresentation in the return of the Wainggais.

G. Neither the Minister nor the Department is in a position to speculate on Mr Wainggai's contact with his family and friends.

H. Neither. The Wainggais returned voluntarily to Indonesia.

I. Yes. Two other members of the group of 43 Indonesians from the Papua provinces who arrived unauthorised in Australia in early 2006 and were subsequently granted protection returned voluntarily to Indonesia in September 2008.

J. No.

Question 8

Output 1.1.3

Topic: US request re Guantanamo Bay detainees

Question on notice

Hansard pp. 23 & 24

Senator Coonan asked:

A. What was DFAT's role in consultations within the Government in preparing Australia's response to the US request? What was DFAT advising about?

B. What factual information was DFAT asked about?

C. On what date was DFAT consulted in relation to the second request?

D. Who was involved from DFAT in providing advice in relation to this matter?

Answer

A. DFAT's role was to advise on the foreign policy aspects of the US request.

B. As for (A) above.

C. DFAT was consulted regarding the second request during November and December 2008.

D. A number of divisions contributed to DFAT's advice in relation to this matter.

Question 9

Output 1.1.5

Topic: Africa—Western Sahara and human rights

Question in writing

Senator Hanson-Young asked:

A. Is the Government aware of Human Rights Watch Report of 19 December 2008 in which it recommended to the UN Security Council to expand the mandate of MINURSO (UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara) to include human rights monitoring and reporting, will the Government support such a recommendation?

B. Human Rights Watch also recommended to the Government of Morocco to "bring charges against public agents implicated in acts of torture, including those who give instructions to torture or those in position of authority who should have known about the torture and failed to take action to prevent it or punish those responsible". Has the Government raised issues of human rights abuses in Western Sahara with Moroccan officials recently?

C. On 16 October 2008, the Special Minister of State and Cabinet Secretary (Senator Faulkner) said during a Speech in the Senate that "We are in active consultation with other countries concerning human rights in Western Sahara." Could the Government provide further information on such consultations or provide details of the consultations?

D. Since Australia is seeking the membership of the Security Council shouldn't we be playing a positive and active role on the issue of Western Sahara as this is an issue on the agenda of the UN Security Council? Shouldn't Australia contribute to a speedy, just and lasting resolution to the conflict in Western Sahara in accordance with international legality given the role we played in the similar case of East Timor? What has the government done so far?

Answer

A. The Government is aware of the Human Rights Watch report of 19 December. Australia is not a member of the United Nations Security Council and therefore is not involved in decision-making on the mandate of MINURSO. If the Security Council agreed to expand the mandate of MINURSO to include human rights monitoring and reporting, the Government would support that decision.

B. The Government condemns all forms of torture and ratified the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment in 1989.

Australia co-sponsored a resolution against torture in the Sixty Third Session of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2008. The Government has been consulting with a number of countries about the human rights situation in Western Sahara. The Government is considering our approach to human rights issues in light of these consultations.

C. Consistent with usual diplomatic practice, the details of the Government's consultations with other governments are not public.

D. The Government will continue its strong support for the efforts of the United Nations, and of the relevant parties – the Government of Morocco, and the Polisario Front – to find an enduring settlement in relation to Western Sahara. The Government fully supports relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions (UNSCRs). Consistent with UNSCR 1813 of 30 April 2008, the Government encourages the parties to continue negotiations without preconditions to achieve a just, lasting and mutually acceptable political solution which will provide for the self-determination of the people of Western Sahara.

Question 10

Output 1.1.9

Topic: Durban Conference working group—Australian representation

Hansard p. 64

Senator Ryan asked:

A. Was an Australian representative present at the Durban II Working Group meeting on 18 February 2009 at which discussions relating to a paragraph in the report, suggested by the European Union, was in dispute by Iran?

B. If so, did the Australian representative make a comment in relation to this issue?

Answer

A. Yes.

B. No.

On 18 February, the European Union (EU) sought to move a paragraph dealing with Holocaust remembrance from section 1 "Review of progress and assessment of implementation of the DDPA" of the compilation text to section 5 "Identification of further concrete measures and initiatives".

Apart from the EU, only Iran spoke. Iran reserved its position regarding the placement of the paragraph but did not comment on the substance. The substance of the paragraph was not debated.