

**Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee**

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE— SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES, 20 OCTOBER 2016

**Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade**

<b>Q No.</b>	<b>Program: Division or Agency</b>	<b>Senator</b>	<b>Broad topic</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Proof Hansard page, hearing date or Written Q</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Date Tabled</b>
1	DFAT	Wong	Corporate	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> How much did the conference cost?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I will ask Mr Fisher to take that question.</p> <p><b>Mr Fisher:</b> We do not have total costs on that. The costs are decentralised. Each area that sends a presenter will allot costs to that activity.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> The papers say \$215,000, so I am giving you the opportunity to respond to that figure.</p> <p><b>Mr Fisher:</b> We do not have the total costs. We are seeking to do the Canberra-based costs, so we will endeavour to get those costs; whether we need to give those to you on notice or whether we can do that through the day, I am not quite sure.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Let us break this up, shall we? Are you talking about costs for travel?</p> <p><b>Mr Fisher:</b> I am talking about costs for travel, there will be allowances involved and accommodation, essentially.</p>	Page 9	9/12/16	
2	DFAT	Wong	Corporate	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> What is the standard room rate at the Mercure Eiffel Tower? Is that the name?</p> <p><b>Mr Fisher:</b> That is right.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Or the Mercure Tour Eiffel.</p> <p><b>Mr Fisher:</b> I do not have that but I will get it for you.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> How long was the conference?</p> <p><b>Mr Fisher:</b> The conference was held for three days, so typically people would stay for three nights; but some may have stayed for a bit longer than that and some may have stayed for a shorter period.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you provide that as well?</p> <p><b>Mr Fisher:</b> Sure.</p>	Page 11	9/12/16	

3	DFAT	Wong	Corporate	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did people fly direct to Paris?</p> <p><b>Mr Fisher:</b> Most of the people who attended would have flown direct to Paris. Some of them would have been doing other business and come to Paris as part of a broader trip.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> That is another question for you to try to come back to me on.</p> <p><b>Mr Fisher:</b> Sure.</p>	Page 13-14	9/12/16	
4	DFAT	Rhiannon	Gender	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you give a budget allocation for the priority area of gender equality and empowering women and girls?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I can. I am happy to take that on notice, but can I say that it will be extensive when we have a budget of \$3.8 billion. A large proportion of that will cover initiatives that cover gender-specific activities in terms of integrating those into our investments.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you provide a breakdown of that by country and by program?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> What I am trying to understand here—and I imagine that it is a challenge for you, considering the range of programs that you are responsible for—is, when you get to the specific project, how you determine the gender aspects and the empowering aspects of that. How do you ensure that they happen and how do you then decide what the percentage is? Can you provide that level of detail regarding how you make those determinations?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> As I said we will take that on notice and provide it to you.</p>	Page 15	9/12/16	
5	DFAT	Rhiannon	Gender	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I understand there was a pilot program to provide curriculum materials on forced marriage. Can you provide any feedback on that? Where is this program going? Has more funding been provided for it and does it continue?</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> Senator, would you like me to close the loop on the specific project which you asked about—the forced marriage? The information I have at hand does not cover that particular project, so we will come back to you with information about what we do on forced and child marriage. We see that as a very important theme and we work broadly,</p>	Page 16-17	9/12/16	

				through the Commonwealth and the UN and with bilateral partners, on that issue. Lastly, just last week we had an extensive series of consultations on eliminating violence against women where we reached out to a whole series of NGOs and think-tanks. A very important element to this question is data, and capturing good data. So we are putting a lot of extra work into capturing good data. On your specific question, I will make sure that we come back to you, hopefully today; if not, later.			
6	DFAT	Rhiannon	Water and Sanitation	<p><b>Mr Exell:</b> In regard to the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council, my understanding is that there have not been any cuts to the contribution to that organisation. DFAT provided approximately \$2.4 million in 2015-16. That runs through to 2018. DFAT also has an agreement with UNICEF to support the sanitation of water for all, through the secretariat for total of \$1.1 million. That runs through to December 2019.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So there have been no cuts?</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> That is correct.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I had figures here that it was moving from \$3 million per year that ran from 2012-15 to \$1.5 million per year from this year to 2019. Is that inaccurate or are we just looking at the figures in different ways?</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> We could be. I am happy to take that on notice. If you add those two figures I quoted, 2.4 and 1.1, you get close to the \$3 million that was the previous funding. But I am happy to take that on notice, the difference from the previous period to this period. I do not have a comparison here.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> If you could take it on notice, because what I have from our calculations is that over four years the council is looking at a drop in funding from \$12 million to \$6 million. If you could just look at the figures?</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> And you are referring to specific Australian funding?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Exell:</b> Not total donor funding?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes.</p>	Page 18-19	9/12/16	

				<b>Mr Exell:</b> I will take that on notice.			
7	DFAT	Wong	Vietnam	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Are you able to tell me—you obviously will need to consult—how many meetings occurred between staff or the ambassador at the embassy or the consul general and the Vietnamese government in the preceding 18 months? You have asserted, and so has the minister, we have had a period of 18 months to prepare. So I would like to know how many meetings was this raised at.</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I will endeavour to get that information for you.</p>	Page 21	9/12/16	
8	DFAT	Wong	Vietnam	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Given what you have said, which is that there was, I suppose, a historical understanding of concerns about numbers of visitors and that that might elevate concern about a ceremony or a commemoration, was that view expressed to any of the organisations or tour operators organising visits? Was that passed on?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I would have to take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Do you see my point? If DFAT knew that, historically, if the numbers get too big there is a risk that there may be a negative response, was the management of that risk communicated to those organising the event?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I would need to take that on notice, Senator.</p>	Page 22	9/12/16	
9	DFAT	Wong	Vietnam	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I want to know: did the government, via DFAT, communicate Vietnamese sensitivities to tour operators and others involved in organising the event?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> As I have said, we will check that for you, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Mr Smith also told the <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>: The way it's turned out is that Long Tan has been advertised on tickets and advertised on brochures and various things, which is what the Hanoi government said not to happen. It's happened and therefore they've pulled the blind down.</p> <p>At any point prior to the 16th was DFAT aware of the risk of cancellation for the reasons that Mr Smith describes—that there was a risk that if the numbers were too big the event might be cancelled by</p>	Page 23	9/12/16	

				<p>the Vietnamese government?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Can I get back to you on that also? I would simply like to say that, as a matter of routine planning, any post organising a significant event, including an event of this kind, would normally go through a careful risk assessment process.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did such a risk assessment occur in relation to this?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I will need to check that but it would be normal, as I have said.</p>			
10	DFAT	Wong	Vietnam	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Prior to the 16th on how many occasions was the foreign minister briefed about the preparations for this event?</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> That really goes to the question of advice to ministers, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> There are two points about that. One is that I refer you to what the chair read out first—that there is not a blanket proposition against advice to ministers. But I do not want to get into that big argument. I do not actually know what the advice was. I just want to know on how many occasions she was briefed.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice, Senator.</p>	Page 23	9/12/16	
11	DFAT	Wong	Vietnam	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Is there any record of the post advising Canberra that this was a risk or that this was likely to happen?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> That is part of what I said earlier that we would check, Senator.</p>	Page 23	9/12/16	
12	DFAT	Di Natale	China	<p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> On the specific issue of those two political prisoners, could you undertake, on notice, to see whether there has been any discussion, and, if not, whether there is any intention to raise either of those cases with the Chinese government?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> Yes, I can. I can confirm that we have not raised those two cases specifically. But every time we have a human rights dialogue with China we do talk about specific cases. We do think about which cases we are going to mention in particular on those occasions.</p>	Page 26	9/12/16	

13	DFAT	Di Natale	China	<p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> My understanding is that the initial approach was made to the then Chinese ambassador in Canberra in 2014. Are we aware as to whether there has been another approach to the new ambassador?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> By the parliamentary group?</p> <p><b>Senator DI NATALE:</b> Yes; or indeed by the foreign minister?</p> <p><b>Mr Fletcher:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 26	9/12/16	
14	DFAT	Fawcett	Pacific	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> There was also some specific activities investment in water sanitation for some of the quite disadvantaged communities living in very high density with very poor facilities. We saw some specific investment there. I am imagining, given what occurred to the country and the lack of substantial structure for that community, that much of that was destroyed. Have there been any specific efforts to try and restore or help that community recover?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I would have to take on notice the detail of that question but I am happy to come back. I will try to do that this afternoon, if I can.</p>	Page 29	9/12/16	
15	DFAT	Wong	Vietnam	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I want to briefly finish on Long Tan and then move on to another area, if I may. I understand you have taken a range of things on notice, Secretary, so I do not propose to re-traverse them. I do want to ask you first: Minister Bishop gave a press conference on 19 August in which she referenced her conversation with Foreign Minister Minh: <i>I spoke with him the night before last when we were informed, for the first time, that the Vietnamese government intended to cancel the commemorative service, and he said to me that the concerns and tensions over the presence of a significant number of Australian veterans and their families had been rising. They were concerned at the reaction of local people, the sensitives that the conflict in Vietnam, all those years ago, still brings to the communities in Vietnam.</i> In the context of that I do want to ask you: in your answers to the questions you have taken on notice, when was DFAT aware of the concerns and tensions rising as per the minister's statement? Second, I want to ask you: who was the lead agency for the consultation? Who do you say was the lead agency for the consultation with the Vietnamese government on this matter?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> My understanding is that DFAT was the lead agency for</p>	Page 29	9/12/16	

				the consultations but worked closely with Veterans' Affairs here in Australia who were obviously the main contact point for veterans, as you would expect.			
16	DFAT	Wong	Former Prime Ministers	<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Senator Wong, I can give you some additional information that will help to contextualise this. During the same period DFAT provided assistance to Mr Rudd on 15 occasions, to Ms Gillard on 16 occasions, to Mr Howard on two occasions, to Mr Hawke on one occasion, and none to Mr Keating.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you for raising that. Ms Logan, I have now been provided with the additional estimates information. Do you have an update that you can table?</p> <p><b>Ms Logan:</b> There is the travel he did in late 2015, but I am assuming you are not referring to that?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I would like this document updated to date.</p> <p><b>Ms Logan:</b> This is the information that we have.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We do not have up-to-date figures, Senator.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> The document includes the information that the minister just read out?</p> <p><b>Ms Logan:</b> About all the other former prime ministerial travel?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Correct.</p>	Page 30	9/12/16	
17	DFAT	Wong	Iraq	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did the deputy reiterate the advice that had been previously provided in relation to 'do not travel'—the danger et cetera—in that conversation?</p> <p><b>Mr Innes-Brown:</b> I will have to take that on notice. The detail that I gave you on that conversation is all that I have at this stage.</p>	Page 36	9/12/16	
18	DFAT	Wong	Iraq	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Who did he communicate the conversation to?</p> <p><b>Mr Innes-Brown:</b> I do not know. You asked: 'Did he communicate to anyone?' He could have communicated it to the head of mission or another member of staff—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You do not have any information about what he did with that?</p> <p><b>Mr Innes-Brown:</b> No, I do not know. That is why I would need to take it</p>	Page 37	9/12/16	

				on notice; I would need to get further information on his conversation with Mr Coates.			
19	DFAT	Wong	Iraq	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Just to get the geography right, how far is Erbil from the Mosul district, the Mosul declared area?</p> <p><b>Mr Innes-Brown:</b> As the crow flies, it could be about a hundred miles, but I would like to take that on notice. It is not a huge distance.</p>	Page 37	9/12/16	
20	DFAT	Lambie	Aid	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> As part of our foreign policy, Australia effectively borrows billions of dollars each year so that we can give it away to many different countries in foreign aid. Often that foreign aid is expressed as a percentage of our GDP. I have found that that percentage cleverly hides the true cost of Australian foreign aid from the average worker who is struggling to pay their bills. Firstly, in dollar terms, can you detail Australia's foreign aid budget for the last 10 years and also for the following 10 years, if you can go that far? I do know that you have done it for five years forward, but do you have it for 10 years?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> We can certainly provide, on notice, information over the last 10 years. We can certainly advise you what the budget is this year and what the budget is scheduled to be over the forward estimates—the next three years beyond this year. It is \$3.8 billion this year. I will ask Mr Wood to add the others.</p>	Page 37	9/12/16	
21	DFAT	Lambie	Aid	<p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I am happy for Ms Klugman to come up and talk about our program in Pakistan. But as I said, in terms of the approach that we take to aid, I have just run through it in terms of the priority around those countries. In relation to Pakistan, it will be some of the requirements that they have around poverty, conflict and fragility, and there are consequences from that in terms of—</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> No, I do not need to know that. But I do need to know that it is not in our region; it has a bigger military and is nuclear. So I will just move along.</p>	Page 39	9/12/16	



				<p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Ms Klugman can give you the detail of the program, if you wish.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Actually I will just take that on notice; thank you.</p>			
22	DFAT	Lambie	Aid	<p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> Just to clarify: you want to know over each of the last 10 years what percentage of the total foreign aid that Australia has given has been by way of transfer payment or cash payment and what percentage has been in goods or services?</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Yes. Thank you for clearing that up.</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> We can also highlight in that some of our humanitarian assistance we are providing supplies to regional crises or disasters, obviously.</p>	Page 40	9/12/16	
23	DFAT	Lambie	Aid	<p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Thank you. Do we have rules, policies or guidelines which ensure that food, goods or products provided in foreign aid must be Australian made or grown, or is it from other countries that we buy foreign aid to give?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> We do not have tied aid; so we do not require it to be Australian made or to come from Australia. Identifying what is the best, most efficient way to deliver the aid is how we determine it.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> But a lot of it is that there is no absolute rule that 100 per cent of it has to be Australian made, when we are talking about goods and services, but in fact a very substantial amount of it is.</p> <p><b>Senator LAMBIE:</b> Would I be able to get that information on notice too?</p> <p><b>Mr Wood:</b> Yes.</p>	Page 40	9/12/16	
24	DFAT	Wong	Iraq	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I ask this also: the Prime Minister has said on a couple of occasions and on 3AW on 30 September, 'I've got no doubt that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade will be taking an interest in his travels.' He also said, 'I expect there will be a debrief from Mr Roy when he returns.' Has that occurred?</p> <p><b>Mr Innes-Brown:</b> Not to my knowledge—not to my division and not to the department, I do not think.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Secretary, across government, has there been a debrief?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I would need to check for you.</p>	Page 41	9/12/16	

25	DFAT	Rhiannon	Nuclear Disarmament	<p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> Australia has been lobbied by many states in terms of their positions in respect of the negotiations.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Which ones have lobbied?</p> <p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 43	9/12/16	
26	DFAT	Wong	Intelligence	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure. I will ask the minister representing the minister. Can the minister explain why it is appropriate for the foreign minister to disclose on the record to a journalist details of ASIS's operations?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Senator Wong, the secretary has made comments. I accept what she says. I shall take it on notice and I shall refer it to the foreign minister.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. I appreciate that. Secretary, you might need to take this on notice. On how many occasions in the last 12 months has the department sought advice from the Solicitor-General?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I will indeed need to take that on notice.</p>	Page 45-46	9/12/16	
27	DFAT	Wong	HOM/HOP	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I am reading from an article of 15 July entitled 'Joe Hockey the ambassador of fun at Lindsay Fox birthday'. It states that Mr Hockey was one of 450 guests on a Mediterranean cruise on a luxury liner. I want to know if there was a declaration. You might have to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Senator Wong, it would be helpful if you kindly gave us a copy of <i>The Australian</i> article. Do you have a copy of that article? It would be really helpful for the officers to know what was said, thank you.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure. I have one here.</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> We could perhaps get it copied, thank you. We will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. I would like to know whether there were any other DFAT officers who were on that cruise.</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> We will take that as a package of questions on notice.</p>	Page 46	9/12/16	

28	DFAT	Wong and Moore	HOM/HOP	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can I also on notice have a list of all envoys, special envoys and special ambassadors, rapporteurs and the like in the portfolio? In relation to each of them, can I have the names of current appointees and the date and terms of their appointments?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Yes.</p>	Page 47	9/12/16	
29	DFAT	Wong	UNSG	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you for that. I would like to ask some questions about the sequence of discussions in which the department was involved with the Secretary-General position of the United Nations. Is DFAT aware of meetings between the foreign minister and Mr Rudd in relation to the UN Secretary-General position? If so, are you able to provide me with the dates of those meetings?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> No. I am not aware of those meetings. I can take on notice to check within the department, but we are not aware, no.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did anyone from the department attend any of these meetings?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Well, not to my knowledge, no. We are happy to take it on notice and check.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes. I would like you to. You have given me a long list in the previous session of times when Mr Rudd's travel was facilitated. For example, Ms Bishop held talks with Mr Rudd on the margins of the UN General Assembly in 2015. Is that correct?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Again, I cannot say yes that did occur. I am happy to follow up and take that on notice.</p>	Page 51	9/12/16	
30	DFAT	Wong	UNSG	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> It has been publicly reported that DFAT prepared a cabinet submission in relation to this matter. When did this matter first go to cabinet?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> In relation to that date, I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 52	9/12/16	
31	DFAT	Wong	UNSG	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did the foreign minister advise Mr Rudd that she had agreed with the Prime Minister—this is in May—that the government would consider the Secretary-General issue after the election?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I do not have any knowledge of that. You would have to ask the Prime Minister.</p>	Page 52	9/12/16	

				<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> To you, Minister?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure. You will probably want to do this one too. Did the foreign minister tell Mr Rudd in early May she would authorise DFAT and Australia's mission to the UN to take soundings from other missions about Mr Rudd's candidature?</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I will take that on notice.</p>			
32	DFAT	Wong	UNSG	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I ask the secretary: was there any such authorisation to DFAT and Australia's mission to the UN?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> Mr McDonald can answer that question.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Yes. In terms of the UN mission, the former secretary of the department asked the head of mission in UN New York to undertake soundings in relation to the prospects of a Rudd candidature to inform the briefing we would provide to an incoming government for its cabinet deliberations.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. So when did Mr Varghese do that?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will say 10 May 2016, and I will check that date for you.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. What led Mr Varghese to do that? Was that at the minister's request?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I do not know. I was only informed by Mr Varghese that he had authorised that. I do not know. I do know he had a discussion with Mr Rudd, but I do not know why he authorised that.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Were there regular meetings between Mr Rudd and Australia's permanent representative in New York?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I am aware of two. I can check, but I am aware of two. As I say, there were no discussions before that week of 10 May 2016 that I am talking about.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> But on 10 May the authorisation is provided.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Which is consistent with what Mr Rudd has said publicly. Did the foreign minister authorise DFAT to have embassies</p>	Page 52	9/12/16	

				<p>facilitate introductions in international capitals for Mr Rudd?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Not to my knowledge. I am happy to take that on notice and check. Certainly the undertakings as provided to me by the previous secretary were for us to take soundings, as I mentioned earlier.</p>			
33	DFAT	Wong	UNSG	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Hang on. When I ask you questions, I am asking you as a departmental officer: was the minister's office advised by the department of the discussion the secretary had with the former Prime Minister about his candidature for the Secretary-General position?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I would have to take that on notice. I am certainly not aware of it.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was there any discussion, or communication of which DFAT was aware, between Mr Varghese and the minister's office about that instruction?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I am not aware of it.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> It would be unlikely, would it not, for the secretary of the department to instruct the head of mission in New York to take soundings on a candidature without the foreign minister's knowledge?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I would say yes. My answer would be yes. I can only work on the information that was provided to me. I would like to check whether that information also went to the foreign minister's office as well and I can then answer that question.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. And a range of other questions you have taken on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> You will probably want to take these on notice. Was a cabinet submission considered on 28 July 2016?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I would like to point out that the Prime Minister actually announced it on 29 July 2016 following a discussion in cabinet, so it is probably not, you know, super secret. Can you confirm the cabinet submission contained a recommendation that the government</p>	Page 53	9/12/16	

				<p>nominate Mr Rudd?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I cannot confirm that. I would like to take it on notice, please.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Sure. Did DFAT undertake any assessment of Mr Rudd's qualification for this position?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Again, I will take that on notice. As I said earlier, we took soundings to inform our advice.</p>			
34	DFAT	Wong	UNSG	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And what was the advice as a result of those soundings from the permanent representative to the UN?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will have to take that on notice. It was part of the cabinet deliberations I talked about earlier.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I am not asking which of the soundings went into the cabinet process. I am asking what the soundings were.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> He is an ambassador. He is not writing as Joe Hockey—you know, good bloke.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> It is a letter to the foreign minister. I am aware of that letter, but I do not believe that I am in a position to divulge the contents of that letter. I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Does the department have a copy of the letter?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> The department has a copy of the letter.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thank you. I am asking for a copy of the letter.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I am happy to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Can I ask a question on this same line?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I am nearly finished. Do you want jump in?</p> <p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> Just on this. Did the previous ambassador to the US, who would have been there through much of the period we are discussing, provide advice to the foreign minister or the Prime Minister?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will have to take that on notice. I cannot answer that question.</p>	Page 54	9/12/16	

35	DFAT	Wong	UNSG	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And what about the high commissioner to the United Kingdom? Did he put forward any views to the government about Mr Rudd's nomination?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will need to take that on notice.</p>	Page 55	9/12/16	
36	DFAT	Fawcett	UN	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I appreciate the approach and the efforts to bring that balance. Could you just explain to the committee, then, in practical terms the impact of a resolution such as the one that has just been passed? Does that bind member states to any particular course of action or priority for funding? Is there a practical impact of a resolution such as that?</p> <p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> Frankly, I have to take on notice the practical implications of this particular resolution. I do not know in enough detail to know what kind of an impact it has. Many of the resolutions that are passed in these international organisations, of course, are more about putting down general statements and trying to reinforce particular norms and positions. I am not sure if this resolution was linked to practical outcomes. I do not think it was, but I will double-check that and make sure that we give you an answer.</p>	Page 55	9/12/16	
37	DFAT	Moore	SDG	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So on notice, Mr McDonald, can I get a list of the departments that were in the original group?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Yes. Actually, I can give it to you.</p>	Page 63	9/12/16	

38	DFAT	Moore	HOM/HOP	<p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> Two of the thematic ambassadors work out of my division. One is the ambassador for women and girls. Currently, that is Natasha Stott Despoja. Her term is due to finish at the end of the year.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> The second position in my division is the special envoy for human rights, Phillip Ruddock. His appointment continues until October next year. So they do not run on a set schedule.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So there is no schedule because they have come on at different times?</p> <p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> No. They are all one by one.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Right. If I can get a list on that term, there will be subsequent questions that come from that.</p>	Page 67	9/12/16	
39	DFAT	Rhiannon	PNG	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you specifically outline what types of corruption pose the most risk in Bougainville.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I would have to take that on notice if there were specific issues relating to Bougainville as opposed to other provinces.</p>	Page 70	9/12/16	
40	DFAT	Rhiannon	PNG	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So are some of the bilateral programs, leaving NGOs alone for a moment, with Bougainville addressing corruption through ways to monitor and prosecute corruption?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> Based on the briefing, I cannot answer that question, but I can take it on notice. Our governance program includes advisory support. It covers project management, HR, legislation drafting and financial management. Projects outside of government include support for community radio. Then it goes into general recruitment and others for the government. But I can take it on notice.</p>	Page 70	9/12/16	
41	DFAT	Rhiannon	PNG	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Take it on notice, thank you. In the <i>Aid investment plan Papua New Guinea: 2015-16 to 2017-18</i>, the department states:</p> <p>We will expand our economic assistance for Bougainville to support private sector engagement in agriculture. As part of a new program of research for development on transformative agriculture and enterprise development in PNG, we will support the strengthening of rural</p>	Page 71	9/12/16	



				<p>communities through the restoration of profitable cocoa production on Bougainville.</p> <p>Could you elaborate on the particular approach to private sector engagement the department will be using to help build agricultural production in Bougainville.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I might take that on notice. I do know we have a project relating to cocoa on the island. It is reinvigorating or rehabilitating, if you like, some previous plantations and working with local owners to improve that. But I can take on notice and come back to you with more details.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you. Take this on notice too. I am trying to understand if your assistance will be directed towards small-scale, smallholder production led by local people using customary land tenure systems and rural management structures, or do you plan greater emphasis on foreign investments and larger plantations, or a mix?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I think it is a mix.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> If it is a mix—take it on notice—could you provide the details. If it is a mix, what is the proportion between small and big?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I can do that. Senator, you asked earlier about corruption. Just to give you examples of some of the projects we do support across Papua New Guinea, we have the Justice Services and Stability for Development Program. That works with both agencies I mentioned and at provincial levels directly to work against corruption.</p>			
42	DFAT	Rhiannon	PNG	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you. At the 23rd Papua New Guinea Australian ministerial forum, the ministers agreed to establish a bilateral task force to coordinate Australia's assistance. Could you provide information on the terms of reference of the task force and its membership?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> Can I confirm that, with regard to APEC 2018, you are referring to the task force?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Yes, please.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> That is actually a Papua New Guinea task force. It is part of their own planning and operations to host APEC 2018. They have</p>	Page 71	9/12/16	

				<p>invited Australia to participate in that. It is called a security policy working group. Within that forum we deal with a range of PNG agencies. On our side, I think in addition to DFAT, we have representatives from the Australian Federal Police and the Australian Defence Force, both of which have programs running in Papua New Guinea. Our Attorney-General's Department from time to time is involved. But they are the three key agencies.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Can you supply the terms of reference and the membership of the task force, please?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> It is not an Australian government task force. We would need to seek the permission of the Papua New Guinean government to do so because they constitute the task force chair and determine who they wish to invite.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I understood the key reason for the bilateral task force is to coordinate work with Australia.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I understand that the statement referred to a bilateral task force. Subsequently, the Papua New Guinea government decided that the structure they would prefer to proceed with was part of their overall APEC planning authority. So there is, if you like, a security policy working group to which we have been invited. We are not involved in the—</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Okay. Take that on notice, please.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I will need to consult with the Papua New Guinea government.</p>			
43	DFAT	Rhiannon	PNG	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Is the Australian government aware of any contributions it has made to the Asian Development Bank or the World Bank that has gone to the Paga Hill estate development that is going to be central to the APEC operations in PNG? I understand that is where the whole event will possibly be held.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> Can I take that on notice? We fund a range of activities from the ADB and World Bank throughout the region, including Port Moresby. I just need to determine whether that is one of them.</p>	Page 71	9/12/16	

				<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you. Has the Australian government engaged Curtain Bros or Curtain Bros Pty Limited or its subsidiaries in an Australian aid program?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I will need to take that on notice. Curtain Bros is a well-known business operation within Papua New Guinea. I do not think we are directly engaged with them on the aid program, but I can confirm that and come back to you.</p>			
44	DFAT	Reynolds	Aid	<p><b>Senator REYNOLDS:</b> Thank you. That is very good to hear. Is it possible on notice to provide the committee with more information about that process of your work with them and about where that is going forward in terms of compliance checking and auditing to make sure that they are doing the right thing? Would you mind taking that on notice?</p> <p><b>Mr Isbister:</b> Yes. We can take that on notice.</p>	Page 76	9/12/16	
45	DFAT	Reynolds	Aid	<p><b>Senator REYNOLDS:</b> Yes. The last question. The next aspect of this is in terms of the knowledge and experience you have just outlined to the committee in dealing with NGOs who deal with children in these facilities. In my experience, and even just in WA, there are so many service groups—church groups and school groups—that go over and support these facilities with very little due diligence. Again, take this on notice. You have a fantastic Smarttraveller site and information. Is it possible to do a similar thing for being a smart volunteer? People need to do their due diligence. Are they registered? Have they got the relevant certification to deal with children? How long are they keeping the children in the facilities? Do they have contact with the parents? Are they community based programs? So all of those things would be able to be much more visible. I know there is some information, but it is really hard to find.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> On that, Senator, I think we can. We have information on the website on the accredited NGOs and the like and the process we go through to accredit them. So I think there is an opportunity to look at those links to make it easier to find, because we do want people to know those NGOs that are accredited and how they are accredited and the volunteer organisations.</p>	Page 77	9/12/16	

46	DFAT	Wong	Philippines	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Philippines? Given the timeframe, I might just ask you to take this on notice. Is the department monitoring the reports of fatal shootings by police and others in the Philippines? Have concerns been raised with the Philippines government? I know that the minister has made some public comments. Does the department agree with the assessment of a range of human rights groups that the policy amounts to judicial executions of suspected drug dealers and users? What other representations has the department or the government made? I am fine with them being taken on notice if you are all right with that, Secretary?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I am happy to take them on notice, but Mr Cox has stepped up to the table.</p>	Page 77	9/12/16	
47	DFAT	Wong	UNSG	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And was any communication from the foreign minister to the Prime Minister undertaken?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Not that I am aware of. I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	Page 77-78	9/12/16	
48	DFAT	Wong	USA	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Can you confirm what has been publicly reported—that ministers Payne and Bishop visited Washington for the counter-ISIL coalition and foreign and defence ministers meeting on 21 July 2016 and Mr Hockey was not in attendance?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I am aware that both senators, as you said, visited Washington in July. The point that I have is that ministers Bishop and Payne were met by senior officials of the embassy, which for us is a standard practice in some circumstances.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Some circumstances?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> As to the question, that was a question specifically in response to a greeting on the party's arrival. But Mr Hackett, who is acting first assistant secretary of the Americas division and may know more about the broader element of your question, has just joined us.</p> <p><b>Mr Hackett:</b> Senator, I am not aware of the detail of that. But I can check that out.</p> <p>...</p>	Page 78-79	9/12/16	

				<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> On notice, how long was the ambassador at the Republican convention? How long was he at the Democratic convention? What are the sideline meetings he held at each convention?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I am happy to take those on notice.</p>			
49	DFAT	Wong	NPT	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Is there anywhere in the government, other than in your answers in estimates, where this petition has been articulated by the minister or by a member of the government?</p> <p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> The foreign minister made remarks on a ban treaty some time ago. I believe I have that reference here. Just bear with me for a moment.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> But not subsequent to this vote? Correct?</p> <p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> Senator, I would have to check that and get back to you.</p>	Page 80	9/12/16	
50	DFAT	Wong	NPT	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Okay. Did we move to force a vote?</p> <p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> Yes. Australia, along with 13 other countries.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Thirteen?</p> <p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> Yes. That is correct. So Australia, along with Belgium, Italy, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey. All of those countries indicated that they could not agree with the text at that time. Subsequently, there was a vote in which 22 countries voted against and there were 13 abstentions. I can read out the list of those who voted against, if you would like.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Could you provide that on notice, given the time?</p> <p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> Yes.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Did that result in an amendment being moved to change a key sentence in the report from 'the working group recognised that there was a recommendation which received widespread support' to 'the working group recommended with widespread support an amendment which was carried'?</p> <p><b>Mr Sadleir:</b> There was a subsequent Guatemalan amendment, which</p>	Page 80	9/12/16	

				we would be happy to provide on notice.			
51	DFAT	Wong	Special Envoy	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> How many meetings since his appointment has Mr Ruddock had with the foreign minister to update her on what he is doing? You might need to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> I think I will have to take it on notice, yes.</p>	Page 81	9/12/16	
52	DFAT	Wong	Special Envoy	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And travel entitlements?</p> <p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> He gets the normal travel entitlements when he travels.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Could you provide them on notice?</p> <p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> Yes.</p>	Page 82	9/12/16	
53	DFAT	Wong	Special Envoy	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> So he sought legal advice as to whether or not his pension needed to be reduced?</p> <p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> What I will do is take on notice exactly how the legal advice was sought. I do not want to verbal Mr Ruddock or ourselves.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> But the net result is he gets paid both his pension and, without reduction, gets paid taxpayers' money for his position as a special envoy?</p> <p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> That is the legal advice that we received.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> It is bizarre, because I always understood—and my recollection is—when we appointed former parliamentarians to various positions on boards of GBEs or CAC entities or whatever, their pension was reduced to reflect their payment for those positions. So how does he get around it?</p> <p><b>Dr Strahan:</b> All that I can say is that the legal advice that we were given was along those lines.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I think we should take that on notice and give you a full answer to that question.</p>	Page 82-83	9/12/16	

				<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Yes. You probably should. I would like to understand on what basis it occurs, what the rule is and how the rule is varied for the purposes of this appointment.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Yes. I will take that on notice.</p>			
54	DFAT	Wong	Special Envoy	<p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> Just before going back to Mr Ruddock, we will also take on notice former senator Stott Despoja because, as a former member of parliament, she—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, I did not ask that question. If I wish—</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> No. But I am just saying—</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Well, he is not taking it on notice. If you want to put that on the public record, it is a matter for you. I only asked about one of them.</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> No. But I suspect that they are in a similar position. But we will take the whole issue on notice.</p>	Page 83	9/12/16	
55	DFAT	Wong	NCP	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> What I would like is the names of all the nongovernment members for each completed NCP round.</p> <p><b>Mr Tranter:</b> We can provide that to you on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Has there ever been an occasion where the program delegate is anyone other than a deputy secretary of one of those two departments?</p> <p><b>Mr Tranter:</b> Not to my recollection. All decisions on selections have been made by senior officials, not ministers. But I will take on notice whether it has been an SES band 3 officer.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> And are there occasions on which the program delegate's decision is at variance with the recommendations of the interview panel?</p> <p><b>Mr Tranter:</b> Not to my knowledge, but I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I do not want names.</p>	Page 84	9/12/16	

56	DFAT	Wong	Gender	<p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Senator, can I respond to your question?</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Which one?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> The one on the empowering women conference in Copenhagen. You asked whether other members of parliament had attended. Sharman Stone did attend in a private capacity. That is the only one.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was there facilitation or something provided?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> No.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Nothing provided by DFAT?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will definitely check, but my advice is no.</p>	Page 85	9/12/16	
57	DFAT	Moore	Gender	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I just want to follow up briefly on the reproductive health element. I am very grateful for the briefing, so I will take you up on that, Minister, at some time. Were there any specific programs that were expected to be funded out of the 2012 process that are now are not being funded?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will need to take that—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> And you can take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will take that on notice. I will clarify that I got mixed up in the colours. I referred to the <i>Orange book</i> but it is actually the <i>Green book</i>.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> It was the one this morning you mentioned. When you mentioned it, I wrote it down and now I have got it.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> In here, reproductive health care, \$43.2 million for 2014-15.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So if I could find out where the programs that had expected to be funded have been?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will. I am happy to take that on notice.</p>	Page 90	9/12/16	



58	DFAT	Wong	White Paper	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> I am not going to put you in a difficult position by comparing and contrasting the position this morning to now. I think people can make their own judgement. But I am interested in the process. So when was the decision made that the government would have a white paper? When was that decision finalised? Was that finalised today?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I will need to take that question on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator WONG:</b> Was it a decision of the cabinet?</p> <p><b>Ms Adamson:</b> I need to take that question on notice.</p>	Page 91	9/12/16	
59	DFAT	Rhiannon	PNG	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> So not specifically about PNG, despite the fact of the high levels of corruption that have been identified in that country? Nothing special for that country?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> Well, we have a zero tolerance for fraud and corruption throughout the program, so it is the same procedures.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> But I was after specifics. The key word in the question was 'safeguards'?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> What we do, as Mr Sloper said, is we have safeguards around a whole range of risks, including children, corruption and the like. We have a zero tolerance. We apply that to all our investments. Depending on our risk assessment, that informs us what sort of requirements we put around that, including how we distribute the money out as a result of that. So that applies across all our programs and projects. And depending on the country and what is happening within that country, that will vary in the application of those safeguards.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Could you take on notice and provide what those safeguards are and what you actually do?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Yes. Absolutely.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> Can I confirm whether that is in regard to APEC 2018 or all programs in PNG?</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> APEC 2018. Did DFAT express any concerns to the PNG government about any alleged human rights abuses at the Paga Hill estate development, including the destruction of homes or other</p>	Page 91	9/12/16	

				<p>potentially illegal practices?</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> I will need to take that on notice. I am aware of the reporting on that in Australia and the issue. I just do not know whether we did make any representations. I would expect not. But it will depend on our involvement with that particular program. You asked earlier today whether we were funding the ADB or World Bank on that and I took that on notice.</p>			
60	DFAT	Rhiannon	Corporate	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> This is a general question. Are Australian owned companies operating overseas bound to any Australian environmental, IR, business, social or other standards?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> As I said earlier, all our partners, and through the way that we put our investments in place, are required to apply the safeguards that we have within our program.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> The question was actually about whether they are done by any Australian standards. I understand the one about paedophilia. Are they bound by any other Australian standards with regard to how Australian companies operate, particularly in low-income countries?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Unless Mr Gilling or Mr Sloper can help on this, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Sloper:</b> It is not an area of my expertise, but there are obligations on Australians and Australian companies operating overseas with regard to corruption and reporting of corruption and those activities. Australian legislation does apply offshore in some regards, but it is not an area of my expertise.</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I think, Senator Rhiannon, we will take that question on notice. It does have a number of complexities associated with it. Certainly we would prefer to take it on notice to give you the best answer that we can.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> One of your colleagues has just joined the table. I wonder if he has a response.</p> <p><b>Mr Gilling:</b> The minister's response there was an accurate one because the safeguards provisions that we are required to take relate to the</p>	Page 93	9/12/16	

				partners that we work with and where they work. Those safeguard provisions sometimes have to apply Australian rules and sometimes do not. It depends on things like international agreements. So it is indeed a complex area.			
61	DFAT	Moore	Green Climate Fund	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So our commitment is \$200 million specifically to this fund.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator Fierravanti-Wells:</b> I think, Senator Moore, what would be useful for you is to provide to you what we have done under the two separate commitments and the projects that we have contributed to under both of them.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Good. That would be useful.</p>	Page 94	9/12/16	
62	DFAT	Moore	Climate Change	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Was there any specific by Australia to the Pacific countries to attend the Paris conference, because there was quite a strong Pacific attendance and my understanding is a very strong statement by Pacific nations around their desperate need for support on climate change? Was there any support by Australia to prepare those nations for such an important function and to help them get there? It is my experience in a lot of organisations that smaller governments have great difficulty in getting resources to attend such functions. Did we help?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> I will have to take that on notice, but we do help. For example, where we had the workshop in Suva, we did assist the leaders of those countries to get there if they needed to. Your point is very well made. At Paris last year at the COP, the foreign minister and I had a round table with Pacific island leaders as well to talk about this. I think just adding to the minister's comments now, they are very engaged in this area, as you would know from your experience as well. So being able to respond to those needs and provide support has been very well received.</p>	Page 95	9/12/16	

63	DFAT	Moore	HIV	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I know it will come back to your <i>Orange book</i>, but I want to look at HIV funding in terms of what is happening with HIV funding and whether there has been a decrease in it and particularly as we build up to another round of replenishments and things. I know about the global fund. But anything beyond that in HIV?</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Just while Mr Wood does that, you know we increased funding to the global fund recently.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I think I wrote a note. I think I did. I think I said well done.</p> <p><b>Mr McDonald:</b> Yes. The global fund has been very, very receptive to our areas of priority and stuff, so I think that was reflected in the government's commitment. But just if we need to take it on notice, can you specify the period of the reduction you want it from? Is it just this financial year?</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Two years. Just to get a sense, again, in this space about where our commitments are and what our funding has been, again having been a leader in this space, where it is going. Thank you for that minute, Chair.</p>	Page 95-96	9/12/16	
64	DFAT	Moore	TPP	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So you have the chief negotiators. How many in the team in your department?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> We would have to get back to you on the precise number. Some people in our system sometimes wear more than one hat. So we would have to explain to you how we are structured. But just on your question about chief negotiators: for example, during APEC meetings it is quite common for, and it has been the practice in the past, for the chief negotiators or their representatives to get together for meetings. That has happened. I can recall one meeting on the margins of the APEC trade ministers' meeting earlier in the year in Peru, when there was a gathering of TPP chief negotiators.</p>	Page 99	15/12/16	
65	DFAT	Moore	TPP	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> And how many people within the department have had TPP responsibilities?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> As I said, we would need to check that out.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Check that out. You told me you would take that on notice.</p>	Page 99	15/12/16	

				<b>Mr Brown:</b> And give you an accurate answer.			
66	DFAT	Moore	TPP	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> They introduced the legislation in March and then it is subject to their particular process of how that operates. Do you have any idea, Mr Brown, how that Japanese process operates? They presented it and that is quite a long time ago now—March. Do you have an update from your negotiators' meetings where that is up to?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 101	15/12/16	
67	DFAT	Moore	TPP	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> And they moved it later. Minister, have you had any indication whether the Australian government will be wanting to move ratification? I do not think we have time frames, but has there been any consideration about whether we would move before Congress considers it?</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> I will probably have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Sure. I do not think our time frames would allow it, but I am just looking in terms of a policy position. Would we be prepared to go ahead before the Americans? Take that on notice, absolutely.</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> I will take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I can give you an answer.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I am sorry. I thought it was a policy position. That is why I went to the minister. But if you can answer that, Mr Brown, thank you.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> Let me give you this information. Our understanding of the parliamentary processes around the TPP is that JSCOT is conducting its inquiry. It will report back to the parliament in December at the earliest. That is the expectation.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> My understanding was the end of the year. So December, yes.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> That is 20 joint sitting days from when it was re-referred by the foreign minister to JSCOT and the new parliament. So the question of when the legislation is going to be introduced and when it might be</p>	Page 101	15/12/16	

				<p>passed, that is a matter for the government and the parliament.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Okay. But nothing can proceed under our system until the JSCOT report has been received?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> It is a matter for the government. It is for the government to decide.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Minister, take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McGrath:</b> There is a process underway. I will take the rest of the question on notice.</p>			
68	DFAT	Moore	TPP	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Is there an allocation for staffing for this particular process as well?</p> <p><b>Ms Brink:</b> We will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> Sure. I am looking at the whole administrative costs for the particular process. That is the pre-TPP stuff. I have other questions, but I am happy.</p>	Page 101	15/12/16	
69	DFAT	McCarthy	Trade	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> I want to go to the trade app, Export Essentials. What was the tender process for the app announced by the minister on 27 September 2016?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I may have to take that one on notice. I am familiar with the functionality, but it was an app that was developed jointly with the Export Council of Australia, so I would need to take that one on notice, if I could, please.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> I have quite of a number of questions in relation to the app. Maybe if we go through these questions you can let me know what you will take on notice.</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> If I can answer them, I will.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How was the successful applicant chosen?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What was the initial budget for the work?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What was the final sum paid?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will take that one on notice.</p>	126-128	15/12/16	

70	DFAT	McCarthy	Trade	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What methodology was used to show that this would be a good investment in relation to what you have just said?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How many Public Servants worked on this analysis and for how long?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Has this app now been advertised?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> It has been launched. Has it been advertised? I will take that on notice. It was launched by the minister, but I would have to take on notice whether it has actually been advertised and there has been paid advertising.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> You have taken on notice how much money has been spent on advertising.</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> Sure.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Was there an advertising strategy for this app?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How much money was spent on the creation of the advertising strategy?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> On notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How many consultants worked on this?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> On notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How many times has the app been downloaded?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> On notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How much trade has this app facilitated?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> On notice.</p>	126-128	15/12/16	
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71	DFAT	McCarthy	Trade	<p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> When will there be a review of this app, Mr Hunter.</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> How much will be spent maintaining this app to ensure that the information is current and accurate?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> What review process exists to ensure that this app has accurate information?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Why and how was it deemed this would be cost effective than a traditional website?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>CHAIR:</b> Senator McCarthy, is there anything specific that you think the officer can answer?</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> I have one question left.</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> Try me!</p> <p><b>Senator McCARTHY:</b> Mr Hunter, does the department plan to create any other apps given its success or failure?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I do not believe we have any other apps contemplated, but we will take that on notice.</p>	127-128	15/12/16	
72	DFAT	McCarthy	Trade	<p><b>Senator REYNOLDS:</b> Finally on that and again from the Western Australian perspective, is that our manufacturing situation is quite different from the rest of the country. As you would know, we have been increasing by nearly five per cent in manufacturing every year for nearly 15 years, and not only do we manufacture tens of billions of dollars a year of high-end manufactured goods for the resources sector but we also export something over \$20 billion a year in high-end manufactured goods. Again, that is what I am being told by a lot of companies—that that is now the barrier to getting to the next step in those sorts of exports. Could I ask you to take that on notice—</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> Yes, we will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator REYNOLDS:</b> and if there is any more information on that area that you could provide. If we can find a way to fill that gap, it would be a good thing.</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> Very happy to share. Thank you.</p>	130	15/12/16	



73	DFAT	Bilyk	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 1 January 2016, can the following please be provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) List of functions;</li> <li>b) List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;</li> <li>c) Function venue;</li> <li>d) Itemised list of costs;</li> <li>e) Details of any food served;</li> <li>f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;</li> <li>g) Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and</li> <li>h) Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	QIW	15/12/16	
74	DFAT	Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Have the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, been upgraded since 1 January 2016?</li> <li>b) If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
75	DFAT	Bilyk	Facilities upgrades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Have the facilities of any of the Department's premises been upgraded since 1 January 2016, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new furniture, fridges, coffee machines, audio visual facilities or any other equipment including kitchen equipment and utensils?</li> <li>b) If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?</li> </ul>	QIW	<p>9/12/16</p> <p>An amended response to Q75 was provided on 16/12/16</p>	

76	DFAT	Bilyk	Vacancies	Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the portfolio, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	QIW	15/12/16	
77	DFAT	Bilyk	Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016?</li> <li>b) Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts please be provided?</li> </ul>	QIW	15/12/16	
78	DFAT	Bilyk	Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 January 2016?</li> <li>b) Can a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided?</li> </ul>	QIW	15/12/16	
79	DFAT	Bilyk	Contracts	<p>With reference to Contract Notice ID CN3369180 published on the Austender website (“Banquet and catering services”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What goods or services were procured under this contract?</li> <li>b) Was any food or beverages procured under this contract?</li> <li>c) If so, please provide an itemised list of all food and beverages served together with an itemised list of costs.</li> <li>d) The brand and vintage of any wines or champagnes should be included in this itemised list.</li> <li>e) Was any floral or other room decorations procured under this contract?</li> <li>f) If so, please provide an itemised list of costs.</li> <li>g) Were any entertainment services procured under this contract?</li> <li>h) If so, what services and what was the cost?</li> <li>i) Can a guest list of the function or event to which this contract</li> </ul>	QIW	15/12/16	

				<p>relates please be provided?</p> <p>j) If any Ministers attended, this guest list should include the names of any departmental staff or any personal staff or family members who also attended.</p> <p>k) Who approved this expenditure?</p> <p>l) Was the Foreign Minister's office briefed on this function or event? If so, on what date(s)?</p>			
80	DFAT	Bilyk	Contracts	<p>With reference to Contract Notice ID CN3379297 published on the Austender website ("Computer Equipment and Accessories"):</p> <p>a) Precisely what computer equipment and accessories were procured under this contract?</p> <p>b) Can an itemised list please be provided, showing the cost of each item procured?</p>	QIW	15/12/16	
81	DFAT	Bilyk	Wikipedia edits	<p>With reference to an article entitled 'Investigation launched after public servants, staffers caught making offensive Wikipedia edits' published by James Massola of Fairfax on 26 October 2016:</p> <p>a) Were the changes made to the Hassan Rouhani Wikipedia page performed by a person in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or a person in the Minister's office? If a Minister's office, which Minister?</p> <p>b) What process did the Department follow to investigate these changes?</p> <p>c) What was the outcome of that investigation?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
82	DFAT	Bilyk	HOM/HOP	<p>Since Joe Hockey assumed his posting, have changes been made to the Ambassador's family's living quarters in the Washington residence?</p> <p>a) What was the nature of these changes?</p> <p>b) What was the cost of these changes?</p> <p>c) Have changes been made to the staff living quarters in the Washington residence?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d) What was the nature of these changes?</li> <li>e) What was the cost of these changes?</li> <li>f) Have changes been made to the guest living quarters in the Washington residence?</li> <li>g) What was the nature of these changes?</li> <li>h) What was the cost of these changes?</li> <li>i) In comparison to before and after these changes were made:</li> <li>j) How many staff were/are able to live permanently on-site at the Residence?</li> <li>k) How many guests were/are able to stay in the Residence?</li> </ul>			
83	DFAT	Wong	Iraq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Does DFAT have any information about when and where Mr Roy first entered Iraq and what route he took within the country to reach the Kurdish region? If so, please provide this information.</li> <li>b) Is it correct that section 119.2 of the Criminal Code Act makes it an offence for Australians to enter areas declared by the Minister for Foreign Affairs as areas where terrorist organisations are engaged in hostile activity?</li> <li>c) Is it correct that the Minister for Foreign Affairs has declared the Mosul district in the northern part of Iraq's Kurdish region as a declared area?</li> <li>d) Given that Mr Roy has: posted a picture on Facebook of himself in Erbil, about 80 kilometres east of the Mosul declared area; told the media he visited Sinjar, around 75 kilometres west of the Mosul declared area; told the media he was in a location where there was a firefight between Kurdish and ISIL forces; said that he visited Lalish, about 50 kilometres north of the Mosul declared area – what steps has DFAT taken to investigate whether there has been any breach of the legal prohibitions on Australians entering declared areas?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<p>e) The Prime Minister said in an interview on Radio 3AW on 30 September 2016 that he had no doubt that DFAT would be taking an interest in Mr Roy’s travels and that he expected there would be a debrief of Mr Roy when he returned to Australia. Has DFAT conducted a debrief of Mr Roy? If so, when and what information did Mr Roy provide?</p> <p>f) What is the Department’s view on “war tourism” – people travelling to conflict zones?</p> <p>g) How does war tourism impact the Department’s consular case load?</p> <p>h) When a high profile person like Mr Roy engages in war tourism, what impact does it have on the propensity of other Australians to consider travelling to conflict zones?</p> <p>i) How much does the Government spend annually on maintaining official travel advisories and Smartraveller?</p> <p>j) Is there a marketing campaign under way to promote Smartraveller? If so, how much is being spent by DFAT on this marketing campaign?</p> <p>k) Has Mr Roy’s conduct undermined DFAT’s efforts to promote safe travel abroad by Australians through official travel advisories and Smartraveller?</p>			
<b>84</b>	<b>DFAT</b>	<b>Wong</b>	<b>White Paper</b>	<p>Has the Government made a decision that its election commitment to produce a foreign policy strategy will be produced as a White Paper?</p> <p>a) If yes, on what date was this decision made and by whom?</p> <p>b) On what date was the Secretary of DFAT advised that the Government had decided that its election commitment to produce a foreign policy strategy would be produced as a White Paper?</p> <p>c) Has the Department been provided with any additional funding for the White Paper? If so, provide details.</p>	<b>QIW</b>	<b>9/12/16</b>	

85	DFAT	Wong	Diplomatic Footprint	<p>How much is the Department investing over the next four years in the expansion of Australia’s overseas diplomatic presence?</p> <p>a) Where and how specifically is this investment being made?</p> <p>b) When was this funding allocation made?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
86	DFAT	Wong	Intelligence	<p>The article “Spies pulled out of Asia to fight ISIS” in <i>The Australian</i> of 30 July 2016, by Paul Maley and Cameron Stewart quotes the Foreign Minister saying that: ASIS has moved spies from its Asian stations into the Middle East and reopened stations in the Middle East; ASIS has forged new relationships with intelligence agencies in the Middle East; one of the most forthcoming countries for these relationships and operations has been Jordan; ASIS has reopened its Iraq station and has sent several officers to Jordan as “declared officers.”</p> <p>a) Is it appropriate for the Minister to make public disclosures of details of ASIS deployments and operations overseas?</p> <p>b) Did the Minister consult the Secretary of DFAT before making these disclosures?</p> <p>c) Did the Minister consult the Director General of ASIS before making these disclosures?</p> <p>d) What impact will disclosing where ASIS is opening and reopening stations, and where it is posting officers, have on risks faced by ASIS officers, agents and sources?</p> <p>e) How are such disclosures in the interests of ASIS’s operational activities?</p> <p>f) How are such disclosures in Australia’s national interests?</p> <p>g) Has anyone in the intelligence or diplomatic community raised concerns with DFAT or with the Minister or her office about the Minister’s interview?</p> <p>h) Has any consideration been given to whether the Minister’s disclosures breach section 39 of the Intelligence Services Act</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

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87	DFAT	Wong	Travel	<p>With reference to the article in <i>The Australian</i> of 15 July 2016 titled “Joe Hockey the ambassador of fun at Lindsay Fox birthday” which says Ambassador Hockey was one of 450 guests on a Mediterranean cruise on a luxury liner, the <i>Seabourn Odyssey</i>, chartered by Mr Lindsay Fox to celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) In what capacity did Ambassador Hockey take part in this cruise?</li> <li>b) Did Ambassador Hockey accept sponsored travel to take part in the cruise?</li> <li>c) Did he comply with DFAT’s guidelines, requiring officers to obtain permission before accepting offers of sponsored travel?</li> <li>d) Did Australia’s Consul-General in New York, Mr Minchin, take part in this cruise?</li> <li>e) If yes, in what capacity did Mr Minchin attend?</li> <li>f) Did Mr Minchin accept sponsored travel?</li> <li>g) Did he comply with DFAT’s guidelines?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
88	DFAT	Wong	Contract	<p>Austender contract notice CN3378209 published on 27 September 2016 gives details of a contract with the former secretary Mr Peter Varghese. The notice says Mr Varghese will be paid \$88,000 for “provision of panel member support (Australia)” from 11 September 2016 to 30 June 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What will Mr Varghese be doing under this contract?</li> <li>b) Why did the Department use a limited tender?</li> <li>c) Did any of the reasons in paragraph 10.3 of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, or the exemptions in Appendix A of the Procurement Rules, apply?</li> <li>d) If so, provide details.</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e) When was the limited tender process initiated?</li> <li>f) Was a limited tender approach to market published on Austender?</li> <li>g) How many potential suppliers did the Department approach as part of the limited tender?</li> <li>h) How many potential suppliers tendered?</li> <li>i) When was Mr Varghese selected?</li> <li>j) Were any measures adopted to avoid perceptions of a conflict of interest in awarding a contract to the former secretary through a limited tender? If so, provide details.</li> </ul>			
89	DFAT	Wong	Ministerial Travel	<p>In response to Question on Notice No 243 from Additional Estimates on 11 February 2016 the Department provided tables showing details of Ministerial travel.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please provide an update showing travel details for all Departmental Ministers from 11 February to the present.</li> </ul>	QIW	15/12/16	
90	DFAT	Wong	HOM/HOP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please provide an updated list of all Heads of Missions appointments made since January 2016.</li> <li>b) Please provide an updated list of all Heads of Mission positions due to be vacated in the coming 12 months.</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
91	DFAT	Wong	Multilateral Replenishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Please provide an updated version of the table provided in response to Additional Budget Estimates question on notice number 264.</li> <li>b) Please include an additional column for 2016-17 with committed or anticipated commitments for the current fiscal year.</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	



92	DFAT	Wong	Former Prime Ministers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What is the Department's policy concerning assistance to former Prime Ministers who are still in the Parliament?</li> <li>b) Has the Minister given the Department any directions concerning assistance to Mr Abbott?</li> <li>c) If so, provide details.</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
93	DFAT	Wong	Corporate	<p>Staffing numbers in DFAT's Annual Report for 30 June 2016 show 58 per cent of all Departmental staff were female, but only 31.5 per cent of SES staff were female (pp 210-12).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How has the share of women in SES positions changed over recent years?</li> <li>b) What is the Department doing to improve gender equity at the SES level?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
94	DFAT	Wong	Corporate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many enterprise agreements apply to DFAT?</li> <li>b) Were former AusAID staff on a separate enterprise agreement?</li> <li>c) Have they been brought under a DFAT agreement?</li> <li>d) Are people working at the same levels being paid different salaries depending on what agreement they are or were covered by?</li> <li>e) <i>If yes</i>, please provide examples of salary disparities for typical positions.</li> <li>f) <i>If yes</i>, do these disparities have an impact on gender pay equity in the Department?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
95	DFAT	Wong	Contracts	<p>Austender contract notice CN3380519, published on 7 October 2016, details a contract for market research services. The contract is with Orima Research, the contract value is \$283,725 and the period is from 30 August 2016 to 30 June 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What market research services will Orima be providing under this contract?</li> <li>b) Will the market research include polling or focus group research?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<p>c) <i>If yes</i>, how many polls/focus groups will be conducted; over what time period; in what locations; what will be the sample size and demographics of the samples?</p> <p>d) How often will the Department be provided with reports about the market research?</p> <p>e) Will the Minister's office be provided with the market research findings?</p>			
96	DFAT	Wong	Contracts	<p>Austender contract notice CN3374676, published on 7 September 2016, details a contract for advertising with Ogilvy and Mather. The contract is value is \$107,184 and the period is from 2 September 2016 to 2 September 2017.</p> <p>a) What are the details of this advertising?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
97	DFAT	Wong	Contracts	<p>Austender contract notice CN3380474, published on 7 October 2016, gives details of a contract for the provision of accounting services by the Reserve Bank of Australia. The contract value is \$600,000 over a period from 26 September 2016 to 26 September 2019.</p> <p>a) What accounting services will the RBA provide to the Department under this contract?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
98	DFAT	Wong	Contracts	<p>Austender contract notice CN3382013, published on 18 October 2016, gives details of a contract for provision of hotels, lodging and meeting facilities by Burswood Property Trust. The contract value is \$444,889 over a period from 17 October 2016 to 4 May 2017.</p> <p>a) Who will be provided with hotels, lodging or meeting facilities under this contract, for what period and for what purposes?</p> <p>b) What type of facilities will be provided?</p> <p>c) At what hotel or other premises will these facilities be provided?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

99	DFAT	Wong	Boards and Appointments	<p>a) Please provide a list of all appointments made to boards, authorities or advisory committees by portfolio Ministers or by delegates or agents of portfolio Ministers since 18 September 2013.</p> <p>b) For each appointment, provide the name of the appointee, the date and term of their appointment and the Minister responsible for the appointment.</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
100	DFAT	Wong	Timor-Leste	<p>a) How long has the maritime boundary between Timor Leste and Australia been in dispute?</p> <p>b) When does the Government expect the dispute to be settled?</p> <p>c) What impact is the dispute having on investment certainty with respect to resources development in the Timor Sea?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
101	DFAT	Wong	Bali Peace Park	<p>It has been reported that the Bali Peace Park, which commemorates the 2002 Bali bombing, has fallen into a state of disrepair (“Fighting on to honour Bali victims”, Jewel Topsfield, The Age, 12 October 2016). One Australian living in Bali has reportedly written to MPs saying: “The whole memorial is filthy – tiles falling off, dirty water in the fountain, no flags flying any more, etc. If this was a war memorial we would be rightly outraged.”</p> <p>a) How did the Park’s state of disrepair come to the attention of the Department?</p> <p>b) Has the situation been remedied?</p> <p>c) What actions has DFAT taken to ensure the Park does not fall into such a state again and to address longer-term maintenance and upkeep?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

102	DFAT	Wong	DPRK	<p>a) Has any consideration been given to strengthening sanctions against North Korea in response to its latest tests of missiles and a nuclear device?</p> <p>b) Which departments or agencies are responsible for monitoring and enforcing compliance with Australia's existing sanctions on North Korea?</p> <p>c) What compliance activity does the Australian Government undertake to ensure the sanctions are effective?</p> <p>d) Have any Australian persons or entities breached the sanctions?</p> <p>e) DFAT's 2015-16 annual report states at page 106: "The department implemented targeted activities, including with close partners, to disrupt the illegal trade which financially underpins North Korea's nuclear program." What are the illegal trade activities that are of concern?</p> <p>f) What are the targeted actions which the Department has implemented to disrupt this trade?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
103	DFAT	Wong	Iran	<p>a) Since the conclusion of the agreement between Iran and the P5+1 on Iran's nuclear program, what changes have there been to Australian sanctions on Iran?</p> <p>b) What changes have there been to United States sanctions on Iran?</p> <p>c) An Australian business representative, Mr Christopher Cox, has made representations to the Opposition about Australian banks not providing financial services to Australian firms seeking to do business in Iran. His concern is that some Australian banks will not provide exporters with SWIFT codes for Iranian banks and that, without, these codes Australian firms cannot transfer funds to customers and suppliers in Iran. Is DFAT aware of this issue and, if so, what information does DFAT have about why some Australian banks will not provide SWIFT codes and other</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<p>services to Australian firms looking to do business with Iran?</p> <p>d) What is the Government doing to resolve the issue?</p>			
104	DFAT	Wong	United States	<p>President Obama hosted a Leaders' Summit on the Global Refugee Crisis in New York on 20 September 2016.</p> <p>a) Who represented the Australian Government at the summit?</p> <p>b) Is it correct that international attendance at the Summit was contingent on making new and/or specific commitments?</p> <p>c) Please provide an outline of the commitments made by Australia and how/when they will be implemented.</p> <p>d) Please provide an overview of Australia's responsibilities in relation to the "New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants" and how those commitments are being advanced?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
105	DFAT	Wong	Brexit	<p>a) Has the Department done any analysis about the potential impact of Brexit on the ability of Australians to reside or work in Britain or in other EU countries? If so, what are the results of this analysis?</p> <p>b) Has the Department done any analysis of the potential impact of Brexit on the ability of Australian businesses to undertake business activities or investments in Britain or in other EU member countries? If so, what are the results of this analysis?</p>	QIW	15/12/16	
106	DFAT	Wong	Nuclear Disarmament	<p>a) Noting that the Minister for Foreign Affairs attended the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty's eighth ministerial meeting in New York in September, please provide an update on efforts to achieve the Treaty's entry into force.</p> <p>b) What are the main barriers to the Treaty entering into force?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

107	DFAT	Wong	Nauru	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Have any foreign governments or international organisations raised concerns about the allegations of mistreatment of asylum seekers on Nauru published by Guardian Australia in August – allegations which are now subject to inquiry by the Senate’s legal and constitutional affairs references committee?</li> <li>b) How do these reports affect Australia’s standing in the international community?</li> <li>c) How to reports like this affect Australia’s credibility when it speaks out in international forums about human rights or treatment of refugees?</li> <li>d) What impact will these reports have on Australia’s campaign for election to the UN Human Rights Council?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
108	DFAT	Wong	Consular	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Noting the Minister’s media release of 15 May 2016 concerning the establishment of a Global Watch Office, when was the Secretary of the Department made aware that the Minister intended to establish a Global Watch Office?</li> <li>b) What is the purpose of the Global Watch Office?</li> <li>c) How is the \$8 million cost of the Global Watch Office allocated over each of the four years of the forward estimates?</li> <li>d) What will the \$8 million be spent on?</li> <li>e) Is any of the \$8 million classified as Official Development Assistance?</li> <li>f) Has the Department been provided with additional funding for the Global Watch Office? If so, how much additional funding?</li> <li>g) If the Department has not been provided with \$8 million in additional funding, what other funding or activities will be reduced to meet the cost of the Global Watch Office?</li> <li>h) Where within the Department’s organisational structure will the Global Watch Office sit?</li> <li>i) Who has responsibility for the establishment of the Global</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<p>Watch Office?</p> <p>j) How many full time equivalent staff will be assigned to the Global Watch Office?</p>			
109	DFAT	Wong	New Colombo Plan	<p>a) Noting that the current New Colombo Plan (NCP) Program Guidelines provide: “The Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Tourism and International Education will be advised of outcomes prior to the notification of successful and unsuccessful applicants,” for each completed NCP round, have there been any occasions on which a Minister has sought to vary the outcomes approved by Program Delegates?</p> <p>b) If yes, please provide details.</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
110	DFAT	Wong	Aid	<p>a) Please confirm whether Australia’s aid budget is now 0.23 per cent of GNI?</p> <p>b) Please provide an updated trajectory of aid as a share of GNI across the forward estimates and in ten years’ time – that is the projected aid share of GNI in 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2026-27.</p> <p>c) Is Australia’s aid budget is now at a historic low as a proportion of GNI?</p> <p>d) Has the aid budget been reduced by 30 per cent since 2012-13? If not, by what percentage has the aid budget been reduced?</p> <p>e) Can the Department confirm that the Contribution to Global Health Programs, Contribution to Global Education Programs, and the Contribution to the Green Climate Fund have all been cut by more than 60 per cent since last year’s Budget? What is the breakdown of these programs by project?</p> <p>f) Can the Department confirm that sectoral allocations for health and education have fallen steeply while infrastructure and</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

				agriculture have either increased or remained stable? What is the reason for that change in sectoral allocations?			
111	DFAT	Wong	Aid	<p>Comparing the tables of committed funds provided in estimates in October 2015 and February and May of this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What contracts have been altered, renegotiated or otherwise changed in the Kiribati program to create \$1m in savings? What was the impact of this change on operations and program delivery?</li> <li>b) What contracts have been altered, renegotiated or otherwise changed in Myanmar to create \$12m in savings? What was the impact of this change on operations and program delivery?</li> <li>c) What contracts have been altered, renegotiated or otherwise changed in Mongolia to create \$3m in savings? What was the impact of this change on operations and program delivery?</li> <li>d) What contracts have been altered, renegotiated or otherwise changed in the Cook Islands program to create \$10,000 in savings in the 2015-16 year? What was the impact of this change on operations and program delivery?</li> <li>e) What contracts have been altered, renegotiated or otherwise changed in the Mongolian program to create over half a million dollars in savings in the 2015-16 year? What was the impact of this change on operations and program delivery?</li> <li>f) What contracts have been altered, renegotiated or otherwise changed in Bhutan's program to create \$30,000 in savings in the 2015-16 year? What was the impact of this change on operations and program delivery?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	



<b>112</b>	<b>DFAT</b>	<b>Wong</b>	<b>Aid - Fiji</b>	<p>a) Noting the Department’s response to Budget Estimates Question on Notice number 1, please provide an update on the process and timeline for finalising this tender and the implementation of the facility.</p> <p>b) Please provide a copy of documents associated with the “detailed request for tender” that was scheduled to be released in early to mid-September.</p> <p>c) How many tenderers have applied to the Department?</p>	<b>QIW</b>	<b>9/12/16</b>	
<b>113</b>	<b>DFAT</b>	<b>Wong</b>	<b>InnovationXchange</b>	<p>a) Please provide an update on the innovationxchange’s number of full time equivalent staff.</p> <p>b) Please provide an update on the innovationxchange’s number of projects already delivered/completed and the purpose of each.</p> <p>c) Please provide an update on the innovationxchange’s number of projects currently in progress, the purpose of each, and timeframe to completion.</p> <p>d) Please provide an update on the innovationxchange’s number of projects being considered or developed and a description of how the selection process is managed.</p>	<b>QIW</b>	<b>9/12/16</b>	
<b>114</b>	<b>DFAT</b>	<b>Wong</b>	<b>InnovationXchange</b>	<p>a) With reference to the request for tender for an "innovation resource facility" (Austender ATM ID DFAT-117), why does the Department need to outsource innovation from the innovationXchange?</p> <p>b) How has the Department determined that the innovationXchange requires a separate “Innovation Resource Facility” and what was the process used for making this decision?</p> <p>c) Has this tender been finalised? If so, how many entities submitted tenders, when was a decision made to award the</p>	<b>QIW</b>	<b>9/12/16</b>	

				tender, and who were the successful tenderer/s?			
115	DFAT	Wong	Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Can the Department provide an update on the situation in Myanmar?</li> <li>b) What circumstances or analysis led the Department to allocate an extra \$12 million to Myanmar in August this year? Who was responsible for this decision?</li> <li>c) How were these circumstances in Myanmar different between May and August 2016?</li> <li>d) Is this \$12 million additional funding or “new money”? If not, what other funding or activities have been reduced to meet the cost of the \$12 million for Myanmar.</li> <li>e) How much was the aid budget for Myanmar in each of 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
116	DFAT	Wong	Demining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) With reference to the article “Demining disaster” of 19 August 2016 by Bob McMullan and Robin Davies (<a href="http://devpolicy.org/demining-disaster-20160819/">http://devpolicy.org/demining-disaster-20160819/</a>), in which countries does the Australian Government currently conduct or support demining programs?</li> <li>b) What are the benefits of demining?</li> <li>c) Has Australia’s support for demining programs been reduced in any countries since 2012-13? If so, provide details of the countries where support has been reduced and the reasons for the reductions.</li> <li>d) Has there been decreasing demand for demining in such countries?</li> <li>e) Provide the committee with a table showing the total level of</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<p>funding for Australian Government involvement in demining programs in each of the years from 2012-13 to 2016-17.</p>			
117	DFAT	Wong	Humanitarian Assistance	<p>a) With reference to the article “Australia To Discontinue HIV/AIDS Support For Papua New Guinea” by Alexander Rheeney published by the Pacific Islands Report on 13 October 2016 (<a href="http://www.pireport.org/articles/2016/10/13/australia-discontinue-hiv-aids-support-papua-new-guinea">http://www.pireport.org/articles/2016/10/13/australia-discontinue-hiv-aids-support-papua-new-guinea</a>), is this report correct?</p> <p>b) How did a “confidential Australian Government Briefing Note” end up in the Pacific Islands Report? Has the Department conducted an investigation into the disclosure of confidential information? If so, what are the results of that investigation?</p> <p>c) The article quotes a High Commission spokesperson saying new arrangements will be put into place. What are these new arrangements?</p> <p>d) What does the Department propose to do to protect the 8,000-10,000 people living with HIV who will be impacted by cuts to this program?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
118	DFAT	Wong	PNG	<p>a) Please provide an update of Australian aid investment in the Lae hospital.</p> <p>b) How much has been invested so far and what are the long term expected costs of the project?</p> <p>c) What are the anticipated outcomes?</p> <p>d) Who are the partners working with DFAT on this project and what are the roles of each?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

119	DFAT	Wong	Humanitarian Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Has the Department established a Pacific Women Mentoring Program?</li> <li>b) Who made the decision to establish this program?</li> <li>c) What is the associated investment and what is the breakdown of that investment?</li> <li>d) What is the purpose of this program?</li> <li>e) How is this program different from existing programs?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
120	DFAT	Wong & Carr	Programs	<p>Please provide an itemised table detailing the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Every program administered by the Department and all portfolio agencies.</li> <li>b) The total funding allocated for each program in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15.</li> <li>c) The number of organisations funded under the program in each of those years, the name of each organisation funded and the dollar value of that funding.</li> <li>d) The number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15.</li> <li>e) The total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15.</li> <li>f) The number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15.</li> <li>g) The aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors.</li> <li>h) The number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location.</li> <li>i) The dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	

				and their geographic location.			
121	DFAT	Wong	Programs	<p>Please provide the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) For every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies, copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared by external advisers in the last five years; and</li> <li>b) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared within the department in the last five years.</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
122	DFAT	McAllister	Corporate	<p><b>Note: Response to exclude EFIC</b></p> <p>1. Please provide a breakdown of staffing levels as at 30 June 2016, nationally and for each state and territory, by the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Full time equivalent (FTE);</li> <li>b) Head count;</li> <li>c) Gender;</li> <li>d) Ongoing;</li> <li>e) non-ongoing; and</li> <li>f) classification level.</li> </ul> <p>2. How many engagements occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Classification;</li> <li>b) State or territory;</li> <li>c) Ongoing staff; and</li> <li>d) Non-ongoing staff.</li> </ul> <p>3. How many separations occurred in the 2015-16 financial year, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Classification;</li> <li>b) State or territory;</li> <li>c) Ongoing staff;</li> <li>d) Non-ongoing staff; and</li> <li>e) Reason for separation.</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<p>4. What was the total expenditure on contractors and consultants in the 2015-16 financial year.</p> <p>5. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The project or engagement;</li> <li>b) The value of the contract;</li> <li>c) The name of each firm or contractor engaged; and</li> <li>d) The purpose of the contract.</li> </ul> <p>6. For each contract or consultancy in the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The names of each firm or contractor engaged; and</li> <li>b) Total payments made to each contractor or consultant.</li> </ul> <p>7. For the 2015-16 financial year, please outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) How many staff were employed through labour hire arrangements;</li> <li>b) Total expenditure on labour hire staff;</li> <li>c) The contractors or labour hire firms engaged to supply these staff;</li> <li>d) Total payments to each of the organisations that provided staff through either a labour hire arrangement or other contractual arrangement; and</li> <li>e) The nature of the work performed by labour hire staff.</li> </ul>			
<b>123</b>	<b>DFAT</b>	<b>Carr</b>	<b>FTAs</b>	<p>1. How many FTAs is Australia currently negotiating?</p> <p>2. What analysis does DFAT conduct before signing an FTA?</p> <p>3. Who conducts this analysis?</p> <p>4. How is this analysis conducted?</p> <p>5. Is it made public?</p> <p>6. Is this research independent of political influence or bias?</p> <p>7. Is the same methodology used for each trade agreement?</p> <p>8. How accurate has this analysis been?</p>	<b>QIW</b>	<b>15/12/16</b>	

				9. Do you think the public should have more information and analysis made available to them before a trade deal is signed? a. What affect would this have?			
124	DFAT	Carr	FTAs	1. Does the department have an opinion on ISDS clauses? 2. Do ISDS clauses increase Australia's trade opportunities? 3. Are there any negative effects of ISDS clauses? 4. How could ISDS clauses be taken out of a FTA? 5. Has the Department raised any concerns with the government about ISDS clauses?	QIW	15/12/16	
125	DFAT	Carr	TPP	1. What happens if the TPP is not ratified? 2. What would the affect be for Australia? 3. Does the Department have a plan if the TPP is not ratified by the US? 4. How advanced are these plans? 5. Would this affect the progress of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)? 6. How progressed are discussions on RCEP? 7. Do you believe we could sign onto both RCEP and the TPP?	QIW	15/12/16	
126	DFAT	Carr	Trade in Goods and Services - Oceania	1. What was Australia's trade in goods and services with Oceania in 2013? 2. What was Australia's trade in goods and services with Oceania in 2014? 3. What was Australia's trade in goods and services with Oceania in 2015? 4. Why has it declined? 5. What is the department doing about it? 6. Will this decline be permanent?	QIW	15/12/16	
127	DFAT	Carr	Trade in Goods and Services – South East Asia	1. What was Australia's trade in goods and services with Southeast Asia in 2013? 2. What was Australia's trade in goods and services with Southeast Asia in 2014? 3. What was Australia's trade in goods and services with Southeast Asia in 2015?	QIW	15/12/16	

				<p>4. Why has it declined?</p> <p>5. What is the department doing about it?</p> <p>6. Will this decline be permanent?</p>			
128	DFAT	Carr	Trade in Goods and Services – North Asia	<p>1. What was Australia’s trade in goods and services with North Asia in 2013?</p> <p>2. What was Australia’s trade in goods and services with North Asia in 2014?</p> <p>3. What was Australia’s trade in goods and services with North Asia in 2015?</p> <p>4. Why has it stagnated?</p> <p>5. What is the department doing about it?</p> <p>6. Will this stagnation be permanent?</p>	QIW	15/12/16	
129	DFAT	Carr	Corporate	<p>1. What methods can employees use to communicate with each other?</p> <p>2. What software is installed on phones for communication?</p> <p>3. Do you know of colleagues using software such as Whatsapp for communication?</p> <p>4. Do you know of any sensitive trade information having been communicated via Whatsapp?</p> <p>5. Are you aware that the Australian Signals Directorate has not authorised WhatsApp as a secure communication channel?</p> <p>6. Has the department been attacked by online hackers?</p> <p>7. Has any sensitive trade information been compromised by online hackers?</p> <p>a. Which information?</p> <p>b. Have the appropriate persons been notified?</p> <p>c. What actions were taken in response to these attacks?</p> <p>8. Can you please outline what is done to protect sensitive trade information?</p> <p>9. What budget is allocated to protecting trade information from online attacks?</p> <p>10. Is this sufficient?</p> <p>a. Is this lack of funds risking our security?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	



<b>130</b>	<b>DFAT- Efic</b>	<b>Carr</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the tender process for the app announced by the Minister on the 27 September 2016?</li> <li>2. How many applicants were there for the tender?</li> <li>3. How was the successful applicant chosen?</li> <li>4. What was the initial budget for the work?</li> <li>5. What was the final sum paid?</li> <li>6. How was it intended that this app would increase trade?</li> <li>7. What methodology was used to show this would be a good investment?</li> <li>8. How many public servants worked on this analysis?</li> <li>9. For how long?</li> <li>10. Has this app been advertised?</li> <li>11. How has this app been advertised?</li> <li>12. How much money has been spent on advertising?</li> <li>13. Was there an advertising strategy for this app?</li> <li>14. How much money was spent on the creation of this advertising strategy?</li> <li>15. How many consultants worked on this project?</li> <li>16. How many times has the app been downloaded?</li> <li>17. How much trade has this app facilitated? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. How has this been measured?</li> </ol> </li> <li>18. When will there be a review of this app?</li> <li>19. How much will be spent maintaining this app to ensure the information is current and accurate?</li> <li>20. When / what review process exists to ensure this app has accurate information?</li> <li>21. Why and how was it deemed this would be more cost effective than a traditional website?</li> <li>22. Does the Department plan to create any other apps given its success / failure?</li> </ol>	<b>QIW</b>	<b>15/12/16</b>	

<b>131</b>	<b>DFAT- Efic</b>	<b>Carr</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<p>1. What methods can employees use to communicate with each other?</p> <p>2. What software is installed on phones for communication?</p> <p>3. Do you know of colleagues using software such as Whatsapp for communication?</p> <p>4. Do you know of any sensitive trade information having been communicated via Whatsapp?</p> <p>5. Are you aware that the Australian Signals Directorate has not authorised WhatsApp as a secure communication channel?</p> <p>6. Has the department been attacked by online hackers?</p> <p>7. Has any sensitive trade information been compromised by online hackers?</p> <p>a. Which information?</p> <p>b. Have the appropriate persons been notified?</p> <p>c. What actions were taken in response to these attacks?</p> <p>8. Can you please outline what is done to protect sensitive trade information?</p> <p>9. What budget is allocated to protecting trade information from online attacks?</p> <p>10. Is this sufficient?</p> <p>a. Is this lack of funds risking our security?</p>	<b>QIW</b>	<b>15/12/16</b>	
<b>132</b>	<b>DFAT- Efic</b>	<b>Carr</b>	<b>Corporate</b>	<p>1. Please provide an itemised table detailing the following information:</p> <p>a) Every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it: The total funding allocated for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15;</p> <p>b)The number of organisations funded under the program in each in those years, the name of each organisation funded and the dollar value of that funding</p>	<b>QIW</b>	<b>15/12/16</b>	

				<p>c) The number of individuals projected to be serviced or services to be delivered through each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15;</p> <p>d) The total funding actually expended on each in 2015-16 and 2014-15;</p> <p>e) The number of individuals actually serviced or services actually delivered through each in 2015-16 and 2014-15;</p> <p>f) The aggregate staff budget for each in 2016-17, 2015-16 and 2014-15 broken down by i) permanent APS staff and ii) contractors.</p> <p>g) The number of permanent APS staff responsible for delivering each in 2016-17; 2015-16 and 2014-15, the classification of these staff and their geographic location;</p> <p>h) The dollar value of external advice contracted to support each in 2016-17, as well as the number of contractors engaged, the APS-equivalent classification these contractors were engaged at and their geographic location.</p> <p>2. Please provide the following information:</p> <p>a) For every program administered by the department and all portfolio agencies within it:</p> <p>b) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared by external advisers in the last five years;</p> <p>c) Copies of any evaluation reports or program analysis prepared within the department in the last five years.</p>			
133	DFAT	Moore	HOM/HOP	<p>Can the Department provide a complete list of thematic Ambassadors and include:</p> <p>a) what their terms of employment periods are?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<p>b) advise if the roles are full time or part time?</p> <p>c) Is there any independent auditing process for delivery objectives and outcomes for these positions?</p>			
134	DFAT	Moore	Climate Change	<p>a) What priority is the Department giving to ensure that our international Development investments support long term sustainable development outcomes?</p> <p>b) Is the Department aware of DFAT investments in aid projects (or those given through DFAT contracts) that have been directly negatively affected by Climate change?</p> <p>c) Does DFAT intend to introduce a framework to be 'climate smart' across the wider aid programs (other than the Pacific)? Is there a formal process in which this happens?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
135	DFAT	Moore	SDGs	<p>What DFAT partnerships are being developed with specific countries in regards to the 2030 Agenda:</p> <p>a) How will development 2030 Agenda be monitored with these countries?</p> <p>b) How will development 2030 Agenda be measured with these countries?</p> <p>c) Who in DFAT will be responsible for overseeing the gathering of monitoring of SDGs with developing countries?</p> <p>d) Who in DFAT will be responsible for overseeing the gathering of measured of SDGs with developing countries?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

136	DFAT	Moore	SDGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Will DFAT be responsible for measuring Australia’s 2030 Agenda for the SDGs?</li> <li>b) How will Australia’s development 2030 Agenda be monitored by DFAT?</li> <li>c) How will Australia’s development 2030 Agenda be measured by DFAT?</li> <li>d) Who in DFAT will be responsible for overseeing the gathering of monitoring of Australian SDGs?</li> <li>e) Who in DFAT will be responsible for overseeing the gathering of measured of Australian SDGs?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
137	DFAT	Moore	innovationXchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Will the innovationXchange be responsible for developing the 2030 Agenda with specific countries?</li> <li>b) How will the 2030 Agenda be monitored by the innovationXchange?</li> <li>c) How will the 2030 Agenda be measured by the innovationXchange?</li> <li>d) What specific process will the innovationXchange undertake to achieve the 2030 Agenda?</li> <li>e) Has the innovationXchange developed a framework to achieve the 2030 Agenda?</li> <li>f) Are specific SDG goals being prioritised and what are they?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	
138	DFAT	Moore	SDGs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) What is the membership of the Development Policy Committee?</li> <li>b) Has the committee met to discuss how the 2030 Agenda will be prioritised within DFAT?</li> <li>c) Has the committee met to discuss how the 2030 Agenda will be discussed within the development area?</li> </ul>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<p>d) Has any other DFAT committees met to discuss specifically the 2030 Agenda?</p> <p>e) Will there be a focus on Australia developing a response for delivering on the SDG targets, given their date is 2030 in the White Paper?</p> <p>f) Has the committee met to discuss how the 2030 Agenda will be prioritised within DFAT?</p> <p>g) Has the committee met to discuss how the 2030 Agenda will be discussed within the development area?</p> <p>h) Has any other DFAT committees met to discuss specifically the 2030 Agenda?</p> <p>i) Will there be a focus on Australia developing a response for delivering on the SDG targets, given their date is 2030 in the White Paper?</p> <p>j) Will the White Paper look at examining the how to prioritise international development and the important role it plays in DFAT?</p> <p>k) Will the White Paper identifying core goals for foreign affairs <i>and</i> international development, and then examine how to allocate resources accordingly?</p>			
139	DFAT	Moore	Humanitarian Assistance	<p>a) How is DFAT implementing humanitarian assistance using your <i>Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy</i> to help ensures that their rights and safety are protected and prioritised?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

				b) How is DFAT delivering reproductive health rights in support of the <i>Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy</i> ?			
140	DFAT	Moore	Humanitarian Assistance	Can DFAT clarify total expenditure on family planning for 2015/16 financial year including a breakdown of which organisations are to be funded for 2016-17?	QIW	9/12/16	
141	DFAT	Brown	Ministerial Offices	<p>a) What are the funding arrangements for Minister Ciobo's office?</p> <p>b) Is there a specific budget for the office? Or has a specific funding allocation been set aside within the department to meet the costs of operating the ministerial offices in the portfolio.</p> <p>c) Are there administrative arrangements that apply to these budgets? Please provide details.</p> <p>d) Can you advise the Committee of the arrangement for expenditure by Minister Ciobo or his office on hospitality?</p> <p>e) Has Minister Ciobo or his office used the office budget or directly drew on departmental funds for hospitality purposes? If so what are the details.</p>	QIW	15/12/16	
142	DFAT	Rhiannon	HOM/HOP	<p>1. Was there any knowledge that the Australian Ambassador to the USA, Joe Hockey, was claiming his child care expenses before this story broke in the media?</p> <p>2. How much money has been paid for Mr Hockey's child care costs?</p> <p>3. What are the costs that Ambassadors from Australia are covered for?</p> <p>4. Are there guidelines for what Ambassadors, diplomats and</p>	QIW	9/12/16	

				<p>diplomatic staff can claim for?</p> <p>a. Can those guidelines be publicly released? If yes please provide those guidelines.</p> <p>5. If Ambassadors or other diplomats or diplomatic staff from Australia claim child care costs as part of their workplace expenses are they doing that as general workplace expenses or are child care costs specifically set out as a claimable cost?</p> <p>6. How many other Ambassadors, diplomats or diplomatic staff have been paid for child care costs they have incurred?</p> <p>a. Who are the staff who have claimed these costs?</p> <p>7. What is the total amount that has been paid out for the child care costs of Ambassadors, diplomats or diplomatic staff and please itemise these costs for each staff person?</p>			
<b>143</b>	<b>DFAT - Efic</b>	<b>Rhiannon</b>	<b>Efic</b>	<p>1. Andrew Hunter, Managing Director and CEO of Efic was asked in Senate estimates on 20 October 2016 whether the Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) prepared for the Boikarabelo coal mine is of a standard that would be acceptable in Australia. He replied “yes, it is”. In coming to this conclusion, please indicate which of the following Australian regulators has Efic consulted with:</p> <p>a) Commonwealth Department of Environment and Energy</p> <p>b) NSW Department of Planning and Environment</p> <p>c) NSW Department of Industry, Division of Resources and Energy</p> <p>d) NSW Office of Environment and Heritage</p> <p>e) Queensland Department of Environment and Heritage</p>	<b>QIW</b>	<b>15/12/16</b>	



				<p>Protection</p> <p>f) Queensland Department of State Development</p> <p>g) Please name any other agencies consulted</p> <p>2. Which of these agencies indicated that the rehabilitation and closure plans for the Boikarabelo project were of a standard acceptable in their jurisdiction?</p> <p>3. Which South African environment and community groups has Efic consulted with in assessing the Boikarabelo project?</p> <p>4. Which South African government agencies has Efic consulted with in assessing the Boikarabelo project?</p> <p>5. The 2011 ESIA devotes only 4 pages to site rehabilitation and closure, suggesting that there was no detailed plan in 2011: <i>It is recommended that Resgen formulate a rehabilitation and closure plan during the pre-construction phase. This rehabilitation plan must be updated on an annual basis and submitted to the DMR. (p361)</i> <i>Rehabilitation of the open pit area is currently forecasted to only be initiated in year 9 of operation. (p365)</i></p> <p>a) Has Efic received or reviewed any more recent environmental assessment, rehabilitation or closure plans? If so:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. why was this not provided for public comment?</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">ii. please provide a copy of those documents.</p> <p>6. Does Efic agree that the project does not at present have an adequate rehabilitation and closure plan?</p> <p>7. Jan Parsons, Efic Environment Manager, implied in Senate</p>			
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				<p>Estimates on 20 October 2016 that Efic ‘will make sure that there is a closure plan prepared for the project’, citing that it is a requirement of IFC Performance Standards. Mr Parsons went on to say that Efic would not approve a loan for such a project unless a closure plan was ‘in black and white or at a satisfactory stage of preparation where we can be confident that it would be in place’.</p> <p>a) Will Efic require Environmental and Social Action Plan to be covenanted under the project financing if Efic approves the project, as Mr Parsons implied?</p> <p>b) Would this Plan include a more complete rehabilitation and closure plan?</p> <p>8. When will Efic release the covenanted Environmental and Social Action Plan so that the public can reassure itself that it is sufficiently protective of the communities and the environment?</p>			
144	DFAT - Efic	Rhiannon	Efic	<p>1. In media reports, Resource Generation (ResGen) says that it is determined that:  <i>Feasibility studies for a 600 MW power station have begun and ResGen has also started engaging with potential power plant contractors and funders. “This project component will happen, it is part of our plans and the necessary work to deliver on this is well underway.”</i></p> <p>Andrew Hunter, Managing Director and CEO of Efic stated in Senate Estimates on 20 October 2016 that the application to Efic was for a coal wash facility.</p>	QIW	15/12/16	

				<p>a. What is the Boikarabelo project as Efic understands it? As part of its development of the Boikarabelo coal deposit, please indicate which of the following ResGen has proposed and the proposed capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coal mine</li> <li>• Coal handling and processing facilities</li> <li>• Coal transport infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rail</li> <li>○ Conveyor belts</li> <li>○ Road</li> <li>○ Export terminal</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Coal fired power station</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul> <p>2. The OECD Export Credits Working Group has agreed that export credit agencies will no longer support the construction of new coal fired power stations. Given the above, is Efic of the opinion that financing a project that will involve the development of a new coal fired power plant, so long as the component which Efic finances is not the power plant itself, is acceptable under the OECD Export Credits agreement?</p> <p>3. Resgen also notes: <i>The Boikarabelo tenement is enormous – it has a 200+ year lifespan with a 7.4 Bt resource. Realistically, the current JORCcompliant 760 Mt resource offers an initial 35 year lifespan though.</i></p> <p>The implications on the world’s future climate of extracting and burning this amount of fossil fuel are enormous.</p> <p>a. Will Efic take into account the implications for climate change in financing the development of a coal resource</p>			
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				<p>with such large reserves in coming to its decision?</p> <p>b. If so, how will it do this?</p> <p>4. Would any consideration include consideration of the rail infrastructure associated with the Boikarabelo mine project to facilitate further development of the Waterberg coalfield?</p> <p>5. Does Efic have a requirement in its Policies or Procedures documents for environmental and social considerations for transactions?</p> <p>a. If not, why not?</p> <p>6. Are other Australian companies applicants to Efic for support for this project?</p> <p>7. Does Efic consider ResGen to be an Australian company, for the purposes of this project?</p> <p>8. Does ResGen have any staff working in Australia?</p> <p>9. If so, how many? In what state do they work?</p> <p>10. How many Australian citizens are on the board and in senior management of ResGen?</p> <p>11. Is ResGen the principal applicant for Efic support for this project?</p> <p>12. If Efic is not the principal application, who is?</p>			
145	DFAT - Efic	Rhiannon	Efic	<p>1. The 2011 ESIA approval is for 32 million tonnes per year of run-of-mine coal, while in recent media reports suggest 6-12 million tonnes of saleable coal.</p> <p>a. Is Efic doing economic projections on the financial viability of the mine as part of its due diligence?</p> <p>b. If so, on which of the above figures are the projections being done?</p> <p>2. Has Efic assessed the impact on Australian coal exports to markets such as India if Boikarabelo goes ahead?</p> <p>i. If so, please indicate which of the following Efic</p>	QIW	15/12/16	

				<p>consulted with in its assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commonwealth Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, Office of the Chief Economist</li> <li>• Queensland Treasury</li> <li>• Queensland Department of State Development</li> <li>• NSW Treasury</li> <li>• NSW Department of Industry, Division of Resources and Energy</li> <li>• Queensland Resource Council</li> <li>• NSW Minerals Council</li> <li>• Minerals Council of Australia</li> <li>• Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union</li> <li>• Australian Workers Union</li> </ul> <p>ii. If not, why not?</p> <p>3. Does Efic believe that new South African coal exports would have no impact on Australia's exports?</p> <p>i. How did Efic reach this conclusion?</p> <p>4. Is Efic aware of Indian government policy <a href="http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-04-25/india-s-energy-minister-wants-to-cut-coal-imports-to-nothing">to end coal imports (http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-04-25/india-s-energy-minister-wants-to-cut-coal-imports-to-nothing)</a>?</p> <p>i. Is the financial viability of the project affected by the Indian government's ability to meet this policy?</p> <p>5. Will Efic weigh up the benefits to specific Australian companies against the negative consequences on other companies and on the coal sector as a whole?</p> <p>i. If so, how will it do this?</p>			
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146	DFAT	Rhiannon	Kangaroo exports	<p>1. What representations has the Australian government or any of its representatives made in relation to lifting the Californian ban on the importation of kangaroo products since the ban was resumed?</p> <p>a. Please provide details of those representations, including to whom they have been made and by whom.</p> <p>b. Please advise what work is being done lift the Californian ban? What is the strategy?</p> <p>c. Has the department met with or hosted any representatives of the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia in relation to the Californian ban this year? Please provide details of when, where and with whom?</p> <p>d. Is the Australian government supporting the introduction of legislative instruments in California to lift the ban? What is the approach being taken in this regard?</p>	QIW	15/12/16	
147	DFAT	Wong	Iraq	<p><b>Senator WONG:</b> On notice what I would like is the email from ambassadors Sharma and Langman. I assume you will have to take that on notice unless you are prepared to give that to me now.</p> <p><b>Senator Brandis:</b> We will take that on notice.</p>	Page 35	9/12/16	
148	DFAT	Rhiannon	Kangaroo exports	<p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I will move on to the Russian market. How are things going with reopening—I think we are talking about reopening—the Russian market? Is that where it is that?</p> <p><b>Mr Barty:</b> Yes. I will pass that back to my DFAT colleague who knows</p>	Page 110-111	15/12/16	

			<p>about protocols and acceptance.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Who does that one?</p> <p><b>Mr Hackett:</b> I think we will take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Really? There is nobody here—?</p> <p><b>Mr Hackett:</b> I certainly cannot give you evidence on Russia.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> When we had that earlier discussion, I did not seem to figure that that was department one. I thought that was an Austrade one. Did I misunderstand?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I think the issue with Russia may a photo-sanitary issue or a tariff issue—in other words, a regulatory barrier. Unfortunately we do not have anyone from our Europe division, which would be responsible for handling that issue, in the room. I am sorry, but we will have to take that on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> I think you were referring there, in talking about the Russian situation, to issues around health. You may need to take this on notice, but I hope you can answer it. Does the government advise importing countries that kangaroo meat is not tested for zoonotic diseases such as toxoplasmosis, Q fever or the host of other zoonotic diseases known to be of high human health risk which are specifically in kangaroo meat? Is that one of the obstacles we are coming up against?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I can only answer the question in the broad. Each country sets its own import requirements for food products on the basis of their own scientific assessment and other issues. Russia and many other countries are parties to the WTO agreement, so there is a requirement</p>			
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				<p>for any import barriers to be consistent with the provisions of those WTO rules. The short answer to your question is—and I am sorry I cannot give you more precision on the Russian situation—that countries do have significant latitude to define what import requirements they impose on products coming in from other countries, such as kangaroo meat.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Is it correct that Russia stopped the trade because of concerns about—?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> Sorry, I am going to have to take that on notice. I do not want to mislead you, and we can give you a response on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator RHIANNON:</b> Thank you.</p>			
149	DFAT	Moore	TPP	<p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> If you did not have labour market testing, if you moved labour market testing in negotiations around the TPP, would it affect all industries equally? Have you looked at the impact on industries of not having a labour market testing program in the TPP?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> We as a portfolio do not have responsibility for the labour market testing program.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> I understand—that would be an industrial area—</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> The Department of Employment.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I think that question would be better directed to the Department of Employment and probably to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, who—</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> But they do not sign the agreement. They are not</p>	Page 113	15/12/16	



				<p>responsible for putting the agreement up to the minister to sign off on.</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> That is true.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> So you cannot answer that question?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I would need to take that away and consult with those agencies which are responsible for those programs. It is perhaps worth reiterating that these are truly whole-of-government agreements.</p> <p>...</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> You would be able to take it on notice though?</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> I am certainly happy to take it on notice.</p> <p><b>Senator MOORE:</b> As the lead agency in the negotiation of the FTA—</p> <p><b>Mr Brown:</b> We will do our best to respond.</p>			
150	DFAT	Fawcett	Corporate	<p><b>Senator FAWCETT:</b> I will look forward to the next estimates to ask you how you have gone with that. One thing that I did not draw out—and perhaps I just missed it—was the percentage of businesses you have helped that have been rurally or regionally based as opposed to being in metro areas. Do you have that kind of stat to hand?</p> <p><b>Mr Hunter:</b> I will take the question on notice, but I can share with you: since we launched our Small Business Export Loan, one of the sectors that we have opened ourselves up to in the rural space is actually in wine. What we are finding is exporters of wine have a very long working capital cycle. So from the time that you prune your vines, the grapes grow, you pick your grapes, you crush your grapes, you make your wine, you export it and then, finally, you get paid from your customer it can be as long as 15 months—so a very long working capital cycle.</p>	Page 128	15/12/16	

				Those companies really struggle with access to finance. We have, through our Small Business Export Loan, provided working capital to a number of wineries.			
151	DFAT	Roberts	Clinton Foundation	<p>A) How much money has been donated to the Clinton Foundation in the past five years and for what purpose?</p> <p>B) How do you know that the money was spent on the purpose for which it was given?</p> <p>C) Do you expect to donate more taxpayer money to the Clinton Foundation and if so for what purpose?</p>	QIW	9/12/16	
152	DFAT	Gallacher	Corporate	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What types of credit and transaction cards (including Cabcharge, Fastcard and eTickets) does your department issue?</li> <li>2. What was the total expenditure for each type of card over the last 3 financial years?</li> <li>3. Can you break down the expenditure into categories?</li> <li>4. What is the highest and lowest credit limit for each type of card?</li> <li>5. How many times in the last 5 years has the credit limit been reviewed?</li> <li>6. What are Credit Cards used for?</li> <li>7. What are the Governance/probity rules for employees to follow?</li> <li>8. Are cash advances allowed? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Can you list the total amount of cash advances from credit and other transaction cards over the last 3 years?</li> <li>b) Can you provide details on the 10 largest cash advances in your department and provide particulars such as how much was accessed?</li> <li>c) Who approves cash advances in your department in the event of paying suppliers</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. Who reviews transactions in regards to all cards?</li> <li>10. Who provides assurance to the Minister in respect to probity governance and fraud control?</li> </ol>	QIW	9/12/16	