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DFAT	1	Penny Wong	Aid program/Pacific	Senator WONG: Yes. I'd like to know all of the programs that DFAT has. I'd like a list of those. Mr Wood: Sure. Senator WONG: Usually the best way to do it is to look at how you budget. Presumably you're budgeting in accordance with the finance framework, and there'll be X number of programs, all of which have internal budget numbers. You may or may not wish to give me disaggregated—you might say, 'We don't give that out,' or whatever—but I'm actually more interested in the programs and the allocation at whatever level you can give me for each of those programs. Mr Wood: Sure. Certainly, for the aid program, we can provide that consistent with the format in our aid budget summary, so you'd have a line for Indonesia— Senator WONG: I'd like it for non-aid functions as well. Mr Wood: Okay—from our departmental funding? Senator WONG: Correct. Mr Wood: We can certainly provide that on notice	Hansard	10
DFAT	2	Penny Wong	Aid program/Pacific - IDA Funding	Senator WONG: Thank you. Can you confirm there's been no growth in nominal or real terms in IDA funding to Pacific nations over the past five years? Mr Wood: We would have to take that on notice. I recall we have answered similar questions on notice. We might be able to come back on that question.	Hansard	11
DFAT	3	Penny Wong	Chinese aid in the Pacific	Mr Sloper: No. We provided Senator Fierravanti-Wells's office with some material for a possible article on Australia's Pacific engagement on 3 January, and that's consistent with the provisional material given to each office when they're thinking of doing articles. Senator WONG: Can I have a copy of that material? Mr Sloper: I don't have a copy with me. I can take that on notice, to determine if we can provide that.	Hansard	11
DFAT	4	Penny Wong	Chinese aid in the Pacific	"Senator WONG: Can you take on notice whether or not the government source in that paragraph in The Australian that I've just read was any member of the minister's staff? Senator Payne: Senator, we have both read over more years than either of us care to count, I suspect, similar paragraphs, but to the extent that it's possible to ascertain anything—"	Hansard	14
DFAT	5	Claire Moore	Timor-Leste maritime boundary treaty - Economic benefits	Senator MOORE: On notice, can we have any indication about the economic benefits for Australia in that process? Mr Larsen: I will take that on notice but, yes, of course we can.	Hansard	22
DFAT	6	Claire Moore	Aid program/child protection	Mr Gilling: As part of our Child Protection Policy, which is a key platform of our assurance mechanism that addresses the issues that you've been talking about, we have a process of mandatory notifications. It means that every time there is a suspicion, every time there is a concern across the world, with our partners, they will let us know. So, yes, Senator, in answer to your question about whether or not we collect that information, we do collect that information. Senator ABETZ: Can you please take on notice, given the time constraints, what the actual protocols are, and provide that to me in writing, please?	Hansard	30

DFAT	7	Eric Abetz	Aid program/child protection	<p>Mr Gilling: Yes. But can I clarify that I'm talking about notifications. These notifications come in. They sometimes result in prosecution. They sometimes result in code of conduct violations. They're sometimes found to require no further action. So the 14 is the full population. Senator ABETZ: And, of course, one assumes there may well be activities that are, sadly, never reported, either. Mr Gilling: That's true, but I would like to just say that our child protection policy, in particular, has been rated as being best practice. Every three years we independently assess it, including through the New South Wales Ombudsman's office. Senator ABETZ: But, sadly, with all these things, you don't know what you don't know. Mr Gilling: That's correct. Thursday, 1 March 2018 Senate Senator ABETZ: If you can get those figures for me, going back 10 years, on notice, that would be helpful. Are you able, in that same 10-year framework, to tell us how many staff or volunteers were sacked or allowed to resign, and to differentiate between the two? Mr Gilling: We have very comprehensive information. As I say, again, on the child protection notifications, we would be able to break that down. Whether we can go back the full 10 years, I'll have to take on notice, but I can certainly go back five. Senator ABETZ: Whatever you can reasonably do.</p>	Hansard	30
DFAT	8	Eric Abetz	Aid program/child protection	<p>Mr Gilling: I'm absolutely sure that, in the last couple of years, there would've been at least one or two dismissals as a consequence of the investigations. Senator ABETZ: Have we allowed any people to resign? Mr Gilling: I would have to take that differentiation on notice. Senator ABETZ: All right, if you could.</p>	Hansard	31
DFAT	10	Eric Abetz	Aid program/child protection	<p>Senator ABETZ: And in the cases of those who have been sacked or dismissed—or, indeed, in any other cases—has any compensation been paid to victims? Mr Gilling: I'd have to take that on notice. Senator ABETZ: If so, how much? Could you provide that for me for over the past 10 years, or whatever reasonable time frame you're able to? And if no payments have been made, can you explain the reason why? One would assume that if somebody is dismissed then there must be a view that the allegation is relatively strong, even if it's not prosecuted. And so what have we done with follow-up for the victims? Mr Gilling: I will just add to that: I think we would be bound by the local legal environment—I would imagine that the payment of compensation, if indeed it took place, would be guided by that. Senator ABETZ: We wouldn't just do it as a gesture of goodwill, nevertheless? Anyway, take it on notice—I don't want to delay the committee for too long</p>	Hansard	31
DFAT	11	Eric Abetz	Aid program/child protection	<p>Senator ABETZ: Have foreign governments ever made complaints about sexual abuse by Australian aid workers? Is that the case? Mr Gilling: We have no records of that taking place, but I'd have to check. Senator ABETZ: If you could take that on— Ms Adamson: I can assure you that were we to receive such a complaint we would act on it immediately and effectively. Senator ABETZ: If so, what countries, which NGOs, and whether DFAT or AusAID investigated them.</p>	Hansard	35
DFAT	12	Eric Abetz	Aid program/child protection	<p>Senator ABETZ: Right. It could be that there is one perpetrator of a number of those 14? Mr Gilling: That would be almost impossible, because as soon as we have notification we take action and the individual concerned, even before we have had a chance to investigate with the partner organisation, would be taken out of the— Senator ABETZ: But sometimes these things happen, or come to light as</p>	Hansard	36

				a result of a multiplicity of cases— that is, if I might say, understood I would have thought. Anyway, take that on notice.		
DFAT	13	Claire Moore	Aid program/child protection	Senator MOORE: As you know, the ACFID code of conduct has been developed over many years and is a regular agenda item at their conferences in terms of how that works. Do the other forms of aid provision have similar contracts and similar standards in terms of process? Mr Gilling: Absolutely. Indeed, part of our due diligence process that we go through before we make a decision about funding involves an assessment of the HR policies, which include the codes of conduct. Senator MOORE: Is it possible to get on notice the information that you provide to providers about these issues—when you're reviewing someone's claim to work in the system, what kind of information you provide to any of the providers? Mr Gilling: Certainly.	Hansard	36
DFAT	17	Penny Wong	Adani	Ms Klugman: The nature of the request from Adani was for the Australian government, DFAT, to engage with Korea's export import bank specifically on the question of federal environmental approvals. Senator WONG: Do you have any documentation about that meeting that you can provide me with? Ms Klugman: I don't, but I will check. Senator WONG: Can you take it on notice? I assume there was reporting back from that. Was there any correspondence or any notes of the meeting? What was the result of the meeting? What's the outcome? Ms Klugman: The outcome of the meeting was, as I said, that DFAT Canberra instructed our embassy in Seoul to meet with Korea's export import bank— Senator WONG: Perhaps I miscommunicated. We've got a request come in, you send a cable, et cetera. What was the outcome of the meeting with the bank? Ms Klugman: The outcome of the meeting was that it was simply for the embassy officials in Seoul to confirm to KEXIM that all federal environmental approvals had been granted. There was no other outcome. Senator WONG: And you'll take on notice any documentation associated with the meeting.	Hansard	38
DFAT	18	Penny Wong	Cambodia	Senator WONG: It's a common position across the parliament. I'm asking whether we sought any remedial action, any statement, from the Cambodian authorities; or did we simply put this view and leave it at that? Ms Heckscher: I don't have the full detail of exactly what the conversation was, but certainly when one government expresses concerns about certain comments that are made to another government, I think implicit in that is a comment on what kind of action is needed. Senator WONG: Okay. Perhaps you can come back to me with: did we ask for a retraction? Did we ask for any action to be taken by the Cambodian government as a consequence of our representations? I'm asking the question in the broad, okay? Are you able to come back to me on that today? Or do you need more time? Ms Heckscher: I'll consult. Senator WONG: You do what you can.	Hansard	39
DFAT	19	Penny Wong	Brandis appointment	Senator WONG: Could you take it on notice, please, whether or not the minister or her office is the basis on which this information [Brandis appointment] was confirmed to the national broadcaster. Ms Adamson: I will take it on notice. Senator WONG: Thank you.	Hansard	43
DFAT	20	Lee Rhiannon	National security	Senator RHIANNON: I appreciate what you've said about the Attorney-General's, but did DFAT provide advice to the government about the extension to the definition? Mr Sadleir: DFAT's involved in whole-of-government processes, but AGD has the lead on the matter. Senator RHIANNON: In a	Hansard	45

				subsidiary role, did you provide advice? Mr Sadleir: I'm happy to take that on notice.		
DFAT	21	Lee Rhiannon	National security	Senator RHIANNON: What representations from Australian organisations, if any, have been made to DFAT in regard to the three bills before parliament? There are three bills: the electoral funding bill, the espionage bill and the transparency bill. Did you look at them together? Mr Isbister: The department as a whole looked at them, but obviously they impact on different parts of the department. As Richard said, they've had a lead on the other two and we've particularly looked at the issues around the first part—the electoral reform legislation. Mr Sadleir: I'm not aware of any particular representations, but I'm happy to take that on notice	Hansard	45
DFAT	22	Lee Rhiannon	Cambodia	Senator RHIANNON: Has DFAT had any discussions with counterparts in Indonesia or France, or at the United Nations, about reinvigorating the mechanisms under the 1991 Paris Peace Accord that I understand would enable a response to the crisis in Cambodia? Ms Heckscher: Perhaps I can say, generally, that our embassies and representatives overseas are constantly engaging with like-minded governments on any and all manner of human rights issues and other issues on a daily, regular basis. I couldn't say, absolutely, which governments they have been discussed with, but these sorts of concerns are discussed all the time. You asked about the reopening of the Paris Peace Accords. I don't know whether that, in particular, has been discussed. Senator RHIANNON: Can you take it on notice? That was a very significant agreement that would allow some progress on this issue. Ms Heckscher: Perhaps I can clarify that the reopening of the Paris Peace Accords—I'm assuming that's what you're asking about— Senator RHIANNON: Yes. Ms Heckscher: is a matter for the UN Secretary-General. I'm not aware that the UN Secretary-General has a process in place to do so. Senator RHIANNON: I understood that Australia could make representations on that, having been involved initially in that. Could you take it on notice, please? Ms Heckscher: I can say that we haven't received any request from the UN Secretary-General for consultations. So there is no current process. Senator RHIANNON: I thought Australia could make a request to that effect, make a request to the United Nations to reactivate the 1991 Paris Peace Accord. I thought we had standing to do that. That's what I'm asking to be taken on notice, please.	Hansard	46
DFAT	23	Lee Rhiannon	Myanmar	Ms Heckscher: Whilst I'm waiting for details on the exact fact-finding mission, I can tell you that the factfinding mission is due to present an oral update to the Human Rights Commission later this month, 12 March, and will submit its final report in September. I don't have full details on exactly what access they have been able to have, but no doubt we will get clarification of exactly what they have seen, who they have been able to engage with, when they present their report on 12 March. Senator RHIANNON: Could you take on notice whether the committee has been allowed full and unfettered access and the other matters you raised that, I understand, you said will be released in the report on 12 March? Ms Heckscher: Rather than taking it on notice, perhaps we could wait until 12 March, because they will make a formal statement, which I assume will be public, and clarify exactly what arrangements they have had and what access and engagement they have had. Senator RHIANNON: Could that be forwarded to the committee, please, on 12 March.	Hansard	47

DFAT	24	Lee Rhiannon	Israel/Ahed Tamimi	Senator RHIANNON: Did you raise that the trial should not occur in a closed court? Mr Neuhaus: I can't say precisely what was said at that time, but, as a general position, that is something we're not comfortable with. Senator RHIANNON: Can you take it on notice to release what the statement was or, otherwise, what the contents of the statement were? Can you take that on notice, please? Mr Neuhaus: I could, but the discussions are, in fact, private, but we'll give you as much detail as we can	Hansard	49
DFAT	26	Linda Reynolds	Voluntourism efforts	CHAIR: Thank you. I don't know if people realise just how globally significant this is. The Australian parliament was the first one globally to recognise this as trafficking and slavery. And now the Australian government, through these actions today, has made Australia the first nation globally to implement and start tackling this problem. So, again, thank you and congratulations for that. Given the international nature of this, and that we now have many other countries and organisations like the EU looking at what we're now doing and at our findings—and I'm happy for you to take this on notice—what else can Australia do now that we've taken some global leadership on the issue? I know the CHOGM agenda is full. Given that the Commonwealth contains both sending countries—that is, countries who create the problem by sending people and money—and countries who have these facilities, is there anything else we can do around CHOGM, for example, to raise awareness and to provide some information on what you're already doing? Then perhaps you could look for follow-on events to take leadership, possibly with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association or others, on how to tackle this. Mr Isbister: Absolutely. I will quickly mention that there already has been sharing of information in the campaign with a lot of our like-mindeds, around what we're doing, and how they may look at taking it forward. The website is up, and it has links on it about how people look at smart volunteering. That's been made available to a number of our like-mindeds. Through some of the regional organisations and mechanisms, we're looking at how we can also raise awareness and consciousness. We'll take that on notice. CHAIR: Take that on notice. I would be very interested to know which countries have already proactively contacted Foreign Affairs to find out more about what we're doing, and also what else you think we could do.	Hansard	58
DFAT	27	Penny Wong	Brandis appointment	Senator WONG: So had you been advised prior to seeing the article on the 18th that— Ms Adamson: Yes. Senator WONG: Do you want me to finish the question? Ms Adamson: Sorry. You said prior to the 18th, and I said, 'Yes, I was aware.' Senator WONG: That it was Senator Brandis? Ms Adamson: Yes. Senator WONG: How were you made aware of that? Ms Adamson: I was made aware—I'm trying to remember; it was just before Christmas—that the appointment would be made by both the foreign minister's office and the Prime Minister's office. I was in contact with both offices— Senator WONG: Can you take on notice which office actually told you? Ms Adamson: Certainly. Senator WONG: Was it a call to you or a conversation— Ms Adamson: Or a message of some kind—I'll have to check.	Hansard	59
DFAT	28	Penny Wong	Brandis appointment	Senator WONG: Do you know when the position was offered to Senator Brandis? Ms Adamson: No, Senator. Senator WONG: Can I ask the minister? Senator Payne: I'm sorry Senator? Senator WONG: When was Senator Brandis offered the position? Senator Payne: I'm not aware, Senator. Senator	Hansard	64

				WONG: Can you take that on notice? Senator Payne: Certainly.		
DFAT	29	Lee Rhiannon	Western Sahara	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. I have a little bit more about Western Sahara. Incitec Pivot is the only Australian company that has not announced an end to importing phosphates from Western Sahara. You may be aware of the case recently where a ship full of phosphates—50,000 tonnes actually—was en route to New Zealand. It was detained in South Africa and became a court case. I understand the ship has still not been released. Considering the international law relevant to the exploitation of Western Sahara's natural resources and considering Australia's standing as a country that respects international law, will the government ask Incitec Pivot, IPL, to end its trade in phosphates illegally mined by Morocco in Western Sahara? Mr Neuhaus: We have taken no action on that. I am not sure whether there is a direct interest. What I should say is there are international legal considerations in relation to importing natural resources from regions like this, given the non-self-governing territory considerations, and DFAT has published a notice on its website recommending that companies seek independent legal advice before proceeding with any importation from Western Sahara. Senator RHIANNON: Has Incitec Pivot sought that advice? Mr Neuhaus: I am unaware as to what they have done. Senator RHIANNON: Could you take it on notice to answer the question if they have sought advice, please? Mr Neuhaus: We will seek to do so. I will take it on notice, but I cannot guarantee that we will actually know the answer to that because it is independent legal advice we're talking about.</p>	Hansard	70
DFAT	30	Kimberley Kitching	Mr Panton travel	<p>Senator KITCHING: Has DFAT ever provided any—I'll say 'support' again—for any members of David Panton's family? Mr Purtell: The one occasion where that's been provided was in September 2017 with David Panton's daughter. Laura Panton was provided her ticket to a particular event, and that was collected at the same time as other tickets for the official delegation. That's the only occasion on which support's been provided. Ms Adamson: So, no extra costs involved in Mr Panton or any member of his family. I can also confirm that, in fact, Mr Panton has not been on any SPA aircraft used internationally. The question that you addressed to Defence yesterday was domestic. Very occasionally for short-haul visits, principally, into the South Pacific, they may be used, but we can be clear with you that he has not been on those flights. Senator KITCHING: You said a ticket. Is that a ticket to an event? Mr Purtell: Yes. Senator KITCHING: What event was it? Mr Purtell: I would have to come back to you on that—I'd need to take that on notice. Senator KITCHING: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	72
DFAT	31	Kimberley Kitching	Mr Panton travel	<p>Senator KITCHING: I think the foreign minister was in New York and then went from there to Kentucky. In any event, it was last year, 2017. Mr Purtell: That was September 2017? Senator KITCHING: Possibly, yes. Mr Purtell: According to my records, the foreign minister travelled to New York and Washington in the September trip, not to Kentucky. Senator KITCHING: Could you take it on notice and come back about Kentucky? Mr Purtell: No problem.</p>	Hansard	72
DFAT	32	Kimberley Kitching	Social media	<p>Ms Adamson: There could be circumstances where, for example, an Australian week or a national day or some particular public diplomacy event is supported by various companies, and it would be</p>	Hansard	73

				entirely appropriate in a sponsorship setting or whatever. We have things to say about sponsorship as well, but I could well imagine a situation where there would be profile given to something in that domain. Senator WONG: A sponsor—okay. Ms Adamson: I'm still not quite sure where you're heading, but that's what I would say— Senator WONG: Why don't you take on notice the parts of your social media policy which might deal with constraints or guidelines around the promotion of commercial entities. Ms Adamson: Sure.		
DFAT	33	Kimberley Kitching	DPRK letter	Senator WONG: On the last occasion, Minister, I asked some questions about a letter from the DPRK which was released to the media with comment from the foreign minister. I don't think there's any conflict in the evidence that DFAT was not aware of the letter and only became aware of it through the public release. Senator Payne: Yes. Senator WONG: I then asked, essentially, whose decision it was to make the letter public. Senator Payne: I can see that. Senator WONG: Ms Adamson correctly said, 'That's a question for the foreign minister's office,' so I then asked the minister representing the foreign minister if he could take on notice who decided to make that letter public. He did and then I got the answer: 'Refer to the office of the foreign minister.' That's called the run-around. Senator Payne: I come to this baseball game a little late— Senator WONG: Thank you for recognising it is—it's a tennis match, actually. Senator Payne: in terms of appearing here for the first time in a long time as the Minister representing the Minister for Foreign Affairs— Senator WONG: Can you please take it on notice? I just object to— Senator Payne: Allow me to take that on notice	Hansard	76
DFAT	34	Penny Wong	DPRK letter	Mr Byrne: The responses or draft responses in the Foreign Affairs portfolio were provided to the minister's office on 1 December. Senator WONG: On 1 December. And when was this one finalised? Mr Byrne: They were all tabled—excuse me, I just have to find the date here—on 9 December. Senator WONG: Was there any change to this answer? Mr Byrne: I'd have to take that on notice, Senator	Hansard	77
DFAT	35	Penny Wong	DPRK	Senator WONG: I will come to the Washington trip in more detail later, but I assume this issue of DPRK was discussed between leaders during the recent visit between the Prime Minister and the President? Ms Adamson: Yes. Senator WONG: I assumed it continues to be part of our engagement with China—discussions on the best way forward in relation to pressuring the DPRK? Ms Adamson: Absolutely. Senator WONG: You previously provided a list of economic and diplomatic sanctions. Can you update those on notice. Mr Fletcher: Yes	Hansard	78
DFAT	36	Penny Wong	PM US visit	Senator WONG: Have you got an itinerary for the trip and details of meetings in which ministers took part? Mr Green: Could we provide that? Senator WONG: Yes. Mr Green: Principally— Ms Adamson: It's a Prime Minister and Cabinet program, so the details are for them. I think the Prime Minister has spoken on the record about who— Senator WONG: I'm just asking: can you take that on notice? Ms Adamson: We don't have the final program, necessarily, but we can talk to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet about that.	Hansard	78
DFAT	37	Penny Wong	PM US visit	Senator WONG: The business delegation: are you able to give me the names of those who attended? Mr Green: There were 20 CEOs. I may have their names with me. Senator WONG: Why don't you	Hansard	79

				table that. I've got a list of them. Are you able to table it? No? Mr Green: I don't seem to have it with me, but I could get it by the end of the day. Senator WONG: Did DFAT have any role in pulling together this business delegation? Mr Green: It was very much an issue between the Prime Minister's department and, with its involvement, the embassy, I think. We were not involved in a heavy way. Senator WONG: The embassy is DFAT, so what involvement did the embassy have? Mr Green: I don't know that, Senator, but I could find out on notice.		
DFAT	38	Penny Wong	PM US visit	Senator WONG: In the course of the discussions that we referred to earlier, that you are going to come back to me on, on whether the visit was being worked upon, can you tell me at which point DFAT Canberra and/or the embassy became aware that Secretary Tillerson would be part of the meetings? Mr Green: Yes, I can tell you that. We received confirmation of the full list of attendees for the lunch, which is I think the meeting that you're referring to where Secretary Tillerson was involved. We got full confirmation of that on 19 February. Senator WONG: There are two points about that. The first is full confirmation. When were you first aware, DFAT Canberra or the embassy, of the possibility of Secretary Tillerson attending? Mr Green: The information I have is that the time when we were aware that Secretary Tillerson would be at the lunch was on that day. Senator WONG: I'm going to ask the same question, because that's not the answer. I said, when was DFAT Canberra or the embassy first aware of the possibility that Secretary Tillerson would be part of meetings associated with this delegation? Mr Green: I don't know the answer to that question. Senator WONG: Could you take that on notice? Mr Green: I will take that on notice.	Hansard	80
DFAT	39	Penny Wong	PM US visit	Senator WONG: When was it decided that the delegation would include Mr Ciobo along with the Prime Minister? Ms Adamson: It was some time earlier, given the nature of the governor's event, the focus on business and the accompanying business delegation. Senator WONG: Some time earlier than what? Ms Adamson: Some time earlier than the 19th. Earlier than the visit is what I mean. Senator WONG: The media releases confirming the visit went out on 2 February from the Prime Minister and from the White House. Ms Adamson: Yes. Senator WONG: How long prior to that was the decision made that Mr Ciobo would be attending with the Prime Minister? Ms Adamson: We can check the exact date for you.	Hansard	80
DFAT	40	Kimberley Kitching	FM London Fashion Week visit	Senator KITCHING: On notice, could you tell me: what is the commercial outcome of this event that is the subject of this tweet?	Hansard	83
DFAT	41	Penny Wong	PM Japan trip	Senator WONG: Thank you. I will try and truncate this. Can you confirm the date of the Prime Minister's trip on 18 January. Are you able to table or provide on notice an itinerary and details of meetings? Mr Fletcher: Yes, it was on 18 January. I can tell you what the main features of the program were. Senator WONG: Sure. That would be great. Mr Fletcher: There was a formal bilateral summit meeting, a banquet dinner, a meeting of the National Security Council, which the Prime Minister attended, a visit to a self-defense forces training area, a smaller bilateral meeting and a private exchange with the Prime Minister before departure. Senator WONG: What was the first bilateral meeting? Mr Fletcher: A formal bilateral summit. Senator WONG: Are you able to tell me	Hansard	84



				who was in the formal bilateral summit and then the small bilateral? Mr Fletcher: I will take that on notice. [including DFAT staff]		
DFAT	42	Penny Wong	PM Japan trip	Senator WONG: Would it be a more reasonable assessment to say that the discussions were dominated by regional security and economic matters? Mr Fletcher: Yes. Business, regional security, innovation, technology— Ms Adamson: And Bushmasters. Mr Fletcher: hydrogen energy—that sort of thing. Senator WONG: Any particular outcomes perhaps on notice you could provide?. Mr Fletcher: On notice, yes, certainly.	Hansard	85
DFAT	43	Penny Wong	Climate change	Mr Suckling: The minister, as you probably know, is very focused on climate issues in the development aid program. She's interested in innovative policy and strategy on climate. It is something she's been interested in. We put up a suggestion, in connection with some other work we were doing, that we develop a strategy around climate, and she strongly agreed that we do. Senator WONG: About when? Mr Suckling: Mid last year, from memory. Senator WONG: Perhaps, on notice, you can indicate when.	Hansard	86
DFAT	44	Kimberley Kitching	Mr Panton travel	Senator KITCHING: I'm asking about transport and security if Mr Panton is not with the foreign minister. Ms Adamson: I can answer confidently about security, because security is only provided to the foreign minister. But let me confirm in relation to your specific question, and I'll come back to you as soon as I can. Senator KITCHING: And facilitation through an airport is what you're talking about. Is that right? Ms Adamson: Yes, but, if I could just add on the transport and security, I'm happy for those to be taken on notice. Senator Payne: My understanding is there is none provided. He does not have separate programs. It is not arranged in that way. If there is anything to add to that, we will come back to you on notice.	Hansard	88
DFAT	45	Kimberley Kitching	FM London Fashion Week visit	Senator KITCHING: Going back to London, could I just ask—I'm happy for you to take this on notice—if the foreign minister received any gifts while she was in London.	Hansard	88
DFAT	46	Penny Wong	Aid health check	Senator WONG: Okay. Thank you. Is there any documentation associated with the outcome of the health check that you'd be able to provide? Ms Adamson: We can provide you with information now, if you like, about the key elements. As I said, it was very— Senator WONG: I like reading, believe it or not, and we also have an hour and a quarter left, and I'm very conscious that colleagues have a number of questions. I'm actually quite happy to get something on notice. Ms Adamson: We can do that. Senator WONG: You obviously got a report. You may—I'm not conceding this, but you may not want to put all of it in, but I'd be interested in that. Ms Adamson: I'm sure we can give you the main points on notice, Senator, yes.	Hansard	89
DFAT	47	Penny Wong	Diplomatic Academy	Senator WONG: To what extent is international development a focus of your diplomatic academy? Ms Adamson: It's one of the nine faculties in our diplomatic academy and a natural focus given the importance of development work in the department. Senator WONG: All of which are compulsory or not? Ms Adamson: It depends on what you're doing. There are some courses that are compulsory and there are others which are voluntary, but broadly we have a significant focus on all aspects of training. Mr Exell: The courses have foundational elements that we encourage all staff to actually do.	Hansard	89

				Then we move up the path of specialisation, whether it's sector knowledge, whether it's a— Senator WONG: Could you, on notice, perhaps give me some information about courses and the structure of the— Ms Adamson: Sure.		
DFAT	48	Eric Abetz	White Paper	Senator ABETZ: Yes. All I'm asking is: is the definition of 'Indo-Pacific' that is used in the heading of figure 6.2 the same as the definition in the footnote on page 1? These things are important—to have a clarity of definition as to what we mean by 'Indo-Pacific'. Ms Adamson: They certainly are. We gave very careful thought to this as we were drafting the white paper. I had a number of discussions with the white paper team about the way in which we would do that. If I can just check with them on the definition used in figure 6.2 as an ADB source, I'll come back to you on that. Senator ABETZ: All right. Take that on notice, because time, sadly, is of the essence. Ms Adamson: I can do that	Hansard	93
DFAT	49	Eric Abetz	Staffing - postings	Senator ABETZ: I understand that some time ago a suggestion was made, to save a few shekels, that we extend postings for a year, to four years. Ms Adamson: That suggestion was made as a result of the functional and efficiency review. Senator ABETZ: And why was that rejected? Ms Adamson: Staff were not at all keen on it. Senator ABETZ: How much would it have saved the long-suffering Australian taxpayer? Ms Adamson: I need to be able to staff our overseas posts. They come in a wide variety of places, obviously. A number of them are in very difficult conditions, so in some cases, actually, we have staff potentially on twoyear postings. This was all decided before I became secretary, but on my inquiring when I became secretary, given the importance of the functional and efficiency review, I was advised that consultations with staff showed that there was opposition to that. We cannot enforce a length of posting. We do offer, in some cases extensions. We're mindful of the costs. There are a range of factors in there. Senator ABETZ: Of course you can't enforce. People are entitled to resign, but I would have thought the culture could change if it were made known that the postings would be for a period of four years and, if people want to resign, so be it. I can understand that there may be certain posts that are less attractive than others, but I would have thought there would be a plethora of posts in the Americas or in Europe that would not necessarily be considered as hardship posts, where we could have saved money. Could you please take on notice what savings might have been achieved had we adopted that policy. Ms Adamson: We can answer that question.	Hansard	94
DFAT	50	Eric Abetz	Staffing - postings	Ms Mansfield: I will just say that we have a process whereby a number of officers overseas do extend their postings out to four years in length, particularly for more senior staff, where we think the productivity gains are the greatest. Staff are given the option of seeking an extension and, where that's supported by the head of mission and where it's in our interests, we do seek to do that. So I wouldn't want you to have the impression that no officers are extended, because where we can we do. We recognise that that's a good thing. But sometimes for family— Senator ABETZ: If you could take on notice how many do seek an extension and in what posts, that may be of some assistance. Thank you	Hansard	94

DFAT	51	Eric Abetz	EU-Australia leadership event	<p>Senator ABETZ: Can we confirm that in June last year the EU funded an EU-Australia Leadership Forum in Sydney— Ms Adamson: Yes, they did. Senator ABETZ: with roundtables discussing various matters of mutual interest? Ms Adamson: I recall them funding a dialogue. Senator ABETZ: Is that correct? Ms Adamson: A colleague can confirm, but that sounds right to me. Senator ABETZ: One of the roundtables was focused on migration issues. Can we have that confirmed? Ms Adamson: We'd have to check back through our records because it was not organised by us; it was organised by them. Senator ABETZ: I'm wondering whether it can be confirmed that we had one Gillian Triggs chairing that particular roundtable? Ms Adamson: Yes. Senator ABETZ: So that's been confirmed? Ms Adamson: This was the EU's arrangement. We attended. Is that right? Ms Raper: Yes, that's correct. Senator ABETZ: It was the EU's suggestion for Gillian Triggs? Ms Adamson: Yes, this is their— Senator ABETZ: Did DFAT have any input into this as to the inappropriateness of Gillian Triggs chairing this roundtable, given her well-known views—and, courtesy of the Senate committee process, if I might say, distorted views—in relation to our border protection policy? Ms Adamson: We'll have to take that on notice. I recall talking to the EU ambassador here, who was very keen to get attendance. It seemed to me that they were arranging the whole thing, but let me check on that. We'll get back to you on notice. Senator ABETZ: Yes, but if DFAT would have said, 'That proposed chair is highly inappropriate and would not give a fair view or representation of Australia's policy position and rationale,' I'm sure the EU may well have thought better of it. Ms Adamson: We'll check that. Senator ABETZ: I'm wondering what representations may have been made in that regard.</p>	Hansard	94
DFAT	52	Eric Abetz	DFAT Twitter account	<p>Senator ABETZ: All right. Coming back to Ramadan—whether there was a tweet in relation to Ramadan in previous years and in 2017, and then— Ms Adamson: I don't think there was in previous years, Senator. It was the first time I'd hosted a Ramadan reception for that. Senator ABETZ: If you could take that on notice, please. That's all. Ms Adamson: Well, I'm telling you, Senator, the answer is we have not— Senator ABETZ: But you weren't there before then. Ms Adamson: No, I wasn't. No-one had hosted a Ramadan— Senator ABETZ: No, so how would you know, Secretary? Ms Adamson: I do know, Senator, because my predecessor—this was the first time we'd hosted a Ramadan reception. Senator ABETZ: No, I'm not talking about the reception; I'm talking about tweeting on the occasion of Ramadan, different to your reception. So, take that on notice. Ms Adamson: I will take that on notice</p>	Hansard	95
DFAT	53	Eric Abetz	DFAT Twitter account	<p>Senator ABETZ: Thank you. And then can I inquire whether any similar tweets have been forthcoming from DFAT's Twitter account focused on any other religion, other than Hindu—so Jews, Baha'i, Christian, Buddhist. Take that on notice. Ms Adamson: No, Senator. We don't normally tweet about those things. Senator ABETZ: But we did for the Hindus. Ms Adamson: As I say, I hosted a Ramadan reception, and we tweeted about that. Senator ABETZ: We do for Ramadan and Hindus, but not others. Ms Adamson: And, internally, I wish my staff 'Happy Christmas', 'Happy Easter' and other things, as you would expect. Senator ABETZ: But on your Twitter account, from the official DFAT account? Ms Adamson: No, I don't have a— Senator ABETZ: Please be careful with the</p>	Hansard	96

				answers. Ms Adamson: I will be careful. Senator ABETZ: That is why I'm inviting you to take them on notice. Ms Adamson: I will take them on notice.		
DFAT	54	Eric Abetz	Israel/Palestinian refugees	<p>Senator ABETZ: All right. Are we satisfied that the classification of 'Palestinian refugee' is a robust classification? As I understand it, there are Palestinians living in Gaza, which has no Israeli presence and is part of what is termed 'Palestine', yet people living in Palestine who are Palestinian are classified and then funded as Palestinian refugees? Mr Neuhaus: The question you ask goes, I suppose, to the scope of UNWRA itself and who it provides support to. Senator ABETZ: And whom we support? Mr Neuhaus: And whom we and the international community support. Senator ABETZ: Yes. And what is the rationale for that? As I understand it, there is no other population who are living within their own country that is not occupied by other forces that would be considered to be refugees, so this is a unique carve-out. Mr Neuhaus: Well, it is quite unique, and UNWRA itself is a very unique organisation because of the rather unique circumstances of the Palestinian territories. We all know the history of how we got to where we are now. Senator ABETZ: Yes, but what's the justification, what's the rationale, for this special treatment? It's not the normal definition of 'refugee', and it helps boost the numbers. Also, there are people in Jordan, for example, who are citizens of Jordan, but they are still classified for UNWRA as Palestinian refugees. Mr Neuhaus: It does depend on the origins. It's quite a complex situation that we enter into. Some people have, indeed, achieved Jordanian citizenship over the years, but many of these people—most of them—are from the Palestinian territories. But this is a very fluid part of the world, when you look back, since the 1940s. Senator ABETZ: It's not the only part fluid part of the world, and I want to get an understanding as to why there is this special treatment and categorisation in relation to 'Palestinian refugee' in comparison to a lot of other populations. Can you please take that on notice and provide me with a detailed answer. I will place more questions on notice. Mr Neuhaus: Very happy to provide a detailed answer—and that will require a lawyer's also involved.</p>	Hansard	97
DFAT	55	Kimberley Kitching	PNG/HIV AIDS funding	<p>Senator KITCHING: Could I turn to the UNAIDS agreement. We went to an AIDS/HIV clinic in Port Moresby. Australia has signed a new five-year agreement, worth \$22.5 million with UNAIDS, is that right? Mr Sloper: I'll need to confirm the exact amount, but that's right. Senator KITCHING: That's 2018 to 2022. Is that new money or is it from within the existing ODA budget? Mr Sloper: That will be from the existing ODA budget. As particular programs conclude we look to renew them, modify them or change them, but that's within the envelope of existing funding, which, year on year, on average, has stayed around \$1.1 billion across the Pacific. It goes up or down slightly due often to capital works shifting between two years, but the commitment remains. In this case that's out of the existing PNG fund. Senator KITCHING: How does this agreement compare to the previous funding agreements? Mr Sloper: You means in terms of the level of total funding? Senator KITCHING: Yes. Mr Sloper: I'm not sure if I have the specific figures, but I can say in the health sector as a whole, which includes HIV and other areas, there is a slight variation from year to year, but our commitment overall hasn't changed. What has changed is the way we're awarding some of those—the funding</p>	Hansard	99

				<p>mechanism. If there is a variation, it would be within \$5 million. I just need to find the right brief. Senator KITCHING: Is that funding going to help ensure access to HIV/AIDS detection and support also, I guess, for the LGBTQI community within PNG? Mr Sloper: I think the work on the LGBTI community would be considered independent to this. It's primarily associated with protection and support for individuals. Senator KITCHING: Is the funding primarily aimed at reducing the number of new infections or at providing services and support for those living with HIV/AIDS? Is there a breakdown like that? Mr Sloper: There is a breakdown within. I'd need to take that on notice and come back on the key elements of the core elements of the HIV program.</p>		
DFAT	56	Kimberley Kitching	New Colombo Plan	<p>Senator KITCHING: No. The foreign minister in that speech also talked about the New Colombo Plan and how it was placing students in HIV research. The foreign minister gave an example of a student undertaking the program in Thailand. Are there any other students in other countries in the region who are also undertaking that program? I'm really referring particularly to the effort to eradicate HIV/AIDS. Mr Sloper: I can't go into very much detail on the subject matter. We only have the numbers. Mr Byrne: I'd have to take that on notice. Senator KITCHING: That's fine. Mr Byrne: We have students right across the region under the New Colombo Plan in all kinds of sectors. There are a number in the health sector. Whether they're under this program specifically or elsewhere I'll have to check. Senator KITCHING: Would I be able to get a list of the different areas of the New Colombo Plan where students are involved? It might be health. It might be other areas of research. Is that possible? Is there a way you can disaggregate that table? Mr Byrne: There are two streams to the New Colombo Plan. In the scholarships stream, we have about 120 scholars going out around the Indo-Pacific this year. It wouldn't be too difficult, I think, to give you a broad sense of the sectors in which those students are undertaking study and work experience. Ms Adamson: Excuse me, Senator: is it study or internships that you're interested in? Senator KITCHING: Both, probably. So I'd be interested in whether there is a predominance in certain fields and I guess also how you fit— Ms Adamson: We can give you a breakdown. Of course, there are then the mobility students, of whom there are thousands and thousands. But we'll try and give you a sense. In the spirit of your question, we'll try to answer it. Mr Exell: If I can just add: we also have Australian volunteers working in a range of places like this as well— Senator KITCHING: That would also be interesting. Mr Exell: so there's also that dimension, where Australians are working in HIV activities, or other areas. CHAIR: I would like to get that as well.</p>	Hansard	96
DFAT	57	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Volunteers	<p>Mr Exell: If I can just add: we also have Australian volunteers working in a range of places like this as well— Senator KITCHING: That would also be interesting.</p>	Hansard	100
DFAT	58	Kimberley Kitching	PNG/aid program	<p>Senator KITCHING: Fantastic. I have one final question. Does the St Joseph's clinic in Port Moresby that the foreign minister referenced in that speech receive funding through Australia's ODA? I'm happy for you to take it on notice. Mr Sloper: I'll need to take it on notice. Senator KITCHING: That's fine.</p>	Hansard	101
DFAT	59	Lisa Singh	Rohingya	<p>Senator SINGH: It's hard to know where to start. Senator Moore and I have both been there, and, yes,</p>	Hansard	101

				it is a very confronting and massive human tragedy. I guess I'll start with the contribution that Australia has made to date. Has the \$30.1 million contribution that the Australian government announced it was making last year actually been provided, or is it still just pledged? Mr Isbister: The government has committed \$31½ million. The majority of that has been paid, and agencies are responding to that. We can take the exact figure on notice. Senator SINGH: That's fine.		
DFAT	60	Rex Patrick	WIPO Gurry	"Senator PATRICK: So you're very comfortable. To be clear of where I want to get to at the end, were you made aware of that allegation by the DFAT officer Mr Lei and/or Ms Brown? I have been advised by Ms Brown that she is quite comfortable with me using her name. The DFAT officer I have not had any contact with, but he is reported in the media. Mr Brown: If you're referring to Dr Brown, she is a former DFAT officer. I'm not sure of Mr Lei's precise status. Senator PATRICK: Wei Lei. Mr Brown: They've been characterised by some as whistleblowers within WIPO. They did make a series of allegations about Mr Gurry. We're certainly aware of those allegations, yes. Senator PATRICK: Was that the method by which you became aware of some of these allegations? Mr Brown: I don't have the information in front of me as to how exactly, or what the channel was for us to become aware of the allegations on DPRK. Senator PATRICK: Can you take that on notice and find out for me, please? Mr Brown: Happy to. "	Hansard	105
DFAT	61	Rex Patrick	WIPO Gurry	"Senator PATRICK: You said Ms Brown is a former DFAT officer. Was she fired? What happened that she's no longer a DFAT officer?Mr Brown: I'll take that on notice."	Hansard	105
DFAT	62	Rex Patrick	WIPO Gurry	"Senator PATRICK: Can you take on notice when you found out about that second allegation?Mr Brown: Sorry, Senator, which second allegation are you referring to now? Senator PATRICK: The second allegation being the secret deals with Russia and China as to setting up an office. There were also some allegations about bullying and toxic culture inside WIPO. Are you aware of those allegations? Mr Brown: Yes, we are. Senator PATRICK: How did you become aware of those allegations? Mr Brown: Again, this is, in a way, an internal affair for WIPO. Senator PATRICK: The question I asked was: how did you become aware of the allegations? We can go to what you did afterwards. Mr Brown: I'm getting to answering that question. I'm saying that we are aware of those matters. I'll take on notice the precise date that we became aware of it. But they are internal affairs for WIPO to investigate."	Hansard	106
DFAT	63	Rex Patrick	WIPO Gurry	'Senator PATRICK: Can I ask you to check the MINSUB that was provided to see what level of classification was provided? I'm happy to accept a national security claim, although I'm a bit curious as to why the advice about a particular person's suitability for a role might attract that. Mr Brown: It's quite simple. If the recommendation or advice from the department is going up in the context of a cabinet discussion, of course it would be classified as "cabinet in confidence". Senator PATRICK: That's true, if its dominant purpose were for consideration by cabinet. That's a different thing to attracting a classification. I'd just like some clarity on whether it was cabinet-in-confidence. Can you please, on notice, provide to me what form the advice was in—I presume it was a MINSUB—at what level of classification that advice may have been and, indeed, if it was cabinet-in-confidence. Mr	Hansard	107

				Brown: I'll take that on notice."		
DFAT	64	Rex Patrick	WIPO Gurry	"Senator PATRICK: ... Obviously there's effort required to promote a person. Perhaps lots of lobbying goes on to get a candidate across the line in these multinational things. I think there are 147 member states to WIPO, so there would have been some effort expended. Can you provide the committee with details as to how much was spent by the department, or by the Commonwealth, in supporting Mr Gurry's re-election? Mr Brown: We'll do our best to provide you with an answer on the level of resourcing that was involved with his reappointment."	Hansard	107
DFAT	65	Rex Patrick	WIPO Gurry	"Senator PATRICK: Isn't Mr Lei a DFAT employee? Mr Brown: He is not. Senator PATRICK: Is he under contract with DFAT? Mr Brown: He is not an employee of the Australian government. Senator PATRICK: I heard you on the first statement. Is he a contractor of DFAT? Mr Brown: Not to my knowledge, but I will take that on notice."	Hansard	108
DFAT	66	Alex Gallacher	CPTPP	"Senator GALLACHER: How many side letters in total were in the original TPP agreement? Mr Brown: There were about 30 side letters in the original TPP 12.Senator GALLACHER: So it looks as if we have 10 additional side letters in the TPP 11; we're going up to 40, are we? Mr Brown: I'll get you a total number in a moment. Just bear with me.Senator GALLACHER: How many of those letters would have been signed by Australia? Mr Brown: That is Australian side letters. Senator GALLACHER: So how many side letters would have been in the original TPP. If we had 30, were there 60 or— Mr Brown: A very, very large number. I'll have to find out and come back to you on notice on that. It is a very large number. Senator GALLACHER: In total for the CPTPP, do we know how many side letters were in that generic group of countries? Mr Brown: I don't actually have that number to hand. I'll have to come back to you. "	Hansard	108
DFAT	67	Linda Reynolds	Hong Kong Investment Agreement	"CHAIR: Sorry—I've just got one quick question if I could before you move on from ISDS. Can you advise when the Hong Kong investment agreement was signed and under what government? Mr Brown: I'll have to take that on notice. CHAIR: Okay. Is it safe to say that it's been there for a long time? A decade or two? Mr Brown: We have a range of bilateral investment treaties that have been negotiated over quite a lengthy period of time. I don't have a listing of them all. We'll look it up as soon as we can and let you know. CHAIR: Thank you. Senator McGrath: I think it might have been 1993 under Paul Keating. CHAIR: Thank you. "	Hansard	116
DFAT	68	Alex Gallacher	CPTP11-skilled occupation list	"Mr Brown: I think that question as to how often it's modified and the nature of the modifications is better directed to the Department of Jobs and Small Business. But it is our understanding that it is modified frequently. Senator GALLACHER: You can see that it's changed in size and— Mr Brown: Sorry, can I just correct that. The most recent review of this list was announced on 17 January, and that resulted in a number of changes to the list. Senator GALLACHER: Was it up or down? Mr Brown: There was a reduction in the number of occupations on the list, I understand. Senator GALLACHER: So we agree there are 461 occupations on the skilled shortage occupation list—and that number varies up and down. Is it true that there are about 430 occupations which would fall under 'contractual services supplier'? I suppose what I'm saying is that 430 of the 461 would fit neatly	Hansard	117

				into 'contractual service supplier' and the other 30 may be for whatever. Mr Brown: I'm trying to be helpful, but we don't implement these programs. So I would prefer to take this on notice so that we can consult with our colleagues in the Department of Jobs."		
DFAT	69	Claire Moore	Pacific Labour Scheme	M Turnbull announced a new Pacific Labour Scheme to enable citizens of Pacific Island countries (Tuvalu) to take up work opportunities in regional Australia. The scheme is to commence in July 2018 for a cohort of 2,000 workers. 1. At this point, can DFAT provide an indication of how an employer is projected to be approved by DFAT to participate in this scheme? 2. What does DFAT envisage labour market testing to be and how is that requirement projected to be verified as having been complied with? 3. The government has caps on workers for this scheme, how is this expected to be calculated and by whom? 4. Can DFAT confirm that workers on the PLS won't be separated from families for three years and will be allowed to bring their families to Australia? 5. Can DFAT indicate how the Pacific Labour Facility facility is projected to be used by Australian employers? 6. Can DFAT confirm the media reports of workers who have died at work whilst on the Pacific Labour Scheme? 7. What measures, beyond pastoral care, will DFAT have in place to ensure that workers on either scheme (SWP or PLS) don't die whilst at work in Australia? 8. How much will the Pacific Labour Scheme cost to setup and run? 9. Can DFAT provide an explanation for why removing the requirement of pre-employment training for workers was deemed a positive step forward for the SWP programme where workers	Written	
DFAT	70	Claire Moore	SDGs -voluntary reporting 2018	"With reference to the response to QoN# 142 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2017-18. In providing an update on current whole-of-government efforts around the SDGs, the answer indicates ""DFAT and other agencies are undertaking a series of consultations on the 2030 Agenda, including the VNR. DFAT is hosting a number of consultations in November and December 2017."" 1. Can DFAT provide details of these consultations, with whom for each session? Also indicated in the answer, ""DFAT is working closely with agencies responsible for particular goals, and the ABS, to identify relevant data collections to inform Australia's VNR."" 2. Provide details of the agencies, their goal responsibility and relevant data collections informing the VNR. "	Written	
DFAT	71	Claire Moore	Indo-Pacific Health Security Initiative	"With reference to the response to QoN# 147 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2017-18. A broader regional regulatory strengthening program, is indicated as being designed for the Australian Therapeutic Goods Admin, with an expansion of the partnership's scope to include tuberculosis drugs and diagnostics. 1. So what timeframes has DFAT attached to expanding the scope? 2. When will the program design process conclude so that a decision on the quantity of funding can be made to the partnership? "	Written	
DFAT	72	Claire Moore	UN Pacific Strategy 2018-2022	"The strategy supports 14 Pacific Island countries - governments and peoples - to advance a localised UN response to the global 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. 1. In light of Australia's commitment to the SDGs, has DFAT considered how the UN Pacific Strategy will impact the delivery of our aid? 2. The challenge of data collection and management is considerable for Pacific Island countries, therefore has DFAT examined the ways in which Australia can share our experience in this area? 3. To sustain the monitoring of results by Pacific Island countries, has DFAT	Written	



				considered the role of Australia as providing assistance towards capacity building in data management? 4. Has DFAT examined the possible impact of the UN Pacific Strategy on Australia's role in responding to climate change and clean oceans initiatives? "		
DFAT	73	Claire Moore	Disability Inclusion	"With reference to Performance of Australian Aid 2015-16 report, in particular the figures on page 94, the quantity of aid investments rated as 'satisfactory' in the inclusion of people with disability has been substantially lower than those rated as 'satisfactory' in gender equality. 1. What is DFAT doing to improve disability inclusion outcomes in those areas of the aid program which lag furthest behind, namely Agriculture, fisheries and water; Infrastructure and trade; and Effective governance? In 2014, the Government introduced a percentage target of 80% of aid investments, regardless of their objectives, effectively addressing gender issues in their implementation. 2. Has the Government considered a similar target for effectively addressing disability inclusion issues, in order to drive progress in those areas identified as lagging behind? "	Written	
DFAT	74	Claire Moore	Gender Equality - ODA funding for women's rights organisations.	"1. The Australian aid program focuses on six priority investment areas, yet neither the Performance of Australian Aid, nor the Australian Engagement with Developing Countries, Part 2: Official Sector Statistical Summary nor the Australian Aid Budget Summary report on gender equality in their investment figures. By country, what is the percentage and dollar value of Australia's ODA invested in gender equality? 2. What is the breakdown of Australian aid coded against DAC purpose code 15170 (women organisations and institutions) by country and by investment priority, as most recently reported to OECD DAC? 3. Gender equality is the only priority investment area which does not have % and dollar allocations reporting through the Australian Engagement with Developing Countries reports and the Australian Aid Budget Summary. Why is this the case, and how can DFAT improve accountability for this investment priority? 4. With respect to the Gender Equality Fund, What are the projects, and their dollar values, that have been supported by the Gender Equality Fund, this year and since the fund was established? What percentage of these have been coded with DAC code 15170 annually since the fund was established? What percentage of these have been marked as 'principal' & 'significant' annually using the DAC gender equality policy marker? 5. What percentage of investments awarded through the aid program are under \$3 million in value, and what is the dollar value of these contracts? 6. What steps is DFAT taking to ensure that the Performance of Australian Aid Report and the Australian Engagement with Developing Countries - parts 1 & 2, be released before the federal budget? What are the proposed release dates? "	Written	
DFAT	75	Claire Moore	Malaria initiatives	"Australia will host the first Malaria World Congress in Melbourne this July, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs joined the End Malaria Council recently. 1. Given these developments, is the Government considering additional funding for bilateral or multilateral assistance to prevent and treat malaria? "	Written	
DFAT	76	Claire Moore	Smarttraveller	"1. Can DFAT indicate whether there has been consultation with indigenous communities in preparation of the smart traveller website? 2. Is there any reason why smart traveller does not ask the question are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. "	Written	

DFAT	77	Alex Gallacher	Ministerial Functions	"In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and • Details of any entertainment provided. "	Written	
DFAT	78	Alex Gallacher	Departmental functions	"In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and • Details of any entertainment provided. "	Written	
DFAT	79	Alex Gallacher	Executive office upgrades	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in calendar year 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	Written	
DFAT	80	Alex Gallacher	Facilities upgrades	"Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in calendar year 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided? "	Written	
DFAT	81	Alex Gallacher	Staff travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in calendar year 2017?	Written	
DFAT	82	Alex Gallacher	Media monitoring	What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in calendar year 2017?	Written	
DFAT	83	Alex Gallacher	Promotional merchandise	Advertising and information campaigns What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in calendar year 2017? Promotional merchandise What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in calendar year 2017?	Written	
DFAT	84	Alex Gallacher	Ministerial Overseas travel	"Can a copy of all correspondence exchanged between Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio and the Prime Minister in relation to approval for overseas travel in calendar year 2017 please be provided? Has the Minister or his advisors travelled in first class or received an upgrade to first class? Please provide details of any first class ticket purchased for the Minister and advisors or first class upgrades for Minister and advisors? What was the cost of each Ministerial overseas visit and could a breakdown of costs please be provided? On how many occasions was an alternate hotel used by the Minister than that normally used by DFAT for visiting officials? Which alternate hotels were used by the Minister for accommodation on overseas visits and could a cost breakdown please be provided? "	Written	
DFAT	85	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	"How many credit cards are currently on issue for agency staff? What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in calendar year 2017 and what was it for? How much interest was	Written	

				paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2017? How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2017? What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in calendar year 2017? How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in calendar year 2017 and what was the cost of their replacement? How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in calendar year 2017? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in calendar year 2017 and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof? What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in calendar year 2017? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid? Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes? Can a copy of the agency's staff credit card policy please be provided? "		
DFAT	86	Alex Gallacher	Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership	"When will negotiations be concluded? Does the agreement include ISDS provisions? Does the agreement waive labour market testing for any group of workers? "	Written	
DFAT	87	Alex Gallacher	Regional and Comprehensive Economic Partnership	"What is the proposed meeting schedule for the RCEP agreement over the next 12 months? Does RCEP include ISDS provisions? Does RCEP include the waiving of labour market testing? "	Written	
DFAT	88	Alex Gallacher	ChAFTA Renegotiations	"Have renegotiations of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Investment Facilitation Arrangement of ChAFTA been concluded? What was the outcome of these renegotiations? "	Written	
DFAT	89	Alex Gallacher	Trade Negotiations with the EU	"Have trade negotiations officially commenced with the EU? What is the status of current negotiations? Will negotiations be concluded by the end of 2019? "	Written	
DFAT	90	Alex Gallacher	Prime Minister's Trip to Ama	"In regards to the PM's February 2018 trip to Washington, who organised the business delegation? What role did the Business Council of Australia have a role in organising the business delegation? Is there precedence in having the BCA organise a business delegation? Outline the arrangements in having the BCA organise the business delegation. Did the government procure the BCA to organise the business delegation? If so, at what cost? Can DFAT outline how the business delegates were selected to attend? Does DFAT think it's appropriate that only 3 women attended as part of the business delegation? Does DFAT have any focus on gender balances when putting these delegations together? "	Written	
DFAT	103	Alex Gallacher	Inonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security in the Red Meat and Cattle Sector	60 million was committed to the Cattle&Red Meat Partnership, how much of this has been utilised and over what years; and how much of the \$60 million is yet to be spent? (What is the strategic plan for the rest of the expenditure for the coming years?)	Written	
DFAT	104	Alex Gallacher	Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food	Has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; or the Dept of Agriculture and Water Resources conducted an evaluation of the outcomes achieved by the Partnership? - Has this evaluation been	Written	

			Security in the Red Meat and Cattle Sector	made publically available?		
DFAT	106	Kimberley Kitching	Ministerial Functions	"In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and • Details of any entertainment provided. "	Written	
DFAT	107	Kimberley Kitching	Departmental functions	"In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: • List of functions; • List of attendees; • Function venue; • Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); • Details of any food served; • Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and • Details of any entertainment provided. "	Written	
DFAT	108	Kimberley Kitching	Executive office upgrades	"Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in calendar year 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)? "	Written	
DFAT	109	Kimberley Kitching	Facilities upgrades	"Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in calendar year 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided? "	Written	
DFAT	110	Kimberley Kitching	Staff travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in calendar year 2017?	Written	
DFAT	111	Kimberley Kitching	Media monitoring	"What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in calendar year 2017? "	Written	
DFAT	112	Kimberley Kitching	Advertising and information campaigns	"What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in calendar year 2017? "	Written	
DFAT	113	Kimberley Kitching	Promotional merchandise	What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in calendar year 2017?	Written	
DFAT	114	Kimberley Kitching	Ministerial overseas travel	"Can a copy of all correspondence exchanged between Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio and the Prime Minister in relation to approval for overseas travel in calendar year 2017 please be provided? "	Written	
DFAT	115	Kimberley Kitching	Program to bring EU journalists to Australia	"With reference to an article in the Canberra Times on 8 January 2018 Department of Foreign Affairs spends \$100,000 on junket for European journalists: <a href="http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/public-service/department-of-foreign-affairs-spends-100000-on-junket-for-european-journalists-20180108-h0f3tr.html">http://www.canberratimes.com.au/national/public-service/department-of-foreign-affairs-spends-100000-on-junket-for-european-journalists-20180108-h0f3tr.html</a> 1. What was the purpose of this trip and what dates the trip occurred between? 2. Can the itinerary for the trip, a list of attendees and	Written	

				<p>the details including meetings with Australian Government departments and external organisations be provided? 3. How much was spent overall, including how much on: a. Flights - including class of flight b. Accommodation (including details of the hotels) c. Allowances 4. What is the rationale for business class travel for a trip of this sort? 5. Is there a protocol or departmental policy on this type of travel? If yes, can a copy of this policy be provided? 6. How does the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade quantify the benefit or record the outcomes of funding trips of this sort? 7. Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide the report that was prepared into the success or otherwise of this program? 8. Have there been any similar trips organised by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade? If yes, what are the details? 9. Is there an amount of money allocated in the departmental budget annually for trips that fund journalists coming from other countries to Australia to learn about government policies like Operation Sovereign Borders? If yes, how much? "</p>		
DFAT	116	Cory Bernard	Oxfam and other NGOs culture crisis	<p>"1. In the past, Australia has given significant funds to Oxfam Australia to support charitable causes overseas. Due to recent scandals involving alleged sexual misconduct and failures in administrative procedures to identify this behaviour, Oxfam has been under pressure from the British and other governments to improve its record. This has seen Oxfam decline to seek funding from the British government in the latest funding round and, at last check Oxfam issue an apology to the nation of Haiti. Given the foregoing, will the government freeze funding and decline to fund Oxfam further until it is satisfied Oxfam has adequate management practices in place to prevent misappropriation of funds, transparency regarding &amp; prevention of sexual misconduct in future? 2. Australia has also given significant funding to Save the Children Australia, an affiliate of Save the Children worldwide. The International Rescue Committee (IRC) and Save the Children have been implicated in a culture of cover up regarding similar allegations to those arising in the Oxfam case. Save the Children also apologised on 21 February 2018 for their former Chief Executive's inappropriate and arguably sexually harassing behaviour towards staff. Will the government also freeze funding and decline to fund Save the Children or IRC instrumentalities in future until satisfied that they, too, have adequate management practices in place to prevent misappropriation of funds, sexual harassment, and transparency regarding &amp; prevention of sexual misconduct in future? 3. Allegations last October emerged that another Australian aid recipient, Marie Stopes International (MSI), a United Kingdom Care Quality Commission report accused it of running a "cattle market culture" where staff felt "encouraged" to ensure terminations because it was "linked to their performance bonus". The report also found a company-wide practice of ensuring those who did not proceed with a termination were called and offered another appointment to reconsider. Will the government freeze funding and decline to fund MSI further until satisfied that MSI has practices in place to ensure women's choices are respected? 4. Australia has also contributed considerable amounts to UNICEF Australia. On 13 February UNICEF Netherlands admitted its shortcomings in its humanitarian support to children who allege they were raped and sexually abused by French peacekeepers in the Central African Republic. Furthermore, the same former chief executive of Save the Children mentioned earlier was until</p>	Written	

				recently the deputy executive director of UNICEF. Will the government also freeze funding and decline to fund UNICEF instrumentalities in future until satisfied that they, too, have adequate management practices in place to prevent misappropriation of funds, sexual harassment, and transparency regarding & prevention of sexual misconduct in future? "		
DFAT	117	Louise Pratt	Peace process in Western Sahara	"Given Australia recognises the requirement for self-determination of non-self-governing peoples: • What has the Government done to support the United Nations peace process in Western Sahara? o Has Australia expressed its support for the efforts of the new UN Special Envoy Horst Kohler to bring about talks between the parties? o Has it contributed financially to the UN Mission in Western Sahara (MINURSO) charged with organising a referendum for self-determination for the Saharawi people? o Will Australia consider sending a peace keeping contingent to MINURSO? "	Written	
DFAT	118	Louise Pratt	Exploitation of Natural resources of Western Sahara	"Decisions of the South Africa High Court (2017), and the European Union Court of Justice (2016), reaffirmed that Morocco has no legal right over Western Sahara and therefore it is not entitled to exploit its natural resources. Further, companies must satisfy that their involvement in Western Sahara's resources is for the benefit of the Saharawi people and with their consent. • Given these decisions, are you aware of any companies importing Western Sahara phosphate into Australia? • Will Australia seek to ensure that phosphate from Western Sahara is not imported into Australia? "	Written	
DFAT	121	Penny Wong	Australian funding to Airbnb lessons to Pacific Islands	"With reference to the report in The Australian on 23 February 2018 "Taxpayers funding Airbnb rental lessons for Pacific Islanders": (1) Is it correct that Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade-funded agency Pacific Trade Invest Australia is training people in the Pacific islands how to use AirBnB? (2) If so, in which countries? (3) How much is being spent on this program? (4) What is the rationale for this program? (5) Who decided to establish this program? (6) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade explain who Pacific Trade Invest Australia is? (7) How much money does Pacific Trade Invest Australia receive from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade each year? (8) And how does the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade assess the worth of the program it delivers in return for this funding? (9) Who decides what programs they deliver; for example, does the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade set up the program and then put them to tender or does Pacific Trade Invest Australia get a pool of money to spend as it sees fit? (10) How much of the aid spending? "	Written	
DFAT	122	Penny Wong	Human Rights Council Address by the Governor-General	"The Governor-General, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC, addressed the first meeting of the Human Rights Council on Australia's behalf: (1) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide a copy of this speech? (2) Based on the Governor-General's comments, can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade please outline how Australia will work across different regional groupings to understand different perspectives on council issues? (3) How Australia will use its role on the Human Rights Commission to amplify the voices of the pacific and ensure small states are heard? (4) How will Australia use its role to promote gender equality? (5) How Australia will use its role to protect human rights defenders against reprisal? "	Written	
DFAT	123	Penny Wong	Surveillance plane in	"(1) What were the issues that are preventing further surveillance flights taking place? (2) Mr George	Written	

			Federated States of Micronesia	Fraser, Australia's Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has held "urgent meetings" to rectify this issue. Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade update who the meetings were with and when they took place? (3) Why were these permits not sought before the program was launched? (4) How many flights have now taken place? (5) Have these flights disrupted any illegal fishing operations? "		
DFAT	124	Penny Wong	Prime Minister's delegation to Washington DC	"(1) In regard to the Prime Minister's February 2018 trip to Washington, who organised the business delegation? (2) What role did the Business Council of Australia play in organising the business delegation? (3) What precedents exist for having the Business Council of Australia organise a business delegation? (4) What were the arrangements through which the Business Council of Australia played a role in organising the business delegation; for example, was a procurement process conducted that led to the Business Council of Australia to organising the business delegation and if so, what was the value of the tender? (5) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade outline how the business delegates were selected to attend? (6) Is there a reason that only three women attended as part of the business delegation? (7) Does the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have any focus on gender balances when putting these delegations together? "	Written	
DFAT	125	Penny Wong	Foreign Policy White Paper: Purpose and public reception	Since its launch, has the Foreign Policy White Paper has been successful in doing what it set out to achieve?	Written	
DFAT	126	Penny Wong	Foreign Policy White Paper: Ministerial involvement	"(1) How many times did the Minister for Foreign Affairs meet with officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in relation to the Foreign Policy White Paper? (2) How many of the public consultations did the Minister for Foreign Affairs attend? (3) What role did the office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs play in drafting and reviewing the Foreign Policy White Paper? (4) Besides the initial launch, where else has the Minister for Foreign Affairs publicly promoted the Foreign Policy White Paper since 23 November 2017? (5) How many times has the Minister for Foreign Affairs spoken publicly on the Foreign Policy White Paper since 23 November and to what audiences? (6) Has the Minister for Foreign Affairs addressed the Foreign Policy White Paper in a major speech; if so, when and where? "	Written	
DFAT	127	Penny Wong	Foreign Policy White Paper: Costs	"(1) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide an updated final total cost of producing the Foreign Policy White Paper? (2) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide a breakdown of the total cost of producing the Foreign Policy White Paper including: (a) Salaries; (b) Overheads and infrastructure; (c) Travel; (d) Accommodation and catering; and (e) Printing/production of the paper itself. "	Written	
DFAT	128	Penny Wong	Foreign Policy White Paper: Sustainable Development Goals	"Noting Australia's commitment to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals and the Turnbull Government's undertaking to deliver its first Voluntary National Review in July 2018: (1) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade explain why there is no mention in the Foreign Policy White Paper of the significance of our first Voluntary National Review? (2) In the absence of a Sustainable Development Goals strategy being articulated in the Foreign Policy White Paper, what	Written	

				significance does the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade attach to the Sustainable Development Goals as an aspect of advancing Australia's foreign policy goals? "		
DFAT	129	Penny Wong	Foreign Policy White Paper: Aid	"Noting the Foreign Policy White Paper alters the emphasis on different programs and regions, and therefore changes to the organisation of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's aid policy and delivery units: Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide details of the changes, taking place or planned, to the organisation of staff delivering the aid program and the priorities for spending following the release of the White Paper? "	Written	
DFAT	130	Penny Wong	Foreign Policy White Paper: Aid	"Noting the Foreign Policy White Paper contains a commitment to increase Australia's humanitarian and emergency assistance to more than \$500 million per year: Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade confirm this represents an increase of \$100 million in humanitarian funding and over what period will this occur? "	Written	
DFAT	131	Penny Wong	Varghese Review	"(1) Please provide an update on the timeline for the India Economic Strategy? (2) When will the India Economic Strategy be submitted to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade? (3) When will the India Economic Strategy be made public? (4) Is the India Economic Strategy likely to include any future funding commitments? (5) Please provide an update on the total costs associated with the production of the India Economic Strategy. "	Written	
DFAT	132	Penny Wong	Cyclone Gita (Tonga)	"(1) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide an overview of the support Australia is providing to Tonga and Samoa in response to the damage caused by Cyclone Gita? (2) Has Australia met all requests for assistance by the governments of Tonga and Samoa? (3) How long is the clean-up process expected to last? (4) In what way is Australia's support focused on responding to the immediate situation and will further funding be provided for the rebuilding of properties? (5) Has any consideration been given to providing support for rebuilding Tonga's parliament building which was destroyed during the tropical cyclone? "	Written	
DFAT	133	Penny Wong	Cyclone Pam (Vanuatu)	"Noting the report in the Australian 'DFAT response to Vanuatu itself a disaster' that the response to Cyclone Pam scored an amber ranking in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's own internal review: (1) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade explain what this ranking means? (2) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade explain what the report means when it states "delay in programming funding, procurement and construction"? (3) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade confirm the report looked specifically at the immediate recovery to cyclone Pam of \$10 million in funding? (4) Given a further \$35 million was invested in the recovery of Vanuatu from cyclone Pam, is the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade concerned that these efforts will also receive an amber rating? (5) What steps have been taken to ensure the same mistakes do not happen in the recovery from Cyclone Gita as have been identified with Cyclone Pam? "	Written	
DFAT	134	Penny Wong	Solomon Islands Internet Cable	"Noting the statement by the Minister for International Development and the Pacific on 14 November 2017 that Australia would pay for the scoping study for the Solomon Islands internet cable out of the existing overseas development assistance program: (1) According to the Orange Book, Australia provides \$142.2 million to the Solomon Islands; is this figure correct? (2) Is the funding for the	Written	



				scoping study from the \$142.2 allocated to the Solomon Islands or was funding found from elsewhere in the program? (3) The Minister for International Development and the Pacific went on to say that Australia would make a contribution to the expense of the cable; given the project is reported to cost \$86 million, what is the contribution Australia will be making? (4) The Minister for International Development and the Pacific stated that both countries will incur a debt; given the Minister for International Development and the Pacific's concern over the ability for countries in the Pacific to meet the servicing cost of loans, what provisions, if any, are in place to ensure this is occurring? (5) In January, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade stated that the Solomon Islands project would be cost effective in light of our assistance on a similar project to Papua New Guinea; can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide a dollar figure on how much will be saved for both the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea on this project? "		
DFAT	135	Penny Wong	Solomon Islands Internet Cable	"(1) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade explain the process by which it decided to engage Vocus on the project? (2) What security concerns were held by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, or other departments or agencies, relating to the engagement of Chinese company Huawei in the project? (3) What discussions, if any, did the Prime Minister, the Minister for Foreign Affairs or the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have with former prime minister Mr Sogavare and current Prime Minister Mr Hou? (4) Did the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at any stage raise these concerns with the Minister for International Development and the Pacific? (5) Is the Commonwealth Government seeking to fund this project in its entirety or will it seek to engage financiers, including the Asian Development Bank? "	Written	
DFAT	136	Penny Wong	Indo Pacific Health Security Initiative	"With reference to the Indo Pacific Health Security Initiative, according to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's Progress Report dated 15 January 2018, the Commonwealth Government will be undertaking scoping missions between March and May of this year: (1) Has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade identified who will lead the scoping mission in South East Asia? (2) Have any co-investment opportunities been identified (3) Does the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have guidelines or standards that must be met in order to engage in a co-investment opportunity? "	Written	
DFAT	137	Penny Wong	Syria	"Noting the escalation of violence in the Syrian city of Ghouta where some 390,000 Syrians are being subjected to airstrikes, despite the United Nations Security Council calling for a thirty day cease fire: (1) Can an update on the situation in Ghouta be provided? (2) The State Department of the United States has raised concerns about continued reports of chlorine gas in Ghouta; does Australia share these concerns? (3) What is the estimated death toll in Ghouta since this latest escalation of violence? (4) What action has Australia taken to encourage all parties to abide by the cease fire? (5) Are humanitarian organisations being given the access they need to support those affected in Ghouta? "	Written	
DFAT	138	Lisa Singh	Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Senate Motion	"Recalling that on 28 November 2017, the Senate agreed to a motion Senator Singh moved with Senator Watt urging the Turnbull Government to keep monitoring the situation in Myanmar and Bangladesh, in close consultation with partners: (1) How has the Commonwealth Government been	Written	

				monitoring the situation in the three months since then, which partners has it been working with, and what conclusions has it drawn? (2) The motion also urged the government to consider providing further assistance to people displaced by the violence in Rakhine state; has the Commonwealth Government considered the Senate's request and will it provide the further assistance that is so badly needed? (3) The Senate motion also urged the Government of Myanmar to recommit to the pursuit of peace and national reconciliation, allow access to all parts of Rakhine State for the provision of humanitarian aid, and allow all those who have fled to Bangladesh to be able to exercise their right to a safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable return to their homes; how has the Commonwealth Government been working with, or putting pressure on, the Government of Myanmar to achieve those outcomes? "		
DFAT	139	Lisa Singh	Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Challenges	"Noting the many challenges facing the Rohingya communities in Myanmar, the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh and the international assistance organisations on the ground in the first half of 2018: (1) What has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade identified as the biggest threats to the refugees camped around Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, and why? (2) What is the Commonwealth Government doing to address and ameliorate those threats? "	Written	
DFAT	141	Lisa Singh	Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Bali Process	"(1) As co-chair of the Bali Process, what steps has the Commonwealth Government taken to engage with members of the Bali Process to ensure states in the region and beyond meet to discuss and formulate a regional response to the large-scale movement of Rohingya refugees from Myanmar into Bangladesh? (2) Given the strategy of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of preventing onward migration by addressing displacement at its point of origin, what is the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade doing to encourage the Government of Myanmar to respect the rights of the Rohingya, and to open its northern areas to human rights investigators, journalists, and humanitarian agencies? "	Written	
DFAT	142	Lisa Singh	Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Australian Aid pledges	"(1) Has Australia made any further pledges to the Myanmar/Bangladesh Refugee Crisis since 23 October 2017? (2) Will Australia pledge any more money to the Crisis in 2018? (3) Noting the forthcoming Rohingya Response Plan from the United Nations, what are the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's forward plans on funding contributions to the Rohingya crisis response? (4) If additional funding is anticipated, when and how will this be allocated? "	Written	
DFAT	143	Lisa Singh	Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Australian Aid Funding Amounts	"Noting the Australian National University's Policy Development Centre reports that Australia's foreign aid to Myanmar and Bangladesh has decreased from approximately \$70.1 million to each country in 2014-15 to \$42.1 million to each country budgeted for 2017-18: (1) Are these figures correct? (2) If yes, what impact has this reduction in funding had on the delivery of aid to the region? (3) Does the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade have a breakdown of how much Overseas Development Assistance expenditure was spent on programmes that directly or indirectly assist children? (4) If so, what is the total amount of expenditure for the financial year 2017-18 and break down across sectors and programmes? (5) What is the planned expenditure for Overseas Development Assistance in the 2018-19 Budget and what percentage of this Overseas Development	Written	

				Assistance will be spent on child-related programmes? "		
DFAT	144	Lisa Singh	Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Myanmar Diplomatic efforts	"(1) Is the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade aware of allegations that Myanmar State Counsellor Suu Kyi has been lobbying the Chinese government to withhold support from or even veto United Nations Security Council resolutions concerning the humanitarian disaster in Rakhine state? (2) If yes, has the Australian government expressed any concerns about this action to the Myanmar government and if so, what was the response? (3) If no, what diplomatic actions will the Australian government take if these allegations are correct? "	Written	
DFAT	145	Lisa Singh	Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Impending Monsoon	"With reference to concerns raised by UNICEF Australia about the upcoming monsoon season on refugees in Bangladesh and warns of the potential for outbreaks of cholera, and malaria and the spread of hepatitis E, as well as risks of landslides and flooding: (1) What actions will Australia take before and during the monsoon season to mitigate this situation? (2) In light of the dramatic and rapidly changing humanitarian situation in both Bangladesh and Rakhine State in Myanmar, what steps are being taken by the Australian Government to review and adapt the Australian Government's Aid Investment Plans for both countries? (3) Noting reports of Bangladeshi government interference in the humanitarian response in Cox's Bazar, what steps has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade taken to push the Government of Bangladesh to cease its interference in humanitarian response operations, particularly in light of the upcoming monsoon season? "	Written	
DFAT	146	Lisa Singh	Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Refugee Children	"According to the Department's response to 2017-18 Supplementary Budget Estimates question on notice number 3, at least 336,000 children – 19,000 of whom are separated or unaccompanied – have arrived in Cox's Bazar since 25 August 2017: (1) How is Australia helping to look after those children, particularly those thousands without parents? (2) Will the Commonwealth Government consider complementary pathways for admission of unaccompanied Rohingya refugee children through such means as medical evacuation, family reunification, and education? "	Written	
DFAT	147	Lisa Singh	Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Australia on the UN Human Rights Council	"(1) How is the Commonwealth Government using its membership of the United Nations Human Rights Council to resolve the Rohingya Refugee crisis in Myanmar and prevent further human rights abuses? (2) What steps is the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade taking to prevent the establishment of pseudo detention camps in northern Rakhine? (3) How is the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade working to ensure that any returns to Myanmar are voluntary, safe, and dignified? "	Written	
DFAT	148	Lisa Singh	Pacific Labour Scheme	"(1) What is the Pacific Connect program? (2) Did the program begin in July 2017? (3) How much money has been allocated to the program? (4) How much money has been spent on the program to date? (5) What has the money been spent on? (6) Why is there no information on the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's website more recent than the December 2016 Business Opportunity Note, explaining what the program is and how it is proceeding? (7) Who was the program tender awarded to? (8) Has the winning tender built on existing relationships and connections, or established new ways of engaging existing or emerging Pacific leaders in their fields, and how? (9) Who is responsible for overseeing the program in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade? (10) What	Written	

				opportunities has the Pacific Connect program taken to promote the role of women in the Pacific as current and future leaders in their fields, per the Commonwealth Government's priority? "		
DFAT	149	Lisa Singh	Australia's Nuclear Weapons Posture	"(1) In light of the Commonwealth Government's expectation – made explicit at the 2017-18 Supplementary Budget Estimates – that the United States would use nuclear weapons on Australia's behalf, what is the Commonwealth Government's view of the Trump Administration's Nuclear Posture Review (NPR), which sets out plans to boost the United States nuclear arsenal and increase the range of situations for which nuclear weapons might be used in response, some which could be non-nuclear? (2) Does the Commonwealth Government agree with the Nuclear Posture Review's expansion of the scope of situations to which United States nuclear weapons can be used to respond, potentially on behalf of Australia? (3) Would the Commonwealth Government support the possible use of a United States nuclear weapon in response to a non-nuclear attack against Australia? (4) Considering the word "disarmament" does not appear in the Nuclear Posture Review, does the Commonwealth Government believe the Nuclear Posture Review undermines or threatens the goal and purpose of the Non-Proliferation Treaty? (5) Noting that the ANZUS Treaty does not refer to nuclear weapons, is there any agreement or treaty between the United States and Australia that sets out the terms of the so-called "nuclear umbrella" and extended nuclear deterrence? (6) Is any aspect of the ANZUS treaty incompatible with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons? (7) Does the Commonwealth Government believe that nuclear weapons are acceptable for some nations to have, but not others and if so, why? "	Written	
DFAT	150	Lisa Singh	Australia and the Nuclear Weapons treaties	"(1) How was Australia's absence from the United Nations conference negotiating the Nuclear Ban Treaty in compliance with its Non-Proliferation Treaty Article VI obligation to pursue in good faith and bring to a conclusion negotiations leading to nuclear disarmament? (2) As the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty specifically refers to the Non-Proliferation Treaty "as the cornerstone of the nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation regime" while governments negotiating the ban treaty went to great lengths to reinforce the Non-Proliferation Treaty, what is the Commonwealth Government's basis for its claim that the Ban Treaty undermines the Non-Proliferation Treaty? (3) What are the main "practical steps" to non-proliferation and disarmament Australia pursues in its approach to nuclear disarmament? (4) Is there any prospect of these steps eliminating a single nuclear weapon? (5) Is it the Commonwealth Government's view that the Ban Treaty and the Non-Proliferation Treaty share the goals of stopping nuclear proliferation, prohibiting nuclear testing, and ensuring the security of nuclear weapons, facilities and materials to prevent their leakage and theft by unauthorised groups and individuals, especially terrorists? (6) Does the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade agree that, even on nuclear disarmament, the two treaties differ on the approaches and timing, but not on the goal and the desirability? (7) Is it in the Australia national interest to reconcile the two treaties, considering we are so well-placed to do so? (8) In the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade's estimation, what would need to change for Australia to be in compliance with the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons? "	Written	

DFAT	151	Lisa Singh	ICAN Nobel Peace Prize	"(1) Did any representative of the Australian government attend the ceremony in Oslo on 10 December at which ICAN was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize? (2) On 2 March 2018 during a press conference in Sydney, Prime Minister Turnbull said "Australia is and indeed New Zealand is, as allies of the United States, the beneficiary of the extended nuclear deterrence of the United States. As part of ANZUS, we benefit from that"; on what basis does the Commonwealth Government maintain that New Zealand's alliance with the United States includes extended nuclear deterrence, as New Zealand in fact excludes nuclear weapons from its alliance with the United States as its policies do not claim protection from nuclear weapons? "	Written	
DFAT	152	Lisa Singh	Australia-China Human Rights Dialogue	"(1) Has the Chinese Government yet formally responded to a compromise offered by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ms Bishop, to her counterpart Wang Yi that the formal vice-minister-level dialogue continue once every three years but that annual "intersessional" talks at deputy -director-general go ahead? (2) Has Australia's election to the United Nations Human Rights Council encouraged Beijing to resume the dialogue in any way? (3) What is the current status of the dialogue now and looking forwards? (4) Without the dialogue, how is Australia using its position on the United Nations Human Rights Council to effectively communicate with China about its human rights concerns? "	Written	
DFAT	153	Claire Moore	Port Vila Urban Development Project in Vanuatu: Timeline	"Noting concerns raised over Australia's aid expenditure and effort in media articles in late January 2018 about inefficiencies, governance problems and unanticipated costs for Port Vila Urban Development Project in Vanuatu, announced in February 2013 and as due to be completed in May 2017: (1) What is the current state of the development, including endangerment due to unfinished works spread across the city of Port Vila in Vanuatu? (2) Can an indication be provided of the current timeline for the project? (3) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade confirm the extent of delays that have occurred and provide an expected completion date? (4) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade confirm the revised plan will leave completed works without adequate protection from the effects of extreme weather? "	Written	
DFAT	154	Claire Moore	Port Vila Urban Development Project in Vanuatu: Cost Overruns	"Noting concerns raised over Australia's aid expenditure and effort in media articles in late January 2018 about inefficiencies, governance problems and unanticipated costs for Port Vila Urban Development Project in Vanuatu, announced in February 2013 and as due to be completed in May 2017: (1) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade outline the unexpected costs so far and additional costs through to completion beyond monitoring the project and raising concerns with the Asian Development Bank administering the project? (2) Has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade conducted an independent evaluation following the Australian National Audit Office report in 2015? (3) What is the status of an issues register developed by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and can a copy be provided? (4) Was any examination of the costs and benefits for particular project management modalities carried out? "	Written	
DFAT	155	Claire Moore	Port Vila Urban Development Project in	"Noting concerns raised over Australia's aid expenditure and effort in media articles in late January 2018 about inefficiencies, governance problems and unanticipated costs for Port Vila Urban	Written	

			Vanuatu: Contractors and High Commission Staff	Development Project in Vanuatu, announced in February 2013 and as due to be completed in May 2017: (1) Have regular evaluations of the contractor, Townsville-based RMS Engineering & Construction, been conducted and if so, on what occasions? (2) Was analysis conducted, prior to selection, of the capacity of the contractor to carry a significant project through to completion? (3) Have Chinese subcontractors been engaged and if so, why did the need arise for them to be engaged for Port Vila foreshore roadworks? (4) Did reports by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade indicate intensive effort by the Australian High Commission to overcome issues? (5) What staff allocation and hours have been spent to get the project to this point? "		
DFAT	156	Claire Moore	Global Partnership for Education pledges during fund replenishment	"At the February 2018 Global Partnership for Education replenishment conference, the total of US\$2.3 billion pledged has fallen short of \$3.1 billion sought from existing and new donors for 2018 to 2020 and Australia has pledged a lesser amount of \$90 million despite contributing A\$140 million between 2015 and 2018: (1) Given the shortfall in pledged donations for the Global Partnership for Education 2018-2020, can the Minister for Foreign Affairs explain why Australia contributing less was deemed the appropriate course of action? (2) How does the Minister for Foreign Affairs reason a lesser pledge leads to ""...more children, particularly girls and children with disabilities, participate in school for longer""? (3) Why did the Minister for Foreign Affairs reject Rihanna's suggestion of a \$200 million pledge? (4) How did Australia decide on \$90 million as the amount to contribute? (5) Will the Minister for Foreign Affairs commit to reviewing Australia's pledge in light of the shortfall being so large? "	Written	
DFAT	157	Claire Moore	International Rohingya Crisis Appeal has not raised enough funds	"Noting the Australian Red Cross Myanmar Crisis Appeal was launched in mid-November 2017 and as of the end of 2017, media reports indicated \$4 million had been raised, with United Nations and aid agencies looking to raise \$562 million globally but only managing \$278 million: (1) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide an update on how much has the appeal raised to date globally, and Australia's contribution? (2) How much of that is matched funds from the Commonwealth Government? (3) How much was asked for by United Nations and aid agencies to assist the refugees? (4) Did the Commonwealth Government cap its matched contribution from the outset? (5) Were the matched funds capped as part of the original pledge from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of \$30 million? (6) How much have each of the non-government organisations involved raised to date? "	Written	
DFAT	158	Claire Moore	Australia Middle East NGO Cooperation Agreement in the Palestinian Territories	"Noting the Australian Middle East NGO Cooperation Agreement (AMENCA-3) program is aimed at increasing productivity in the agriculture sector with a longer term development focus for the Palestinian Territories: (1) In the Aid Program Performance Report 2016-17 – Palestinian Territories, for what reason have some implementation challenges for AMENCA-3 been articulated as affecting aid performance? (2) How have AMENCA-3 program's anticipated outcomes changed as a result of these circumstances? (3) Having completed aid quality checks, can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide details of the partner performance assessments for all AMENCA-3 partners (Care, Oxfam, APHEDA, Cardno), UNICEF & UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine	Written	

				<p>Refugees (UNRWA)? (4) What is the process for reporting? (5) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide details of the assessments as part of Investment Quality Reporting on investments for progress on gender equality? (6) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide details of the Rapid Management Review of Management and Operations and its recommendations? (7) Why has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade decided to plan an independent review of risk management safeguards for AMENCA-3 and has this already commenced? (8) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade provide details of trials of third party monitoring on several Direct Aid Program and ANCP activities? (9) At what stage is the preparation of a monitoring and evaluation framework for AMENCA-3? (10) How has the suspension of Australia's funding to World Vision in the Palestinian Territories impacted AMENCA-3? (11) Have the suspended funds earmarked for World Vision been allocated elsewhere in the Palestinian Territories or simply been withheld by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade? (12) What planning has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade conducted to determine immediate needs towards maintaining service delivery through UNRWA within the Palestinian Territories? "</p>		
DFAT	159	Claire Moore	Australia Middle East NGO Cooperation Agreement in the Palestinian Territories	<p>"Noting Australia has provided support to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services in disadvantaged Palestinian schools. The final instalment of the multi-year programme is this year: (1) What is the evaluation process for the full programme? (2) Has UNICEF contacted the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade about future funding this region? "</p>	Written	
DFAT	160	Rex Patrick	Papadopoulos-Downer Meeting	<p>" 1. On what date did Australia's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Alexander Downer, meet in London with Mr George Papadopoulos, a foreign policy adviser to Mr Donald Trump's campaign? 2. What were the circumstances that led to Mr Downer's meeting with Mr Papadopoulos? Who introduced them? 3. What was the venue for the meeting? Media reports say it was the Kensington Wine Rooms. Is that correct? Who chose the venue? 4. Did Mr Downer claim any expenses relating to his meeting with Mr Papadopoulos - if so, how much? 5. On what date did Mr Downer inform the Minister for Foreign Affairs and DFAT about his meeting with Mr Papadopoulos? By what means did he make a report to Canberra? 6. Why did Mr Downer not immediately report on his meeting with Mr Papadopoulos? What was the reason for the delay? 7. Did Mr Downer or any other High Commission staff inform the US Embassy in London about Mr Downer's meeting with Mr Papadopoulos? If so, when? 8. Did DFAT provide any briefing to the Foreign Minister about Mr Downer's meeting with Mr Papadopoulos? When was any briefing provided? 9. When was the Australian Embassy in Washington instructed to inform US authorities about the Downer-Papadopoulos meeting? 10. On what date(s) were US authorities briefed? Which US agencies were informed about the Downer-Papadopoulos meeting? 11. Was the Ambassador to the US Joe Hockey instructed to handle this matter personally? 12. When was any report to DFAT about those contacts with US authorities made by Mr Hockey or the Australian Embassy in Washington? "</p>	Written	

DFAT	161	Rex Patrick	Armenian Genocide	"1. What is the Australian Government's definition of what under international law constitutes genocide? 2. Why has the Federal Government continued to deny recognition of the Armenian Genocide? "	Written	
DFAT	162	Rex Patrick	Nargorno-Karabakh (Artsakh) Conflict	"1. In June 2017, Minister Fierravanti-Wells, while on a trade visit to Baku Azerbaijan marking 25 years of diplomatic relations between Australia and Azerbaijan, was reported as saying "...and [Australia] strongly supports Azerbaijan's position on Nagorno-Karabakh." Is this position consistent with the OSCE Minsk Group's statement from early December 2016? 2. Azerbaijan has not signed up to the recommendations of the OSCE Minsk Group to remove snipers from the Line of Contact to allow for additional monitors and to implement gunfire locator systems along the Line of Contact. What is the reason for Australia supporting the position of Azerbaijan when Azerbaijan has not signed up to the recommendations of the OSCE, to which Australia is a partner nation? 3. Is the Department aware of the reporting from The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) ( <a href="https://www.occrp.org/en/azerbaijanlaundromat/">https://www.occrp.org/en/azerbaijanlaundromat/</a> ) on what has come to be known as the 'Azerbaijan Laundromat'? a. What is the Department's position on this? b. Did Minister Fierravanti-Wells raise this matter in her visit to Azerbaijan? If not, why not? "	Written	
DFAT	163	Penny Wong	Deputy Prime Ministers comments about China	Senator WONG: So, there was no communication that referenced in any way Mr Joyce's remarks from the Chinese government, either here in Canberra or in Beijing? Mr Fletcher: As far as I know, that is correct—there was none. But we can take that on notice. Senator WONG: Were there any communications initiated by the Australian side subsequent to Mr Joyce's comments? Ms Adamson: No. Mr Fletcher: Not that I'm aware of. Senator WONG: Everyone just went, 'Oh, well, it's just Barnaby'? Ms Adamson: I'm very confident that the answer to both questions is no. We'll confirm for you in the course of the day—	Hansard	17
DFAT	164	Penny Wong	Deputy Prime Ministers comments about China	Senator WONG: Okay! I think there was subsequent—I don't have them all here, but I'm sure my staff are here and if I need them they'll email them. But there were subsequent comments by both the Prime Minister and the foreign minister making it clear that that was not the government's position. Did DFAT provide any advice to the foreign minister prior to her making any making any comments about Mr Joyce's comments? Mr Fletcher: I don't think so. We can check.	Hansard	18
DFAT	165	Claire Moore	Aid program/ Child protection	Senator MOORE: Also, you mentioned that in the contract that people have to sign there is this element in the contract. Could we see the element in the contract, or the contract? I know things are covered with privacy in some elements, but I think it would be very useful to see what DFAT actually makes any provider sign up to when they're in this process. Mr Gilling: Gladly.	Hansard	36-37
DFAT	166	Lee Rhiannon	National security	Senator RHIANNON: No, my final questions there were: has DFAT made representations or have you looked at those three bills together and given comments on them collectively? All these bills interact, and that's what I was trying to understand—if you've not looked at them singularly but you've looked at them together. Ms Adamson: All I can do is repeat Mr Sadleir's advice that when a bill is being drafted by the Attorney-General's Department—typically their role—that has potential implications or in which other departments have interests, we work on a whole-of-government basis	Hansard	45



				to develop that legislation, but the actual drafting of it is always done in the Attorney-General's Department. Then they go through the process that you're very familiar with at this end—the committee stage—with potential amendments and those sorts of things. Senator RHIANNON: You've taken part of that on notice, so I'll wait till that comes back.		
DFAT	167	Lee Rhiannon	Cambodia	Ms Adamson: Normally, the embassy and the ambassador would seek to draw any statements that are made by ministers to the attention of the local government to ensure that they couldn't be missed. Senator RHIANNON: Can you confirm that that happened? Can you confirm that that was sent to the— Ms Adamson: Yes, we can do that.	Hansard	46
DFAT	168	Kimberley Kitching	DFAT Social Media Policy	Mr Byrne: Yes, we have a social media policy for use of official social media accounts that applies regardless of whether officials are travelling or not. Senator KITCHING: Thank you; that's interesting—that's on the DFAT website, is it? Mr Byrne: I believe so. Ms Adamson: Yes, it is. Sorry, on our website— Mr Byrne: It's on the intranet. Senator KITCHING: Would you be able to furnish the committee with a copy—is that possible? Mr Byrne: I'm sure we can table that. Ms Adamson: We can give you the main elements of it. Senator KITCHING: That's sufficient	Hansard	72-73
DFAT	169	Kimberley Kitching	Tweet by Ambassador Hockey	Senator WONG: It was a tweet about Mr Hockey's comments. ... Senator WONG: There's a difference between understanding what someone's position is— Ms Adamson: I agree. Senator WONG: and making comment which references argument that is not the position of one's government. Ms Adamson: No, but in order for me to give the verdict on this that you'd like me to, I would need to look very carefully at the circumstances. I'm happy to do that. Senator WONG: I'd like DFAT to provide, on notice, any information they can about the full text of those comments and the circumstances of them. Ms Adamson: I would always like to check with those who've made comments.	Hansard	75-76
DFAT	170	Kimberley Kitching	PM US Visit	Ms Adamson: Quite some time ago. I think the embassy was looking ahead, as any good embassy would, at ways in which we would engage the US administration. The timing settled around this National Governors Association meeting. I think they're held twice a year. This one, obviously, has just been held, and I think there was an opportunity for us to, at prime ministerial level, ministerial level, business leader level and state leader level, engage with the governors. That was the original impetus, I think you could say. Senator WONG: Can you, on notice, provide some additional information about the proposal from us? Was there a letter, a phone call? Ms Adamson: Typically, ideas go backwards and forwards, are developed— Senator WONG: I understand that. Of course	Hansard	78
DFAT	171	Kimberley Kitching	PM US Visit	Senator WONG: Can someone then explain to me: how come we've got three out of 26? Aren't there any businesswomen? Ms Adamson: Sometimes, Senator, as you know—you'd have to look at the original invitation list. I'm sure it would have been— Senator WONG: You can't give me any information today about how this list was compiled. Ms Adamson: No. Senator WONG: I would like that information. I would like to understand how they were selected to attend, who made the decision and the process by which this was the delegation. I know that the BCA were obviously engaged. Was the decision as to who was invited a decision of government, or was the BCA invited	Hansard	79

				to select people? Ms Adamson: I had a conversation with Jennifer Westacott about this. They were in the process of trying to assemble a delegation. The sense I had from my conversation with her was that the BCA was doing that. I must have seen an earlier draft list. There were a considerably greater number of women on that list than those who ultimately travelled.		
DFAT	172	Penny Wong	Aid Governance Board	Ms Adamson: As our Audit and Risk Committee does, there are a range of others that enable us to meet our accountability requirements to you. It's drawn from people here, and we also actually have on the aid governance board an independent member— Senator WONG: Only one? Ms Adamson: One. Senator WONG: Who's that? Ms Adamson: It's Lynelle Briggs. I've also just appointed the first independent chair of the DFAT audit committee, Brendan Sargeant. Senator WONG: Can you give me the current make-up of the board, then? Ms Adamson: The board and the committee? Senator WONG: The governance board. Ms Adamson: Yes, certainly	Hansard	89
DFAT	174	Alex Gallacher	Side letters to TPP-11	Senator GALLACHER: And there will be ten additional—is that what you've told me? Mr Brown: There are still some that are being negotiated as we speak, in fact. Let me come back to you shortly with a number. Senator GALLACHER: The question was: how many were added? ... Senator GALLACHER: I think earlier you indicated that there might be 10 additional side letters, but you were going to check.	Hansard	100
DFAT	175	Alex Gallacher	Economic modelling on TPP-11	Senator GALLACHER: The other parties to the agreement, the other countries, have any of those individual countries undertaken economic modelling of the TPP 11? Mr Brown: There are two that I'm aware of, off the top of my head, and I would also like to take this on notice. Certainly New Zealand have released their equivalent of our national interest analysis, which does include some numbers about the benefits to New Zealand. I believe that Canada has done a similar analysis, which it has released publicly as well.	Hansard	109
DFAT	176	Penny Wong	Foreign Policy White Paper: Purpose and public reception	(1) Can the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade give an overview of how the White Paper has been received publicly? (2) What have the main public criticisms of the White Paper been? (3) What assessment has the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade made of the public consultation process in retrospect? (a) Was it successful? (b) What worked and what could have been improved upon? (c) To what extent did it inform the product?	Hansard	111
DFAT	177	David Leyonhjelm	International agreements on greenhouse gas emissions/Paris Accord	Have Australian officials contributed to the drafting of the various iterations of international agreements on greenhouse gas emissions up to and including the Paris Accord, and will they contribute to the drafting of future iterations? In these contributions, have Australian officials proposed or promoted mooted enforcement mechanisms, such as independent estimation of a country's emissions, and trade sanctions for non-compliance? Do Australian officials plan to propose or promote enforcement mechanisms when contributing to the drafting of future iterations of these agreements?	Written	
Efic	178	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	The Government recently launched its Defence Export Strategy, including a \$3.8 billion Defence Export Facility to be administered by EFIC. Please detail how the Defence Export Facility will operate.	Written	

Efic	179	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	Please provide examples of the types of loans the Defence Export Facility will consider granting.	Written	
Efic	180	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	Can you confirm the \$3.8 billion will be injected into EFIC's National Interest Account?	Written	
Efic	181	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	Without the \$3.8 billion Defence Export Facility funding, how much funding does EFIC's National Interest Account have?	Written	
Efic	182	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	What percentage growth does the Defence Export Facility funding represent for EFIC's National Interest Account?	Written	
Efic	183	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	According to EFIC's annual report, loans made in the national interest category include "financial commitments which are too large for our balance sheet and risks which we consider are too high for us to prudently accept on our commercial account". Please detail why loans for defence exports need to be made on the national interest account.	Written	
Efic	184	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	Is it because these contracts are unlikely to be commercially viable?	Written	
Efic	185	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	Will the Minister sign off on every deal?	Written	
Efic	186	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	If not, is EFIC now authorised to make decisions about which projects to support?	Written	
Efic	187	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	Was EFIC consulted on the development of the Defence Export Facility?	Written	
Efic	188	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	Did EFIC provide any advice on the whether this strategy was the best way of creating jobs in Australia? If so, please provide the advice EFIC gave.	Written	
Efic	189	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	Will EFIC measure how many jobs are created from the projects it loans funds to?	Written	
Efic	190	Peter Whish-Wilson	Defence Export Facility	Is EFIC's support for arms trade going to be subject to environmental, social and governance review? If so, how?	Written	
Efic	191	Alex Gallacher	Departmental Functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc. hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in calendar year 2017, can the following please be provided: List of functions; List of attendees; Function venue; Itemised list of costs (GST <u>inclusive</u> ); Details of any food served; Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	
Efic	192	Alex Gallacher	Executive office upgrades	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in calendar year 2017? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	Written	
Efic	193	Alex Gallacher	Facilities upgrades	Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in calendar year 2017, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any	Written	

				new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment?		
Efic	194	Alex Gallacher	Facilities upgrades	If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	Written	
Efic	195	Alex Gallacher	Staff travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in calendar year 2017?	Written	
Efic	196	Alex Gallacher	Media monitoring	What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in calendar year 2017?	Written	
Efic	197	Alex Gallacher	Advertising and information campaigns	What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in calendar year 2017?	Written	
Efic	198	Alex Gallacher	Promotional merchandise	What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in calendar year 2017?	Written	
Efic	199	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	How many credit cards are currently on issue for agency staff?	Written	
Efic	200	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in calendar year 2017 and what was it for?	Written	
Efic	201	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2017?	Written	
Efic	202	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in calendar year 2017?	Written	
Efic	203	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in calendar year 2017?	Written	
Efic	204	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in calendar year 2017 and what was the cost of their replacement?	Written	
Efic	205	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in calendar year 2017? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in calendar year 2017 and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?	Written	
Efic	206	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in calendar year 2017? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?	Written	
Efic	207	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?	Written	
Efic	208	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	Can a copy of the agency's staff credit card policy please be provided?	Written	
Efic	209	Alex	Foreign Policy White	What role did EFIC have in the construction of the Foreign Policy White Paper?	Written	

		Gallacher	Paper			
Efic	210	Alex Gallacher	Foreign Policy White Paper	How many meetings did EFIC have with DFAT in the creation of the White Paper?	Written	
Efic	211	Claire Moore	SMEs in the Carmichael Coalmine	Mr Hopkins: I'll just clarify: we have helped support some SMEs who have been involved in the supply chain to Adani, so not Adani directly but small SMEs who may have provided services to that entity. ...1. Senator MOORE: How many of those have you had, Mr Hopkins? Mr Hopkins: I'd have to take that question on notice, but it's probably only a handful. 2. Senator MOORE: And are they concluded, or at what stage are they in their application? Mr Hopkins: We have provided funding to some that I'm aware of, but, again, I'd prefer to take that on notice. 3. Senator MOORE: That's fine. And can we get some timing on those? Mr Hopkins: We can give you the details of the funding that we provided and give you the numbers of those potentially in the pipeline. 4. Senator MOORE: Was the application for a loan or a guarantee? Mr Hopkins: Again, I'd have to— Senator MOORE: I'm reading the questions in, so then you can answer them on notice—I'm not expecting a sudden answer. Mr Hopkins: Thank you. 5. Senator MOORE: What was the size of the application? And what was Efic's decision? Those are the kinds of questions—so, those on notice. 6. CHAIR: And also if you could: the size of the business and perhaps the impact of that business in terms of jobs or anything else that would be relevant. Mr Hopkins: Yes.	Hansard	131-132
Efic	212	Claire Moore	Defence Export Facility	Senator MOORE: We just have one very straight question—and we'll put more of this on notice—but it's about funding arms exports. Was the stimulus to that done by the minister or by Efic, in terms of seeing whether this could be something that Efic could do? Ms Dave: Sorry, could you just repeat the last part of that? Senator MOORE: In terms of arms exports, did the minister consult Efic about that being a process that Efic could possibly be involved in? Ms Dave: Are you referring to the Defence Export Facility? Senator MOORE: Yes... Additional funding for arms exporters. Ms Dave: I can only talk in terms of the actual facility. Efic was directed to administer that facility by the minister. Can I just explain how we would do it? Would that help? Senator MOORE: I think we might have to do it on notice. I just want to get who made the initial contact, quickly, but we've got a lot of other questions and I'm very sensitive about the next witnesses who have come here.	Spoken	134-135
Efic	213	Lee Rhiannon	Adani contact	Senator RHIANNON: I want to follow on from some of the questions Senator Gallacher asked. You spoke about it being mid-February when those talks were held. Were these exploratory talks with Adani and the office of the trade minister? Ms Dave: No, these were just exploratory discussions between us and Adani representatives. Senator RHIANNON: Right, so they are exploratory talks. So you are saying there was one meeting about Adani and the other meetings were more general ones? You used the words 'we had a chat'. Ms Dave: The meeting I referenced was the only one which was specific in respect of the project. Senator RHIANNON: But, separate from that, there are a number of discussions between Adani and Efic? Ms Dave: There have been, over a period of years—that don't relate to the project that Senator Gallacher was asking about. Senator RHIANNON: A period of years. Is that three years, six years? Mr Hopkins: I think we have gone back about five or six years. 1.	Hansard	135-136

				<p>Senator RHIANNON: And how many meetings? Mr Hopkins: I would have to look again. Senator RHIANNON: Can you take it on notice and provide the details. Mr Hopkins: I'm happy to take it on notice. ...2. Senator RHIANNON: You have taken it on notice to tell us how many meetings there were and when they were held. Can you also tell us what was discussed at those meetings? Mr Hopkins: We are unable to talk about the topics that were discussed. I have broadly described to you the types of things that we would discuss with companies coming to seek information from Efic—and they are of a general nature—but we can't really talk about discussions that we have with exporters.</p>		
Efic	214	Linda Reynolds	SMEs in the Carmichael Coalmine	<p>And also if you could: the size of the business and perhaps the impact of that business in terms of jobs or anything else that would be relevant [with respect to the SMEs involved in the Carmichael Coalmine that Efic has funded].</p>	Hansard	132