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1	Wong	Submarines	25	<p>Senator WONG: Your press release, Minister, says, 'I have received an undertaking from Minister Parly that Naval Group is committed to a level of Australian industry capability of at least 60 per cent of the contract value spent in Australia'. Can you tell me when you first raised with Minister Parly the 60 per cent commitment? [...]</p> <p>Senator WONG: I just want to step it out. Who first put 60 per cent on the table? Was that your request?</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: I would have to go back and check, Senator Wong, because we have had some discussions about it. But I believe that Minister Parly actually said 60 per cent minimum would be—so I don't mislead, I will just have to check the conversations backwards and forwards.</p>
2	Wong	Australian Industry Content	26 & 29	<p>Senator WONG: I do want to understand why the idea of a figure or a number as a floor on Australian industry content has not been raised previously by an Australian minister with a French counterpart. [...]</p> <p>Senator WONG: To your knowledge, had Senator Payne used a number prior to that?</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Senator Wong, as I said, I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: I will take on notice my predecessors to make sure that I don't mislead or provide incorrect information. I will take that bit on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But what you can tell me out of your own knowledge is that the first time you put a figure in terms of a minimum floor was at Munich?</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Yes, we talked about the issue. On the 60, I will just check again with my records, but it was Minister Parly who actually put that 60. That resonated well with myself and Defence, because the experience on the AWD was that it was over 60 per cent content and it was also our target with BAE on the Hunter class. So that seemed to be about the right number to have as a floor.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So you never put a figure? She put it to you?</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: As I said, I will go back and check, but—</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: It would be useful if we could perhaps get away from rhetoric to answering the questions. My question is this. First, would you concede that 60 to 70 per cent have been figures that Minister Pyne and Minister Payne and others have used about what defines a local build for years?</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: As I said, I will take that on notice to make sure that I don't misspeak—</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, this is a different question. I don't understand why—</p> <p>CHAIR: Please allow the minister to answer.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, she took on notice a different question. I don't know why—</p> <p>CHAIR: Allow the minister to finish and then you can make—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I don't know why she is finding it so hard to understand my questions.</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Senator Wong, I've taken on notice that I will check what my predecessors have actually said to make sure that I do not misspeak and mislead this committee. So I've taken that bit on notice. What I have said to you is what I am now doing as minister and that is that it is the right time to set a target with France.</p>

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3		Shipbuilding Project costs	32	<p>Senator WONG: No, I was making a different point, actually. I was making a point about dollars—project cost or project value as at 2016 and 2017 is not the same in dollars in 2019, 2020 and 2021. So I was actually just asking that before I then moved to the next question, which resulted from your previous answer. Are we still at \$50 billion or, given that's \$50 billion in 2016-2017 dollars, are we at 60 or 70?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: What is the cost in today's dollars?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Correct.</p> <p>Mr Sammut: I'll have to come back to you so that I can walk out what that is.</p>
4	Steele-John	Climate Change	45	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I shall turn to you Minister. I will start by asking whether you yourself have read the aforementioned United in Science Report</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: I'm not familiar with that report myself, but I wouldn't expect to be because, as I've said, my role as the minister is to ensure that Defence is prepared to deal with contingencies. As I've said, the 2016 white paper, being prepared to deal with the impacts of climate change, as I've previously said, is my responsibility. So, no. [...]</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Given the findings that I have outlined to you, Minister, I am wondering whether the government now is considering responding to the 2018 Senate inquiry report into the impacts of climate change on Defence. There were a number of very specific recommendations made to the government in that inquiry. It has been two years now and the government has not responded. Given the findings I've just put to you and to the significant pressures that have been put on Defence by disaster work over the summer, is the government now planning to respond to that report?</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Senator Steele-John, I'll take that part of your question on notice and come back in relation to that report that you've cited. That was before my time as minister so I will need to take that question on notice. I want to answer the second part of your question. As the secretary has said, Defence does undertake routine and regular contingency planning for possible disaster responses and climate risks, which are integrated, as has been said, into defence capability and defence preparedness. As I said, I think we've seen an extraordinary example of the preparedness to deal with some of these climatic issues.</p>

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5	Wong	Social Media	48 - 53	<p>Senator KITCHING: The party political advertisement published on the Prime Minister's social media channels authorised by S Morrison, Liberal Party, Canberra. The advertisement contained footage of Defence personnel and assets. What I want to know is: given clause 3 of the copyright statement which is on the Defence's website, Mr Moriarty, were you asked for approval or, in fact, as the clause says, specific written authorisation from the Department of Defence so that the material could be used?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: No. [...]</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm actually just asking now. I understand it becomes an issue of controversy. CDF's given evidence that he spoke to the Prime Minister two or three hours after that. I'm trying to understand what occurred thereafter in relation to the material in question.</p> <p>Ms Skinner: I can help with the dates, if that's of assistance. On Sunday, 4 January, the video went on the Twitter and Facebook accounts. It featured several seconds of Defence vision overlaid with the words calling out 'Up to 3,000 Defence Force Reservists to help in fire affected areas. We've also deployed three Australian navy ships and multiple defence planes and helicopters to assist the states with the response.' I think that's the video footage that we're talking about.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Right. So 4 January. That is the footage in relation to which you made the phone call, CDF. Is that correct?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Yes, it is.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can someone tell me whether they discontinued using that footage on Facebook and Twitter?</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Senator Wong, given that relates to the Prime Minister's informative social media, as has just been read out—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Good luck.</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm confused as to what changed, because the video is still on Twitter.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What did you understand had changed?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I beg your pardon?</p> <p>Senator WONG: What did you understand had changed?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: My sense was that the cause of the public commentary had in some way changed. You might appreciate that I was somewhat busy at the time.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes. Absolutely. On 4 January, this goes up. Had you seen it before, Mr Moriarty?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: No.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Had you, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: I'll have to go back and check. There was a lot of social media. As the CDF said, we are were incredibly busy, particularly on the 4th.</p>
6	Wong	DFRN database	55	<p>Senator WONG: It was Scotty from marketing; that's what it is. I want to move on. I will go to a story that ran this morning, I think, in relation to a military database hack.</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Are you talking about Defence Force Recruiting, Senator Wong?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: DFRN. A company was also named—Manpower Australia. I have some questions about this. [...]</p> <p>I assume you've seen this story. When did Defence first become aware of the possibility that the database had been hacked?</p> <p>Ms Greig: In my responsibilities, I have Defence Force Recruiting. General Fox and I have responsibilities for that area. That is just so you know where my perspective is coming from. We were given an indication that there was potentially a security issue with an element of</p>

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				<p>our Defence Force Recruiting network. The first indication we were given there was potentially an issue was on 24 January. From that time, we—</p> <p>Senator WONG: This year?</p> <p>Ms Greig: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was there no indication prior to that?</p> <p>Ms Greig: It was 24 January.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was there no indication of concern last year?</p> <p>Ms Greig: So 24 January was when—</p> <p>Ms Skinner: That's right. There was no indication there was any specific issue with the Defence Force Recruiting network, as I understand it, until 24 January.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was the contractor aware of any issue prior to that date?</p> <p>Ms Skinner: I'm not aware that they were aware. I would have to take that on notice.</p>
7	Lambie	Bullying in the ADF	62-63	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I guess this is for you, CDF. During officer training either at ADFA or RMC, are officers made aware of the concept of parliamentary privilege?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I'll take that on notice. I'll broaden it to our other officer training establishments across the Australian Defence Force.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Do you know what parliamentary privilege is, CDF?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Yes, I do. If you are about to ask me for the definition, I'll take that on notice too.</p>
8	Lambie	Suicide in the ADF	63	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Thank you. I will move on to the next questions. Apparently there was a suicide in the last three or four days of a young man just coming out of his teens. Can you confirm that, please.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: I don't need to know any of the details.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I'm not intending to go into detail.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: I don't want to know any more details. How many is that this year?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Thank you. Could I also have how many serving ADF members took their own lives last year and the year before? Could you please tell me what procedures are in place to investigate the suicide of an ADF member? What does the military do?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Sure. We'll put all that on notice for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Have any reforms been enacted in the past three years to address suicides within the ranks?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Yes, there has been. Again, I think we'll put it on notice because it's quite detailed.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: What procedures are in place to identify ADF members who may be at risk of suicide? What is the immediate reaction to deal with that?</p> <p>CHAIR: That is taken on notice.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Yes. We'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: What training has been put in place for NCOs or medical staff to recognise and respond to psychological distress and suicidal ideation among ADF members? What ranks are given this training?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Yes. We'll take it on notice. You'll get quite a comprehensive reply.</p>

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9	Lambie	Dual discharge type	63-64	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I have a bit of a problem here. You have someone from IT. You probably know. This is about the D1 PMKeyS. This is when they are discharging. It is information of their service record and all that sort of thing. There seems to be a problem out there at the moment where we're getting a lot of dual separations in both admin and medical. While I'm on that, I'd like to know how many dual separations, with both admin and medical discharge, there have been in the last 12 months. Could you please take that on notice? Is it correct that, because of the computer system, if you get a dual mode discharge, you can only put either admin or medical discharge on the front of their service record? Is that correct?</p> <p>Major Gen. Fox: You are correct. The Defence 1 HR system will only record one mode of separation.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Then we've got a problem. Let's be honest here. Which one do you prefer to use?</p> <p>Major Gen. Fox: When a person is being transitioned from Defence and there is a medical separation or a medical issue, it is looked at and reviewed through the MECRB process. We take advice from our medical colleagues in terms of which injuries potentially would be contributing to separation. We do look beneficially. If there is a medical issue, we will put a medical separation down.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Out of those dual medical and admin discharges, could I please have the number of how many have been in the last 12 months? I want to know how many are actually put on as medical and how many are put on as admin.</p> <p>Major Gen. Fox: Yes. I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: I'm assuming you know that when these people leave, they're leaving with psychological injuries. I'm seeing that some of those admin discharges are caused by their medical conditions. That is the first thing an employer sees. So you are already doing them in before they leave the gate. They see it as an admin discharge instead of a medical one. That's worrying me. This is becoming a habit. It's not just one or two that I'm hearing about and seeing coming through my email system. That's worrying me terribly.</p> <p>Major Gen. Fox: I'll take those questions on notice and get you the data.</p>
10	Lambie	MT2010 Class Action	64	<p>Senator LAMBIE: [...] I questioned this when I was here three or four years ago. It is about the sailors. Apparently 284 sailors were supposed to walk out with a certificate IV and they walked out only with a certificate II. Does anyone know what I'm talking about here? There's a legal battle going on. It's costing Defence a fortune. If we can get witnesses from the legal area, that would be great.</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: We'll just get the right official here, Senator Lambie.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Thank you. Actually, I believe it is 282 sailors. There are more to come.</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Here is the Chief of Navy.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: I understand that you may be referring to the MT2010 class action, which stands for the maritime technician class of 2010.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Yes. That's the one. This has now been going on. I would like to know how much so far this has cost the Commonwealth to fight against them. Do you know that?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: I am not the person responsible for the class action. It's a legal matter and it's still under consideration, so I don't have those details.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Can you take that on notice, please?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: I will.</p>
11	Lambie	Civilian Equivalent Qualifications	64-65	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Would you be able to take on notice any diggers that have got out—more so corporals and below—over the past two years and whether they've walked out with their civilian equivalents. Has that</p>

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				<p>happened? How many have discharged and how many have walked out with civilian equivalent qualifications?</p> <p>Major Gen. Fox: I will take that question on notice. We do the recognition of prior learning contract. Since the program has been in place, which has been only a couple of years, 904 people have received professional qualifications under that program. I don't have the rank breakdown on me, but I'll seek that for you.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: If you could take that on notice, that would be wonderful.</p>
12	Lambie	Medical Transition		<p>Senator LAMBIE: How collaboratively do you work with DVA? You have quite a few of these soldiers getting out with PTSD and they're very confused. What do you do with that cohort?</p> <p>Major Gen. Fox: If we have a medical transition and there is a rehabilitation program underway, there is actually a detailed handover between our medical colleagues in Defence and in the Department of Veterans' Affairs. If you want further information on that, I can defer to my colleague, the Surgeon-General of the ADF.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: No. Take on notice that I would like further information on how many that is being done for. I guess the question is: who checks on these people if they've got psychological illnesses and they go missing? There seems to be a gap here that it's not your responsibility and it's not DVA's. What are we doing with that cohort?</p> <p>Major Gen. Fox: So if they are a medical separation, they get a hot handover to the Department of Veterans' Affairs under that medical separation arrangement. Once they are a known client of DVA, DVA does then follow up on them. They are also able to reach back into Defence for 12 months, and up to 24 months if they are complex cases, to get additional support out of Defence. They are not turned away.</p>
13	McMahon	Future Submarine Project	68	<p>Senator McMAHON: I want to go to the Future Submarine project. Can you tell me whether any of the bids considered include an air independent propulsion system as part of the specifications?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: The proposals put forward during the competitive evaluation process proposed a number of ways in which each of the participants said they would endeavour to meet the needs of the Future Submarine program. In particular, when these needs are discussed, we talk about things like range, endurance, dived endurance, meeting our combat system hotel load and so forth. I'm trying to recall the exact nature of each of the proposals. What we do understand, though, is that at this particular point we get a better balance of meeting all of our requirements by having larger battery capacity as opposed to having an air independent propulsion system in the submarine. It has been the assessment of DST, along with Defence, as we consider the capability options that are available to us, that at this stage there is not an air independent propulsion system of sufficient capacity to be able to meet the hotel load of the boat in such a way that we can meet dive endurance and our range requirements and at the same time satisfy what the power draw is on on stored energy in the submarine.</p> <p>Senator McMAHON: So the French design we are going with did not include one?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: All of the proposals suggested that we could look at various energy options for the submarine. However, as we've looked at them, as we proceed into the design with France now, with Naval Group, we do not consider it appropriate that we incorporate air independent propulsion to meet all of our requirements.</p> <p>Senator McMAHON: Did either of the other proposals include it?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: I'll have to take that on notice just to make sure I check my facts, given it was some time ago that we assessed each of them.</p>
14	Van	Howitzers	70	<p>Senator VAN: [...]What will be the range of the self-propelled howitzers?</p>

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				<p>Lt Gen. Burr: We haven't yet selected the system and the ammunition that will go with it. It will be approximately double the range of the existing towed artillery systems, as well as offer protection through its own organic mobility. So it will have the ability to more quickly and more accurately target enemy artillery systems.</p> <p>Senator VAN: As I understand it, it can fire on the run?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: Well, we'll see. But it can certainly move between shooting its shots, which the towed artillery system currently can't do.</p> <p>Senator VAN: How does that compare to regional equivalents?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: Well, there's a wide range of capabilities out there. It certainly allows us to match, in a peer sense, those capabilities in the region.</p> <p>Senator VAN: Thank you. When we're talking about mobility, how do they compare with the in-service system? You touched on it briefly. Can you expand on that at all?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: The current system we have is the M777. It is a towed system, by a protected truck, with its own organic ammunition resupply, which is manual. As a consequence, it is limited by the ability to set the gun up, prepare it to fire and then resupply it manually. The self-propelled system is all self-contained, has much higher rates of fire and automatic replenishment. Therefore, it is much more effective in terms of protecting our troops.</p> <p>Senator VAN: How many crews were required for the service system and for a proposed system?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: I don't have the specific numbers. But, depending on which system we get—</p> <p>Senator VAN: Just give me on notice.</p>
15	Abetz	Small and Medium Enterprises	71	<p>CHAIR: We had a briefing at the committee level. I asked for a definition of small business and what business they are now getting. Somebody in Defence has foolishly provided an answer which says: The second part of the question is a complex undertaking. The Department of Defence will be pleased to return in the new year to inform the Senate on what business is being supplied to small and medium enterprises by Defence. It is now the new year, so I am wondering who might be able to provide an answer to that or take it on notice, given the time.</p> <p>Mr Birrer: Do you have a context for small business?</p> <p>CHAIR: I asked it at a briefing that the committee had outside.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Do you have a question number?</p> <p>CHAIR: Because it was in a private briefing, it does not have a question number. I am more than happy to provide it and for you to take it on notice.</p>
16	Fierravanti-Wells	CSIRO China	73	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: [...] Have there been instances where you feel that CSIRO has in some way raised concerns in relation to some of their activities dealing with organisations associated with the communist party of China?</p> <p>Ms Skinner: I couldn't comment on CSIRO security.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Would you please take that on notice, if you don't mind?</p> <p>Ms Skinner: Certainly. I can only comment on the security operations of Defence.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: I asked you if there was a point at which Defence felt that some of CSIRO's conduct raised question marks for you. That answer is either yes or no. If it's yes, then give me the circumstances.</p>
17	Fierravanti-Wells	Admiral Davidson Lowy Institute of	73	<p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: I want to ask about a separate matter—the address by Admiral Phil Davidson recently to the Lowy Institute of Australia. Minister or Secretary, clearly the United States is a very close ally. Is there any part of that speech that we didn't</p>

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		Australia Address		<p>agree with in any way, shape or form?</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Senator Fierravanti-Wells, I think you need to be more specific. Perhaps you could put something on notice about particular aspects, because it was quite a long speech, from memory. So if you would like to be more specific, I would happily take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Well, certain comments were made in that speech. I'll leave it open to Defence. Is there any part of that speech that we don't agree with? It is a long speech. I'm just asking whether we generally agree with the tenor of what the admiral was saying.</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: I'll take that on notice, Senator Fierravanti-Wells.</p>
18	Fawcett	DTCA Update	73	<p>Senator FAWCETT: The committee has an ongoing oversight requirement for the DTCA since we looked at the passage of the legislation. I think Defence is probably about 18 months out of date in their latest update to us on the operation of the DTCA and engagement with stakeholders, such as Universities Australia.</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: We'll take that on notice, Senator Fawcett, and check on the status.</p>
19	Ayres	Howitzers QoN 192	83	<p>Senator AYRES: I will move to very shortly to ask some questions that on workforce. I listened with some interest to Senator Van's questions about howitzers. There are some questions on notice from earlier this year, which is Q192. Could somebody on notice come back to us about whether those answers still stand or whether there's something different in terms of the answers given to Senator Van.</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Certainly.</p>
20	Wong	Shipbuilding QON 472	85	<p>Senator WONG: I understand everyone wants to get to the spreadsheet. My colleague is asking about question on notice 472. You were asked about the estimate of 5,200 in 2026. You were asked about the 2,000 jobs associated with Collins. In relation to the first question, you gave an answer in relation to 2027. We asked about 2026. I think Senator Ayres is actually saying, 'Why did you give us the answer in relation to a different year?'</p> <p>Mr Fankhauser: Because that's when we now forecast the peak demand to occur—in 2027.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So what is the 2026 figure now?</p> <p>Mr Fankhauser: That was the original figure represented in the naval shipbuilding plan.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I understand that. You have shifted because it is a year later. What is the new 2026 figure?</p> <p>Mr Fankhauser: I'll have to get that for you.</p>
21	Ayres	Naval shipbuilding workforce	86	<p>Senator AYRES: I do have some questions about the naval shipbuilding workforce.</p> <p>Mr Fankhauser: The way the spreadsheet has been constructed, obviously there's a lot of ongoing interest about where these jobs are going to be located. So we've given a breakdown by state and territory. Obviously to fit it all on a usable format is a challenge. We've given the five-yearly blocks in order to provide that trajectory in which the workforce ramp-up is occurring.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Have you got the data in annual blocks that you can provide to us?</p> <p>Mr Fankhauser: A lot of it is still a work in progress.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: You are asking us to rely upon that information. In order to provide a figure at 2025, you have to know what 2024 and 2026 look like.</p> <p>Mr Fankhauser: And Mr Sammut and Ms Lutz provided those year-on-year figures, you might recall, in the October hearing for both the frigate and the Attack class submarine program.</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Perhaps I can help you clarify this a bit further. We will certainly take on notice to raise the issue of whether there's</p>

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				<p>any more fidelity. One point I would make is to remember that these are still future projections. As we get further information from the projects and as they do their own workforce planning, these numbers will continue to evolve. That is why I wanted to have this spreadsheet in this way—so you can actually see the evolution as we get more fidelity and as projections become reality. That's the purpose of this spreadsheet.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Mr Dalton, I will make a suggestion. Can you take that document and bring it back to the committee in a way that explains it that is much easier. We do have to move on, Senator Wong. [...]</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Give it to us in a colour-coded way which answers the questions Senator Wong has.</p>
22	Wong	Breakdown of Direct Construction Jobs	86	Senator WONG: And then tell me where in the previous Hansard 'direct construction jobs' was indicated to include sustainment.
23	Wong	Citrix	93	<p>Senator WONG: Sure. I appreciate that. Just to be clear, though, I think under governance arrangements that secretaries of agencies have responsibility for cyber resilience. Correct?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You might want to take this on notice. What has been put to me is that this is a vulnerability that had previously been known prior to the advice from ASD. Mr Hanmore said days before. Did anyone from Defence other than ASD—I appreciate that they are within your portfolio but they haven't brought a whole-of-government responsibility—actually do anything about that? If not, can you explain why not? ASD isn't responsible for Defence's security. They are responsible for providing advice and information and so forth. They have a whole range of other responsibilities as well, which we're not talking about.</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: Our internal CIO group and security staff engage with ACSC. I will take on notice what happened and—</p> <p>Senator WONG: It isn't just engaged. Given this was known before the advice provided by ACSC, did Defence do anything? Does it have its own processes to deal with this, or do they simply rely on ASD to give them advice. If so, why?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you. I will hand over to my colleague.</p>
24	Sheldon	KPIs:Defence Force Health Services	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the Key performance indicators or other standards used to measure the performance of the Defence Force Health Services Contract (DFHSC) awarded to BUPA in January 2019 2. How often are these KPIs reviewed? 3. What reporting requirements are there for BUPA in relation to their KPIs and other standards set out as part of their contract? 4. What is the process for reviewing the information provided in support of their KPI reporting? 5. Are any independent (i.e. not the contractor or Department of Defence) reviews of the KPIs done? 6. Is this information made public? If not, why not?
25	Sheldon	Defence Force Health Services Contract Services	Written	<p>As part of the \$4.3 billion DFHSC awarded to BUPA in 2019, the company subcontracted services worth approximately AUD\$1.1 billion (GBP 560 million) to international service company Serco Group plc. This was announced by Serco as having been signed on February 4, 2019. <u>On 14 January 2019</u>, Serco had announced that its Australian subsidiary was in negotiations to provide subcontracted services to BUPA on the DFHSC?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you confirm and describe the complete set of services Serco is providing to Bupa as part of the DFHSC?

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				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Can you confirm and describe the complete set of services Acumen Health is providing to Bupa as part of the DFHSC? 3. Can you confirm and describe the complete set of services any other contractor is providing to Bupa as part of the DFHSC?
26	Sheldon	Defence Force Health Services Contract	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Was the Department aware prior to the January 14 announcement of negotiations between Bupa and Serco, that Serco was a potential sub-contractor to Bupa? When was it aware? 2. Were the bid documents submitted by Bupa and other tenderers for the DFHSC required to list their subcontractors or potential subcontractors? 3. Was Serco or Acumen Health listed by Bupa in their tender documents? What other subcontractors were listed? 4. Are sub-contractors to the DFHSC required to go through a due diligence and approval process with the Department of Defence before they can begin negotiations to subcontract? Are they subject to a due diligence and approval process by the Department at any time? 5. What does this due diligence and approval process consist of? Who does the vetting? Does it require the subcontracting company to meet the same standards as required of the contractor? If not why not? 6. What key performance indicators are used by the Department to assess the performance of subcontractors? Does the Department do its own review of performance of subcontractors or does it rely on information from the main contractor, in this case, Bupa?
27	Sheldon	Data Protection DFHSC	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What data protection requirements/obligations are stipulated in the DFHSC? 2. Where is any personal data of service personal and other staff covered by or working within the context of the contract stored - in Australia? Or is it held offshore, or both? 3. What are the reporting procedures that are required if a data breach is discovered? What remedial steps, including support to victims, are stipulated under the contract? 4. Do the obligations under the contract apply to subcontractors like Serco, as well as to Bupa as the main contractor?
28	Kitching	Fair Work Ombudsman		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.
29	Kitching	Office of Merit Protection		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.
30	Kitching	Public Interest Disclosures		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received?
31	Lambie	Defence – Data Breach		<p>The ABC is reporting today that a ‘highly sensitive military database’ was shut-down for ten days over fears it may have been hacked. According to the article, the database contained the personal details of tens of thousands of ADF members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A source to the ABC stated that "An investigation did not identify any evidence to suggest a compromise of information had occurred." Do you have proof that none of the information on the database was compromised?

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What information might have been compromised? Everything on the database? • Will there be national security implications from this breach? Is it possible that the hackers now know about who our defence personnel are, their medical records, and other details about their personal lives? • Have you done a risk assessment on outsourcing the management of these highly sensitive databases? Will you review your decision to outsource this database as a result of this event? • Have you done a risk assessment of whether the data in question could be linked to the ANU data breach? • Do you know where the hack came from? Was it China?
32	Lambie	Afghanistan		<p>On Saturday the Taliban and the US declared a peace deal. The US states that its troop levels will be cut to 8,600 over the next 135 days, and five bases will be closed. If both sides keep to their commitments, all US military forces could leave Afghanistan by spring 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many Australian frontline soldiers are there in Afghanistan? • What is the average number of tours these soldiers have completed in Afghanistan? • Despite reports of more attacks in recent weeks, the US seems determined to get out of Afghanistan. Do we have a plan to get our people out? • Will we pull out at the same time as the US? • Senator Reynolds stated earlier this week that, "<i>We are committed to working with the Afghan people and government to support next steps toward peace.</i>" Have you done a risk assessment on what a withdrawal of US and Australian troops would mean for the region? Can you please share the high-level conclusions of that assessment? • How will we work with the US to make sure Afghanistan doesn't go back to square one as soon as we leave? What will we do to make sure our withdrawal doesn't lead to an increase in terrorist activity in the region?
33	Steele-John	RAAF Base TINDAL Upgrades	47-48	<p>The RAAF Base Tindal in the Northern Territory is subject to planned upgrades to enable the hosting of larger aircraft such as US Air Force B-52 strategic bombers. B-52 bombers are capable of carrying nuclear weapons. Australia is a state party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can you confirm that Australia is still a state party to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty, which prohibits the stationing of nuclear weapons on Australian territory? • Can you confirm that Australia is still a state party to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty? • Will the Australian Government confirm that it will not allow the stationing of nuclear weapons in Australia? • Will the Australian Government confirm whether it would or would not allow the transit of nuclear weapons through Australia? • Will the upgrades to Tindal enable it to host aircraft capable of carrying nuclear weapons, like the B-52 bombers? • How would allowing the stationing or transit of nuclear weapons through Australia be consistent with Australia's obligations under the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (Article 5), the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (Article 6) and Australia's

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				stated commitment to seeking a nuclear-weapons-free world?
34	Roberts	Recovery of Legal Costs	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is the Department of Defence pursuing Mr Bernie Gaynor for costs that he is not in a position to pay? 2. Is it not true that the Department knows he is not in a position to pay? 3. Is the Department unaware of Guidance Note 4 On Recovery of Costs, A-G Office, that set out the criteria to be considered when making a decision whether to enforce a costs order or not? 4. Does the ADF understand that Guidance Note 4 states that one criteria to be considered before pursuing costs is where the anticipated expense in recovering costs does not outweigh the recoverable or potentially recoverable costs? 5. In Mr Gaynor's case this criteria is not met as his current debt is \$ 743,000 and his assets are too small to cover this. 6. Does the ADF always apply its model litigant obligations in dealing with unsuccessful litigants? 7. How many everyday Australians in the past 10 years have been pursued for costs by the ADF and how many persons were made bankrupt in the process? 8. When will the ADF stop persecuting this man?
35	Roberts	Research Partnership	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given the recent expressed concerns about the wide extent of spying by foreign agents in Australia, is the partnership between the CSIRO and China by way of the Centre for Southern Oceans Hemisphere Research of concern to national security? 2. Is the Department aware that Qingdao National Laboratory for Marine Science and Technology, a Chinese collaborative research partner of CSIRO, is working on a key military research project, Project Guanlan, to develop a satellite with a powerful laser intended to be used for anti-submarine warfare, to locate and track a submarine deep beneath the surface of the sea? 3. Is this project going to assist Australia's defence or work against it given Australia's planned \$145 billion purchase of another 12 submarines? 4. How timely is this in the light of China being recently identified as mapping the submarine lanes off the coast of Western Australia? <p>Referenced from the "Report, Maintaining Australia's National Interests in Antarctica: Inquiry Into Australia's Antarctic Territory", pp100-101</p> <p>Dr Schiller, CSIRO, <i>Committee Hansard</i>, 2017 p29,</p> <p>Articles in the South China Post, the Australian, and the web site of Qingdao National Laboratory for Marine Science and Technology</p>
36	Roberts	Attack Class	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was reported to the Senate at the last estimates hearings that the most recent costings to purchase 12 Attack Class

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		submarines		<p>submarines have risen to \$145 billion dollars. Is this the current estimated expenditure?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Is it true that the original contract purchase price was \$80 billion with delivery in the mid 2030's? 3. Please explain to the Australian people how the original cost has risen by \$65 billion? 4. Why was this contract entered into when 18, cutting edge technology, Soryu Class submarines, could have been purchased with reasonable delivery time for a fraction of the price being a little over a total of \$22 billion? 5. Please explain the clear lack of value for the original contract for the purchase of 12 Attack Class submarines? 6. Was there not a contractual term that 60% of the building of the submarines was to occur in Australia? 7. Is this still the case and is it achievable? 8. Isn't it the case that this contract should be cancelled on economic and strategic grounds as construction has not yet commenced and the cost of cancelling would be only \$404 million, roughly half the cost of purchasing just one Soryu Class submarine? 9. Why have you chosen to ignore the advice from the Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board to cancel the contract?
37	Patrick	Industry Capability	Written	<p>On 6 Feb 2020 the Minister for Defence Industry announced Mr Martin Halloran had been employed as the Head Australian Industry Capability in CASG.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did CASG determine that a Head Australian Industry Capability role was required? 2. What was the process and timeline used for the establishment of the position? 3. Please provide a copy of the Position Description? 4. What process was used and the associated timeline for recruitment into the position? 5. Is there an Organisational Structure/Chart for the organisation reporting to this position? If so please provide a copy, if not when will it be available? 6. What is the timeline for standing up this organisation?
38	Patrick	Land 400 - Phase 2 Mounted Combat Reconnaissance Capability	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total value of contracts to Rheinmetall in relation to acquisition for LAND 400 Phase 2? 2. Does the contract stipulate an amount or percentage of AIC? If so, what is the amount? 3. How many Australian Companies have now been contracted to supply into the LAND 400 Phase 2 project and what's the total contract value? 4. How many Australian Companies have now been contracted to supply into Rheinmetall's worldwide programs (Lynx Product, HX Trucks, Boxer) as alluded to in the AIC Plan? 5. How many jobs has the project created in Australia to date? 6. Prior advice was that the project would create 330 jobs in Queensland, 170 in Victoria and then the balance of the Australian industry content is spread in New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia. What is the current actual spread across the states?

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39	Patrick	ANAO Major Projects Report 2018-19	Written	<p>Auditor-General Report No.31 2018–19 Performance Audit - Defence’s Management of its Projects of Concern, made two recommendations which defence agreed to.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can Defence advise the schedule for addressing the two recommendations in the audit report? 2. What is the current status of defence’s actions to address them? 3. Has the policy been made public? If not when will it be? 4. Does, or will, the policy have clear measurable criteria for determining projects to be of Interest or Concern? 5. It’s noted that the Projects of Concern are mentioned in the Major Projects Report and the Defence Annual Report, is the public listing to go beyond this? If so how? If not, why not? 6. The audit report also suggested an Area for Improvement “<i>Defence’s reporting on Projects of Concern would be made more useful if Defence were to include the original approved costs and milestones as well as the current approved schedule and budget for the projects</i>”. Has defence accepted this suggested improvement? 7. Please provide copies of the current entry and exit criteria (for Projects of Interest and Projects of Concern)?
40	Patrick	Local Content	Written	<p>During the Additional Estimate hearings on 4 March 2020, the Minister for Defence, the Secretary of the Department of Defence and Department officials, confirmed that Australian Industry Capability, Australian content and Local Content mean the same and are interchangeable.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the future submarine project, of the 60% Local Content, please confirm that this actually refers to 60% of the contract value being Local [Australian] Industry Activities, and by that meaning work done in Australia by Australian companies, and that is does not include any value of a contract that is placed with an Australian business and then sub-contracted overseas? 2. For the future submarine program, please advise what level of the Local Content or Australian Industry Capability, will be with Australian Defence Industry? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. And of that can defence confirm this will not be sub-contracted overseas? 3. What is the current assessment of the percentage of the future submarine contract that will go to the Australian Sovereign Industry Capability?
41	Patrick	Australian Industry Capability and Maximising Australian Industry involvement	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noting the Secretary for the Department of Defence (the Secretary) is responsible for the development and sustainment of the Australian Defence Industry, has the Secretary provided guidance to the Capability Managers and Delivery groups regarding expectations on them to achieve the Industrial goals? 2. If yes, please provide a copy of that guidance? If no, why not? 3. Does this include clear measurable milestones? 4. How is the level of ‘Australian Industry involvement’ being assessed? 5. How is it being determined that the level of Australian Industry involvement has been ‘maximised’? 6. How does the Secretary satisfy himself that Australian Industry involvement has in fact been ‘maximised’? 7. What’s the department’s requirement regarding updating of AIC plans (to ensure they provide accurate advice)?

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				<p>8. What's the department's requirement regarding the updating and publishing of 'public' AIC plans?</p> <p>In relation to maximising Australian industry involvement the phrase "without unduly compromising capability, cost and schedule" or a similar paraphrase has begun to appear in documentation.</p> <p>9. What metrics are used as the basis for assessing and/or determining if capability, cost and schedule will be 'unduly' compromised?</p> <p>10. What magnitudes of compromise in these areas are considered unacceptable?</p>
42	Patrick	SEA 1180 / Arafura Class Australian Industry Capability	Written	<p>On 6 Feb 2020 the Minister for Defence Industry announced Mr Martin Halloran had been employed as the Head Australian Industry Capability in CASG.</p> <p>At the Estimate hearings in November it was confirmed by the Department and the Minister for Defence that \$1.2B of the contract was to be contracted to an Australian entity and that work would stay in Australia. In response to a question on notice a table of local industry activities was provided that included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. IPMS, Navigation and Communications - L3 Australia Pty Ltd b. HVAC, fire suppression and aligned works – Noske-Kaeser Marine Australia Pty Ltd c. Main Engine and Gearbox equipment – Penske Power Systems Pty Ltd d. Main gun – Selex ES Australia Pty Ltd (Leonardo Australia) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can defence provide the actual split of work between the Australian and the overseas entity? 2. What is the dollar value of the work contracted with the: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 76 Australian companies to Luerssen b. 144 Australian companies contracted to CIVMEC c. 8 Australian suppliers contracted to SAAB
43	Patrick	JSF Support and Sovereign Sustainment	Written	<p>Noting Defence responses to QON 233 F-35 Global Support.</p> <p>It has been announced that due to shortcomings with the Autonomic Logistics Information System (ALIS) platform it is to be replaced with the Operational Data Integrated Network (ODIN) platform.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did Defence and/or the RAAF have any involvement or participation in that decision? 2. If so what was that? 3. What was the timeline associated with the decision to replace ALIS with ODIN? 4. What impact will this change have on Defence and the RAAF? 5. Are there cost impacts for Australia?

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				<p>Defence advised they had <i>“established a direct commercial arrangement with Lockheed Martin Australia to facilitate sustainment of the JSF information system here in country. This contract facilitates Australian participation in the F-35 GSS in support of Autonomic Logistics Information System (ALIS) hardware and software. The contract also provides separate and distinct Australia-only ALIS support outside the F-35 GSS”</i>.</p> <p>6. What impacts will the shift to ODIN have in relation to this contract?</p> <p>From the Defence response it is understood that <i>“Defence anticipates that the GSS will not achieve full maturity until after Australia declares FOC in December 2023”</i>.</p> <p>7. What is the date defence is working against for full maturity of the GSS?</p> <p>The latest Defence sustainment estimates do not significantly differ from the ROM estimates provided in 2014 (adjusted for economic factors)</p> <p>8. Why?</p> <p>9. How is defence intending to manage the additional costs of the GSS?</p> <p>In QON 233, Defence advised <i>“The contract consolidates existing support arrangements provided by Lockheed Martin Corporation (US) through the US F-35 JPO and effectively replaces it with a less costly, Australian-managed, direct arrangement with Lockheed Martin Australia. As such, the new contract represents a saving against the comparative cost baseline of the original ALIS support contract through the F-35 JPO”</i>.</p> <p>10. Has the scope changed?</p> <p>11. What was the cost saving?</p>
44	Patrick	C-27J Spartan – FOC	Written	<p>C-27J was supposed originally supposed to achieve Final Operational Capability in Dec 2017, this was subsequently delayed to Dec 2019.</p> <p>The response from Defence to QoN 111 stated:</p> <p><i>“The cost of achieving an Australian Military Type Certificate for the C-27J Spartan is estimated at \$25m. This cost includes the wages of Australian Defence Force personnel, Australian Public Servants, Australian industry, and original equipment manufacturer costs. These costs are less than 2% of the overall project budget and did not include the use of project contingency funds.</i></p> <p><i>Delays in achievement of Military Type Certification and the need to improve the ability to generate serviceable aircraft are affecting FOC achievement, which was scheduled for December 2019. The delay timeframe and costs are currently under review by Defence.”</i></p> <p>1. What is the project schedule for FOC now?</p>

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				<p>2. What is the cost estimate associated with the delay?</p> <p>3. What is the forecast project cost at completion?</p> <p>4. Does the outcome of the C-27J “Structural Substantiation Program” represent a capability or Life of Type risk to the RAAF? Please explain the rationale for the any answer?</p>
45	Waters	Philippines	Written	<p>1. In relation to Australia’s enhanced Defence Cooperation Program with the Philippines, what is the cost of that program projected to be for this financial year?</p> <p>2. What are the aims of the program?</p> <p>3. Is the Government concerned about human rights abuses in the Philippines committed at least partly by security forces there, particularly extrajudicial killings?</p> <p>4. How does the Department ensure that it isn’t building the capacity of the Filipino security forces to commit human rights abuses?</p> <p>5. What risk mitigation measures does the Government have in place to ensure that Australian funding does not support human rights?</p>
46	Waters	Myanmar	Written	<p>1. In relation to Defence cooperation with Myanmar (per answers to previous questions on notice: \$290,000 this Financial Year).</p> <p>a. Have other countries suspended defence cooperation with the Myanmar military given its involvement in atrocities, including potentially genocide and crimes against humanity, against the Rohingya people? If so, which countries?</p> <p>b. Is Australia considering doing the same?</p> <p>c. If not, what has the Defence Department done to make representations to the Myanmar military to express Australia’s concerns about the military’s role in atrocities?</p> <p>d. Was the Defence Department involved in the meeting on 29 January between Australia’s Ambassador to Myanmar and the Myanmar military’s commander-in-chief, General Min Aung Hlaing?</p> <p>i. If so, who attended?</p> <p>ii. What was discussed?</p> <p>iii. Did the Department of Defence express concerns that the General might use the meeting to legitimise himself and the military, which he then did?</p> <p>e. Some of the training we provide to Myanmar’s military is related to UN peace-keeping missions. Why are we training the Myanmar military in peacekeeping when the UN is no longer accepting their soldiers for missions?</p> <p>f. What would it take for Australia to stop cooperating with a country’s military if genocide and crimes against humanity won’t suffice?</p>
47	McMahon	Submarines tender	Written	<p>1. What was the total cost of each of the bids at the close of the bid process? Was each of those for 12 subs. Were any of those bids fixed (ie guaranteed not to change over the life of the project)?</p> <p>2. Can you tell me about the nature of the bids received, in so far as, the general concept that each presented a single final costing, or means by which the Department was able to determine a final costing, that was inclusive of all required elements of the bid and provided the Department a per delivered ship cost?</p> <p>3. Were any of those bids fixed price, such that the Department is satisfied there exists a guaranteed, not to change, cost per</p>

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				<p>vessel over the life of the project?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. What is the current expected cost of the French bid on a per vessel basis? 5. What is the current expected cost of the French bid and what is the maximum it could go to? 6. Which of the bids included some or all of the boats being built in Australia? 7. Is there a minimum value of Australian content under the French contract ie % of \$ value not content. What is that? 8. What is the realistic date that the first Collins to be decommissioned can expect to be operational to? 9. What is the latest guaranteed delivery date of the 1st and 6th of the French boats? 10. Did any of the bids specify an AIPS? Why was that not considered as a necessity? 11. How can you be assured that a nuclear propulsion designed hull can be successfully adapted to DE? 12. Does the French bid include the cost of LM CSI and if not what is the value of this contract. If it's high risk is there a worst case scenario that CSI won't occur?
48	McMahon	Submarine Sustainment	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there a requirement for Australia to conduct all maintenance on the vessels, including regular and deep maintenance? 2. As part of the ongoing maintenance and development of the future submarine, does the Department hold an expectation for Australia to be solely responsible? i.e. is there any expectation of non-Australian involvement? If so, in what context and to what degree?
49	McMahon	Submarines construction	Written	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is the Department satisfied that ALL Intellectual Property realised during development of the future submarine project will remain wholly Australian? 2. Is there capacity to utilise any existing facilities for the construction of future submarines? 3. Is the Department able to determine a construction commencement date for required facilities to be used in the manufacture of the vessels? 4. The future submarine project calls for a total of 12 vessels. What is the guaranteed delivery date of the 1st and 6th of these vessels? 5. What checks and balances does the Department have in place to ensure these deadlines are met? 6. as the Department been able to determine a realistic date for when the first of the Collins class vessels will be decommissioned, and, when do you expect this to occur?
50	Kitching	Complex Hull Parts	Written	<p>With respect to the decision to fabricate some Complex Hull Parts (CHP) in France for the Future Submarines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What occupations and capabilities are required to undertake CHP fabrication? • How is the fabrication of CHP improving the workforce capabilities in Australia? • Will members of the Australian workforce be seconded to France for the fabrication of CHP? • If so, how many members will be seconded? • How long will this process take?

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does this decision seek to manage the transfer of technology for the capability to build CHP? •
51	Kitching	Australian content	Written	<p>During the Estimates hearing on 4 March 2020, when asked how Minister Parly conveyed Naval Group’s commitment to a 60 percent minimum spend on Australian industry capability, Senator Reynolds said: <i>“In a communication, yes. We’ve been communicating regularly.”</i> and that <i>“We’ve been messaging, as I do with the other ministers.”</i> Please provide the Committee with copies of any and all written communications in which this offer was made by Minister Parly and accepted by Senator Reynolds – and any related correspondence between Defence and the French Government and/or Naval Group concerning the offer and its acceptance by the Commonwealth. If there are no written communications formalising the commitment and its acceptance, please provide relevant extracts of notes and records of conversation, with any appropriate redactions to protect national security.</p>
52	Kitching	Definitions	Written	<p>Please provide Defence’s approved definitions for the terms listed below. Please identify the Defence and/or Government policy document(s) the definition(s) is/are contained in and provide the Committee with copies of those documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sovereign industrial capability • sovereign industrial priorities • sovereign Australian capability • Australian industry content • Australian industry capability • Australian industry involvement • Australian industry participation • local content
53	Kitching	Minimum content	Written	<p>Please provide a list of all current Defence capability acquisitions that include binding minimum commitments for Australian industry content and/or Australian industry capability and/or sovereign industrial capability and/or local content. Please list the projects by name and identify what the binding minimum content requirement is for each project.</p>
54	Kitching	Full cycle docking	Written	<p>During the Estimates hearing on 4 March 2020, with respect to possible preparations for an announcement concerning full cycle docking, Mr Sammut said: <i>“What I can say is that in the course of providing advice to government, we always prepare communication material as part of that advice to support the communication of whatever decision government makes”.</i> Mr Sammut then confirmed that advice was provided to Government <i>“Prior to December”</i> (that is, prior to December 2019). On what date was this advice submitted to the Minister?</p> <p>During the Estimates hearing on 4 March 2020, when asked whether Defence had made any preparations for a potential announcement, or an event to coincide with an announcement, with respect to full cycle docking, Mr Moriarty said: <i>“I’m not aware of preparations being made.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please confirm whether Defence made any preparations, preliminary or otherwise, for a potential announcement and/or an event to coincide with an announcement. • Did Defence have any communication with ASC Pty Ltd about the potential for an announcement and/or an event to coincide with an announcement with respect to full cycle docking? If so, when did that occur, by what means and between which

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55	Kitching	Collins LOTE	Written	During the Estimates hearing on 4 March 2020, Mr Sammut said, in the context of LOTE for the Collins class, that the objectives related to maintaining Collins' regional superiority would be contained in the 'functional baseline'. When asked when the 'functional baseline' would be updated to reflect the objectives of LOTE, Mr Sammut said: <i>"That will be finalised as part of the work we're doing to define the core work scope and the performances. In some cases, we won't necessarily have to modify it. We will just have to assure ourselves that the updates and upgrades we're putting in do not degrade that functional baseline"</i> . What is Defence's current expected timelines for the completion of the core work, scope and performance?
56	Kitching	Workforce projections	Written	On 21 February 2020, Senator Reynolds wrote to the Chair of the Committee to provide a spreadsheet of shipbuilding workforce projections, encompassing figures for the present day and projections for 2025 and 2030. Please provide the Committee with an updated version of the spreadsheet that includes yearly projections, from the present day up to and including 2030.
57	Kitching	Attack class submarines - Milestones	Written	In response to Question on Notice 445 from 2019-20 Supplementary Budget Estimates, Defence provided a series of milestones with respect to the Attack class submarines. Please provide an updated version of this response to the Committee. In the Department's joint Statement with Naval Group, titled: 'Australian industry involvement in the Attack Class Submarine Program', there are 137 Australian companies listed. Please advise the Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this list has grown <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If so, please provide the Committee with an updated list. • What role each of these companies play in the Attack Class Submarine program? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please identify each of the companies directly involved in the supply chain. ○ What is the amount of taxpayer funds that have been spent to date with each company? ○ What is the value of each of the sub-contracts with each company and what is the duration of each sub-contract? • How many employees does each company have directly involved with the Attack Class? • Where is each of company's ownership based? • Where companies are subsidiaries, where is the parent company based?
58	Kitching	Loyal Wingman Program	Written	Please provide an update on the current status of the Loyal Wingman Program, including any key steps taken to date and any indicative milestones for progressing the program.
59	Kitching	Capability reporting	Written	With regard to the discussion on capability reporting at pages 62 to 64 of the ANAO's 2018-19 Major Projects Report and the ANAO's statement that "a system of capability reporting with a robust methodology applicable to materiel acquisition does not exist within Defence" (paragraph 2.61, page 64): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does Defence agree that a system of capability reporting with a robust methodology does not exist within Defence? • If no, why not? What steps is Defence taking to address the concerns about capability reporting raised by the ANAO and the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit?
60	Kitching	Indian Ocean	Written	With reference to the Indian Ocean Region UHF Satcom project (JP 2008 Phase 5A), what is the current situation with regard to the

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		Region UHF Satcom project (JP 2008 Phase 5A)		<p>following risks and issues identified in the Project Data Summary Sheet in the ANAO 2018-19 Major Projects Report at pages 383 and 387-8:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The risk that the project office may exhaust contingency before the final delivery of the program? • The risk that US Government certification of the Network Control System (NCS) may delay Final Operational Capability? • The risk that Viasat will be delayed in delivering the Integrated Logistics Support products necessary to complete the Support System? • The risk that the Final Capability installations will be delayed at Defence Communication Station – Perth due to damage to the building roof? <p>The risk that further security and integration issues may materialise during site installation which may cause further schedule delays?</p>
61	Kitching	Contract Notices	Written	<p>With regard to Defence’s response to Question on Notice 549 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the administrative closure process that led to the inadvertent publication of Contract Notices CN3564017 and CN3597573? • How many AusTender contract notices were published inadvertently during such administrative closure processes during 2019? • What steps has Defence taken to remove all contract notices inadvertently published in this way? • With regard to Defence’s response to Question on Notice 549 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates, how is data quality ensured and transparency and visibility of Defence contract information improved by publishing consolidated Contract Notices as new contracts with publication dates that are not the original publication dates and that post-date the 42-day reporting requirement by lengthy periods?
62	Kitching	Joint Strike Fighter	Written	<p>With regard to the Joint Strike Fighter and Defence’s response to Question on Notice 517 from 2018-19 Supplementary Budget Estimates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the details of the design changes that will be retrofitted to the Australian aircraft? • How many Australian aircraft will require retrofitting of design changes?
63	Kitching	Permanent and reserve ADF Personnel	Written	<p>For each financial year from 2013-14 to 2018-19, for each of the permanent and reserve Australian Defence Force, on both a headcount and a full-time equivalent basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many persons were members at the commencement of the year? • How many persons enlisted during the year? • How many persons left during the year? • How many persons were members at the end of the year? • How many persons did Defence target to recruit during the year? • What was the 12-month rolling separation rate as at 30 June?
64	Kitching	APS Personnel	Written	<p>For each financial year from 2013-14 to 2018-19, on both a headcount and a full-time equivalent basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many APS employees did Defence have at the commencement of the year?

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many APS employees did Defence engage during the year? • How many APS employees ceased employment with Defence during the year? • How many APS employees did Defence have at the end of the year? • What was the 12-month rolling separation rate as at 30 June?
65	Kitching	Environmental Working Groups	Written	<p>With regard to the evidence by Vice Admiral Johnston and Mr Fraser at the Committee's hearing on 29 November 2019 that Environmental Working Groups (EWGs) are the primary mechanism by which Defence is updating and engaging with industry about its investment program (Hansard, Senate Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Legislation Committee, Estimates, 29 November 2019, pages 53-4), please provide the Committee with a list of the titles of all presentations, reports or papers delivered by Defence at each EWG held since the publication of the Integrated Investment Program in 2016.</p> <p>Please provide the Committee with a copy of all presentations, reports or papers on the Collins Class Submarines delivered by Defence to Environmental Working Group (EWG) meetings held since the publication of the Integrated Investment program in 2016.</p> <p>Please provide the Committee with a copy of all presentations, reports or papers on the Future Frigates program delivered by Defence to Environmental Working Group (EWG) meetings held since the publication of the Integrated Investment program in 2016.</p>
66	Kitching	Capability acquisition projects – IOC and FOC	Written	<p>For each of the following capability acquisition projects, what are the dates of originally scheduled, currently approved, currently expected and achieved Initial Operational Capability and Final Operational Capability and what, if any, is the current schedule slippage in months for Initial Operational Capability and Final Operational Capability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-Role Helicopter (AIR 9000 Ph 2/4/6) • Future Naval Aviation Combat System Helicopter – MH-60R Seahawk (AIR 9000 Ph8) • Deployable Defence Air Traffic Management and Control System (AIR 5431 Ph1) • Fixed Defence Air Traffic Control Surveillance Sensors (AIR 5431 Ph2) • Civil Military Air Traffic Management System (AIR 5431 Ph3) • Amphibious Ships (JNT 2048 Ph 4A/4B) • Amphibious Watercraft Replacement – LHD Landing Craft (JP 2048 Ph3) • F-35A Joint Strike Fighter (AIR 6000 Ph 2A/B) • Battlefield Command System (LND 200 Ph2) • Overlander Medium Heavy Capability Vehicles (LAND 121 Ph3B) • Protected Mobility Vehicle – Light (LND 121 Ph4) • Tactical Training Vehicles (LND 121 Ph 5) • Pilot Training System (AIR 5428 Ph1) • ADF Identification Friend or Foe and ADS Broadcast (JNT 90 Ph1) • Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 3F – SATCOM Terrestrial Enhancements(JNT 2008 Ph3F) • Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 5A – UHF SATCOM (JNT 2008 Ph5A) • Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 5B1.1 – Wideband Transportable Land Terminals (JNT 2008 Ph5B1.1) • Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 5B1.2A – Combined Communications Gateway Geraldton (JNT 2008 Ph5B1.2A)

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 5B1.2B – MASTIS Terminal Upgrade (JNT 2008 Ph5B1.2B) • Defence Satellite Communications Capability Phase 5B2 – Satellite Ground Station East and Wideband SATCOM Network Management (JNT 2008 Ph5B2) • Airborne Early Warning and Control Interoperability Compliance Upgrade (AIR 5077 Ph5A) • Maritime Operational Support Capability – Replacement Replenishment Ships (SEA 1654 Ph3) • Special Operations Vehicle fleets (JNT 2097 Ph1B) • Rapid Environmental Assessment (JNT 1770 Ph1) • Hercules C-130J Block Upgrade (AIR 5440 Ph1) • Jindalee Operational Radar Network Upgrade (AIR 2025 Ph6) • Air Warfare Destroyer Build (SEA 4000 Ph3) • Maritime Patrol and Response Aircraft System – P-8A Poseidon (AIR 7000 Ph2B) • Offshore Patrol Vessel (SEA 1180 Ph1) • EA-18G Growler Airborne Electronic Attack Capability (AIR 5349 Ph3) • Battlefield Airlift – Caribou Replacement (AIR 8000 Ph2) • Battlespace Communications System Phase 2A (JP 2072 Ph2A) • Battlespace Communications System Phase 2B (JP 2072 Ph2B) • Additional KC-30A Multi-role Tanker Transport (AIR 7403 Ph3) • ANZAC Anti-Ship Missile Defence Phase 2B (SEA 1448 Ph2B) • Collins Class Communications and Electronic Warfare Improvement (SEA 1439 Ph5B2) • Collins Sonar Capability Assurance (SEA 1439 Ph6) • Helicopter Aircrew Training System (JP 9000 Ph7) • Collins Class Submarine Reliability and Sustainability (SEA 1439 Ph3) • Night Fighting Equipment Replacement (LAND 53 1BR) • Maritime Communications Modernisation (SEA 1442 Ph4) • ANZAC Air Search Radar Replacement (SEA 1448 Ph4B) • Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AIR 5077 Ph3) • MQ-4C Triton Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (AIR 7000 Ph1B) • Mounted Combat Reconnaissance Capability (LND 400 Ph 2) • Submarine Escape Rescue and Abandonment System (SEA 1354 Ph 1)
67	Kitching	Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements	Written	With reference to Table 48 at page 63 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio, what are the details of, and the reasons for, the increase in interest bearing liabilities – leases for 2019-20 from the Budget estimate of \$1.443 billion to the revised estimate of \$2.890 billion?
68	Kitching	Portfolio Additional		With respect to Table 65 at pages 82 to 85 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio and the entry on page 83 for the Multi-Role Helicopter (MRH):

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		Estimates Statements - MRH		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What amount of funding from the contingency budget was allocated to realised risks associated with the stand up of 6 Aviation Regiment? What are those realised risks?
69	Kitching	Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements - SEA 1000 Phase 1B	Written	<p>With respect to Table 65 at pages 82 to 85 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio and the entry on page 85 for the Future Submarine Design and Construction project, SEA 1000 Phase 1B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How did receiving Government approval to enter into the Strategic Partnering Agreement and Submarine Design Contract with Naval Group in February 2019 result in the 2019-20 Budget estimate which was published in May 2019 being revised from \$289 million to \$581 million? Does the revised estimate for 2019-20 include higher than originally estimated payments to Naval Group; if yes, how much of the \$292 million upward revision was due to higher than originally estimated payments to Naval Group? Does the revised estimate for 2019-20 include higher than originally estimated expenditure by Defence in negotiating, entering into and executing the Strategic Partnering Agreement and Submarine Design Contract; if yes, how much of the \$292 million upward revision was due to higher than originally estimated expenditure on negotiating, entering into and executing these agreements? Does the revised estimate for 2019-20 include higher than originally estimated expenditure by Defence in infrastructure and other requirements for preparing to build the submarines; if yes, how much of the \$292 million upward revision was due to higher than originally estimated expenditure on these requirements? What other expenditure items are included in the \$292 million upward revision of the estimated expenditure for 2019-20?
70	Kitching	Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements – funding reprogramming		<p>With respect to Table 65 at pages 82 to 85 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio and the entry on page 85 for the Future Submarine Design and Construction project, SEA 1000 Phase 1B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which activities were required to be reprogrammed to 2020-21 due to the alignment of the Submarine Design Contract with Naval Group and the Design, Build and Integration Contract with Lockheed Martin Australia? What impact did this reprogramming have on estimated expenditure in 2019-20? What impact has this reprogramming had on estimated expenditure in 2020-21 and later years?
71	Kitching	LAND 400 Phase 2 Job creation	Written	<p>With reference to the Joint Media Release “Milestone for new Australian defence industry hub” issued on 17 February 2020 by the Minister for Defence and the Minister for Defence Industry and Minister Price’s statement that the LAND 400 Phase 2 program is creating an estimated 1,450 jobs across the country, including 330 jobs in Queensland, how many jobs is this program estimated to create in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New South Wales? Victoria? Tasmania? South Australia? Western Australia? the Australian Capital Territory? the Northern Territory?

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72	Kitching	Bushfires	Written	<p>In the light of advice from scientists and firefighting experts that bushfires will become more intense and more frequent due to climate change, does Defence expect to carry out operations such as Operation Bushfire Assist more frequently in the future?</p> <p>If yes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will Defence need different types of equipment and capabilities to carry out such operations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If yes, provide the Committee with details. • Will Defence will need to provide personnel with additional training so they can perform such operations safely and effectively? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If yes, provide the Committee with details. • Will Defence need more personnel so that it can fulfil an increased requirement to perform domestic emergency response roles in the future, in addition to its existing defence role? • If yes, what is the impact on personnel requirements?
73	Kitching	Operation CIVIL ASSIST	Written	<p>With reference to page 28 of the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio and Operation CIVIL ASSIST 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is Operation CIVIL ASSIST 2019? • When did it commence? • When was it completed or expected to be completed? • What activities are being undertaken involving validation of planning and preparation for emergencies in support of civilian agencies? • What types of “large-scale emergencies of national significance” are being planned and prepared for? • What types of “prolonged periods of civil emergency” are being planned and prepared for? • What other government or civilian agencies are involved in Operation CIVIL ASSIST 2019?
74	Kitching	MRH90 landing light	Written	<p>In relation to the Defence Media Release of 28 January 2020 titled “Orroral Valley Bushfire Update” which said that a fire in the Orroral Valley was likely caused by a landing light from an Army MRH90 helicopter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has Defence confirmed whether the fire was caused by a helicopter landing light? • If yes, what were the circumstances involved? • Would non-military helicopters have the same risk of landing lights potentially igniting a fire during extreme weather conditions or is this a risk which arose from the use of military equipment for bushfire response activities?
75	Kitching	Orroral Valley Bushfire	Written	<p>In relation to the Defence Media Release of 28 January 2020 titled “Orroral Valley Bushfire Update” which said Defence had taken immediate action to reduce the risks of fires being started by helicopters including not using certain aircraft lighting in extreme weather conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What immediate actions were taken at the time of the Orroral Valley incident? • Have any subsequent actions been taken to reduce these risks in the future? • If yes, what are those actions? • Are there any safety risks for ADF personnel associated with not using relevant aircraft lighting? • If yes, how are these safety risks being mitigated? • Given advice from climate scientists and firefighting experts that bushfires will be more intense and frequent in the future, does

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				Defence have any plans to assess the suitability of using existing Defence equipment and platforms during extreme weather conditions? If yes, please provide the Committee with details of how Defence will carry out such assessments
76	Kitching	Leave arrangements	Written	As reported by various news outlets, Senator Reynolds was overseas on a personal holiday from 28 December 2019 to 5 January 2020, as approved by the Prime Minister. Please confirm the arrangements that were in place during this time, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> confirming the dates of Senator Reynolds' leave which Minister was acting as the Minister for Defence during this time what powers the acting Minister was vested with
77	Kitching	Leave arrangements – Bushfire Response	Written	In response to media inquiries about her leave and arrangements and in the context of the bushfire response, Senator Reynolds is quoted in media reports as saying that: “But throughout that time I can assure you that I have been regularly on the phone with the CDF (Chief of Defence Force), with the Prime Minister, with Minister Littleproud constantly.” The Senator also confirmed to the media that she was in contact with the Secretary of Defence during this time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did Senator Reynolds take any Defence-issued or -approved communications devices with her to Bali? Did Senator Reynolds avail herself of the communications facilities of the Australian Consulate in Bali? If so, on which dates did the Senator visit the Consulate? Please provide a list of all correspondence (including, but not limited to, calls, messages and emails) between Defence and Senator Reynolds, as well as any formal advice provided to Senator Reynolds, relating to the bushfire response while the Senator was in Bali. For the avoidance of doubt, this request relates only to the dates on which those communications occurred and/or advice was provided, not the contents of those communications and/or pieces of advice.
78	Kitching	HMAS Choules	Written	On 2 January 2020, HMAS Choules arrived in Mallacoota to evacuate people ahead of further bushfires. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What authorisation was required for this? Which Minister (or acting Minister) authorised this?
79	Kitching	Bushfire Relief and Recovery Meeting	Written	Senator Reynolds' Ministerial website contains the following media release: https://www.minister.defence.gov.au/minister/lreynolds/media-releases/bushfire-relief-and-recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a joint media release from the Prime Minister and Minister for Natural Disaster and Emergency Management. Is it also a joint release from the Minister for Defence? In the same media release, it states that a National Security Committee of Cabinet meeting took place on 4 January 2020. Did Senator Reynolds attend that meeting?
80	Kitching	TALISMAN SABRE MRH90 grounding	Written	With reference to the temporary grounding of the Army's MRH90 helicopter fleet following an incident during the TALISMAN SABRE exercise in 2019, and early investigations which pointed to a failure sequence of an early configuration tail rotor blade fitted to the majority of aircraft in the fleet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What was the final conclusion of the investigation into this incident? How many aircraft are potentially affected?

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the issue been rectified? • What is the cost of rectification? Will that cost be met by Airbus Australia Pacific?
81	Kitching	MRH90 acquisition	Written	<p>With reference to Defence's response to Question on Notice 532 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates concerning capability issues with the MRH90 acquisition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did the cargo hook not meet Navy's safety requirements? • Is the redesigned cargo hook on track to be available from mid-2020? • Who is meeting the cost of redesigning the cargo hook? • Why was it that the fast roping and rappelling device could not be used in conjunction with the helicopter's gun? • Is the redesigned gun mount on track to be available from mid-2020? • Who is meeting the cost of redesigning the gun mount and fast roping and rappelling system? • When does Defence expect to fix the problems with the Aero-Medical Evacuation System? <p>Who will meet the cost of fixing the Aero-Medical Evacuation System?</p>
82	Kitching	MRH90 fleet availability	Written	<p>With reference to Defence's response to Question on Notice 534 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What will be the consequences for Airbus Australia Pacific of failing to meet its obligations on MRH90 fleet availability? When does Defence expect to achieve MRH90 fleet availability of 75 per cent as specified under the Deed of Guarantee with Airbus Australia Pacific?
83	Kitching	MRH90 Contractual obligations	Written	<p>With reference to paragraph (e) of Defence's response to Question on Notice 534 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates concerning the MRH90 acquisition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What contractual obligations in terms of logistics support are not being fulfilled by Airbus Australia Pacific? • Are there any other contractual obligations that are not being fulfilled by Airbus Australia Pacific? <p>If yes, please provide the details?</p>
84	Kitching	MRH90 design	Written	<p>With reference to page 186 of the Australian National Audit Office's 2018-19 Major Projects Report which states that major project issues with the MRH90 acquisition include: "The current design of the self-protection weapons system is not meeting capability requirements":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the problems with the MRH90 self-protection weapons system? <p>What steps are being taken to address these problems?</p>
85	Kitching	Projects of Concern – MRH90		<p>With reference to the Department of Defence's Projects of Concern Unclassified Statement of February 2020 which states that: (1) poor levels of supportability for the MRH90 were a key concern when the MRH90 was listed as a Project of Concern in 2011; (2) support and performance of the platform was more acceptable from 2016 to 2018; and (3) Ministers told industry at the Project of Concern summit in December 2019 that poor performance and supportability were unacceptable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What aspects of performance and supportability have deteriorated since the improvements which had been seen in 2016-2018?
86	Kitching 43/44	JSF ALIS		<p>With reference to the Joint Strike Fighter and the statement in Defence's response to Question on Notice 545 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates that: "ALIS' connection to Lockheed Martin US introduces a risk of sensitive Australian information</p>

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				<p>loss, such as sovereign capability information and personally identifiable information”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What type of Australian capability information is at risk? • What type of personally identifiable information is at risk? <p>With reference to the Joint Strike Fighter and the statement in Defence’s response to Question on Notice 545 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates that: “Additionally, the connection to Lockheed Martin US creates a risk of cyber intrusion and data loss to Australian ALIS and indirectly to the Single Information Environment through connectivity to ALIS”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does that mean there is a risk of cyber intrusion not only into the Australian ALIS but also into Defence’s wider IT network? • How will the Sovereign Data Management capability that is being developed address these risks? • When will the Sovereign Data Management capability be functioning? • What is the cost of developing the Sovereign Data Management capability? • Has the cost of developing that capability come from the approved JSF budget or did Defence need to seek new funding approvals for this work?
87	Kitching 45,46,47	JSF element of capability		<p>1. With reference to the statement at Note 9 on page 12 of the ANAO’s 2018-19 Major Projects Report that Defence advised the ANAO that the Joint Strike Fighter would not deliver one element of capability at Final Operational Capability, what element of capability will not be delivered and why?</p> <p>2. With reference to the statement in the Project Data Summary Sheet for the Joint Strike Fighter at page 148 of the ANAO 2018-19 Major Projects Report which says the Beyond Line of Sight (BLOS) capability has been deferred to a future phase of the project, why has delivery of the BLOS capability been deferred and for how long has it been deferred?</p> <p>3. With reference to the statement in the Project Data Summary Sheet for the Joint Strike Fighter at page 148 of the ANAO 2018-19 Major Projects Report that: “The F-35 future sustainment affordability has been affected by an increase in through-life sustainment cost estimates”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the current estimate of through-life sustainment costs for the JSF? • How much has this estimate increased from the original estimate? • How will the increased sustainment costs be funded?
88		JSF Project Scope		<p>With reference to the Joint Strike Fighter and the statement at paragraph 1.38 on page 26 of the ANAO 2018-19 Major Projects Report that: “In September and November 2018, due to cost pressures, the Joint Strike Fighter project received government approval to transfer project scope of \$1.5 billion to other phases of the Joint Strike Fighter program (none of which have been approved by government). There was no corresponding transfer of funds out of the project budget”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the other phases of the JSF acquisition project referred to here? • When is each of these phases expected to be carried out? • What elements of the JSF project’s scope have been transferred to other project phases?

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the anticipated cost of each of these elements of project scope? • For each other phase of the JSF acquisition, has funding has been approved? • If yes, how much funding has been approved? • If no, when does Defence expect to present each of the other phases of the JSF project to the Government for funding approval?
89	Kitching 49/50	LAND121 Phase 4	written	<p>1.In relation to the capability acquisition project LND121 Phase 4, the Protected Mobility Vehicle - Light (Hawkei):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Production Reliability Assessment Testing (PRAT) been completed. • If yes, what was the outcome. If no, when does Defence expect it to be completed. • How soon after successful completion of the PRAT would full scale production commence. <p>2.In relation to the capability acquisition project LND121 Phase 4, the Protected Mobility Vehicle - Light (Hawkei) and the statement in the Project Data Summary Sheet at page 250 of the ANAO 2018-19 Major Projects Report that “Some capability requirements have not been met by Thales’ current design at this stage of the decision process”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What capability requirements had not been met by the design at that stage of the decision process? • Have these capability requirements subsequently been addressed in the design of the vehicles? • Will all of the originally-planned capabilities be delivered?
90	Kitching	Final AWD Delivery		<p>With reference to the Minister for Defence’s media release of 28 February 2020 “Shipbuilding continues in South Australia as final Air Warfare Destroyer delivered to Defence”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the Sydney successfully completed its sea trials and officially entered service? • If no, what steps are still to be completed in terms of sea trials and entering service?
91	Kitching 52/53	AWD Project		<p>1.With reference to the statement in the Project Data Summary Sheet for the Air Warfare Destroyer project at page 152 of the ANAO 2018-19 Major Projects Report that “All significant government specified capability, with the exception of Radar-Electronic Attack, (R-EA) is currently planned to be achieved and in some warfare areas, the capability will be exceeded. Procurement of the R-EA sub-system has been deferred as currently available technology does not represent a cost-capability benefit.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the issue with the Radar-Electronic Attack system? • What are the details of the methodology used by Defence to assess cost-capability benefit in this context? <p>2.With reference to the statements in the Project Data Summary Sheet for the Air Warfare Destroyer project at page 152 of the ANAO 2018-19 Major Projects Report that the Radar-Electronic Attack budget has been preserved to support a more capable system being installed when available and that part of the quarantined funds will be used to accelerate early development of an indigenous Electronic Attack system by another Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much is the budget for the Radar-Electronic Attack system? • How much of the budget has been preserved? • What steps are being taken to develop an indigenous Electronic Attack system by another Program?

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Program does this involve? • What is that Program's budget? • How much funding is Defence providing from the Radar-Electronic Attack budget for those activities?
92	Kitching 54	Pacific Patrol Boat Program		<p>With reference to the Pacific Patrol Boat program and the statement in the Project Data Summary Sheet for this program at page 326 of the ANAO's 2018-19 Major Projects Report that "The scope of the Pacific Maritime Security Program infrastructure works required exceeds those to be implemented by the SEA 3036 Phase 1 Project (using allocated funding) resulting in the inability for GCPB vessels to dock and remain docked in a safe and secure manner without significant inefficiency at all designated PIC home berths":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What types of infrastructure works are needed in Pacific island countries so they can safely and securely berth the new patrol boats? • How many of the receiving countries need infrastructure upgrades? • How much will the infrastructure upgrades cost? <p>The ANAO report's discussion of the project risks and issues suggests that the government did not originally provide enough funding for the infrastructure works required in Pacific countries receiving the patrol boats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is that correct? • If yes, please provide the Committee with the details of how and why this happened? • If no, please explain the discussion in the ANAO report of the issues with infrastructure works?
93	Kitching 54	DCP Funding		<p>The ANAO report says at page 326 that requests would be submitted for additional Defence Cooperation Program funding and that funds would be sought from other sources such as International Policy Division:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has this issue been resolved? • How much additional funding was required? • Where did the additional funding come from? • What other Defence programs have had their funding reduced as a result?
94	Kitching 54/55	PNG Wharf Upgrades		<p>The ANAO report states at pages 326-7: "Infrastructure works to be executed for Papua New Guinea were not completed in advance of the first GCPB (Ted Diro) arriving in country ... with a resultant minor impact to wharf operations and potential associated impact to the PNG international relationship":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does this mean the GCPB Ted Diro arrived in Papua New Guinea before wharf upgrades needed to ensure its safe berthing had been completed? • If yes, why did this happen? • When were the Papua New Guinea infrastructure works completed? • Are there risks that patrol boats will be delivered to other Pacific nations before infrastructure upgrades have been completed? • If yes, what are these risks and how are they being managed? <p>With reference to Defence's response to Question on Notice 526 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates concerning the return of the PNG Pacific patrol boat, the Ted Diro, to Cairns to fix an unforeseen technical issue with one of the drive shafts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How long was the Ted Diro in Cairns for this work?

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the technical issue? • What was the cost to Defence?
95	Kitching	AIR 2025 PH6	Written	<p>With regard to the Jindalee Operational Radar Network Upgrade project (AIR 2025 Ph6) and the discussion of this project in the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Quarterly Performance Report for the September quarter 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When did this project commence? • What is the approved budget? • What delays in achieving critical engineering milestones led to this project being listed as a Project of Interest? • What was the original planned date of Final Operational Capability? • What is the current expected date of Final Operational Capability? • Has BAE Systems established a new schedule baseline? • If yes, has the new schedule baseline been validated by Defence? • Are there any anticipated impacts on the cost of the project? • If yes, what are those impacts?
96	Kitching	Capital Investment Expenditure	Written	<p>With reference to Defence's response to Question on Notice 461 from 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates concerning the \$5.17 billion decrease in capital investment expenditure over the period from 2016-17 to 2019-20 compared to originally budgeted amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to the amount of "around \$1 billion" related to downward adjustments under foreign exchange no win, no loss arrangements, how much to the nearest \$1 million was due to foreign exchange arrangements? • In relation to the amount of \$1,168 million movement in capital across years due to reprogramming of capital projects, provide the Committee with a list of capital projects which have had capital movements across years, showing the amounts moved, the years affected and the reasons for the reprogramming. • In relation to the amount of \$560 million to meet military employee expenditure requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o What military employee expenditure requirements was this amount used to fund? o In which years were these expenditures incurred o Why did the Government use funding from the capital program to meet employee expenditure requirements? • In relation to the amount of \$465 million transferred from Defence's ICT capital to ICT sustainment, why was this done and what ICT capital projects have been affected? • In relation to the amount of \$338 million related to movements in capital comprising changes to the Defence Property Disposal Plan, what were those changes and how did they reduce capital spending?
97	Kitching 58	LAND 121 PH 3B		<p>In relation to the Overlander medium and heavy vehicles capability acquisition project (LAND 121 Ph 3B) and the statement at page 216 of the Project Data Summary Sheet in the ANAO 2018-19 Major Projects Report that there is a chance the vehicles will be affected by State and Territory Governments delaying certification or not issuing permits to access public roads:</p>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the status of Defence discussions with the relevant State and Territory authorities? • What permits and certifications are required? • Is Defence confident these permits and certifications will be obtained? • When is this issue expected to be resolved?
98	Kitching 59/60	SEA 1654 Ph 3		<p>In relation to the Replenishment Ships capability acquisition project (SEA 1654 Ph 3) and the statements at page 263 of the Project Data Summary Sheet in the ANAO 2018-19 Major Projects Report that the project applied contingency funds in 2018-19 due to budgetary pressures and that one of the contingencies was engaging a commercial crew for the transit of the ships from Spain to Australia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the cost of engaging the commercial crew and why was it larger than anticipated? <p>In relation to the Replenishment Ships capability acquisition project (SEA 1654 Ph 3):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have both ships been accepted into service? • If yes, when? • If no, when will each ship enter service and how much of a delay will that be on original plans? • Is Final Operational Capability still on track for December 2022?
99	Kitching	SEA 1439 Ph 5B2		<p>In relation to the Collins Class Communications and Electronic Warfare Improvement Program (SEA 1439 Ph 5B2), and Table 3.3 in the Project Data Summary Sheet on page 317 of the ANAO 2018-19 Major Projects Report which indicates that Final Operational Capability (FOC) is forecast for December 2027:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the reasons for this 36 month delay from the original planned FOC?
100		PAES 2019/20		<p>With reference to the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio, and the entries at line 15 of Table 1 at page 16 showing a variation of \$2.96 billion in the revised estimate of administered special appropriations for 2019-20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the details of and reasons for these increases in estimated special appropriations for 2019-20?
101	Kitching 62 - 64	Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements – Naval vessels		<p>With reference to the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio, and the entry in Table 26 on page 41 showing the revised estimate of unit availability days for the Navy's major combatants is 245 days lower than the 2019-20 budget estimate due to changes in maintenance periods for the Anzac Class Frigates and the Hobart Destroyers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were these maintenance changes • Why weren't they taken into account in the original estimates? <p>With reference to the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio, and the entry in Table 26 showing the revised estimate of unit availability days for Navy minor combatants is 485 days lower than the budget estimate due to defects and longer maintenance periods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were these defects? • Why is more time needed in maintenance?
102	Kitching	PAES MH-60R		<p>With reference to the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio, and the entry in Table 27 on page 41 showing the revised estimate of flying hours for the Navy's MH-60R Seahawk helicopters is 2,300 hours lower than the budget estimate due to safety interventions and workforce shortfalls.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the safety issues and how are they being rectified?

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the reasons for the workforce shortfalls?
103	Kitching	PAES ARH Tiger		<p>With reference to the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio, and the entry in Table 29 on page 42 showing the revised estimate of flying hours for the Army's ARH Tiger is 758 lower than the budget estimate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the reasons for this decrease?
104	Kitching	PAES C-27J		<p>With reference to the Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements 2019-20 for the Defence Portfolio, and the entry in Table 31 at page 44 showing a revised estimate of flying hours for the Air Force's C-27J Spartan in 2019-20 which is 3,500 hours less than the budget estimate due to a maturing sustainment system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the problems with the sustainment system and why are they having such a large impact?
105	Kitching	ANAO Report No. 31		<p>With reference to ANAO Report No 31 of 2018-19 on Defence's Management of its Projects of Concern, how is Defence implementing Recommendation No. 1 for a consistent approach to managing entry and exit from the Projects of Concern and Projects of Interest lists?</p>
106	Kitching	2018/19 Major Projects report		<p>With reference to the statements at paragraph 1.16 on page 22 of the ANAO's 2018-19 Major Projects Report that the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group's project management branch will analyse Projects of Concern to understand the root cause of project performance and that Defence will publish lessons on systemic issues in project performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where is this work up to? • What have been the findings of this analysis of the root causes of project performance? • Where is Defence publishing the lessons on systemic issues in project performance?
107	Kitching	LAND 121		<p>In respect to the supply of Bushmasters to the ADF and the Land 121 program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there any specific Australian Industry content requirements, and if so what? • Were jacks supplied with these vehicles required to meet Australian standards? • Did the jacks supplied meet Australian standards? • Who was the supplier of and where were the jacks made? • Why were Australian-made jacks not used? • Have vehicles with these non-Australian jacks been quarantined from use, for how long, and are they still quarantined? • What was the unit cost of these jacks?
108	Kitching	C-27		<p>In relation to the C27:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there any specific Australian Industry content requirements, and if so what? • What was the unit price of the originally supplied jacks? • Were jacks supplied with these aircrafts required to meet Australian standards? • Did the jacks supplied meet Australian standards? • Who was the supplier of and where were the jacks made? • Why were Australian-made jacks not used? • Did the jacks originally supplied fail? • If so: o What repair was sought for them?

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Was there a tender to replace these jacks? o Was there any specific Australian Industry content requirements, and if so what? o Did an Australian company win the tender to replace these jacks? o Was that decision based solely on price or also on performance and meeting Australian Standards? • Why were Australian companies not given the opportunity to bid for jack supply to Defence initially?
109	Kitching	Vehicle Jacks		<p>In relation to the P8, PC21, F35, C17 and the MRH90:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was there any specific Australian Industry content requirements, and if so what? • Were jacks supplied with these aircrafts required to meet Australian standards? • Did the jacks supplied meet Australian standards? • Who was the supplier of and where were the jacks made? • Why were Australian-made jacks not used? • Why were Australian companies not given the opportunity to bid for jack supply to Defence initially?
110	Kitching	Bushfire Support		Was local sourcing of food for fire victims investigated as part of Operation Bushfire Assist? If not, why not?
111	Kitching	Reserves Bushfire Assist		<p>In relation to the call out of ADF Reserve members for Operation Bushfire Assist 2019-20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many current reservists are members of the Military Superannuation Benefits Scheme (MSBS) defined benefits scheme? • How many of these MSBS reservists were called up during the mandatory call up for Operation Bushfire Assist? • How are reservists' entitlements under the MSBS affected by periods of mandatory service? • Prior to the mandatory call up of reservists for Operation Bushfire Assist, had the Department estimated or modelled the impact of mandatory call outs on reservists' entitlements under the MSBS? • Following the mandatory call up of reservists for Operation Bushfire Assist, to what extent has Defence modelled the ongoing cost impact of the mandatory call out of reservists who were covered under the MSBS and what are the anticipated additional costs and/or liabilities to Defence as a result of the call out?
112	Kitching	BUPA		Regarding Defence's health services contract with Bupa, can the department advise if Bupa has addressed all outstanding issues with invoicing and payment delays?
113	Kitching	BUPA Contract		<p>Regarding Defence's contract with Bupa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did Bupa provide any undertakings to Defence to reduce costs under the contract? • Defence's response to a previous Estimates question on notice indicated that cost - "economy and efficiency" - and the ability to "maintain and enhance value over time" - were factors in Bupa being awarded winning the tender. Can the department clarify what is meant by that and what Bupa will do to deliver these? • Does Bupa have any targets to reduce costs over the life of the contract? • Defence has advised the contract contains provisions or incentives to find savings and efficiencies through "gain share arrangements". Can the department explain what this means? • Has Bupa received any share of savings under these arrangements to date? Does the department expect Bupa will receive additional incentive payments for achieving certain goals?

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the department receive a share of these gains too? If so, how are these treated or allocated?
114	Ktiching	BUPA KPIs		<p>The department has previously advised financial penalties have been applied to Bupa as it has failed to meet contractual requirements and KPIs for services to ADF personnel on bases up to the last reporting period in October 2019, partly because Bupa failed to fill all of the required positions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have there been any further penalties, or periods where Bupa has been penalised? Can the department explain what happened? Was Bupa not able to recruit all of the staff required? Or did they try to reduce costs by understaffing these services? Have Bupa addressed this now? Have they filled the required positions?
115	Kitching	SPA Schedule Table Dates		<p>On what dates were the Schedules of Special Purpose Flights for the following periods tabled in the Parliament:</p> <p>(a) 1 July to 31 December 2007. (b) 1 January to 30 June 2008. (c) 1 July to 31 December 2008. (d) 1 January to 30 June 2009. (e) 1 July to 31 December 2009. (f) 1 January to 30 June 2010. (g) 1 July to 31 December 2010. (h) 1 January to 30 June 2011. (i) 1 July to 31 December 2011. (j) 1 January to 30 June 2012. (k) 1 July to 31 December 2012. (l) 1 January to 30 June 2013. (m) 1 July to 31 December 2013. (n) 1 January to 30 June 2014. (o) 1 July to 31 December 2014. (p) 1 January to 30 June 2015. (q) 1 July to 31 December 2015. (r) 1 January to 30 June 2016. (s) 1 July to 31 December 2016. (t) 1 January to 30 June 2017. (u) 1 July to 31 December 2017. (v) 1 January to 30 June 2018. (w) 1 July to 31 December 2018. (x) 1 January to 30 June 2019.</p>
116	Kitching	SPA 1 Jan – 30 Jun 2019		<p>With respect to the Schedule of Special Purpose Flights for the period 1 January to 30 June 2019:</p> <p>(a) On what dates were the draft schedules provided to the Office of the Prime Minister, the Official Secretary Governor-General and</p>

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				<p>the Office of the Minister for Defence for their verification and validation of the data?</p> <p>(b) On what dates were responses received from each office?</p> <p>(c) On what date was the schedule submitted for approval to the Office of the Minister for Defence by the Department of Defence after the required verification and validation of data had been conducted by the Office of the Prime Minister and the Official Secretary Governor-General?</p>
117	Kitching	SPA Guidelines		<p>The Guidelines for the Use of Special Purpose Aircraft state (at paragraph 24 of the guidelines provided in answer to question on notice 31 from the 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates) that “Defence will be responsible to the Minister for Defence for compiling the Schedule of Special Purpose Flights for tabling in Parliament in June (for the six months ending the previous 31 December) and December (for the six months ending the previous 30 June) each year. This schedule will list all legs flown, passengers carried and hours and costings.”, but the Schedule of Special Purpose Flights for the six months ending 30 June 2019 was not tabled until 27 February 2019, with the Minister for Defence stating in response to a Senate order for production of the document that <i>“As I have not yet received the final verified report from Defence, I am not in a position to provide the document at this time.”</i>: Why was the final verified report not provided in time for the Minister for Defence to table it in December 2019, in accordance with the guidelines?</p> <p>The Guidelines for the Use of Special Purpose Aircraft state (at paragraph 24 of the guidelines provided in answer to question on notice 31 from the 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates) that “Defence will be responsible to the Minister for Defence for compiling the Schedule of Special Purpose Flights for tabling in Parliament in June (for the six months ending the previous 31 December) and December (for the six months ending the previous 30 June) each year. This schedule will list all legs flown, passengers carried and hours and costings.”, but the Schedule of Special Purpose Flights for the six months ending 30 June 2019 was not tabled until 27 February 2019, after the Senate ordered production of the document and the Minister for Defence was asked about it in question time: What processes will be put in place inside Defence to ensure the schedule next due, for the period to 31 December 2019, is provided to the Minister’s office in time for it to be tabled by the last sitting day in June 2020?</p> <p>The Guidelines for the Use of Special Purpose Aircraft state (at paragraph 23 of the guidelines provided in answer to question on notice 31 from the 2019-20 supplementary budget estimates) that “Defence will provide approving authorities weekly manifests, reflecting the actual passengers carried on each task leg, as recorded by the Departmental database. On a monthly basis, approving authorities will verify a monthly summary, provided by Defence, of all travel and will be responsible for promptly advising where discrepancies are identified.”</p> <p>(a) Is this process taking place within Defence in accordance with the guidelines?</p> <p>(b) If not, why not?</p> <p>(c) If this process is taking place, then why is there a delay in having the final schedules ready for tabling?</p>
118	Kitching	Schedule of Special Purpose Flights		<p>With respect to the Schedule of Special Purpose Flights:</p> <p>(a) Why is it that on the Defence publications website https://www.defence.gov.au/Publications/Parliament/, the most recently published schedule is for the six months ending 30 June 2017?</p> <p>(b) Will Defence be updating its website to include all published schedules of Special Purpose Flights?</p>

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119	Kitching	Publishing of Guidelines		(a) Why are the Guidelines for the Use of Special Purpose Aircraft not available on the Defence website? (b) Will the Guidelines for the Use of Special Purpose Aircraft be provided on the Defence website?
120	CARR	A4 paper		From which country does the department and its agencies source A4 photo copy paper? If from multiple countries please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms. From which country does the Minister's Office source A4 photo copy paper? If from multiple countries please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.
121	Kithcing	Executive Management		1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.
122	Kitching	Ministerial Functions		1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
123	Kitching	Departmental Functions		1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.
124	Kitching	Executive office upgrades		1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).

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125		Facilities upgrades		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies subsequent to the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.
126	Kithingg	Staff travel		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date.
127	Kitching	Legal Costs		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date.
128	Kitching	Secretarial Travel		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.
129	Kitching	FOI Requests		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 3. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 4. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the Oaic; and b. The number of times has the Oaic overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.
130	Kitching	FOI Staffing		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for 2019-20 to date.

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				<p>2. Please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>3. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level.</p> <p>4. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.</p>
131	Kitching	FOI Consultation	Written q# 8,9,10	<p>1. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response.</p> <p>2. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. <p>3. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).</p>
132	Kitching	Briefings		<p>1. Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The subject matter of the briefing. The location and date of the briefing. Who proposed the briefing. Attendees of the briefing by level/position
133	Kitching	Acting Minister arrangements		<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>
134	Kitching	Market Research		<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies.</p> <p>2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Subject matter Company Costs Contract date period <p>3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.</p>
135	Kitching	Advertising &		<p>1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to</p>

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		Information Campaigns		<p>date.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns has the Department/agency run in this time. For each campaign, please provide:</p> <p>a. When approval was first sought.</p> <p>b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.</p> <p>c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.</p> <p>3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.</p>
136	Kitching	Promotional Merchandise		<p>1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.</p> <p>3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.</p>
137	Kitching	Ministerial Overseas Travel		<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio please be provided from the of date the last answer for the Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>
138	Kitching	Social Media Influencers		<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.</p> <p>3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.</p> <p>4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.</p>
139	Kitching	Commissioned Reports and		<p>1. Since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p>

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		Reviews		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost. 3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel. 4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel 5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review. 6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level. 7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so.
140	Kitching	Board Appointments		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates Round 2019-20. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio 3. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid. 4. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors. 5. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.
141	Kitching	Appointments – Briefs prepared		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level, since the answer was provided for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. 2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The former member. b. The board or entity. c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office. d. Whether the appointment was made.
142	Kitching	Stationery		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in financial year 2019-20 to date.
143	Kitching	Media Monitoring		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided

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				<p>to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>a. Which agency or agencies provided these services.</p> <p>b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided</p> <p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20.</p>
144	Kitching	Communications staff		<p>1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>2. By Department or agency:</p> <p>a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.</p> <p>d. How many are graphic designers.</p> <p>e. How many are media managers.</p> <p>f. How many organise events.</p> <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <p>a. If yes, why.</p> <p>b. When was it established.</p> <p>c. What is the set up cost.</p> <p>d. What is the ongoing cost.</p> <p>e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.</p>
145	Kitching	Departmental staff in Ministers offices		<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>
146	Kitching	CDDA Payments		<p>1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <p>a. Accepted.</p> <p>b. Rejected.</p> <p>c. Under consideration.</p> <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <p>a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations</p> <p>b. The date payment was made</p> <p>c. The decision maker.</p>
147	Kitching	Congestion Busting		<p>1. Can the Department/agency provide an update on how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p>

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				2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department since an answer was provided for the Supplementary Estimates round 2019-20.
148	Kitching	Recruitment		1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.
149	Kitching	Staffing		1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 March 2020. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget. 2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. 3. How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were: a. voluntary b. involuntary. 4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies. 5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff. 6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date. 7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date.
150	Kitching	Comcare		1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. 2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.
151	Kitching	Fair Work Commission		1. For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.
152	Kitching	FSP Alternative Considerations		<p>According to testimony by officials from the Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board during the Estimates hearing on 4 March 2020, in 2018 the Future Submarine Program considered whether alternative submarine vendors could provide an alternative to Naval Group. Mr Finlay said: <i>“After due consideration, the program reported back as to what options there were. One was to revert to the non-successful participants in the CEP—Germany and Japan—and the other alternative was to look at the emergence of a new design house coming out of Sweden. For various reasons the program reported back that none of those would deliver”</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When did Defence commence and conclude this evaluation and consideration process? • Did Defence initiate this process at the request of the Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board or was it directed to do so by the Minister (or Ministers)? If the latter, on what date was it directed to do so? • What were the terms of reference for this process? Please provide a copy to the Committee, with any appropriate redactions to protect national security. • As part of this process, did Defence meet with representatives from Germany (either thyssenkrupp Marine Systems and/or the German Defence Department)? If so, when did these meetings occur, where did they occur and who participated? • As part of this process, did Defence meet with representatives from Japan (either Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and/or Kawasaki Shipbuilding Corporation and/or the Japanese Defence Department)? If so, when did these meetings occur, where did they occur and who participated?

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153	Kitching	60 Percent considerations		<p>During the Estimates hearing on 4 March 2020, Senator Reynolds said: <i>“Yes, we talked about the issue. On the 60, I will just check again with my records, but it was Minister Parly who actually put that 60. That resonated well with myself and Defence, because the experience on the AWD was that it was over 60 per cent content and it was also our target with BAE on the Hunter class. So that seemed to be about the right number to have as a floor.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What analysis did Defence conduct on the 60 percent figure and whether that represented the best possible outcome for the Commonwealth? • When did any analysis start and when did it conclude? • Did Defence consider whether other options, such as a higher minimum percentage, would be a better outcome for the Commonwealth? If so, on what basis did Defence settle on 60 percent as the optimal ‘floor’ and when was this judgement made? • As part of these discussions, did Defence or the Minister put forward any alternative minimum percentage figures to Minister Parly, her office or French officials? • Did Defence undertake any analysis of whether the 60 percent minimum should apply on the basis of sovereign industry capability rather than Australian industry capability? If so, when did that occur and why did Defence agree to it applying only to Australian industry capability? • At any point during or prior to the recent discussions with Minister Parly, did the Australian Government propose to the French Government and/or Naval Group that a minimum level of Australian content apply to the Future Submarine Program?
154	Kitching	SPA Negotiations		<p>During the Estimates hearing on 4 March 2020, Senators asked about the timeline for formalising Naval Group’s Australian industry commitment in the SPA and referred to comments by Naval Group Australia representatives that suggested this might occur by 2022. In response, Mr Sammut said: <i>“I suspect that Mr Billig did not have an opportunity perhaps to consider what the Commonwealth’s position would be on the time frame in which it would seek to do that. We would seek to do it sooner than what Mr Billig suggested.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has Defence commenced formal negotiations with Naval Group to include provisions within the SPA concerning this local content commitment? If so, on what date? • When does Defence anticipate that formal negotiations will conclude on this matter? • Please provide an indicative/nominal timetable for the negotiations. • Are these negotiations with the parent company in France or the Australian subsidiary? • Please provide a list of the representatives from all parties that are participating or will participate in these negotiations. • What if any role does (or will) the French Government have in these negotiations?

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155	Kitching	SPA Contract Remedies		<p>During the Estimates hearing on 4 March 2020, when asked about potential penalties for failing to comply with the local content commitment, once it is included in the SPA, Mr Sammut said: <i>“We don't have penalties within our contracts as a matter of policy. There are remedies that apply. Those remedies take various forms, some of which in terms of the remedies we have in the SPA are, of course, of a commercially sensitive nature. But there would be a means by which we could address underperformance in relation to the commitment.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please outline, in broad terms if necessary, what remedies Defence considers appropriate for underperformance in relation to this commitment. • Please outline Defence's proposed approach for quantifying, monitoring and verifying compliance with this commitment. • Does Defence already have existing policies and procedures for quantifying, monitoring and verifying Australian industry content? If so, please provide the Committee with copies of any and all relevant policy, instructional and/or guidance documents. • Does Defence intend to undertake proactive and independent monitoring and verification, or will it rely on self-reporting by Naval Group?
156	Kitching	LOTE FCD		<p>During the Estimates hearing on 4 March 2020, with respect to the life of type extension (LOTE) of the Collins class, Mr Sammut said: <i>“The intention is to conduct that within the two-year FCD”.</i></p> <p>What level of certainty does Defence have that LOTE will be complete within a standard two-year FCD?</p> <p>Is it a stipulated requirement for the development of the LOTE work packages that individually, and in totality, they must be able to be completed within a standard two-year FCD?</p> <p>Is Defence undertaking any planning and/or assessment of the risks and possible mitigation strategies in the event that LOTE for the Collins class could take longer than a standard two-year FCD?</p>
157	Kitching	CYLAD		<p>In the Department's joint Statement with Naval Group, titled: 'Australian industry involvement in the Attack Class Submarine Program', there are 137 Australian companies listed. The company, 'Cylad Australia Pty Ltd' is listed as one of these Australian companies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the role of Cylad Australia Pty Ltd? • When did Cylad Australia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Become a subcontractor of the Attack Class program? ○ What is their role in Attack Class? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Are they directly involved in the supply chain? ○ How much are they paid per financial year? Please provide a breakdown by financial year since they first became a sub-contractor to the program. <p>In their media release titled, 'New CYLAD office in Australia', CYLAD say of their Australia team, they have 'settled in our newly opened Melbourne office.':</p>

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158	Watt	Bushfire Response Funding	Written	<p>Can the Ministers (all with responsibilities within the committee) advise:</p> <p>1. Total funding within their portfolio allocated to bushfire response and recovery broken down by:</p> <p>i. Program name and function</p> <p>ii. Delivery agency</p> <p>iii. Financial year</p> <p>iv. Region and state (if applicable)</p> <p>v. Total amount committed</p> <p>vi. Total amount released</p> <p>vii. Origin of funding (eg existing appropriations or funds, new funding, etc.)</p>	Transferred to Bushfire Assist Agency as they advised they are providing a QOG response. 27 Mar
158	Kitching	DFRDB Review Terms of Reference	Written	Some veterans were concerned that they were not consulted on the terms of reference (ToR) of the review into the Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) scheme and that these were too narrow and did not address all of the issues raised by them. Was the department satisfied with the ToR and the level of consultation as part of the investigation?	
159	Kitching	DFRDB Review Consultation	Written	Has the department or Defence undertaken any consultation or engagement with Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) scheme members since the review was finalised?	
160	Kitching	DFRDB Review Considerations	Written	The Ombudsman noted that submissions to the review raised a number of other concerns, including indexation arrangements and administration of spouse payments, but stated that they would not be considering these issues or any other aspects of the scheme. Will the department or the Government be considering any of these issues, and any changes to the scheme or legislation going forward?	
161	Kitching	DFRDB CDDA	Written	The Ombudsman stated that any Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) scheme members who believe they have suffered financial loss are able to apply for compensation through the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration (CDDA) scheme. Is the department aware of any CDDA applications?	

162	Lambie	Fact Finding Missions	62	<p>Senator Lambie: Thank you for that. With fact finding missions conducted over the last two years, can you provide me with rank? How many of those fact finding missions were conducted by each rank? Getting that would be wonderful.</p>	Please provide a breakdown of the number of fact finding missions conducted by rank for the last two years
163	Wong	Ministerial meetings	36	<p>Senator WONG: You referenced in an earlier answer, Minister, that you would implement—I can't remember the words you used, but an ongoing process of reviews. I think it was quarterly meetings with your counterpart—</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Quarterly meetings—yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Has that occurred before?</p> <p>Senator Reynolds: Certainly not in my time in this role, but I can take that on notice. I suspect it hasn't. [...]</p>	Have regular meetings with Ministerial counterparts occurred before?