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1	Penny Wong	After hours access to Ministerial offices.	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. Because of the additional security associated with the Defence portfolio, are there additional—what's the word?—regulations, prohibitions, rules around entry to ministerial offices?</p> <p>Ms Jones: Not that I'm aware of.</p> <p>Senator WONG: For example, when I was finance minister—which was a very long time ago now—during the budget period we would have people in at all hours. Essentially someone from the staff would be there in any 24-hour period. So, it was not unusual for someone to be in the office in the early hours of the morning or very late at night. I don't recall any prohibition at that point in time. But I did wonder, for this portfolio, given its sensitivity, whether there are additional requirements or prohibitions around entry to the office after hours.</p> <p>Ms Jones: I have no visibility of that. I am not aware that there were any prohibitions, but we could take that on notice. It would be a matter for the—</p> <p>Senator WONG: To your knowledge, you have never been told that?</p> <p>Ms Jones: No.</p> <p>Ms Greig: Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And you, Senator Payne? You have been the defence minister.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Sorry?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was there any additional requirement about entry to the office after hours?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Not to my knowledge.</p>	Hansard	17
2	Penny Wong	Advice to Minister of Security breach.	<p>Mr Moriarty: Senator Wong, there is also: if people have a series of breaches, that's treated differently—it's escalated. Sometimes it might be one breach, but the egregious nature of that single breach deserves a different treatment. But, often it is the Chief of Staff, or they might seek support from the department to do that. I know sometimes agencies, when they are briefing staff, either in departments or offices, remind them of how material needs to be treated. Sometimes it's a refresher. It's to remind people about how a particular category of material needs to be treated. So there are a very wide range of treatments, to use that word, in terms of dealing with a staff member or an officer who has a breach recorded.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So what happened in relation to this one?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I'd need to take that on notice and check.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can someone tell me: was the security breach brought to the attention of Senator Reynolds, and, if so, how and by whom?</p> <p>Ms Jones: That is not necessarily information that we in the department would have.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But do you have it?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I'd need to check. I am not aware of it, but we can check.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Are you aware, Minister, whether this particular security breach in relation to information—</p> <p>Senator Payne: I can refer to Minister Reynolds's statements on the record of the Senate on 16 February. There were references made by the senator, the minister, in response to actions of a staff member in her office which resulted in termination with advice—</p> <p>Senator WONG: That wasn't my question.</p> <p>Senator Payne: from ministerial and parliamentary services. I don't know. I am dealing with the material that is on the public record, and I will take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You surely know more than what's on the public record.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I will take it on notice</p> <p>Senator WONG: You are close to Minister Reynolds. I'm sure you've discussed this. It's been a matter of very great public</p>	Hansard	21

			focus. You must know more than is on the public record. I am asking: how was this breach brought to her attention and by whom?		
3	Penny Wong	Advice to Minister, Chief of Staff and Prime Minister of Security breach.	<p>Senator WONG: Right. I would like to know when and how that breach was brought to the attention of Senator Reynolds's chief of staff, when and how the security breach was brought to the attention of Senator Reynolds—</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you have any knowledge of that security breach being brought to the attention of the Prime Minister's office and, if so, when?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I have no knowledge of that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Obviously, he has spoken about it publicly, so when was he told that?</p> <p>Senator Payne: It has been a matter of discussion at least since these issues were raised in February. I don't know precisely when the Prime Minister was advised, but I will take that on notice.</p> <p>p.23</p> <p>Senator WONG: You were taking on notice knowledge of other parties, Senator Payne. Are you in a position to respond to any of those? Senator Payne: Knowledge of other parties?</p> <p>Senator WONG: I asked you when the Prime Minister's office was informed.</p> <p>Senator Payne: No, I don't have advice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Special Minister of State.</p> <p>Senator Payne: You didn't ask me about that before—</p> <p>Senator WONG: No. I'm asking that now</p> <p>Senator Payne: I see. I'll ask staff to seek that information.</p>	Hansard	21
4	Penny Wong	Referral of Breach to Government staffing committee.	<p>Senator WONG: Was this breach ever taken to the Government Staffing Committee?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'm not a member of the Government Staffing Committee. I'm not aware. I will also take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	22
5	Penny Wong	Number of security breaches	<p>Senator WONG: Ms Jones or Mr Moriarty—or anybody at the table—have you sighted the register of breaches?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: I have not.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Have you, Ms Jones?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I have not.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can I have someone who has? I'm trying to get a sense of quantum and how often this happens.</p> <p>Senator Payne: We have sought that number and we will return to the committee with that information.</p>	Hansard	22
6	Penny Wong	Reduction in Minister's staff.	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. Since the minister has gone on leave, has there been any reduction in the number of staff in the office—people employed under the MOP(S) Act, DLOs or the aide-de-camp?</p> <p>Ms Jones: We'd have to check that.</p>	Hansard	14
7	Penny Wong	MINDI staffing arrangements in March 2019.	<p>Senator WONG: Is someone able to tell me how many of your staff were working in the minister's office in March 2019? You might need to go back.</p> <p>Ms Jones: We can get that for you.</p>	Hansard	15
8	Penny Wong	Security clearances in OMINDI in March 2019.	<p>Senator WONG: As at March 2019, was anybody in the office of the then Minister for Defence Industry—that is, Minister Reynolds' office—who had a higher than NV2 clearance?</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: I'm not aware, but we can check that.</p>	Hansard	15
9	Penny Wong	On what date was the Department notified of a security breach?	<p>Senator WONG: Ms Jones, can I be clear about this. I am trying to ask these questions carefully. Could you tell us whether or not in March 2019 the Department of Defence was notified of any security breach falling within the three categories to which you have averted?</p> <p>Ms Jones: Yes, there was one security breach in that category.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Which of those three categories did the breach relate to?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I am just being careful in terms of how much information I provide. But I think, noting what is already on the public record, it related to the information category. Senator WONG: Information?</p> <p>Ms Jones: Yes.</p>	Hansard	18

			<p>Senator WONG: Does this relate to the events on the night of the alleged rape or is this a separate incident?</p> <p>Ms Jones: It is separate.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So that is the only—this has been on the public record? I have missed this, if it has.</p> <p>Ms Jones: It was referenced by the Prime Minister yesterday.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What was the date of that?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I will check that for you.</p>		
10	Penny Wong	Security clearance levels in the Defence Minister's office.	<p>Senator WONG: I also wanted to ask some questions about security clearances. Obviously there are certain portfolios for cabinet ministers which have a greater requirement for security clearance of staff than others. Foreign Affairs and Defence are obviously two of those. Can you just explain to me what the requirements are as to security clearances for staff in ministers' offices for this portfolio?</p> <p>Ms Jones: There's a general requirement that all ministerial staff in all ministerial offices have at least a Negative Vetting 2 security clearance.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And are others in the defence minister's office required to have a higher level of clearance?</p> <p>Ms Jones: Potentially they could, depending on the nature of their responsibilities.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm not asking hypothetically. In the office of Minister Reynolds, who is on leave but is the serving Minister for Defence, are any of her staff required to have a higher clearance than NV2?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I would need to take that on notice and check that.</p>	Hansard	15
11	Penny Wong	Was the staff member counselled? Was there any discussion with the Chief of Staff?	<p>Senator WONG: Generally, is the defence department's role here advising the chief of staff or other relevant supervisors about the breach, about its content, but any disciplinary action is the matter for the chief of staff and/or the minister?</p> <p>Ms Jones: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On this occasion, you said the DLO advised the chief of staff. Between the 19th, which is when the breach occurred, and the advice provided on the 20th, was there any action taken prior to the 26th? The 20th was the Tuesday, I think. So on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday was there any action taken against the staff member? Or was he—or she; no, we know it's a he—counselled?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I don't have that information. We'd need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was there any discussion in accordance with that protocol or those procedures that you're aware of with the chief of staff?</p> <p>Ms Jones: Not that I'm aware of. We'd need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	23
12	Penny Wong	Who was the Minister for defence Industry's Chief of Staff in March 2019?	<p>Senator WONG: In these hearings we generally try to avoid naming staff, but these names have all been in the public arena. Was the person in the chief of staff role for the purposes of that notification on the 20th Ms Brown?</p> <p>Ms Jones: We'd need to check that.</p>	Hansard	23
13	Penny Wong	When was the Defence Industry Minister advised of the security breach that occurred on 19 March? When was the Special Minister of State advised? When was any other Minister advised? When was the Prime Minister advised?	<p>Senator WONG: You're acting currently, is that right, Senator Payne?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So you're not actually representing. I'm asking you as the acting minister, on notice, when was the then defence industry minister advised of the breach on the 19th.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That same question for the Special Minister of State or any other minister, the Prime Minister's office and the Prime Minister himself. Was the staff member concerned told of the breach prior to 23 March?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll seek advice.</p>	Hansard	24
14	Penny Wong	Does Defence have any documentation regarding the staff member in question being advised of the security breach?	<p>Senator WONG: Are breach reports confidential? If there's a security breach in relation to a document in this way, is the person told, or is that a matter for the chief of staff as well?</p> <p>Ms Jones: It would generally be a matter for the chief of staff.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you have any knowledge of this?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Of which question?</p>	Hansard	24

			<p>Senator WONG: Do you have any knowledge of whether or not the staff member was told? Is there any documentation within Defence which references that fact?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I'd need to take that on notice. We'd need to check.</p>		
15	Penny Wong	How was the breach identified?	<p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me how this breach was identified? Was this the inspection of offices that is done reasonably regularly by Finance officials or DPS officials?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I think it's DPS officials. I don't have an answer to that. We may have that information, but I don't know. We'd need to check.</p>	Hansard	24
16	Kimberley Kitching	Timing of decision regarding Minister for Defence attendance at Raisina Dialogue.	<p>Senator KITCHING: Can I ask some questions about the Raisina Dialogue, please. There's a report in the ABC today that Senator Reynolds is no longer travelling to India next month.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes, I've heard the report this morning. As I understand it, there had been no formal acceptance of an invitation to attend the Raisina Dialogue by the minister. I don't know the genesis of the report this morning, but I'm also advised that, given advice from her specialist, the senator will not be travelling.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: There was a statement earlier that she would be travelling, but that's obviously changed?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'm providing you with the advice I have today that, given advice from her specialist, Minister Reynolds will not be travelling. Defence will be represented by the Chief of the Defence Force, General Campbell, and I will be representing the government.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: The purpose of the travel was to attend the dialogue, and also to hold the two-plus-two meeting with Indian counterparts?</p> <p>Senator Payne: The purpose of travel was, as I understand it, to attend the dialogue. We had also been in discussions with India in relation to the holding of a two plus two, which was agreed under the signing of our partnership last year. On this occasion, we will not be able to do that.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: So the two-plus-two meeting isn't going to go ahead?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Not if the defence minister is not there, no.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Do you know when the decision was made that Senator Reynolds wouldn't undertake this travel?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I don't, but I understand it was on the advice of her specialist.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Would you be able to find out when that decision was made?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll seek that information.</p>	Hansard	29
17	Kimberley Kitching	Minister Reynolds' leave arrangements.	<p>Senator KITCHING: Minister Reynolds is coming back next week on the 2nd, which I think is Good Friday, isn't it?</p> <p>Senator Payne: It may well be.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I think it's Good Friday. There was an article in The Australian today by Alice Workman, talking about Minister Reynolds. I think she uses the words 'was wining and dining at an Italian restaurant in the leafy NSW town of Goulburn on Thursday'.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Do you know Goulburn at all, Senator?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I do, yes.</p> <p>Senator Payne: It's halfway between Sydney and Canberra.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: So Minister Reynolds is obviously staying close to her cardiologist here.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Indeed.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: So she's staying in Canberra. Is she claiming travel allowance for the five weeks?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'm not aware of the minister's personal arrangements for that period of time, but, if you wish, I will take that question on notice.</p>	Hansard	30
18	Penny Wong	On what basis was the breach determined?	<p>Senator WONG: I'm not asking about the incident that's the subject of the investigation, and I'm not asking about the advice that Senator Reynolds says was provided in relation to dealing with Ms Higgins. I'm asking about the termination.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I understand that, and I'm saying the termination was, according to Minister Reynolds, carried out with advice from ministerial and parliamentary services.</p> <p>Senator WONG: In relevance to the male staffer.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes, that's correct. Senator Reynolds placed that on the parliamentary record.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What was the reason for termination?</p>	Hansard	34

			<p>Senator Payne: The minister said on, I believe, 17 February: ... I can confirm that my second staff member—he was terminated shortly after this incident occurred, and it was for a security breach. That is the information that I have. Senator WONG: We've established today that it was not a security breach from Defence's perspective. So on what basis was it a security breach? Senator Payne: I'm not able to add to that information which has been provided. Senator WONG: I'm asking you, Minister—and I understand if you have to take it on notice. We know from Ms Jones that from Defence's perspective it was not a security breach because they have categories. Senator Payne: Yes. Senator WONG: So I'm asking on what basis it was a security breach. Senator Payne: I accept your invitation to take that on notice. As I have with other questions, I'm seeking further advice on those matters for you.</p>		
19	Penny Wong	Minister Reynolds' legal costs.	<p>Senator WONG: There were three. Any of the statements. Can you confirm that no part of Senator Reynolds's legal costs and no part of the settlement has been met by the Commonwealth? Senator Payne: I will confirm to the extent of my awareness and, if there's anything further to add, I will return to the committee. My understanding is that that's correct.</p>	Hansard	37
20	Penny Wong	Commonwealth contribution to legal settlement.	<p>Senator WONG: Okay. Has the Commonwealth itself incurred any legal costs in relation to this matter? I think that would be attributed to the department, from memory, but I could be wrong. Senator Payne: I am not sure, Senator. I will take that on notice. Senator WONG: Can you just check whether or not the Commonwealth will be contributing to the settlement agreed? Senator Payne: Yes.</p>	Hansard	38
21	Matthew Canavan	Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative relocation of storage facility.	<p>Senator CANAVAN: I have some questions relating to the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative. I'm referring to a media release that the initiative put out on 23 February. It related to the selection of Townsville as the preferred location for a storage and maintenance facility associated with the Singapore training. I note that you're doing a business case on this. What are you looking at in that business case in regard to the existing storage facility at Rockhampton Airport? Is that at all affected by this decision or by this assessment in the business case? Mr Grzeskowiak: The announcement refers to the decision made by Singapore about where they wish to host their new facility. As you said, they've chosen Townsville. We will now conduct an evaluation of the site that's chosen, develop a business case and go through the necessary approvals process before that construction is commenced. As I think you might be aware, Singapore are funding the construction of that facility. My understanding is that the existing facility, which I think is at Rockhampton, will remain, certainly for the time being. But I'd have to take on notice what the very longer-term plans for that facility are. Senator CANAVAN: Yes, if you could take on notice whether that's being considered as part of that process—and obviously I'm especially interested in the plans or any thoughts of moving or changing that facility post-2025 when, you indicate, the Townsville facility will be ready to go.</p>	Hansard	38
22	Matthew Canavan	Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative relocation of storage facility.	<p>Senator CANAVAN: What consideration was given to expanding the facility at Rockhampton to serve the Singapore training needs? Mr Grzeskowiak: The decision to build a new facility in Townsville was entirely one for the Singaporeans. I'm not able to talk in any detail about their consideration. I am aware that they were looking at proximity to training areas and proximity to industrial base support and the like as part of their consideration for making that decision. Senator CANAVAN: Did we provide any advice to the Singaporeans about which location would serve them best? Mr Grzeskowiak: We wouldn't have sought to influence them in any way. I can take on notice whether we provided advice about matters that might be relevant to the decision.</p>	Hansard	39
23	Matthew Canavan	Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative	<p>Senator CANAVAN: Did you provide them with any information to help them make their decision? Mr Grzeskowiak: I'm sure we would have. I'd have to take that on notice, for detail. But we would have been in contact with the Singaporeans. We are constantly in contact with them. I'm sure they would have asked us questions of fact, and we would</p>	Hansard	39

		relocation of storage facility.	have provided information. Senator CANAVAN: Could you provide to this committee the information that you provided to them? Mr Grzeskowiak: I'll take that on notice.		
24	Matthew Canavan	Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative relocation of storage facility.	Senator CANAVAN: Prior to Singapore making the decision on the preferred location, did the Department of Defence do any consultation with local stakeholders in Rockhampton, Townsville or other areas? Mr Grzeskowiak: We have a strong consultation program in and around Shoalwater Bay, and also in Greenvale and Charters Towers, in relation to the Australia-Singapore Military Training Initiative in terms of the training area development. I couldn't tell you today the detail of specific consultation around the location of that site, but it would have been something that was involved in the broader consultation process. Senator CANAVAN: Could you take on notice who was consulted prior to the decision. Mr Grzeskowiak: I will take the question on notice.	Hansard	39
25	Matthew Canavan	Cost of transporting armoured cavalry from Enoggera to Shoalwater Bay.	Senator CANAVAN: The armoured cavalry regiment at Enoggera—is there any consideration of moving some of that infrastructure to where it is used, to near Shoalwater Bay, rather than having it based 700 kilometres away in Brisbane? Mr Grzeskowiak: We're always looking at the disposition of defence capability around Australia. It might be that others could better answer that question. Lt Gen. Burr: Thank you for your question, Senator Canavan. Obviously we're always looking at ways we can drive down the cost of ownership and get more return on our investment through the efficient use of our resources. One of the things we are looking at is the posture of our armoured vehicle fleet being closer to the training areas. That is something we are looking at but it is pre-decisional. That's all I'd say at the moment. Senator CANAVAN: Could you provide on notice how much it costs every year to transport armoured cavalry vehicles from Enoggera to Shoalwater Bay for training purposes. Lt Gen. Burr: Okay, we will.	Hansard	40
26	Jacqui Lambie	Did civilian casualties increase in Afghanistan during daytime operations?	Senator LAMBIE: Did senior leadership realise that daytime operations increased the risk of civilian casualties—I'm talking about in Afghanistan. When did senior leadership realise there would be greater risk to civilian casualties? What was done about it, and if nothing was done, why not? I'm pretty much sure this'll be a non thing, but during Afghanistan we went from night-time operations to daytime operations, which put up the risk of civilian casualties. When did the senior leadership realise there would be a greater risk to civilian casualties, and what was done about it? Gen. Campbell: During our operational combat period in Afghanistan, extending from approximately the period after our return, 2006-07, through to about 2013-14, operations were conducted both in the day and at night, and the risks involved in each operation were carefully considered. They weren't binary, as your question is proposing—that at night it was safer for civilians, and during the daytime it was of greater risk to civilians. The nature of the operation, the purpose for which it was being undertaken, the area in which it was being undertaken, the range of support assets involved, the range of partner and international force contributions that would make up the operation, the weather, terrain, the season—all of these things are aspects that can influence risk analysis of an operation. So I don't agree with the characterisation that you're offering that night is safe for civilians and day is dangerous for civilians. Rather, there was a consistent effort throughout to seek to avoid and, wherever otherwise not possible, absolutely minimise civilian casualties, and to report them. Senator LAMBIE: Did the rate of civilian casualties not go up significantly when those operations were changed from night to day? Gen. Campbell: I think I'm going to have to take that on notice, to get the data over a considerable number of years. But I want to emphasise again, whether it's in the latter period or in the earlier period, our operations were being conducted both at night and during the day, and so it may take some time to be able to unpick that proposition that you're making.	Hansard	43
27	Jacqui Lambie	How many investigations were undertaken into alleged unlawful actions by Australian soldiers in Afghanistan? How many	Senator LAMBIE: Thank you. How many investigations were conducted in Afghanistan during the Australian engagement and what were the investigations into? Gen. Campbell: I am going to have to take that on notice. Could I just have a little bit more information? Are you speaking of a particular form of investigation? Senator LAMBIE: Any investigation whatsoever into any alleged crimes that the Australian troops were supposedly committing during that period of time.	Hansard	44

		quick assessments were conducted?	<p>Gen. Campbell: So we're talking about investigations into alleged unlawful actions by Australian troops?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Yes. Thank you. Were there any, and if so, how many quick assessments were conducted in Afghanistan during the SOTG rotations and by whom would they have been conducted?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I'm just clarifying once more, this is with regard to questions of allegations of unlawful behaviour—</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: This would be with regard to everything.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: What is the thing that you want? A quick what?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Quick assessments, fact finds—anything like that during that period of time.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Okay. From the SOTG, Special Operations Task Group, is that the element that you want us to look at?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: We will take that on notice. Again, that might be some time. That is quite a complex question, because it if it is about anything it will be about materiel, maintenance issues and it could be about all sorts of logistics issues—</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: I will just cut it down for you. Could we please just do it on anything to do with the personnel, where there were any incidents involving personnel, if that makes it easier?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: And the same with any IO reports that were conducted in Afghanistan during the rotations.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: This is inquiry officer inquiries that we're speaking of?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Yes, thank you. And, if that be the case, could I please find out what actions or findings were out of those IO reports, quick assessments or fact finders in relation to that, please?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: As I've said, I'll take that on notice. There may be, because I don't know the material of the findings right now, issues that either have a national security classification constraint or a legal constraint, but where that's not the case—privacy, national security or legal—we'll be able to provide you that information.</p>		
28	Jacqui Lambie	Effect of Afghan law during joint operations.	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Thank you. Could you tell me were the Afghan partner force element under Afghan law authorised to publicly decide guilt and execute people while conducting any or all operations with their Australian counterparts?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Could you say that again, Senator?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Were the Afghan partner force element under Afghan law authorised to publicly decide guilt and execute people while conducting any or all operations with their Australian counterparts?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I'll take that on notice, Senator.</p>	Hansard	45
29	Jacqui Lambie	ADF meeting with Afghani human rights groups between 2009 and 2016.	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I think this one will be for you, Minister. Could you tell me whether or not representatives of the ADF met with Afghani human right groups to discuss alleged war crimes relating to SOTG between 2009 and 2016? Were representatives of the Department of Foreign Affairs also present at those meetings?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	49
30	Jacqui Lambie	Expectation for delivery of the Naval Shipbuilding Sustainment Plan.	<p>Senator PATRICK: I'm trying to get an answer to when the plan is going to be put on the table. It's a really simple question. Minister, do you have an expectation of when the plan might be put on the table? I know you're new to the job, again.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I expect the plan to be delivered to government in a timely manner as soon as possible.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: In the next month or in the next three months.</p> <p>Mr Dalton: I don't think there's any suggestion that work is not ongoing across the enterprise, as the secretary has pointed out.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Alright. So when Mr Dalton said we can't deliver it in December 2020, no-one wrote back and said, 'Okay, my next expectation is this date.' If I FOI that, I'm not going to come up with anything.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that specific question on notice, but my expectation of the defence department and organisation is as soon as possible and as timely as possible given the commitments made, as you've noted.</p>	Hansard	52
31	Rex Patrick	Naval Group legal costs in matter before the AAT.	<p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you. I might go back to Mr Sammut for a minute. As you know, there are proceedings in the AAT in relation to the total price that Naval Group offered as part of the CEP. I note that the secretary is represented by the AGS in that matter. I note that Naval Group is represented by barristers, as they are entitled to be. What I want to understand is if the Commonwealth is bearing the cost of their legal fees under the Future Submarine project, or will those be paid for by Naval Group?</p>	Hansard	53

			Mr Sammut: I will check. It's not my understanding that we're supporting those legal costs, but allow me to check and come back to you just for the sake of accuracy.		
32	Rex Patrick	Withdrawal of MHCs.	<p>Senator PATRICK: Okay, thank you. That's very helpful. When will the MHCs retire?</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: The MHC withdrawal date will be determined once we've got approval regarding the follow-on capabilities.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: But I just heard there's a life to the vessels and that it won't be extended. What's the current life of the vessels? Just so we know.</p> <p>Vice Adm. Noonan: I'd need to come back to you and give you a definitive answer on the actual hull life of the capability that remains.</p>	Hansard	53
33	Rex Patrick	Prime Minister's involvement in Apache acquisition decision-making outside of Cabinet.	<p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you very much, Admiral. And thank you for your help with naval lexicon as well, on Twitter. Very helpful! It was about how you say lieutenant: whether it's 'leftenant' or lieutenant. There was an argument on Twitter, and the Chief of Navy helped out.</p> <p>In relation to the Apaches, there's been a decision to go to Apache without a competition. I'm wondering about the process we went through to get to that point. Was the Prime Minister involved in that decision outside of cabinet, for example? How did we get to a point where we've very quickly made a decision on that?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: I can kick it off, and I think Mr Fairweather will explain the process. Clearly, the requirement to replace Tiger was articulated in the 2016 white paper and reiterated in 2020. The process was undertaken. I think eight aircraft were looked at, and a down-select was put to government. But I'll ask Shane to expand on that.</p> <p>Mr Fairweather: I missed the question on the way in, but I think you were asking—</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I was just trying to understand the process which the Chief of Army went through.</p> <p>CHAIR: This will be your last question.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I might just jump ahead then. I was trying to understand whether there was any involvement of the Prime Minister outside of cabinet, but I also want to know whether or not you intend to marinise the helicopter for deployments on the LHDs and Choules. If so, what are the cost implications associated with that? If not, what happens in respect of that capability from a seaborne perspective?</p> <p>Mr Fairweather: The platform will not be specifically marinised, but, through the operations of Chinook, Tiger and MRH in the embarked operations, we have learnt some pretty clear lessons about how to manage in that environment, with extra servicing and extra protections for marinisation. It has worked very effectively, bearing in mind that the US and UK have also embarked the helicopter. The Chief of Army may want to talk to this, but we can't buy helicopters for every specific task, so we have to optimise across a range of tasks. We're quite confident, from what we have learnt and understood, that we'll be able to manage that platform through life, on the rare occasions it does embark.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: And the question of the Prime Minister being involved in this decision-making outside cabinet?</p> <p>CHAIR: I'm sorry, you'll have to put that on notice.</p>	Hansard	54
34	Penny Wong	Cost to taxpayer of re-negotiation of Naval Group contract.	<p>Senator WONG: How many people were involved in the renegotiation?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: That was the legal advice. The negotiation was done by the program staff. The director-general of the Future Submarine program, Commodore Bourke, and his commercial team—it was led by them, with legal advice coming from Clayton Utz.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I want to know what the total cost of this renegotiation was to taxpayers.</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: We'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	58
35	Eric Abetz	CCP members employed by defence industry.	<p>CHAIR: Whilst the Labor Party are sorting themselves, can I just ask a quick question in relation to assertions in The Australian newspaper by Sharri Markson on 14 December 2020:</p> <p>Global companies that hold billions of dollars worth of sensitive defence contracts in Australia and the US, along with companies developing coronavirus vaccines, have hundreds of Chinese Communist Party members in their employ, an investigation has revealed.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Sorry, Senator, I missed the beginning of your reference. Where is the quote from?</p> <p>CHAIR: An article by Sharri Markson on 14 December 2020. So The Australian has obtained a leaked database. I am wondering whether Defence has a public comment on that that it might want to offer.</p>	Hansard	64

			<p>Senator Payne: I recall the article. At the time I was not thinking of it in the context of defence matters, but if the secretary has a comment I will invite him to respond.</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: No, I was familiar with the story, Senator, and, I mean—</p> <p>CHAIR: Could you provide an answer on notice, possibly, in response to it? That may have filled the hiatus, and we will go back to Labor.</p>		
36	Penny Wong	Weight margin in tonnes for Hunter Class Batch 1.	<p>Senator WONG: And this is a project of interest in which weight is cited as an issue?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: Yes, one of the concerns is the weight, yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: One of the concerns is weight. Why is it a concern?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: Because the Type 26 weight has increased, and we obviously have additional changes that we are making to the platform, so we are making sure that we stay within our weight margins.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And have the weight margins changed over the life of the program to date?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: The overall weight of the ship has changed.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I understood margins to be—maybe I have misunderstood this—'as between this and this, we want the vessel to be', correct?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: There is an aim of the weight margin that we are aiming to achieve.</p> <p>Senator WONG: There is a?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: There is a weight margin set to achieve for batch 1; we have set that weight margin, and that is what we are tracking to.</p> <p>Mr Moriarty: There's pressure on that weight margin—</p> <p>Ms Lutz: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What is the consequence of us not managing to stay within it?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: The amount of through-life growth that you have in the platform.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What is the current weight of the T26 reference design?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: The light ship weight is 7,800 tonnes, but I'll need to check that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I thought the reference design was 10,000 tonnes.</p> <p>Ms Lutz: The light ship weight is what I am talking about for a reference ship design.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What is the weight margin in tonnes and how close is it to it now?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: For Type 26 or?</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, for the Hunter class.</p> <p>Ms Lutz: For the Hunter, light ship weight is estimated to be 8,200 tonnes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And that's the margins?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: That's the light ship weight.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And what's the other?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: The other would be full loaded weight.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And what's that?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: We are still working through the full loaded weight at the moment to make sure that we maintain within margins.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And what is the current margin? Sorry, I'm confused. I thought margin was 'as between this and this'; is that not right? Weight-wise; I don't know how you do weight.</p> <p>Ms Lutz: 'Margin' is in terms of year, so that is how much you are able to upgrade the platform over.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am trying to get a sense of what the current weight margin in tonnes is and how close we are to it now.</p> <p>Ms Lutz: We are just under our current weight margin in tonnes for batch 1.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What is that number?</p> <p>Ms Lutz: I'll have to get back to you on that one.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Because you don't know or you need to talk to him about it? That's alright; you're an official.</p> <p>CHAIR: The witness has taken it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Lutz: I'll take it on notice.</p>	Hansard	66

37	Jordon Steele-John	Officers Leaving SAS/ADF	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: How many individuals who were officers in Afghanistan at the time of the allegations have left the SAS, or indeed the ADF entirely, of their own accord?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: I would need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	68
38	Jordon Steele-John	Outstanding directives or decisions that are waiting upon the approval	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: You are indeed right. Can you take on notice for me whether there are any outstanding directives or decisions that are waiting upon the approval of Minister Reynolds in her capacity as defence minister?</p> <p>Senator Payne: In relation to—</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: In relation to the inquiry or any subsequent issues raised by the Brereton report?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I will take that on notice, but I can also advise the committee that I have been engaged on a number of issues concerning this matter, including a meeting with the oversight panel chaired by Dr Vivienne Thom and meetings with other relevant officials in the period in which I have been the acting minister.</p>	Hansard	71
39	Jordon Steele-John	Run Cost of NH90	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. This morning the Prime Minister went up on a whirlwind trip to the Hawkesbury River region of New South Wales to observe floodwaters from an army helicopter, crewed, I believe, by ADF personnel. First of all, what model was the helicopter, and how much does it cost to run on a domestic flight like this, including crew cost et cetera, per hour?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take the cost questions on notice and ask the CDF to confirm which rotary unit was used.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: An NH90.</p> <p>Senator Payne: An NH90.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: And there is nobody here who can give me a rough per-hour cost?</p> <p>Senator Payne: No. I'll provide that on notice. Though, having raised that, I would particularly like to acknowledge the support of the members of the ADF in that part of New South Wales. I live in Western Sydney, in the Penrith region. Their support of my community is very much appreciated, and so is the visit of the Prime Minister.</p>	Hansard	71
40	Jordon Steele-John	Decision to Engage with Matullah Khan	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: We've had a lot of discussion today about the relationship between the Australian armed forces and Matiullah Khan in Afghanistan. I think we're missing a fundamental question, though. I would really like to know who ultimately made the decision to have our forces engaged with this individual? Where did that decision lie?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Mr Matiullah Khan was the chief of the Afghan police in Uruzgan province.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Yes, I know that.</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Hence he was automatically a senior Afghan official with whom our military command system would engage, along with the governor and the senior provincial officials responsible for development and security. Before he was appointed to be the Afghan chief of police he was an influential senior militia leader in—</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I'm aware of his history. I just want to know who made the decision?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: We'll take the appointment decision-maker on notice. But my point to you was simply to indicate that because of the nature of his roles in the province he was naturally a person with whom senior leadership seeking to develop the security of the province would interact.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: For the years 2006 through 2013, with whom</p>	Hansard	71
41	Jordon Steele-John	Force Partner Ratios	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: For the years 2006 through 2013, with whom did the decision reside in relation to the force partner ratios being used at the time?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: We'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	71
42	Jordon Steele-John	SAS Rotations	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Finally, Australian Special Forces soldiers are deployed, I believe, in rotations of roughly five months and two weeks, as opposed to the standard Army six- or eight-month deployments—is that correct across that period of time?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: It varied, Senator. It varied dependent on season and also the rotation cycles seen to be best useful to sustaining the operation.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Can you take on notice for me who made those decisions across that time period and what risk assessments were used in the making of those decisions?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Yes.</p>	Hansard	72
43	Jordon Steele-John	Time Spent at Fat Lady's Arm	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Thank you. I ask Lieutenant General Burr: are you aware of any other officers or senior personnel, other than those reported in the general media, who frequented or spent time at the Fat Lady's Arms in Tarin Kot?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: I'm not, Senator, but we are making sure that we seek to understand that question.</p>	Hansard	72

44	Penny Wong	Under spend on Projects	<p>Senator WONG: I turn now to page 66 of the portfolio additional estimates statements, which is the top 30 military equipment acquisition program approved projects. I think the cumulative investment in the financial year on the top 30 capability projects is down \$748 million since the budget.</p> <p>Mr Groves: Is that 66 or 86?</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm sorry; it's 86. I apologise. I think it's table 66.</p> <p>Mr Groves: Table 66 of page 86.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry, it's my fault. It was the table number, not the page number. Table 66 lists the projects. I think we are seeing that there is \$748 million less being spent on those capability projects since the budget.</p> <p>Mr Groves: Across adjustments, yes. They will also be affected, of course, by those foreign exchange adjustments that we spoke about earlier.</p> <p>Senator WONG: How much of the \$748 million is foreign exchange and how much is us just not spending as much on those projects?</p> <p>Mr Groves: I'd have to take that on notice. I don't think I have that information with me across just the top 30; I have it at only the global level.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You have it at only the global level.</p> <p>Mr Groves: Yes. The \$202 million that impacted our total acquisition budget, for instance, that we spoke about just before.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So you don't have what of the \$748 is—</p> <p>Mr Groves: I don't have a view. I think it was \$201 million that we spoke about. At the total acquisition level, that's the amount that—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, but this is the top 30; right?</p> <p>Mr Groves: I don't have it specific to the top 30.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You can perhaps do that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Groves: Yes.</p>	Hansard	77
45	Kimberley Kitching	Scope of AIC Audit	<p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you. I want to move to the Australian industry capability audits. In the October 2020 budget estimates, Defence noted that the Australian industry capability audits were scheduled to begin in the fourth quarter of 2020. Have the audits been initiated?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: Yes, they have.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: When were they initiated?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: November or December—certainly the later part of the quarter.</p> <p>Mr Halloran: Last year in the committee we said that audits would commence in quarter 4. They did commence, by formal notification to three suppliers, in December 2020.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: So the first audits have been initiated; is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Halloran: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: But there was a delay in starting the audits?</p> <p>Mr Fraser: That was as planned.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: How much has been budgeted for the audit process?</p> <p>Mr Halloran: We have engaged an external auditing firm. As per their reporting on AusTender, there is \$660,000 for the audit program to the end of this financial year. That will cover us for about four audits. Based on that quote, we are looking at \$1.5 million to \$1.75 million per annum.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: And who is the auditor?</p> <p>Mr Halloran: The audit firm is a firm called Axiom Associates.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What are the AIC plans that are currently being audited?</p> <p>Mr Halloran: I'd just like to take that on notice, if I could, and, with the indulgence of the secretary, just give you some sense of the sensitivity that we see in doing that.</p>	Hansard	84
46	Kimberley Kitching	Org Chart for where CDIC sits in Defence	<p>Senator KITCHING: Could I get an org chart showing where CDIC sits within defence?</p> <p>Mr Chesworth: I will provide that on notice.</p>	Hansard	86

47	Kimberley Kitching	Total Number of Grants	<p>Senator KITCHING: How many grants did you issue last year? I'm going to ask for a state-by-state breakdown.</p> <p>Mr Chesworth: Would I please be able to take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Certainly. But can you give me the total number of grants?</p> <p>Mr Chesworth: I'm not sure I have the year figure with me. I will take that on notice if that's alright.</p>	Hansard	87
48	Kimberley Kitching	ANAO Review of Boxer CRV - Tender Conflict of Interest	<p>Senator KITCHING: Can I go to the Boxer Combat Reconnaissance Vehicles project. I've got some questions on the ANAO report. I'm going to give you a list of projects I'm going to ask about so that people don't have to rush from the other room. The next one I'm going to ask about is the Jindalee over-the-horizon radar upgrade. And then I will ask about the submarine escape and rescue system.</p> <p>Going back to phase 2 of the Land 400 project, this is a \$4.28 billion contract to acquire 211 Boxer combat reconnaissance vehicles for the Army. Is that correct?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: The tender process ran from early 2015 to early 2018?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: The ANAO, in their report, found shortcomings in defence's management of conflicts of interest and probity during this tender process. The ANAO said that in November 2016 Defence identified a perceived conflict of interest by a member of the Tender Evaluation Board due to comments that could lead to a perception of bias. What are the details of this incident?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I'll have to take that on notice. I think it was a member, not within the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group, who had made a comment which could have been interpreted as favouring one vehicle or the other. If it is the one I am thinking of, then that person voluntarily removed himself from the process.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Was the comment in favour of or against the successful tenderer?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I'll have to take it on notice, Senator. It was some years ago.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: That's fine. What was the role of the person?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I need to take that on notice, because there were a number of minor probity issues over the course of the project. I'll just have to go into the records.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: When was the comment made?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I'll have to take that on notice. It was very early in the process.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: It was maybe some time in 2015, but you'll come back?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: Yes, Senator.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you. How did the comments come to senior management's attention?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: If it's the one I'm thinking of, another member of Defence thought that comment may have been inappropriate and reported it up through the chain in accordance with our probity rules. It was actioned in that way.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: How was the perceived conflict of interest managed? He removed himself?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: The person was not part of the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group. My recollection is he was an Army officer, and he was removed from the process.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: In the report the ANAO said that the Australian Government Solicitor indicated to Defence that, in addition to the person's resignation from the Tender Evaluation Board, Defence should '... consider whether a sufficient potential risk existed to warrant an examination of the evaluation process to date', that is, the initial short listing and risk mitigation activity. Did Defence conduct such an examination of the risks to the evaluation process?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I'll take that on notice, but the person was not part of the formal evaluation process and was not a delegate in the process. I was the delegate.</p>	Hansard	87
49	Kimberley Kitching	Policy on Contract Sponsorship	<p>Senator KITCHING: The ANAO also said, at para 3.90, that there was a perceived conflict of interest in Rheinmetall's sponsorship of an Army sport team and an Army support association. What are the details of those sponsorships?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I don't believe there was a perceived conflict of interest. This sponsorship related to many years previous to the project when Rheinmetall had provided sponsorship to an Army unit rugby team. It was many years before the process even kicked off.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Okay. Does Defence have a policy on sponsorships by contractors?</p>	Hansard	88

			<p>Major Gen. Coghlan: It does. Within the LAND 400 program the rules in force are that if there is a sponsorship active before a tender is submitted, that may continue, but any sponsorship after that must come to the delegate for a decision. I've had a number of sponsorships suggested to me by tenderers and I have said no to all of them, I believe.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Are you able to table that policy?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I'll take that on notice.</p>		
50	Kimberley Kitching	Policy on Gifts and Hospitality	<p>Senator KITCHING: I don't think I need the slides, but could I get, if possible, the policy on gifts and hospitality?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: That's a Defence policy. Yes.</p>	Hansard	88
51	Kimberley Kitching	ANAO Breach of Probity Plan 2017	<p>Senator KITCHING: In paragraph 396 the ANAO says that there was another breach of the probity plan in 2017 when a member of Defence's evaluation team asked one of the two shortlisted tenderers to give his partner a job. What are the details of this incident?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I'll take that on notice, but, from memory, it was a contractor, and the contracting company took immediate action and advised us of the issue.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: The references are 396 and 397.</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: When did senior management become aware of this event?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I'll take that on notice. It was pretty quickly.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: And how was the probity breach dealt with?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I believe that person was removed from the project, but I'll answer that as a question on notice. It is some years ago.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: You didn't engage the procurements probity adviser? Did the AGS get involved in that?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: The AGS is our probity adviser.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes, but—sorry—did they get involved in that?</p> <p>Major Gen. Coghlan: I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	88
52	Kimberley Kitching	ANAO Conflict of Interest	<p>Major Gen. Coghlan: Every person involved with these projects signs a significant and detailed probity plan and acknowledgement of any conflict of interest. That is then analysed by our probity team and the Australian Government Solicitor.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: And was there any interaction with Minister Reynolds? Maybe I can ask Minister Payne whether the minister was aware of the perceived conflicts of interest, and in fact the ANAO report.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll take that on notice. It goes to specific knowledge of another person's—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes. Also, perhaps you could take on notice whether the minister has sought any advice on ensuring the higher standards of probity. So, was any action taken from a ministerial point of view?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'll check on the ministerial response. I don't have that information to hand.</p>	Hansard	89
53	Kimberley Kitching	Planned Date for IOC	<p>Senator KITCHING: You can take this on notice if you can't answer it now. What was the originally planned date of the IOC and the FOC for this project?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: It was 2022.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: For both?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: Yes, as I recall.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Any month?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: I'll have to come back to you on that, Senator.</p>	Hansard	94
54	Timothy Ayres	MRH90 Crash	<p>Mr Fairweather: It was quite complex. There were build-ups of composite structure and it was a design fault where load was transferred where they didn't expect it to be. I can give you more details on those because it was a complex build-up of composite material. You'd have to be able to visualise how it worked because it's quite a complex dynamic component. I wouldn't do it justice in trying to explain it to you in here with hand movements.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Thank you, it's not late enough to make you do that.</p> <p>Mr Fairweather: No, if you want lessons in helicopter aerodynamics, that would take another—</p> <p>CHAIR: Hansard would find it difficult to pick up the hand movements.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I would appreciate, on notice, that outline. What was the cost of the rectification?</p>	Hansard	95

55	Timothy Ayres	MRH90 Door Malfunction	<p>Senator AYRES: In a response to an estimates question on notice, there was another grounding, in March 2020, due to an issue with a cabin door. How many of the aircraft were grounded on that occasion and for how long?</p> <p>Mr Fairweather: That I can't recall exactly, but that was an issue of the door sliders and wasn't necessarily a flight safety hazard. It was just that we couldn't fly with the doors fitted for some aircraft. I'll have to get you that detail because I don't know off the top of my head how many that impacted.</p>	Hansard	95
56	Timothy Ayres	MRH90 Availabilty and Cost	<p>Senator AYRES: When you do, can you tell me: how many helicopters Defence is leasing, for how long and what the cost is?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: We are leasing two civilian helicopters. I will need to get the details on notice in terms of the length of that contract.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: And cost?</p> <p>Lt Gen. Burr: And cost. It is using the sustainment money from this program, and we're covering the preparedness aspects of this through additional use of the Chinook, which is proving to be a very reliable platform. I'd just also make the point that the low availability rate is consistent with all the other European users. We're actually on par with all the other MRH-90 users, as low as it is, and there is a shared understanding and shared pressure on the helicopter company to fix this. I'd like to also just reinforce the proficiency and professionalism of the crews that fly them and sustain them under these difficult circumstances.</p>	Hansard	97
57	Rex Patrick	Incident at Amberley Airport	<p>Senator PATRICK: I've got one set of questions for the Chief of Air Force and then some questions on industry content in the Future Submarine project. I just want to very quickly understand, in just a couple of minutes, the incident that took place at Amberley Air Force Base with the Super Hornet. What was the cause of the problem? What is the state of the aircraft, as in: Will the aircraft return to service? Has it returned to service? Are there any lessons learned from it?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: To the first part of your question: I'm still not able to publicly provide an outcome of the cause. I'm about to receive the final accident investigation report. Once I've been able to review that fully and fully understand the situation and circumstances and apply that through our normal government processes, then I'll be in more of a position to announce that publicly, once I've discussed that with the minister.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Can I ask you to take that on notice? You might well have that answer by the time you're returning those responses.</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: Certainly, I'll take that on notice. That answer on notice will only be able to be released when I see the report.</p>	Hansard	98
58	Rex Patrick	Money spent on combat system	<p>Mr Sammut: Indeed. And that becomes even harder to quantify in terms of a figure. I can say that we are seeing Australian industry involved in combat system development. You'd be aware that the optronic system is being supported by Acacia, in terms of software development, through Safran Electronics & Defense Australasia as well as Thomas Global for some of the hardware systems that will go on there. We've also looked at what can be sourced from Australia for other types of capability, whether it's sun or intercept capabilities and so forth. I might also add that, through our contract with Lockheed Martin Australia—and perhaps that's another thing to point out—the combat system integration is happening in Australia with Lockheed Martin Australia at Mawson Lakes. The other thing I was going to mention is that there's been \$2 million in total awarded to 27 Australian entities in research and development grants for combat system related stuff—and that's generally software, to your point, Senator—and a further \$2 million in grants for further work to two Australian entities.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Can you break that down on notice? I've only got a few more to go.</p> <p>Page 98 – Q58 continued</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Just before the break, Mr Sammut, can I ask you to take on notice how much has been spent on the combat system to date and how much of that is what would be considered Australian content or Australian spend.</p> <p>Mr Sammut: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	98
59	Kim Carr	Compliance with Export Controls	Does Defence rely on self-assessment by universities to ensure compliance with Australia's export controls?	Written	
60	Kim Carr	Australia's Export Controls	Are all exports of controlled technology subject to Australia's export controls regardless of the exporter (be they government, private sector or a university)?	Written	
61	Kim Carr	Engagement with Universities and Australia's Export Control Framework	Does Defence engage with universities across Australia to ensure that they are aware of, and understand, Australia's export control framework? a. How is this work undertaken?	Written	

62	Kim Carr	Outreach Activities	Does Defence conduct outreach activities with individual universities? a. What is the nature of these activities? b. How many universities has Defence engaged with on outreach activities since April 2016 and since October 2020?	Written	
63	Kim Carr	Control Status of Technology	Are universities able to seek assessments in relation to the control status of a technology (including their related research)? a. Since the beginning of April 2016, when the Defence Trade Controls Act came into force, how many advices have been requested and how many have been issued?	Written	
64	Kim Carr	Australian Research Organisations and Universities	Since 1 January 2015 how many of the following has Defence provided to Australian research organisations and universities: a. assessments of research activities. b. permits for exports of controlled goods and technology. c. How many organisations have assessments and permits been provided to?	Written	
65	Kim Carr	Seek to Support and Facilitate Trade	Does Defence seek to support and facilitate trade and research while maintaining Australia's capability advantage?	Written	
66	Kim Carr	Tools to Assist Exporters	Has defence implemented a tool to assist all exporters, including universities, to conduct a self-assessment to identify if the technology they are working on is controlled under Australia's export control framework? a. Is the assessment tool just an aid for exporters and does not replace the need for a permit if the technology is controlled?	Written	
67	Kim Carr	Australian and International University Collaborations	Does Defence recognise that Australian and international university collaborations, including with China, make important contributions to research and development that may lead to scientific and technological advances?	Written	
68	Kim Carr	Foreign Research Collaborations	Does Defence continue to welcome foreign research collaborations and proposals where they are not contrary to the national interest and they comply with Australia's export control legislation and framework?	Written	
69	Kim Carr	Defence Export Controls Working Group Membership	What is the current membership of the Defence Export Controls Working Group? a. When did the working group last meet?	Written	
70	Kim Carr	Points of Contact with Universities	Does Defence have dedicated points of contact in each university with who they regularly engage with on Defence Export Controls? a. How many points of contact does defence currently have? b. Do they ever meet all together?	Written	
71	Kim Carr	Open Exchange of Information	As a regulator does Defence rely on a frank and open exchange of information with applicants? a. Does this include applicants sharing their sensitive commercial information? b. At the time applicants apply for a permit, does Defence undertake to use the applicant's information only for assessment and compliance activities?	Written	
72	Kim Carr	Australia's Export Control Framework	Is it correct that the export of controlled goods or technology from Australia, including knowledge and expertise such as technical assistance, is subject to Australia's export control framework? a. Does this include military and dual-use technologies?	Written	
73	Kim Carr	Legislation Underpinning Australia's Export Control Framework	Is Australia's export control framework underpinned by a range of legislation that addresses different aspects of the framework? a. Please provide a list of that legislation.	Written	
74	Kim Carr	Permit Requirements for Exporting Controlled Goods	Does exporting a controlled good or technology listed in the Defence and Strategic Goods List require a permit?	Written	
75	Kim Carr	Assessment of Export Applications	Is an assessment of an export application under Australia's export control framework undertaken on a case-by-case basis?	Written	

76	Kim Carr	Criteria used to Assess Export Permits	When the Government assesses export permits, does it consider criteria including Australia's national security? a. Do the assessments take into account a number of considerations including the nature of the goods/technology, the end user and the end use? b. Is the assessment considered against the five policy criteria that are reflected in the Defence Trade Control Regulations – Human Rights, International Obligations, National Security, Regional Security and Foreign Relations?	Written	
77	Kim Carr	Complying with Australian Legislation	Are their obligations on universities to comply with Australian legislation, like the Defence Trade Controls Act, when they receive funding for projects from the Australian Research Council? a. Is this reinforced through the Council's conditions of funding?	Written	
78	Kim Carr	Defence Trade Control Act Breaches	Have there been any breaches of the defence trade control act since its introduction?	Written	
79	Jordon Steele-John	ADF Cooperation with Sri Lankan Navy	What is the detail of any training/ cooperation or program that the ADF, or Australian Navy has with the Sri Lankan Navy?	Written	
81	Jordon Steele-John	Meetings with Soe Win	How many times has Defence officials met with Soe Win, and at what levels?	Written	
82	Jordon Steele-John	Public Statement on Version of Events	A phone meeting on February 22, between Vice-Chief of the Australian Defence Force, David Johnston, and Myanmar's Vice-Senior General, Soe Win, has been criticized in an ABC News story given a UN report has called for that general to be sanctioned for grave crimes committed against ethnic Rohingya Muslims since 2017. oThe Myanmar government released details of the call in the New Light of Myanmar immediately portraying it as legitimizing the junta. This PR exercise by the junta was to be expected. Did the Australian government consider releasing a public statement in English and Burmese on its website to make it clear to the Myanmar people what the Australian government's version of events was from the call, given they are very different to what the Myanmar authorities published? ? Why did that not occur? ? Why did it have to wait for inquiries from an ABC journalist for those details to be released?	Written	
83	Jordon Steele-John	Defence Exports to Saudi Arabia and UAE	Given continued violations of the laws of war by the Saudi and UAE-led Coalition in Yemen, can Defence provide information on the quantity and type of defense exports to Saudi Arabia, UAE and other members of the Saudi-led coalition?	Written	
84	Jordon Steele-John	Review of Arms Sales	In the wake of the decision of US President Joe Biden to review arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, due to ongoing laws of war violations in Yemen, has the Australian government considered holding a similar review? Why not?	Written	
85	Jordon Steele-John	Yemen	Following the report by ABC News on March 10, that Australian company Electro Optic Systems (EOS) has set up an office in the United Arab Emirates to have a joint venture with a UAE government agency to manufacture weapons there, will the Australian government commit to ending any more financial assistance to this company? How much financial assistance has EOS provided? [The government previously provided more than \$36 million in financial assistance to EOS] Does this arrangement require approval from Australia's Defence Exports Controls? Has Defence examined this deal to ensure it meets Australia's various treaty obligations? Does the UAE joint venture effort not constitute a manoeuvre to work around provisions of the arms trade treaty that would prevent the export of weapons to UAE given laws of war violations by the UAE in Yemen?	Written	
86	Jordon Steele-John	Microair Avionics Transponder	Can Defence confirm international and local reports that a Microair Avionics transponder was found in a downed AZAD military drone in Nagorno-Karabakh in October 2020?	Written	
87	Jordon Steele-John	Export of Microair Avionics Transponder	Was a permit granted by Defence for the export of the MicroAir transponder shown in the photo? (Serial No 1102) If so, to which company, in which country, was it exported? When? If a permit was granted, were any end-user restrictions attached to the sale? If so, what restrictions were applied? If these restrictions have been breached, is Defence investigating the breach? Any consequences?	Written	

88	Jordon Steele-John	Selling of Transponders to Azerbaijan/Turkey	Microair has said it has not sold its transponders to Azerbaijan or to Turkey. Do Defence Department records confirm that statement? If so, has the Department undertaken an investigation into how a Microair transponder came to be in an Azerbaijani AZAD drone? If so, what were the results of that investigation? If not, why isn't it being investigated?	Written	
89	Jordon Steele-John	Selling of Transponders to Aeronautics and/or Rafael	It is known that Israeli company Aeronautics is in partnership with the Azerbaijan government in AZAD. Microair's website lists Rafael Defence as a client. Rafael now owns Aeronautics. Can Defence confirm whether Microair transponders have been sold to Aeronautics and/or Rafael?	Written	
90	Jordon Steele-John	Export Permit UAV Transponders	Do all UAV transponders exported by Microair to foreign defence company clients require an export permit?	Written	
91	Jordon Steele-John	Microair Transponders Export Permits	To how many different defence companies, and in which countries, have export permits for Microair transponders been granted in the last seven years (since the ATT came into effect)?	Written	
92	Jordon Steele-John	Reassessment of Microair's Exports	Have Microair's exports of this transponder been reassessed in light of this discovery, as encouraged by the ATT? If not, why not? If so, what was the outcome of the reassessment?	Written	
94	Jordon Steele-John	UAV Transponders	Are UAV transponders covered by the DSG? If so, can you confirm they require a permit for export? If not, how are these exports regulated? If they are not regulated, why not?	Written	
95	Jordon Steele-John	Australia's Arms Approval and Export Process	Lawyer Kellie Tranter has stated that: "[Australia's] arms approval and export process doesn't publish, follow up or trace exports... Under the system there's no certainty that the goods or technologies exported reach or stay with the approved end user... The authorities simply deal with the application and if they approve it there is no follow up." Is it possible to have the Department confirm whether this is correct?	Written	
96	Jordon Steele-John	Banning Defence Exports to Saudi Arabia and UAE	Given that Italy has introduced an immediate and permanent ban arms transfers to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, and revoked existing permits and prevented goods leaving port because of the risk of their misuse in Yemen, will Australia revoke Australian permits and ban future defence exports to these same countries?	Written	
97	Jordon Steele-John	Use of Weapons in Yemen	Can you confirm that previous defence exports from Australia to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, specifically remote weapons system sold by Electro-Optical Systems, are not being used in the war in Yemen? Have you undertaken human rights due diligence to ensure that is not the case?	Written	
98	Jordon Steele-John	Actions Taken to ensure Exports Aren't Harming Civilians	What steps has Department of Defence taken to ensure previous defence exports are not used to harm civilians?	Written	
99	Jordon Steele-John	Military Permits From Australia to UAE/Saudi Arabia	How many military permits have been issued for goods from Australia to Saudi Arabia, and from Australia to UAE, between October 2020 and March 2021?	Written	
100	Jordon Steele-John	Defence Export Licence for Goods to Saudi Arabia	The United Nations found that the Saudi-led coalition killed or maimed 222 children in Yemen in 2019 alone. In assessing the 5 defence export licence applications for goods to Saudi Arabia issued between August 2019 and October 2020, how did the Department of Defence consider these violations of international human rights law, and international humanitarian law?	Written	
101	Jordon Steele-John	Defence Export Licence for Goods to UAE	The United Nations found that the Saud-led coalition killed or maimed 222 children in Yemen in 2019 alone. In assessing the 9 defence export licences for military goods to UAE issued between August 2019 and October 2020, how did the department consider these violations of international human rights law, and international humanitarian law?	Written	
102	Jacqui Lambie	OPCON	Will the Minister confirm that, following the Dutch withdrawal from Uruzgan in 2010, the Deputy Commander in Afghanistan was made responsible for oversight of detention and interrogation operations and the respective units were allotted OPCON	Written	

			to him? a. If so, can the Minister confirm that Task Group 66 (SOTG) was made OPCON to the Deputy Commander in Afghanistan at that time?		
103	Jacqui Lambie	Units Placed Under OPCOMD	Will the Minister confirm that in 2011 all assigned units were placed under OPCOMD of Commander JTF633 rather than OPCON? a. If so, how long did that command and control arrangement remain?	Written	
104	Jacqui Lambie	Commander JTF633 Exercise OPCON	During the period 2006 to 2013, in which years or periods did Commander JTF633 exercise OPCON over Task Groups dispersed across the MEAO?	Written	
105	Jacqui Lambie	Commander JTF633 Exercise OPCOMD	During the period 2006 to 2013, in which years or periods did Commander JTF633 exercise OPCOMD over Task Groups dispersed across the MEAO?	Written	
106	Jacqui Lambie	Task Group 66	Did those Task Groups include Task Group 66 (SOTG)?	Written	
107	Jacqui Lambie	Gift of Gold Watches	With regard to reporting by the ABC that Special Forces commanders accepted gifts of gold watches from Matiullah Khan: * a. Are ADF personnel required to disclose gifts in such circumstances? b. How many watches were gifted to ADF personnel? c. Were the soldiers who received the watches allowed to keep them? d. Were other gifts presented to Australian soldiers by Matiullah Khan? If so, what were they? * Green, Andrew, 2021, Afghan militia leader Matiullah Khan gave gold watches to Australian Special Forces commanders, ABC News Online, Posted Saturday 6 February 2021 at 12:37am, updated Saturday 6 February 2021 at 12:43am, https://www.abc.net.au/news/2021-02-06/afghan-militia-leader-gold-watches-australia-special-forces/13122922	Written	
108	Jordon Steele-John	Fat Lady's Arms	When did General Burr first become aware of the Fat Lady's Arms? Did General Burr ever visit the Fat Lady's Arms?	Written	
109	Jordon Steele-John	Samantha Crompvoets	What were the terms of reference of every Defence engagement of sociologist Samantha Crompvoets?	Written	
110	Jordon Steele-John	Alcohol Consumption	How was alcohol obtained for personnel in Afghanistan? At what level (rank?) were those purchases approved? What was the annual alcohol bill for SOTG forces for each year of the war? What is the highest rank at which there was knowledge that alcohol consumption was occurring among SOTG personnel, and that there was a bar, the Fat Lady's Arms?	Written	
111	Jordon Steele-John	Photos/Videos	How many a) photos and b) videos does Defence have that were obtained as part of the Brereton inquiry process? How many of those photos/videos show potential illegal behaviour by soldiers? How many of those photos/videos show potential illegal behaviour by officers? How many of those photos/videos show soldiers drinking alcohol? How many of those photos/videos show soldiers drinking from the prosthetic leg? How many of those photos/videos show officers drinking alcohol? How many of those photos/videos show officers drinking from the prosthetic leg? How many officers can be identified in those photos/videos drinking in the Fat Lady's Arms? What were their ranks?	Written	

112	Kimberley Kitching	Review instigated into the Future Submarines Program	<p>a) When were members of the Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board (NSAB) and/or the Naval Shipbuilding Expert Advisory Panel (NSEAP) made aware of the review?</p> <p>b) Will you be providing ongoing advice to the review?</p> <p>c) Are there terms of reference for the review of Future Submarines that you are aware of?</p> <p>d) Has the NSEAP provided any input at all to the PM's review?</p> <p>e) According to the Auditor-General's report No 22 of 2019-20, Future Submarine Program – Transition to Design, in September 2018 the NSAB had recommended that alternatives to the Strategic Partnering Agreement be explored by Defence. Do you believe the CER review would be necessary if a proper alternatives had been explored sooner?</p> <p>f) What is the NSEAP's current assessment of costs and timelines for the Future Submarines project?</p>	Written	
113	Kimberley Kitching	After Action reports	<p>a) According to recently released redacted After Action reports (Defence Freedom of Information 296/20/21), the NSAB had several meetings in December including on 17 December 2020 with Mr Sammut, General Manager Submarines. What matters were discussed at that meeting? Was the SPA discussed?</p> <p>b) A number of names are redacted on the After Action report for 22 December 2020, which includes reference to the meeting with Mr Sammut on 17 December 2020, and two virtual meetings on 5 and 6 November 2020. The redactions of all other names other than Mr Sammut are based on Section 47G of the FOI Act, public interest exemptions for business related purposes. Were participants from Naval Group? Were participants from alternative companies?</p>	Written	
114	Kimberley Kitching	Revised Strategic Partnering Agreement	<p>a) When did the NSEAP become aware the Government and Naval Group had signed a revised Strategic Partnering Agreement, including provisions relating to local contract spend?</p> <p>b) Did the NSEAP review the new provisions prior to the revised SPA being signed?</p> <p>c) What advice has the NSAEB provided the Minister and Department about the revised SPA?</p>	Written	
115	Kimberley Kitching	Collins Class Submarines	<p>a) Since the Government backtracked on the commitment to announce the Collins Class Full Cycle Docking location in 2019, former Minister Reynolds has said that Cabinet's National Security Committee will make the decision when it is the right time for the decision" [Hansard, Oct 2020 Estimates, p.52]. Has the NSAB/NSEAP provided advice since last Estimates on the timing?</p> <p>b) The NSAB said in response to 2020-21 Budget Estimates Question on Notice 3 that infrastructure-wise, if a full or hybrid transfer to Henderson of Full Cycle Docking was to occur, Defence briefed you this would take three to four years. Mr Whiley of ASC Pty Ltd told Estimates that the lead time would be 5-6 years. Why is there a discrepancy between NSAB/NSEAP and Defence's view and that of ASC Pty Ltd?</p> <p>c) Can you clarify what would be involved in a full or hybrid transfer? How do you arrive at your estimate?</p> <p>d) A two-year discrepancy is quite significant. If a six-year lead time was required, would that mean a decision must be made imminently if it is to allow a relocation of the 2026-27 Full Cycle Docking?</p>	Written	
116	Kimberley Kitching	Upper Burdekin River facility	<p>Is the ADF/DoD planning to acquire or use land on the upper Burdekin River? If so, can you please detail:</p> <p>a) How much land is to be used?</p> <p>b) For what purpose?</p> <p>c) The manner of negotiation and engagement with Traditional Owners, including Gudjula and Gugu Badhun people, and details including meetings, dates, attendees?</p> <p>d) What types of compensation, assurances, etc. are being offered to Traditional Owners?</p> <p>e) Where do Native Title rights exist on the proposed land?</p> <p>f) Are representatives, such as Gudjula leaders, denied access to classified materials? What requests have been denied on this basis and why?</p>	Written	
117	Kimberley Kitching	Future Submarines Program - training	<p>a) The Australian Financial Review (AFR) reported on 2 March 2021 that Naval Group was cutting training for workers, including specialist skills for welders, as part of budget cuts to secure the contract for the detailed design phase of the submarine project. Is Naval Group cutting previously planned levels of training for Australian workers? b) What information does Defence have about the level of investment in training Australian personnel? c) The AFR article says: "About 150 welders from Australia had been expected to go to France to learn the specialist welding techniques required for the hull to withstand the stresses of underwater pressure, but this has been cut right back.". What information does Defence have about this? d) Did Naval Group make commitments to provide training for Australian workers as part of its original bid for the submarine</p>	Written	

			project? If yes, what were those commitments? How is Defence monitoring whether Naval Group is delivering on these commitments? e) How will Defence ensure that the latest undertakings around Australian industry involvement and local content are not offset by Naval Group by cutbacks in other areas of investment in Australia such as training and workforce development?		
118	Kimberley Kitching	Future Submarines – costing	<p>2020-21 Budget estimates Question on Notice 102 asks: “For what other projects contained in the 2016 Integrated Investment Program and 2020 Force Structure Plan have public costs been given in constant dollars?”. Defence’s response does not answer this part of the question. Can Defence now advise the Committee:</p> <p>(a) For what other projects contained in the 2016 Integrated Investment Program have public costs been given in constant dollars?</p> <p>(b) For what other projects contained in the 2020 Force Structure Plan have public costs been given in constant dollars?</p> <p>(c) Why did Defence not answer these questions in its response to 2020-21 Budget estimates Question on Notice 102?</p> <p>(d) Did the Minister for Defence or her office ask Defence to make changes to its draft answer to 2020-21 Budget estimates Question on Notice 102? If yes, when did the Minister’s office ask Defence to make changes to its draft answer and what were the changes requested?</p>	Written	
119	Kimberley Kitching	Future Submarines – Design contract	<p>The Auditor-General’s 2019-20 Major Projects Review states on page 160: “Under the Submarine Design Contract, the Functional Ship Systems Requirements Review was scheduled for 31 Oct 19 and experienced a delay of five weeks to conduct of the review. This delay was assessed as recoverable by the next major milestone review, Functional Ship - System Functional Review (FS-SFR), planned for January 2021.”</p> <p>a) Was the delay regarding the Functional Ship Requirements Review recovered?</p> <p>b) Has the next major milestone review, the Functional Ship - System Functional Review (FS-SFR), progressed as planned for January 2021? If no, has this led to further delays in the Future Submarines project?</p>	Written	
120	Kimberley Kitching	Future Submarines – Hull Qualification Section	<p>a) Can Defence confirm that in 2019, a ‘hull qualification section’ step was inserted in the start of the build process for the Future Submarines?</p> <p>b) What does that entail?</p> <p>c) A report in the Sydney Morning Herald on 2 March 2021 titled “French submarines all but locked in after negotiation breakthrough” says an agreement between the Government and Naval Group “will allow for the pressure hull for the first submarine to be built in 2024.” Does that refer to the hull qualification section step?</p> <p>d) Does this confirm that this is another delay?</p> <p>e) Does this refer to the hull of the first submarine?</p> <p>f) In Budget Estimates in October 2020, Senator Wong asked if the Government had determined if the fabrication of complex hull parts for the first future submarine will be undertaken in France, to which Mr Sammut responded: “The government has not decided at this point. We have not brought advice to the government.” (Hansard p.152). Has Defence brought advice to the Government on this issue? Has the Government made a decision on this issue? If yes what decision has the Government made?</p>	Written	
121	Kimberley Kitching	Future Submarines – Strategic Partnering Agreement	Please provide a list of meetings that have taken place since 1 January 2020 between representatives of Defence and Naval Group regarding the renegotiation of the Strategic Partnering Agreement (SPA) for the Future Submarine Program, including a list of attendees from Australia, France and Naval, noting rank and title.	Written	
122	Kimberley Kitching	Collins Class – LOTE using Future Submarines funding	<p>a) Regarding the overlap between the Future Submarines program and the Collins Class Life of Type Extension (LOTE) program. According to documents released under FOI (Defence FOI 284/20/21), there are at least 4 instances of funding from the Future Submarine program being used for Collins LOTE-related activities. Have there only been four instances of funding reallocated from the Future Submarine program to Collins LOTE?</p> <p>b) How many times has funding been approved for reallocation? Please itemise these reallocations, and provide dollar sums individually and in aggregate?</p> <p>c) Why are funds being diverted from the Future Submarines program to the Collins LOTE?</p> <p>d) Defence’s response to 2020-21 Budget Estimates Question on Notice 122 notes that there was an initial approval of \$34</p>	Written	

			million to be reallocated. The table provided by Defence, when including new sustainment costs, gives a total of \$35.783 million. Was further approval of reallocation of funds sought? When was that given?		
123	Kimberley Kitching	Collins Class – FCD timelines	<p>a) The Government is yet to announce a decision on the future location of full cycle docking (FCD) maintenance for the Collins class submarines, despite the then Defence Minister saying in 2019 that a decision would be made by the end of 2019. When will the decision be made?</p> <p>b) Why hasn't a decision on FCD been made? Has Acting Minister Payne or new Defence Minister Dutton been advised on location options for FCD?</p> <p>c) Did Acting Minister Payne or new Minister Dutton receive any briefings on FCD to date?</p> <p>d) Since the Government backtracked on the commitment to announce the FCD location in 2019, former Minister Reynolds said that Cabinet's National Security Committee would make the decision "when it is the right time for the project to make the decision" [Hansard, Oct 2020 Estimates, p.52]. What does that mean – when the time is right? What has changed since the Minister said the decision would be made by the end of 2019? Why is it currently not the right time to make a decision?</p> <p>e) What impact is the Government's delay in making a decision having for Defence's and ASC Pty Ltd's planning – not just for the Collins, but also because of the pipeline of work that must be managed in South Australia, including the Future Submarines and Future Frigates?</p> <p>f) FCDs are a two-year undertaking and there would be significant lead-time required to expand and skill-up the workforce were the Government to decide to move FCDs to Western Australia. Given the planned 2026-27 FCD, doesn't this mean a decision needs to be made soon?</p> <p>g) The Naval Shipbuilding Advisory Board said in response to 2020-21 Budget Estimates Question on Notice 3 that from an infrastructure perspective if a full or hybrid transfer to Henderson of Full Cycle Docking were to occur, Defence had briefed the NSAB that this would take three to four years. Mr Whitley of ASC Pty Ltd told Estimates that the lead time would be 5-6 years. Why is there a discrepancy between NSAB and Defence's view and that of ASC Pty Ltd?</p> <p>h) A two-year discrepancy is quite significant. If a six-year lead time was required, would that mean a decision must be made imminently if it is to allow a relocation of the 2026-27 Full Cycle Docking?</p> <p>i) The Western Australia election was held on 13 March 2021. Was the WA election a consideration by the Government in its delays in making a decision on FCD?</p>	Written	
124	Kimberley Kitching	Collins Class – LOTE	<p>a) When will the Government decide how many Collins Class submarines will have a life-of-type extension? b) Why hasn't the Government yet made a decision on the number of Collins class which will have a life-of-type extension? c) Defence told the Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit in 2020 that the provision for Collins life-of-type extension in the Integrated Investment Program was greater than \$3.5 billion out-turned. The Force Structure Plan puts the out-turned cost at between \$3.5 billion and \$6 billion. What is the current estimated out-turned cost for LOTE? If Defence needs to preserve the Commonwealth's negotiating position with industry, please provide the Committee an approximate value or band of values in out-turned dollars? d) Has Defence had any engagement with Saab Kockums in relation to the Collins class Life of Type Extension? If yes, what are the details of those discussions? If no, is Defence planning any engagement with Saab Kockums?</p>	Written	
125	Kimberley Kitching	Future Frigates	<p>a) What are the most current figures on the cost of the Future Frigate program?</p> <p>b) Can Defence provide the committee with a breakdown of that figure (design, build, infrastructure, weapons, radar etc)</p> <p>c) There have been reports of schedule delays and cost blowouts with the Canadian frigate program. Is Australia's program exposed to the same issues that have affected the Canadian frigate program?</p> <p>d) What steps has Defence taken to reduce the risks of these problems affecting the Future Frigates program?</p> <p>e) It has been reported that Australian businesses are missing out on work on the Future Frigate program as they are "only being asked to quote on small numbers for the program whereas the overseas supply chain companies are being asked to quote for the entire global program" (Andrew Greene, ABC, "Government frustrations and concerns grow over Australia's multi-billion-dollar submarine and warship programs", 24 February 2021). Is this accurate and if yes, why are Australian businesses not able to bid for work in the global program?</p>	Written	
126	Kimberley Kitching	Future Frigates Milestones	Provide the Committee with the most current timeline of planned milestones regarding the Future Frigates program.	Written	

127	Kimberley Kitching	Future Frigates cost increase	<p>Defence's response to 2020-21 Budget Estimates Question on Notice 7 indicates that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2016, in the Integrated Investment Plan, the Government published the cost of the Future Frigates program as more than \$30 billion out-turned • In 2017, in the Naval Shipbuilding Plan, the Government published the cost of the program as more than \$35 billion out-turned • In June 2018 the Government approved a projected acquisition cost of \$44.3 billion out-turned • In December 2018, the commercial sensitivity surrounding the acquisition cost lessened when the head contract with ASC Shipbuilding was entered into • In July 2020, in the Force Structure Plan, the Government published the cost of the program as \$45.6 billion out-turned • For the period from December 2018 to the publication of the Force Structure Plan in July 2020, public commentary around the projected acquisition cost continued to reflect the original Integrated Investment Program provision. <p>Given this timeline please advise the Committee:</p> <p>a) Did the "public commentary" during the period from December 2018 to July 2020 which incorrectly put the cost of the Future Frigates program at around \$35 billion include media releases and other public statements by the Minister for Defence?</p> <p>b) Given the commercial sensitivity around the cost of the program had lessened when the head contract was entered into in December 2018, why did the Minister for Defence not make a public statement announcing that the cost of the project was now projected to be at least \$44.3 billion?</p> <p>c) If the reason for not making a public statement was that there were continuing commercial sensitivities, what were those sensitivities and how long did they continue until?</p> <p>d) Given the commercial sensitivity around the cost of the program had lessened when the head contract was entered into in December 2018, why did the Minister for Defence continue to wrongly state that the cost of the program was around \$35 billion during the 18 month period from December 2018 to July 2020?</p> <p>e) Did the Minister wrongly put the cost of the project at \$35 billion for 18 months because she was given incorrect advice by Defence?</p> <p>f) Was it a political decision by the Minister to continue publicly stating that the cost of the program was \$35 billion despite the Government's second pass approval in June 2018 of a projected acquisition cost of \$44.3 billion?</p> <p>g) Does the Government believe actively hiding an increase of around \$10 billion in the cost of Defence's second biggest naval shipbuilding acquisition for a period of 18 months is an acceptable level of public accountability?</p>	Written	
128	Kimberley Kitching	Future Frigates contract	<p>In the 2020-21 Budget estimates hearings Ms Lutz told the Committee that the Future Frigates contract was an incentive model with "pain-gain" yet in its response to 2020-21 Budget estimates question on notice 105 Defence says there are no incentive payments in the design and production phase of the contract.</p> <p>a) What is the reason for the difference between these two responses?</p> <p>b) Are the pain-gain incentive payments in later phases of the contract or the program?</p> <p>c) When and in relation to what activities do the pain-gain arrangements cited by Ms Lutz apply and how they are structured?</p>	Written	
129	Kimberley Kitching	Triton Program	<p>With reference to the announcement in the US Department of Defense budget papers for fiscal year 2021 of a two year production pause in FY2021 and FY2022 on the Triton program:</p> <p>a) As a result of the cooperative program and the \$200 million that Australia paid as part of the cooperative program, was Defence consulted before the production pause was announced?</p> <p>b) What reason was given to Defence for the US production pause and for the US funding decisions that resulted in the production pause?</p> <p>c) How many Tritons has the Government committed to acquiring?</p>	Written	

130	Kimberley Kitching	Apache Helicopters	a) Are the Apache helicopters still on schedule to enter service in 2025? b) When can we expect to see the complete replacement of the Tiger with the Apache? c) Will the Apache fleet be operated by the 1st Aviation regiment? d) Will the 1st Aviation Regiment continue to be based in Darwin or have there been any discussions to move the Regiment? e) Is there any strategic imperative for moving a regiment that operates an Armed Reconnaissance Helicopter from Darwin to Townsville?	Written	
131	Kimberley Kitching	Global Switch Data Centre	In 2017, then Treasurer Scott Morrison said that all the Defence data from the Global Switch Ultimo data centre would be removed by 2020: a) Has all Defence data been removed? b) How long will it take to remove the remaining data? c) Why wasn't all Defence data migrated as per the then Treasurer's announcement? d) How long has the lease been extended and at what cost? e) What other costs, such as the cost of maintaining 24/7 security, is being incurred by Defence for use of the Global Switch Data Centre? f) Why was a new five- year lease signed rather than a quarter by quarter arrangement?	Written	
132	Kimberley Kitching	LAND 400 Phase 3	With respect to Defence's response to 2020-21 Budget estimates question on notice 172 which says the 2020 Force Structure Plan (FSP) allocated additional investment to LAND 400 Phase 3 to ensure Defence gets the most out of the capability, including additional investments to ensure appropriate levels of mobility, protection and lethality and for support elements like infrastructure, training ranges and munitions: a) What are the details of each of the additional investments allocated to this project since the 2016 Integrated Investment Program (IIP)? b) For each of these additional investments, when was it decided to add the additional investment to Land 400 Phase 3? c) How much has each of these additional investments contributed to the increase from the \$10 to \$15 billion estimated cost of this project in the IIP to the \$18.1 to \$27.1 billion estimated cost in the FSP?	Written	
133	Kimberley Kitching	LAND 400 Phase 3 Scope	With respect to 2020-21 Budget estimates question on notice 172 concerning the LAND 400 Phase 3 project and Defence's response to paragraph 4 of the question that there has been no increase in the scope of this project since the IIP, how is it that additional investments to ensure Defence gets the most out of this capability, including additional investments to ensure appropriate levels of mobility, protection and lethality and additional investments for support elements like infrastructure, training ranges and munitions do not represent an increase in the scope of this project?	Written	
134	Kimberley Kitching	Pacific Support Vessel	With respect to the Prime Minister's announcement in November 2018 that the Government would provide a dedicated vessel to support Pacific countries, including for humanitarian relief and disaster response, has the Government made any decisions to acquire this vessel? If yes, when was this decision made?	Written	
135	Kimberley Kitching	Pacific Support Vessel - Options for Acquisition	With respect to Defence's response to 2019-20 Supplementary Budget estimates question on notice 525 which said Defence had provided Minister Reynolds with a paper outlining options for the acquisition of a Pacific humanitarian and disaster relief vessel and that Minister Reynolds had sought additional information: a) On what date did Defence provide this options paper to Minister Reynolds? b) On what date did Minister Reynolds seek additional information? c) On what date did Defence provide the additional information to the Minister?	Written	
136	Kimberley Kitching	Pacific Support Vessel - Government Consideration	With respect to Defence's response to 2020-21 Budget estimates question on notice 183 which says a submission on a dedicated Pacific vessel will be presented for Government consideration in accordance with the Cabinet forward work program: a) Has a submission been presented for Government consideration? b) If yes, when did Defence provide the submission to the Minister or the Minister's office? c) Also if yes, has the submission been considered by Cabinet or by Cabinet's National Security Committee? d) If no, is the Pacific vessel on the Cabinet forward work program? e) If the Pacific vessel is on the Cabinet forward work program, what is the timing for consideration of the Pacific vessel on the Cabinet forward work program?	Written	

137	Kimberley Kitching	Hawkei Protected Mobility Vehicles	<p>With respect to the statement on page 49 of the Defence Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Project and Sustainment Report of February 2021 that one of the new Hawkei Protected Mobility Vehicles was involved in a brake related safety incident at Puckapunyal in Victoria:</p> <p>a) What are the details of this incident?</p> <p>b) Were any Defence personnel injured or put at risk?</p> <p>c) What was wrong with the brakes on this vehicle?</p> <p>d) How long was use of the Hawkei fleet suspended?</p> <p>e) Has the brake safety issue been resolved?</p> <p>f) If yes, when and how was the issue resolved?</p> <p>g) If no, what is being done to resolve the issue and when is it expected to be resolved?</p> <p>h) Has Army declared Initial Operational Capability for these vehicles?</p> <p>i) If yes, when was IOC declared?</p> <p>j) If no, when is IOC currently forecast to be achieved?</p>	Written	
138	Kimberley Kitching	Ministerial Responsibilities	<p>With respect to the Assistant Minister for Defence, the Hon Andrew Hastie MP:</p> <p>a) What are the Assistant Minister's responsibilities in the Defence portfolio?</p> <p>b) When and by whom were these responsibilities determined?</p> <p>c) Why does the Ministers section on the Department of Defence's website list no responsibilities for the Assistant Minister for Defence as of 31 March 2021?</p>	Written	
139	Kimberley Kitching	Operation COVID-19 Response Package – Portfolio Additional Estimates	<p>What are the details of the increase in the estimated 2020-21 cost of Operation COVID-19 Response Package from the estimate of \$80.7 million given in Table 3 of the Defence 2020-21 Portfolio Budget Statements to the estimate of \$136.2 million given in Table 7 of the 2020-21 Defence Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements?</p>	Written	
140	Kimberley Kitching	Capability Acquisition Project schedules	<p>Provide a table showing, for each of the following capability acquisition projects, the dates of originally approved Initial Operational Capability (IOC) and Final Operational Capability (FOC), the dates of currently approved IOC and FOC, and the dates of achieved and/or currently forecast IOC and FOC: • 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) •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)</p>	Written	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •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) 		
141	Kimberley Kitching	MRH-90 helicopters	<p>With reference to a Townsville Bulletin report dated 6 November 2020 that the Army is planning to lease additional rotary wing aircraft for 5 Aviation Regiment in Townsville due to availability problems with the MRH-90 helicopters:</p> <p>a) How many helicopters is Defence leasing and for how long?</p> <p>b) How much will it cost to lease replacement helicopters because of the MRH-90's poor availability rates?</p> <p>c) Has Defence issued an Approach to Market to acquire these helicopters?</p> <p>d) If yes, what is the Approach to Market number and date?</p> <p>e) If no, how is this procurement being conducted?</p>	Written	
142	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel Statistics – ADF members	<p>For each financial year from 2013-14 to 2019-20, for each of the permanent and reserve Australian Defence Force, on both a headcount and a full-time equivalent basis:</p> <p>a) How many persons were members at the commencement of the year?</p> <p>b) How many persons enlisted during the year?</p> <p>c) How many persons left during the year?</p> <p>d) How many persons were members at the end of the year?</p> <p>e) How many persons did Defence target to recruit during the year?</p> <p>f) What was the 12-month rolling separation rate as at 30 June?</p>	Written	
143	Kimberley Kitching	Personnel statistics – APS staff	<p>For each financial year from 2013-14 to 2019-20, on both a headcount and a full-time equivalent basis: a) How many APS employees did Defence have at the commencement of the year? b) How many APS employees did Defence engage during the year? c) How many APS employees ceased employment with Defence during the year? d) How many APS employees did Defence have at the end of the year? e) What was the 12-month rolling separation rate as at 30 June?</p>	Written	
144	Kimberley Kitching	Edinburgh Precinct Mid Term Refresh	<p>With respect to the Edinburgh Precinct Mid Term Refresh project:</p> <p>a) What are the details of the construction works and activities to be conducted as part of this project?</p> <p>b) What is the estimated cost of this project?</p> <p>c) When did Government approve this project?</p> <p>d) Has Defence issued an Approach to Market for this project?</p> <p>e) If yes, when was the ATM issued, in what form and what is the relevant ATM number?</p> <p>f) If no, when does Defence expect it will issue an Approach to Market for this project?</p>	Written	
145	Kimberley Kitching	Total Workforce Model	<p>In 2018 the Australian Government's response to the JSCFADT Review of the Defence Annual report stated that a robust review has been put in place to monitor the benefits envisaged by the implementation of the Total Workforce Model a) Has</p>	Written	

			this review been completed? b) If yes, when will the findings be released? c) If no, why not? d) Is there a plan to initiate a review in the future? e) will findings of a future report be released?		
146	Kimberley Kitching	Women in the ADF	<p>The Women in the ADF report 2018-19 states that: “For both officers and other ranks, the proportion of women decreases with each rank level. Women are not advancing in the ADF at participation rates commensurate with their ab initio recruitment and period of Initial Minimum Period of Service (IMPS). This outcome may suggest ongoing systemic constraints to their progression”, and that “The proportion of women in senior leadership positions, such as command and on deployment, has decreased since last year. Women also continue to be under-represented on senior decision-making committees, and therefore have fewer opportunities to contribute to shaping Defence culture and strategic decision making”. The report indicates a number of KPIs set by Defence have not been met.</p> <p>a) Has Defence achieved the KPIs set out on page 32 since the release of the report?</p> <p>b) If not, what strategies have been put in place to address these shortfalls?</p> <p>c) If yes, is there updated information to demonstrate this progress?</p> <p>d) Is this information publicly available?</p> <p>e) If no, when and how will the information be made available?</p>	Written	
147	Kimberley Kitching	ADF Reserves	<p>The Force Structure Plan 2020 reveals an intention to equip and enhance the ADF Reserves in the decade from 2030-40 to a level “commensurate with the ADF in important warfighting and operational support capabilities.” The FSP goes on to say that this will allow a more rapid and sustainable mobilisation of Defence Reserves for a broad range of tasks. Given the increased demand on Reserves to assist during the 2019-20 bushfires and more recently during the COVID-19 pandemic:</p> <p>a) What additional tasks will Reserves be required to do that makes current training and equipment inadequate?</p> <p>b) If the current training and equipment is inadequate, why wait 10 years to implement enhanced training and equipment upgrades particularly given the planned increase to Reserve numbers of around 850 in the next 3 years to 2024?</p> <p>c) Will currently serving Reserves be required to participate in the enhanced training?</p> <p>d) Will all new ab initio Reserves be required to undertake enhanced training from 2030?</p> <p>e) Will Reserves who undertake additional training be required to commit to a particular level of service, for example SERCAT 5?</p>	Written	
148	Kimberley Kitching	ANZAC Class Frigates	<p>With reference to Defence’s response to 2020-21 Budget estimates question on notice 115: a) Are the remaining ANZAC Frigates now in AMCAP included in the Transition Capability Assurance Program (TRANSCAP)? b) Will this delay the schedule for ANZAC Frigates to re-enter service? c) From 29 March 2021 to 17 March 2024 there will be 3 ANZAC Class Frigates in mid-life capability assurance program (AMCAP) and (TRANSCAP)? d) Given the existing hollowness in middle ranks in the Navy, will having 3 ships out of service reduce training places for Navy personnel? e) If yes, how many training placements would normally be allocated on an ANZAC Frigate? f) In 2024, when all Frigates are back in operation, will there be sufficiently trained personnel to operate them at full capacity? g) If no what is the ongoing plan for improving ANZAC Class frigate availability?</p>	Written	
149	Bridget McKenzie	Staffing Numbers	How many staff does the Department have working in capital cities, including Canberra?	Written	
150	Bridget McKenzie	Staff Based in Rural/Regional Locations	<p>Are any Department staff based in rural or regional locations?</p> <p>a. How many?</p> <p>b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?</p>	Written	
151	Bridget McKenzie	Number of Staff Working From Home	How many staff worked-from-home each month from the Department for the period October 2020 to March 2021?	Written	
152	Bridget McKenzie	Productivity	<p>In response to question 75 the Department responded that productivity remained stable during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic. How will the Department work to maintain increased productivity when staff return to working from their office/usual workplace?</p> <p>a. What opportunity exists for the Department to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?</p>	Written	

153	Bridget McKenzie	Personal/Sick Leave	For question 76 Department data shows a 21.4 per cent decrease in the personal/sick leave taken between March to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave taken? a. How will the Department work to maintain the reduction in the personal/sick leave taken? b. If the Department has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of the personal/sick leave taken rate for these staff compared to city-based staff?	Written	
154	Kimberley Kitching	Provisional ICT Accreditation	What is a Provisional ICT Accreditation within the Department of Defence?	Written	
155	Kimberley Kitching	Authorised to Operate	What are the circumstances under which an IT system within the Department of Defence would be authorised to operate before the system receives final accreditation that it complies with prescribed information security controls and guidelines?	Written	
156	Kimberley Kitching	Number of IT Systems Operating Under Provisional Accreditation	How many IT systems within the Department of Defence are currently operating under a Provisional ICT Accreditation?	Written	
157	Kimberley Kitching	Proportion of Total Number of IT Systems Operation Under Provisional Accreditation	What proportion of the total number of IT systems within the Department of Defence are currently operating under a Provisional ICT Accreditation?	Written	
158	Kimberley Kitching	Proportion of Provisional ICT Accreditation Assessed Against Australian Government Information Security Manual	What proportion of Provisional ICT Accreditation granted to IT systems in the Department of Defence have been assessed against the March 2021 version of the Australian Government Information Security Manual (https://www.cyber.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-03/Australian%20Government%20Information%20Security%20Manual%20%28March%202021%29.pdf).	Written	
159	Kimberley Kitching	Average Length of Time to Achieve Final Accreditation	What is the average length of time that an IT system in the Department of Defence operates under a Provisional ICT Accreditation before achieving a final accreditation?	Written	
160	Kimberley Kitching	Longest Current Continuous Provisional ICT Accreditation	What is the longest current continuous Provisional ICT Accreditation for an IT system within the Department of Defence?	Written	
161	Kimberley Kitching	Longest Period of Time for Provisional Accreditation	What is the longest period of time that a Provisional ICT Accreditation for an IT system within the Department of Defence has ever been in effect?	Written	
162	Kimberley Kitching	Risk Ratings	What are the risk ratings used in certification reports for ICT systems with the Department of Defence? What are the criteria and definitions for these risk ratings?	Written	
163	Kimberley Kitching	Number of IT Systems Operating with 'Unknown Risk'	How many IT systems are operating within the Department of Defence with a final certification report that includes a risk rating of 'unknown risk'?	Written	
164	Malcolm Roberts	Final Cost to Australians	Given that some estimates of the final cost to Australia for this Attack submarine fleet of 12 subs may run to more than \$200 billion over the life of the subs, (see Managing SEA 1000: Australia's Attack Class Submarines) Feb 2020, why is this considered good value for money in the face of wide criticism from reputable experts on the government appointed Naval Ship Building Advisory Board which included Admirals and others? The Board advised the government to consider terminating the contract with builders, Naval Group.	Written	
165	Malcolm Roberts	Obsolete Submarines	If the last sub will be delivered in the 2040s and the first delivery estimated to be in 2032/3, won't these subs be obsolete by the time they are ready for the water?	Written	
166	Malcolm Roberts	Number of Submarines Built	When the contract was first being considered, is it true that only 8 submarines were to be built?	Written	

167	Malcolm Roberts	Change of Units	Under what circumstances was the order changed from 8 to 12 units?	Written	
168	Malcolm Roberts	Original Costs Quoted	Were the original costs quoted of around \$25 billion for 8 or 12 submarines?	Written	
169	Malcolm Roberts	Cutting Edge Technology	How will these subs be cutting edge when they use technology from the 20th century?	Written	
170	Malcolm Roberts	Battery Bank	Will the subs be using lead acid or a lithium composite battery bank?	Written	
171	Malcolm Roberts	Location by Potential Enemies	How easy will these submarines be located by potential enemies when they are so large and powered by obsolete diesel engines that are easily heard?	Written	
172	Malcolm Roberts	Number of Submariners	Given the difficulties of locating enough submariners to man the current Collins Class submarines, what is planned to identify and train enough submariners to man the Attack Class submarines should they actually be built?	Written	
173	Malcolm Roberts	Winning Votes	Given that the PM has just said that the submarine contract will go ahead, is this to win votes because of Australian built content?	Written	
174	Malcolm Roberts	COVID-19 Recovery	Can Australia afford this when Covid 19 recovery will take generations to pay for?	Written	
175	Malcolm Roberts	Cancelling Submarines	Is it not time to face reality and cancel the Submarines?	Written	
176	Katy Gallagher	Staffing Profile	Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by: • APS ongoing: headcount and ASL; • APS non-ongoing: headcount and ASL; • Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and • Other contractors.; headcount and FTE	Written	
177	Katy Gallagher	Percentage of Staff Engaged Through Labour Hire	Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.	Written	
178	Katy Gallagher	Total Value of Labour Hire	Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.	Written	
179	Katy Gallagher	Requests to Work From Home	How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published 'Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces' on 29 September 2020? a.) How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.	Written	
180	Jordon Steele-John	International obligations considered in the granting of defence export licences	Did the Department of Defence seek advice from DFAT with regards to export licences as part of the Electro-Optical Systems agreement with the Strategic Development Fund, to ensure it complied with international obligations? What advice did DFAT give to the Department of Defence with regards to the Electro-Optical Systems agreement with the Strategic Development Fund to design and develop weapons in UAE, with regards to the UAE's violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights laws in Yemen? What recommendation did DFAT provide to the Department of Defence?	Written	
181	Jordon Steele-John	Funding	After six years of conflict, Yemen stands on the brink of famine, with 12.3 million children in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. Does the Government intend to allocate humanitarian funding to Yemen in 2021? How much funding will be allocated?	Written	
182	Kimberley Kitching	Joint Transition Authority	Can Defence please provide an update and progress report on the new Joint Transition Authority (JTA) established between the two departments (DVA and Defence), including funding/resourcing, staffing, activities and deliverables. Does the JTA provide any support for mental health, wellbeing and suicide prevention, housing and homelessness, and veterans' employment and training?	Written	

183	Kimberley Kitching	Services Australia Engagement FY19/20	<p>Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars.</p> <p>Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p>	Written	
184	Kimberley Kitching	Defence Corporation - Phillipines	<p>1. In Table 54 of the 2020-21 Defence Parliamentary Budget Statement (PBS), the estimated actual spend on the Defence Cooperation Program in the Philippines for the 2019-2020 financial year is 3,939. Why is this less than estimate of 9,312?</p> <p>2. What is estimated spend for the Enhanced Defence Cooperation Program for the Philippines?</p> <p>3. Where is the Enhanced Defence Cooperation Program for the Philippines reported?</p> <p>4. Can you please provide further program details as to the expenditure for the 2019-20 financial year?</p> <p>5. In Table 54 of the 2020-21 Defence Parliamentary Budget Statement (PBS), the estimated spend on the Defence Cooperation Program in the Philippines for the 2020-2021 financial year is 9,771 – can you please confirm this is correct?</p> <p>6. How many Australian service personnel were deployed in the Philippines at December 31, 2020 - army, navy, air force, special forces?</p> <p>7. Has the capacity building training under the enhanced Defence Cooperation Program commenced?</p> <p>8. If so, can you please provide a report on the training provided in the 2019-20 financial year.</p>	Written	
185	Kimberley Kitching	Anti-Terrorism - Phillipines	<p>19. Under the Philippine Governments Anti-Terrorism Act 2020, persons who propose, incite, conspire, and participate in the planning, training, and facilitation of an offence under the act, as well as those who provide support to ‘terrorists’ as defined under the act, or recruit members of a ‘terrorist organisation’, could face life imprisonment without parole. Has the Department implemented additional or amended good practice guidelines regarding documentation of details in approving, implementing and concluding projects?</p> <p>20. What representations has the Australian Government made to the Philippine Government in relation to human rights abuses and the Philippine Governments Anti-Terrorism Act 2020?</p> <p>21. Did the Government provide advice to the Philippine Government on the drafting of the Anti-Terrorism Act 2020?</p> <p>22. Did the Government make any representations to the Philippine Government, with a view to improving the Anti-Terrorism Act 2020?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If not why? 	Written	
186	Kimberley Kitching	Combined Police and Army Operation	<p>1. Is the Department aware of the combined police and army operation in southern Luzon in the early hours of Sunday March 7, 2021, in which nine unarmed community leaders, including a union leader, were killed and six were arrested, including two trade union leaders?</p> <p>2. Has the Department initiated an investigation into this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, what was the response of the Philippine government? <p>3. In light of this development, how is the program being managed and evaluated?</p> <p>What are the clear objectives to assess the program's success and achievements?</p>	Written	
187	Kimberley Kitching	Counter Terrorism Aid	<p>1. What is the Department’s view on the appropriateness of Australia providing “counter terrorism” aid to the Philippines where there is strong evidence to suggest that the Philippines Government is using the label of “terrorism” to discredit and repress civil society groups such as trade unions?</p>	Written	

188	Kimberley Kitching	Safeguards - Philippines	1. What safeguards are being put in place by the Australian Government to ensure respect for international human rights and humanitarian law and protect basic liberties? 2. What safeguards does Australia have in place to ensure that our military aid is not supporting such human rights abuses?	Written	
189	Kimberley Kitching	Anti-Terrorism Act/Defence Cooperation Program	2. Given the introduction of the Anti-Terrorism Act in June 2020, and the Enhanced Defence Cooperation Program seeks to respond to threats of terrorism, has there been a review of the Defence Cooperation objectives and activities undertaken in the Philippines? 3. Please provide a breakdown of any assistance or cooperation programs with the Philippine National Police, and the monetary value of those programs.	Written	
190	Kimberley Kitching	Inter-Agency Panel - Philippines	1. Has the Department had any interaction/correspondence with the inter-agency panel which is reviewing cases of killings during police anti-drug operations?	Written	
191	Katy Gallagher	Staff in Defence Industry Minister's Office	How many staff in the Defence Industry Minister's office in March 2019 were: (a) uniformed ADF personnel (i.e. aide-de-camp)? (b) Defence staff stationed in the office (i.e. DLO)? (c) Defence staff seconded to the office? (d) MOP(S) Act staff (including permanent public servants)?	Written	
192	Katy Gallagher	Security clearances	1. Are all staff in the offices of Defence portfolio ministers required to hold a security clearance? 2. What is the required baseline clearance? 3. In what circumstances can a security clearance be revoked? 4. Are security clearances revoked when a MOP(S) Act staff member's employment is terminated?	Written	
193	Katy Gallagher	Security breaches	What happens when a security breach in a portfolio minister's office is detected? 1. Are the following told about an alleged breach (a) The employing minister's chief of staff? (b) The employing minister? (c) The Department of Finance? (d) The Special Minister of State? (e) The Prime Minister's office? (f) The Prime Minister? (g) The staff member who committed the alleged breach? 2. Do other staff in the office know about a breach, or are breach reports confidential? 3. Once a breach is identified, who decides what action is taken in response? 4. How are breaches documented? 5. What breach sanctions are available. Are sanctions solely a matter for the employing minister?	Written	
194	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020: 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.	Written	
195	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Functions	1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: 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.	Written	

196	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Meals	<p>2. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>i. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>j. List of all attendees.</p> <p>k. Function venue.</p> <p>l. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>m. Details of any food served.</p> <p>n. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>o. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>p. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
197	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Functions	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
198	Kristina Keneally	Executive Office Upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
199	Kristina Keneally	Facilities Upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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.	Written	
200	Kristina Keneally	Staff Travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
201	Kristina Keneally	Legal Costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
202	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
203	Kristina Keneally	FOI	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years:	Written	

			<p>a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and; f. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>2. For each year above, please provide: 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.</p> <p>3. For each year above, please also provide: 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).</p> <p>4. For each year above, please also provide: 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.</p> <p>5. 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 each of the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and; g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 7. 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. 8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office. 9. 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. 10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p>		
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			11. 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).		
204	Kristina Keneally	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. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</p> <p>b. The location and date of the briefing.</p> <p>c. Who proposed the briefing.</p> <p>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
205	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister Arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
206	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Staff Allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
207	Kristina Keneally	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 of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter</p> <p>b. Company</p> <p>c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p> <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>	Written	
208	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and Information Campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. 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>	Written	
209	Kristina Keneally	Promotional Merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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>	Written	
210	Kristina Keneally	Collateral Materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written	

211	Kristina Keneally	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 for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided 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>	Written	
212	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Domestic Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided including: 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. 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. 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. 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. e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.</p>	Written	
213	Kristina Keneally	Social Media Influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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>	Written	
214	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Equipment	<p>What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
216	Kristina Keneally	Comissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p>	Written	

			<p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>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.</p>		
217	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
218	Kristina Keneally	Appointments - Briefs Prepared	<p>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.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	
219	Kristina Keneally	Stationary	<p>1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
220	Kristina Keneally	Media Monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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 2020-21.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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 2020-21.</p>	Written	
221	Kristina Keneally	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>	Written	

			d. What is the ongoing cost. e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.		
222	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Staff in Minister's Office	1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment. b. APS level. 2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.	Written	
223	Kristina Keneally	CDDA Payments	1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020? 2. How many claims were: a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. 3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.	Written	
224	Kristina Keneally	Congestion Busting	1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. 2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.	Written	
225	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.	Written	
226	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 10 November 2020. 2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. 3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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 each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date.	Written	
227	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 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 each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	

228	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written	
229	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	
230	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	
231	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
232	Kristina Keneally	Travel and Expense Claim Policy	1 Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies. 2 Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.	Written	
233	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of Interest	1 Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2 Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 10 November 2020.	Written	
234	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality	1 Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2 Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.	Written	
235	Janet Rice	Operations in West Papua	Have any Australian police, intelligence or Defence personnel been on active combat, training, or non-combat operations, or exchange, anywhere in West Papua or Papua provinces since December 2015? a. If so, what, where, when, why? b. If so, did these personnel include any operators identified by the Brereton Report?	Written	
236	Janet Rice	Snipers	Have any snipers from TNI or Brimob received any training at Puckapunyal since 2006? o Which units are these snipers from? o If so who, from which unit, when and how many?	Written	
237	Janet Rice	West Papua	Have Australian military personnel been involved in air deliveries of any cargo using civilian or chartered aircraft in Papua and West Papua province since January 2020? Did these deliveries include military or dual use materiel to TNI and/or POLRI forces? What materiel was delivered? o Did these deliveries include equipment for survey or construction of the TransPapua Highway? o If civilian aircraft were chartered why	Written	
238	Penny Wong	NSEAP reporting on the Senate	Senator WONG: Admiral, will the panel make itself available for any public reporting or questioning outside of the Senate estimates process? Vice Adm. Hilarides: I don't believe we have any plans to do that, no. Senator WONG: Presumably, if the Senate did ask that you come and give us a report on the progress of the projects in your assessment, that would be something you would consider or you'd be open to? Vice Adm. Hilarides: Senator, I'll have to take that on notice. I would have to consult with the government. I'm just not familiar enough with all of the Australian practises for that.	Hansard	9, 10
239	Penny Wong	Security breaches	p. 19 Senator WONG: How many breaches within those three categories have you been notified of in the offices of Defence portfolio ministers since 2 March 2019? Ms Jones: I don't have that statistic on me. We can obtain it. ... p.22 Ms Jones: The third question was about the number of breaches in ministerial offices in that calendar year. There was one incident reported in calendar year 2019, and it was this incident. Senator WONG: Anything since? Ms Jones: We're just checking on that. My understanding is, no, but we just want to make sure that we're certain of that.	Hansard	19, 22, 23

240	Penny Wong	Security breaches	<p>Senator WONG: I want you to confirm that there was no notification to Defence of any unauthorised access to the minister's office.</p> <p>Ms Jones: I will confirm that for you.</p>	Hansard	20
241	Penny Wong	Security breaches	<p>Ms Jones: Yes. The DLO advised he notified the chief of staff of the information security breach.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On 20 March.</p> <p>Ms Jones: He advised us that they'd notified—I don't know whether they notified on the 19th or the 20th. I'd need to check that</p>	Hansard	22
242	Jim Molan	F/A-18S	<p>Senator MOLAN: The final question I have is: I know you can't go into the individual costs because that will be decided by the number we buy et cetera, but roughly what does an F-35 cost? Is it \$80 million?</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: They have changed over the life of the program, but the latest lot purchased, which was available through a bulk buy across the international partnership, brought the cost of the F-35 down to around US\$80 million, I believe.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Good, and the F/A-18s? Air Marshal Hupfeld: Comparative to the F/A-18 classic Hornet or the Super Hornet?</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Super Hornet.</p> <p>Air Marshal Hupfeld: I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Okay</p>	Hansard	33
243	Penny Wong	Security breach	<p>Senator Payne: I read what the Prime Minister said yesterday, which you have just provided me with. It says 'a security breach involving unauthorised access to her office'—meaning Minister Reynolds's office—and advice that this 'followed an earlier security breach', which we have been discussing this morning.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I put that to you. I'm saying to you that, clearly, I can ask questions about that, notwithstanding what the AFP have said, because clearly the Prime Minister is able to speak about it. Senator Payne: I will answer the questions that I think I can answer.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm asking, firstly, what was the 'serious misconduct'? Secondly, I am asking: tell me why the access to the office was a security breach.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I am seeking advice from those advisers who are providing information to me in this acting role about that material.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay.</p>	Hansard	37
244	Penny Wong	Ministerial acting arrangements	<p>Senator WONG: You were advised of acting arrangements from 24 February to 1 March. How were you advised?</p> <p>Ms Jones: The DLO in our office advised. I assume that would have been by email, but I will need to confirm that.</p>	Hansard	38
245	Jacqui Lambie	Brereton inquiry	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Could you tell me whether or not any of the US helicopter support elements and commandos were interviewed by the Brereton team?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: Again, I will refer that—take it on notice—to the inspector-general.</p>	Hansard	46
246	Jacqui Lambie	Brereton inquiry	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Could you tell me whether any of the current or former defence personnel from 2 Squadron were offered immunity, and for what reasons?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I'll have to refer that to the inspector-general, again.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Have any witnesses been granted immunity that you would know of?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: The Defence Force doesn't have authority to grant immunity—nor, to my knowledge, does the inspector-general. I'll refer it to the inspector-general for a complete answer.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Do you know if immunity has been offered to the whistleblowers? Gen. Campbell: In Justice Brereton's report, he does not refer to anyone as a 'whistleblower'. He does indicate that a number of individuals were of assistance to the inquiry. Again, I'll refer this to the inspector-general with regard to what issues related to the concept of immunity arise in the report. I say it that way because I do not have, the inspector-general does not have and Justice Brereton acting as an assistant inspector-general does not have the power or the authority to offer immunity.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: You would be telling me then that nobody, whether they're a witness or anything else, has been offered immunity, so there's been no pay-off anywhere? Is that what you're telling me?</p> <p>Gen. Campbell: I don't understand what you mean by the term 'pay-off', but it disturbs me because it can be easily misinterpreted. And it is not in my gift or the inspector general's to give immunity. I do know that Justice Brereton made some</p>	Hansard	46

			reflections with regard to persons' assistance to the inquiry, and so we will refer that to the inspector-general. Senator LAMBIE: Okay.		
247	Jacqui Lambie	Brereton inquiry	Senator LAMBIE: Were there any reported issues, personal or disciplinary reporting, including patrol or troop commander notebook reporting? I'm assuming that you would have those as evidence of pre-existing issues between any of the members who were commented on by any whistleblower statement. I'm assuming—let me ask you this. Please tell me that the Brereton inquiry has been given all of the patrol and troop commander notebooks from during that period of time in Afghanistan. Can you tell me whether or not he's been given those? Gen. Campbell: I'll have to refer that to the inspector-general. Could I note, with regard to the first part that you paused on, that it sounds to me, Senator, as though some aspects of what you're asking may be issues of interest to the Office of the Special Investigator, so would not be releasable.	Hansard	47
248	Jacqui Lambie	Dr Cromptvoets research	Senator LAMBIE: Dr Cromptvoets said during an interview, 'I had no reason to doubt the accounts that these people told me.' Besides interviews with Defence personnel, was Dr Cromptvoets given anything else from Defence or shown any other evidence or anything to corroborate what they were saying—to verify the accounts, basically? Is this the only thing that she had? The only tool that she had was the interviews that she was putting these men through? Was she given anything else by Defence? Lt Gen. Burr: The purpose of her research task was to interview individuals to find out from a primary source what information they had to share. Nothing else was provided from Defence, as far as I am aware. Her report was based on the interviews that she had. CHAIR: Senator Lambie, I'm sorry, this must be the last question. Senator LAMBIE: They were just based on the interviews—she was given nothing else, no paperwork, nothing else, that's it? Do you have an outline or instruction of exactly what she was doing there? That is what I am looking for. What was her job? CHAIR: Sorry, I did indicate last question. Senator Fierravanti-Wells has some brief questions on this, after which we will go to Senator Patrick. Senator Payne: I will ask the officials to take that question from Senator Lambie on notice	Hansard	48
249	Penny Wong; Rex Patrick	FSP amended clauses in the SA and definitions	Senator WONG:...Now, I understand from the media release that has been put out that yesterday the Acting Minister for Defence indicated that the negotiations have now been concluded between Defence and Naval Group for amendment to the Strategic Partnering Agreement. Mr Sammut, is that correct? Mr Sammut: That's correct. Senator WONG: And when were those negotiations finalised? Mr Sammut: They were finalised by the 21st. Senator WONG: And does that finalisation include the precise contractual term that will be included? Mr Sammut: Yes, and signature of those amendments. Senator WONG: Have they been released publicly? Mr Sammut: No, they're part of the contract. They haven't been released publicly. Senator WONG: I'm asking you to provide an appropriately edited copy of the clause that was inserted—or clauses. Mr Sammut: Clauses, yes. We can look at redacting what is commercially sensitive there and provide that, yes. Senator WONG: How long would that take you to consider? Mr Moriarty: We'll need to consult with our ministers. Senator WONG: Which ones? The ones on leave or the acting one? Mr Moriarty: I'll deal with the legal authority at the time that exists, so— Senator WONG: Okay. That's not unreasonable—as irritating as it is ... p. 57 Senator WONG: I'll just add to my earlier question on it: you are looking at whether you can provide me with an appropriately redacted version of the contractual clauses which have now been inserted into the SPA. We have agreed on that, haven't we? Mr Sammut: Subject to— Senator WONG: I understand that. On notice, you need to talk to your ministers. I would like, also, in case it is not covered by that request, relevant contractual definitions of 'local spend', to confirm that Mr Sammut's assessment of the legal affect is one that the parliament shares. Mr Moriarty: And the company. Senator WONG: Correct	Hansard	55, 57, 100

			<p>Revised page no. 100 (old page no. 98)</p> <p>Mr Sammut: It's within the definition of Australian contract expenditure, which is a defined term within the contract.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Is it possible to have that defined term provided to the committee?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: Earlier on in testimony we undertook to consult with the minister in providing sections of the drafting, redacted to remove commercially sensitive material.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Perfect.</p> <p>Mr Sammut: We'll see whether we can include that as part of that</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I'd be grateful for that, because I think it's important for Australian industry to understand how this works as well.</p>		
250	Penny Wong	FSP Australian industry content	<p>Senator WONG: Does the contract contemplate, given this progressive idea—by that I meant sequence of boats as opposed to political progressiveness—the first submarine to have less than 60 per cent local content?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: The contract would allow for that, understanding that in some cases there may be equipment from major suppliers that is done in the home country first, as it trains up Australian industry to be able to do that sort of work in Australia. So there is a contemplation that the level of Australian industry involvement in equipment for the first boat may be less than subsequent vessels.</p> <p>Senator WONG: How much less?</p> <p>Mr Sammut: I'll need to look at that. We would expect, though, by the third or fourth submarine, that we are at a steady state.</p>	Hansard	60
251	Penny Wong	Air 6000 budget variation	<p>Senator WONG: But since you did the budget estimates and you've come here, you now think that's not going to be the case?</p> <p>Air Vice-Marshal Roberts: I don't believe it will be as high as that, because we negotiated with the US Navy to get the weapons delivered earlier, and, as I said, they arrived yesterday in country.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What is the movement for foreign exchange in that line item?</p> <p>Air Vice-Marshal Roberts: I don't have that figure with me, but I can certainly provide that to you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you very much.</p>	Hansard	83
252	Timothy Ayres	MHR-90 incident	<p>Senator AYRES: The last matter that we talked about, the tail rotor blade—that involved all of the aircraft?</p> <p>Mr Fairweather: There was a mix of modified and premodified airframes, but we went through the whole fleet and corrected it.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Did it involve stopping them all simultaneously or did it involve—</p> <p>Mr Fairweather: Obviously, with an event like that, you stop flying and undertake your investigation to understand what the cause was. When we understood that, we got some aircraft back flying.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So all of them stopped, and for how long?</p> <p>Mr Fairweather: I can't recall, but it was a period of weeks.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So it was some weeks—and you can tell me either later or on notice how many weeks it was—with the aircraft successively being worked through.</p>	Hansard	95
253	Timothy Ayres	AME casevac system	<p>Mr Fairweather: I can help There is a new AME casevac system being developed. Release is forecast for quarter 2, 2021. There's been extensive work to redesign that capability, and that's been about 85 per cent, 86 per cent Australian industry capability to develop that.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: On notice, can you come back to me about where that element of the capability's up to?</p>	Hansard	97
254	Penny Wong	Delivery dates of vessels	<p>Senator WONG: Yes, sure. I forgot to put something on notice for Rear Admiral Malcolm: the revised schedule. I wonder if I could, on notice, have the new dates of delivery for the various vessels. Mr Fraser: We'll get that for you, Senator. Senator WONG: Thank you. I forgot to do that.</p>	Hansard	81

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1	Bridget McKenzie	Staff Working in Capital Cities	How many staff does the Department have working in capital cities, including Canberra?	Written	
2	Bridget McKenzie	Staff Based in Rural/Regional Locations	Are any agency staff based in rural or regional locations? a. How many? b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?	Written	
3	Bridget McKenzie	Working from Home	How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021?	Written	
4	Bridget McKenzie	Maintaining Productivity	In response to question 6 the agency responded that productivity remained stable during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic. How will the agency work to maintain increased productivity when staff return to working from their office/usual workplace? a. What opportunity exists for the agency to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?	Written	
5	Bridget McKenzie	Personal/Sick Leave	For question 7, agency data shows a 20.3 per cent decrease in the personal/sick leave taken between March to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave taken? a. How will the agency work to maintain the reduction in the personal/sick leave taken? b. If the agency has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of the personal/sick leave taken rate for these staff compared to city-based staff?	Written	
6	Kimberley Kitching	Services Australia Engagement	Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars. Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars. In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars. In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars. Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars. Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	
7	Katy Gallagher	Staffing Profile	Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS ongoing: headcount and ASL; • APS non-ongoing: headcount and ASL; • Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and • Other contractors.; headcount and FTE 	Written	
8	Katy Gallagher	Percentage of Staff Engaged Through Labour Hire	Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.	Written	

9	Katy Gallagher	Total Value of Labour Hire	Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.	Written	
10	Katy Gallagher	Requests to Work From Home	How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published 'Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces' on 29 September 2020? a.) How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.	Written	
11	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020: 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.	Written	
12	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Functions	1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: 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.	Written	
13	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Meals	2. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: i. List of dates and types of meals. j. List of all attendees. k. Function venue. l. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). m. Details of any food served. n. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. o. Any available photographs of the function. p. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written	
14	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: 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.	Written	
15	Kristina Keneally	Executive Office Upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	

16	Kristina Keneally	Facilities Upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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.	Written	
17	Kristina Keneally	Staff Travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
18	Kristina Keneally	Legal Costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
19	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial Travel	1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 be provided including: 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.	Written	
20	Kristina Keneally	FOI	<p>"1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and; f. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>2. For each year above, please provide: 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.</p> <p>3. For each year above, please also provide: 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).</p> <p>4. For each year above, please also provide: 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.</p> <p>5. 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 each of the following years:</p>	Written	

			<p>a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; f. 2019-20, and; g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. 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>8. 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> <p>9. 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>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. 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>		
21	Kristina Keneally	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. If so, can the following be provided: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position "</p>	Written	
22	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister Arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
23	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Staff Allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
24	Kristina Keneally	Market Research	<p>1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list of: a. Subject matter</p>	Written	

			<p>b. Company</p> <p>c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p> <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>		
25	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and Information Campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. 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>	Written	
26	Kristina Keneally	Promotional Merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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>	Written	
27	Kristina Keneally	Collateral Materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written	
28	Kristina Keneally	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 for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided 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>	Written	
29	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Domestic Travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided 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>	Written	

			<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>		
30	Kristina Keneally	Social Media Influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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>	Written	
31	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Equipment	What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
33	Kristina Keneally	Comissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	
34	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
35	Kristina Keneally	Appointments - Briefs Prepared	<p>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.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	Written	

36	Kristina Keneally	Stationary	1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
37	Kristina Keneally	Media Monitoring	1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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 2020-21. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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 2020-21.	Written	
38	Kristina Keneally	Communications Staff	1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 2. By Department or agency: a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. d. How many are graphic designers. e. How many are media managers. f. How many organise events. 3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. a. If yes, why. b. When was it established. c. What is the set up cost. d. What is the ongoing cost. e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications.	Written	
39	Kristina Keneally	Departmental Staff in Minister's Office	1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment. b. APS level. 2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.	Written	
40	Kristina Keneally	CDDA Payments	1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020? 2. How many claims were: a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. 3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker.	Written	
41	Kristina Keneally	Congestion Busting	1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. 2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department.	Written	
42	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.	Written	
43	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 10 November 2020. 2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. 3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. How many were:	Written	

			<p>a. voluntary b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date.</p>		
44	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 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.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
45	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written	
46	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	
47	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	
48	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
49	Kristina Keneally	Travel and Expense Claim Policy	<p>1 Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>2 Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written	
50	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of Interest	<p>1 Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2 Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 10 November 2020.</p>	Written	
51	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of Gifts and Hospitality	<p>1 Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2 Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.</p>	Written	
52	Malcolm Roberts	AEC Support	<p>Last night, the Australian Electoral Commission advised that they have never used the ScytI software they purchased and instead used a bespoke system. They further commented that the internal code had been audited and reviewed. Has your office conducted a code-level and server-level audit of the Australian Electoral Commission election software? Ms Noble:...we may have to take that level of detail on notice.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Okay...Do you also know if the software passed the audit? Could you let us know that, please.</p> <p>Ms Noble: I could take that on notice, yes.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you</p>	Hansard	102
53	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	MAs	In estimates last March, Senator Lambie asked you whether you had—and how many times—produced intelligence on Australians. I followed up with a question seeking to contextualise the response with the numbers from that year and then previous years. We got a response, but we didn't really get any information at all, and I appreciate that there is a part of it that's confidential, but there is a non-confidential component of it, and I was simply asking for the number of occasions. I wonder if you could have another look at it. It's question on notice No. 176, 2019-20 additional estimates. If you could have another look at it and come back to us, that would be really helpful.	Hansard	104

54	Rex Patrick	PII	I have a supplementary question on that. I actually had an interest in that question as well. I'd forgotten about it. If you refuse to provide that information, can you actually advance a proper public interest immunity, or have the minister do that, spelling out the actual harm that would come from revealing that number?	Hansard	104
55	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	1. The Department of Parliamentary Services reported a major IT outage on Saturday 27 March 2021. Assistant Minister for Defence Andrew Hastie provided comments to the media on Monday 29 March that "the issue relates to an external provider, and once the issue was detected the connection to government systems was cut immediately as a precaution." Does the ACSC agree that this was the cause of the outage? What external provider was the source of the issue?	Written	
56	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	2. Is this external provider still in use on the Parliamentary Network? Have additional security reviews of this external provider been undertaken by ACSC? Have additional controls been put in place on the APH network in response to these issues?	Written	
57	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	3. Was any data lost as a result of this incident?	Written	
58	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	4. Were any email accounts compromised as a result of this incident?	Written	
59	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	5. Does the ACSC agree that this was an attempt to access the APH network? a. If yes, has the ACSC identified the attacker responsible? b. If yes, is there sufficient confidence for a public attribution be made and will a public attribution made?	Written	
60	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	6. A media report by Andrew Greene on the ABC's website on Monday 29 March cites anonymous sources 'inside the government' who told the ABC the hack was 'not sophisticated', with one source 'with knowledge of the investigation' saying a 'hacker' "tried so clumsily to compromise the DPS system in particular, that the system itself noticed and shut down, exactly like [it was] designed to do". Does the ACSC agree that the attacker was "unsophisticated"?	Written	
61	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	7. Would it be typical for an "unsophisticated" attack to cause a five day outage of an important network such as the DPS system? The entirety of the Australian infosec community is dubious that a system could be designed to cease operating for five days in the face of a so called unsophisticated attack.	Written	
62	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	8. What was the ACSC's involvement in this incident in the days that this outage continued? a. Were you assisting in searching for any potential implants in the APH exchange server?	Written	
63	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email	9. Before users came back on line after this incident, they were asked to implement new security controls to access APH emails via mobile handsets – namely multi factor authentication. Did the ACSC advise DPS of the need for additional security controls on the APH network? Was there a specific threat related to the recent email outage that triggered this advice?	Written	

		Outage/Security Incident			
64	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	10. The ACSC has long advised organisations and individuals of the importance of using multi factor authentication. Has the ACSC previously advised DPS of the need to adopt MFA on the APH network?	Written	
65	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	Why was MFA not already in place?	Written	
66	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	12. An article in The Australian newspaper by Ben Packham published on 29 March 2021 reported that that Assistant Minister for Defence Andrew Hastie said in an interview with radio station 3AW the outage could be a 'grey zone attack' saying: "We're seeing militaries modernise, we're seeing greater competition...we're also seeing what we call grey zone tactics, and that is coercive activity below the threshold of conventional war – and cyber is such a tactic, it's part of the grey zone tactics that we talk about." Does the ACSC agree that with Assistant Minister Hastie's assessment that this could be 'grey zone tactics' by another nation state? a. Is there any evidence for this?	Written	
67	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	13. Does the ACSC view Assistant Minister Hastie's speculation as helpful at such an early stage of the investigation?	Written	
68	Kimberley Kitching	Australian Parliament House Email Outage/Security Incident	14. Did the issue with the APH email system have anything to do with the Microsoft Exchange server vulnerability disclosed by Microsoft on 3 March 2020?	Written	
69	Kimberley Kitching	Open Source Tools	1. The US Cybersecurity Infrastructure Agency has published more than a dozen open source tools on GitHub and hundreds of scripts for the infosec community to use to lift their cyber resilience. Examples include HTTPS and email domain scanning tools and most recently the Sparrow cloud forensics tool and the CISA Hunt and Incident Response Program (CHIRP) designed to assist with the collection of forensic data and indicators of compromise from local instances of IT systems. Does ACSC believe that developing open source tools and scripts for the infosec community in this way helps to strengthen the cyber resilience through organisations that engage with CISA?	Written	
70	Kimberley Kitching	Open Source Tools	2. Does the ACSC develop and publish tools and scripts like this for the Australian infosec community as a matter of policy?	Written	
71	Kimberley Kitching	Open Source Tools	3. How many tools and scripts has the ACSC published for the Australian infosec community in this way?	Written	
72	Kimberley Kitching	Breach Notification	1. Media reports suggest that the Biden Administration is currently preparing an executive order to require software vendors to notify government customers if they experience a network breach. Are Australian software vendors supplying to the Commonwealth government currently obliged to inform the Commonwealth if they experience a network breach?	Written	

73	Kimberley Kitching	Breach Notification	<p>2. If so,</p> <p>a. Is this obligation to disclose breaches contractual, or imposed by law?</p> <p>b. Under what circumstances are they required to disclose these breaches?</p> <p>c. What information must be provided to the Commonwealth in these notifications?</p> <p>d. Is the ACSC informed of these breaches, or just the individual contracting Commonwealth Agency?</p>	Written	
74	Kimberley Kitching	Breach Notification	<p>3. In light of significant recent supply chain attacks, is the ACSC considering adopting more rigorous breach disclosure obligations on software companies contracting with the Commonwealth?</p>	Written	

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Portfolio QNo	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page
1	Bridget McKenzie	Agency staff in capital cities	How many staff does the agency have working in capital cities, including Canberra?	Written	
2	Bridget McKenzie	Agency staff in rural or regional locations	Are any agency staff based in rural or regional locations? a. How many? b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?	Written	
3	Bridget McKenzie	Agency staff working from home	How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021?	Written	
4	Bridget McKenzie	Productivity impacts due to COVID-19	In response to question 278 the agency responded that it did not put in place any specific measures to assess productivity impacts due to the COVID-19 and employees working from home. How does the agency usually measure and monitor productivity? a. Can the agency conclude whether productivity increased, remained static or declined during the COVID-19 work-from-home period in 2020 compared to the pre-COVID period? b. How will the agency work to maintain or increase productivity when staff return to working from their office, or if productivity declined, improve productivity? c. What opportunity exists for the agency to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?	Written	
5	Bridget McKenzie	Decrease in personal leave	For question reference number 5, agency data shows a 33.7 per cent decrease in the personal/sick leave taken between March to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave taken? a. How will the agency work to maintain the reduction in the personal/sick leave taken? b. If the agency has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of the personal/sick leave taken rate for these staff compared to city-based staff?	Written	
6	Kimberley Kitching	Civilian Tenancies	Could Defence Housing Australia (DHA) please provide some advice on civilian tenancies? Some MPs recently received correspondence from a DHA civilian tenant who has been issued a three-month notice of termination of tenancy from a DHA property. • The tenant said they made enquiries with DHA and was advised that it has always been DHA's policy to rent out surplus stock to civilians as a temporary stop gap but that the priority was always defence personnel. However, the tenant stated they were told that DHA had recently made a change in policy. Can you clarify what that change in policy is? • The tenant contended that they were not made aware of the policy to prioritise defence personnel. Can you advise if DHA civilian tenants are made aware of this when they sign a lease, and advised of their rights and responsibilities? • The tenant further stated they know of many other civilian DHA tenants who have been affected by this apparent decision to terminate civilian tenancies, with some receiving their termination notices on Christmas Eve last year. Can you confirm if this is the case? If so, how many people have been affected? • Is DHA honouring all existing leases until they expire? • This person also stated they applied for consideration of hardship (we understand this involves receiving \$4,000 or more towards removal costs), but this was denied. Can you advise what eligibility criteria are applied for hardship cases? • Has DHA received any complaints from tenants about this and if so, what is it doing to manage these?	Written	
7	Katy Gallagher	Agency staffing profile	1. Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by: • APS ongoing: headcount and ASL; • APS non-ongoing: headcount and ASL; • Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and • Other contractors.; headcount and FTE	Written	

			<p>2. Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.</p> <p>3. Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.</p>		
8	Katy Gallagher	Work from home requests	<p>1. How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published 'Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces' on 29 September 2020?</p> <p>2. How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.</p>	Written	
9	Kimberley Kitching	Engagement with Services Australia	<p>1. Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>2. Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>3. In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>4. In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p> <p>5. Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars.</p> <p>6. Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.</p>	Written	
10	Kristina Keneally	Executive management	<p>In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	Written	
11	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
12	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	

13	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020, can the following be provided: 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.	Written	
14	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
15	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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.	Written	
16	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
17	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
18	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 be provided including: Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. 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. 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. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.	Written	
19	Kristina Keneally	FOI	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and; f. 2020-21 to date. 2. For each year above, please provide: 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	Written	

			<p>d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>3. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and</p> <p>b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>4. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAI; and</p> <p>b. The number of times has the OAI overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5. 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 each of the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14;</p> <p>b. 2014-15;</p> <p>c. 2015-16;</p> <p>d. 2016-17;</p> <p>e. 2018-19;</p> <p>f. 2019-20, and;</p> <p>g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. 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>8. 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> <p>9. 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>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and</p> <p>b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. 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>		
20	Kristina Keneally	Briefings	<p>Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</p> <p>b. The location and date of the briefing.</p> <p>c. Who proposed the briefing.</p> <p>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position.</p>	Written	
21	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
22	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.	Written	
23	Kristina Keneally	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 of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter</p> <p>b. Company</p> <p>c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p>	Written	

			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.		
24	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. 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>	Written	
25	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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>	Written	
26	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written	
27	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>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 for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided 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>	Written	
28	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided 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</p>	Written	

			members, 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 Minister's travel should also be provided.		
29	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote. 3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided. 4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.	Written	
30	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
31	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: 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.	Written	
32	Kristina Keneally	Board appointments	1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio 3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date. 4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid. 5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors. 6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.	Written	
33	Kristina Keneally	Appointments – briefs prepared	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. 2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise: 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.	Written	
34	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020	Written	
35	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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	Written	

			<p>c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the FY 2020-21.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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 FY 2020-21.</p>		
36	Kristina Keneally	Communications staff	<p>For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following:</p> <p>1. 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>2. 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>	Written	
37	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<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>	Written	
38	Kristina Keneally	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 each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</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>	Written	
39	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.</p>	Written	
40	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	
41	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 10 November 2020.</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020;</p>	Written	

			<p>1 July 2020-31 December 2020. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date.</p>		
42	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 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.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
43	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written	
44	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	
45	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-30 September 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	
46	Kristina Keneally	Public interest disclosures	For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
47	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written	
48	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 10 November 2020.</p>	Written	
49	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.</p>	Written	

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1	Jim MOLAN	National Commissioner Powers	<p>Senator MOLAN: The national commission can handle operationally secret information better than a royal commission, I understand?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I probably can't answer that. I'm not too sure, to be honest. I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Could we have that on notice, please. Those who are in the commission and who give evidence are immune from legal action?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I can't that answer either, sorry. I'm not across all of the legislation.</p> <p>CHAIR: Can you take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: And it's not authorised to receive intercept information, as I understand it.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Sorry, it's not our legislation. I'll take that on notice in consultation with Attorney-General's.</p>	Hansard	115
2	Jim MOLAN;Jacqui LAMBIE	National Commissioner - ESO support	<p>Senator MOLAN: Thank you. Secretary, who amongst the veteran community has come out in support of the national commission? Have there been VSOs or others like that?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: There are many who have expressed that they are in support of the national commissioner. Certainly the Ex-Service Organisation Round Table—the majority of the presidents of those organisations—expressed support for the national commissioner, and veterans that I've spoken to have also expressed support for the national commissioner. I think, if I can just offer this, it's because they want to find solutions and they want to find answers and opportunities to address the incidence of suicide.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Would you be able to supply the committee with a list of all the service organisations that support this?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Certainly. They wrote a joint letter in support of the national commissioner. We can certainly provide that to the committee.</p>	Hansard	116
3	Jacqui LAMBIE	Contractor Delegates	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Is DVA paying a premium to get labour hire in, and how many more full-time staff members could you hire if you were actually hiring them as public servants?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: It does cost more to engage a contractor than a public servant, but I don't have the figures, sorry. I can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: When you do that, can I please get a figure on contractors staying three months, six months, nine months and 12 months, on a percentage basis.</p>	Hansard	118
4	Jacqui LAMBIE	Delegates	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Could you please point out, today, how many delegates have 200-plus cases?</p> <p>Ms Cole: How many delegates?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Yes, have got 200-plus cases on their desk, right now? That would be wonderful.</p> <p>Ms Cole: I'll have to take that on notice, but I'm only aware of a very small number and those delegates are being assisted with that case load.</p>	Hansard	119
5	Jacqui LAMBIE	Delegates - Comcare Claims	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Could you please let the committee know how many Comcare claims are in, at the moment, that have come from staffing within the DVA office for stress?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	119
6	Jacqui LAMBIE	Hourly' Awards	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Could somebody inform me what the hourly awards are?</p> <p>Ms Cole: The what, sorry?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: The hourly awards. Do you have awards for your delegates about their performance within the system?</p> <p>Ms Cole: I've not heard of that expression. Can we take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Sure. I'm hearing that, whatever awards are going on, the staff aren't coming below what's required and that's causing them to delete emails without opening them and not return telephone calls, because they're absolutely inundated with cases.</p>	Hansard	120

7	Jacqui LAMBIE	Claims Processing	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Okay, I think we know that. What percentage of staff dealing with liability in permanent impairment claims have more than one year of experience? Would I be able to get that as a percentage.</p> <p>Ms Cole: We'll have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	120
8	Jacqui LAMBIE	Queue issuing to delegates	<p>Senator LAMBIE: That would be wonderful. Thank you. Assignment to a delegate is now taking 12 months or more, is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Cole: That's not correct. There are a number of different streams in initial liability. Most cases are assigned much faster than that. We have a small cohort of cases which are tri-act cases requiring specialised delegates to look after those cases at a more senior level. Those cases are our longest-waiting cases.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: How long does it take from the time they are assigned until they are actioned?</p> <p>Ms Cole: Cases are not assigned to a delegate. They remain in a queue until the delegate is able to action that case. A pause between when a delegate is given the case and starts the case may be because of the individual circumstances of that delegate.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: What's the average time line?</p> <p>Ms Cole: I couldn't tell you without going back and examining the data.</p>	Hansard	120-121
9	Jacqui LAMBIE	Veteran Payment	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Let's go into those veteran payments. How long are they waiting for those?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I think it's 17 days, on average, for veteran payments.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: And how many are putting in for those veteran payments and being rejected? Can I get a number on that, please?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Yes, we do have those numbers.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: How long does it take them to get into Open Arms, on average, and what's the longest waiting period for them to get into Open Arms?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We've got all of that. Would you like us to take veteran payments first? We can do that.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: No, if you can, please—</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Take it on notice?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We can also do it tonight, if you'd like, because we have the data.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: No, I'll get you to take that on notice, if that's okay.</p>	Hansard	121
10	Jacqui LAMBIE	Open Arms Waiting data	<p>Senator LAMBIE: How long does it take them to get into Open Arms, on average, and what's the longest waiting period for them to get into Open Arms?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We've got all of that. Would you like us to take veteran payments first? We can do that.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: No, if you can, please—</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Take it on notice?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We can also do it tonight, if you'd like, because we have the data.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: No, I'll get you to take that on notice, if that's okay.</p>	Hansard	121
11	Jacqui LAMBIE	Chief Health Officer Operating Model & Medical Advisers	<p>Senator LAMBIE: No, I'll get you to take that on notice, if that's okay. Last time—I think it was last September—I mentioned Fletcher Davies in a speech. I believe Veterans' Affairs was going to investigate my claims about what he was doing. Was there an investigation conducted into Fletcher Davies?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Sorry, I'm not certain of an answer to that one. I'll just have a look and see if Ms Rundle knows.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: No, I don't know, but Professor Firman might.</p> <p>Prof. Firman: I don't have any details.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Sorry, Senator, can we take that on notice? I don't think that was October; I think it might have been an earlier one. I am aware of the concerns you raised about Dr Davies, and I certainly did look into it. But that was a while ago.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Okay. I just thought there was an investigation. I'd like to know that, and I'd also like to know if he got promoted.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	121
12	Jacqui LAMBIE	Chief Health Officer Operating Model & Medical Advisers	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Sorry, have you seen all the medical advisers? Have you discussed this with all the medical advisers? Have you investigated and asked them—every single one of them—whether they are doing this?</p> <p>Prof. Firman: In answer to your question—when the question arose about Dr Davies, I was actually not working in the</p>	Hansard	122

			<p>department during that period, so I cannot tell you firsthand what that investigation was. I'm happy to look into it further. I know it was investigated, but I can't give you those details today. However, as the secretary has indicated, we are implementing an operating model which helps us to avoid any instances where it might be seen that questions are being asked that might be misunderstood. That includes improving our clinical governance: how we engage with clinical providers; how we ring them up, if we need to, to talk to them; and who's present when that happens. The substance of those conversations is around clarifying what DVA can provide or clarifying what the legislation says. It's not about disputing what a clinician is providing to us.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Can you tell me whether DVA ever rang up John Gavilan and spoke to him about what he said about Fletcher Davies?</p> <p>Prof. Firman: I'm unable to tell you. I don't know. I can look into it but I don't know.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Can you get back to me on that.</p>		
13	Jacqui LAMBIE	Assistance dogs	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Can you get back to me on that. I imagine if you're doing an investigation you'd have to ask him. I'd like to go to PTS dogs now. Where are we at with the PTS dogs? How many people have one and how many providers do we have now?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: We've currently got 24 approved dogs who are matched with veterans at the moment. We've got another 100 in the program; we are working to get those dogs matched and get them to the next stage. But we've got 24 who have passed the PAT—that's the final test they need to pass. We also have the La Trobe trial of assistance dogs. Currently we've got 14 veterans in that who have been matched with dogs as well. We've got four providers, and I can give you their names and details if you wish.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Can you just give me their names, if you don't mind, and then I can put them out there on social media so they know that.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Senator Lambie, is this just a dog program as opposed to a cat program as well?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I should have said earlier that this is an assistance dogs program for veterans with PTSD, and, as an adjunct to the rest of their treatment, those who are eligible for that.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Maybe you can supply me with those names on notice, just so I can get those out there.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I can.</p>	Hansard	123
14	Jacqui LAMBIE	Assistance Dogs	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Young Diggers Dog Squad have been in the game for a long time; they're probably one of the first. Why have they been pushed to the side? Why are you not using them?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Who is that?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: The Young Diggers Dog Squad, who have been running the program for many, many years.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I think they are one of the programs that Defence might use. We use providers—I'll tell you how we came about the four providers that we have. We ran procurement—two procurements, actually—to extend by a further two providers. We've gone through a proper external procurement process, and anyone that we have has been found to be suitable there. I can't tell you whether they were in that procurement process.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Could you find out for me, please. They have been in the game for a long time and apparently they're now sitting out. People have relied on them for a long time. It would be a shame, considering Young Diggers Dog Squad is run by veterans, if they're not in the game anymore. Could you please have a look at that.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes.</p>	Hansard	123
15	Jacqui LAMBIE	Assistance dogs	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I'm not having a go, but it says on your website that you might deny access to a PTS dog if a veteran has had a suicide attempt in the previous 12 months. Why has that decision has been made? I would have thought that a dog would help them and give them a distraction. Why has that decision been made?</p> <p>Ms Rundle: When a dog is declined, we always use the advice that we have received from the specialist. At that point it's usually deemed that the veteran isn't able or isn't well enough to be able to get the benefit of the dog at that time, because they may need further other treatment, adjunct treatment, to help them to be more stable, or they may not be able to care for the dog at that time. It doesn't prevent them from asking to be assessed again a little bit later on. When you look at it, it's not a high number that have been declined.</p> <p>CHAIR: Why would you put that up on your website?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Yes, does it need to be there?</p> <p>CHAIR: I don't understand. I would have thought that potentially—basically, you're saying one size fits all.</p>	Hansard	123-124

			<p>Senator LAMBIE: Yes, don't come and see us.</p> <p>CHAIR: It's telling people, 'If you've attempted, don't even bother for 12 months.' Just thinking out loud, I would have thought having a less rigid—I have no reason to doubt Senator Lambie's version of what's on your website. Can we make a gratuitous suggestion that you soften the language so it's considered on a case-by-case basis?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I think that's a very good point, Senator and Chair. I'm happy to take that.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: I just don't think it needs to be there. There are reasons—sometimes it's just stupidity, drugs, alcohol—and then they get back up. I'd hate to see them be put back for 12 months when it might give them a bit of light.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I agree.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: That's a good point, Senator. We can all see the benefits of the program and we want it to work.</p>		
16	Jacqui LAMBIE	Compensation for sexual assault victims	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I'm going to move away from that now. You might need to take this on notice: how many veterans are being paid medical compensation for psychological trauma as a result of sexual assault on base? Can we please go back for the last four years, if that's okay. I don't need more details; I just need to know what the numbers are looking like.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: We'll take that on notice. We might also need to talk to Defence and have a look at what we can pull together there.</p>	Hansard	124
17	Jacqui LAMBIE	Veteran Family Advocate	<p>Senator LAMBIE: Even if it's just a number—I'd like an age and gender, but I understand if that's going to be too much—if I could at least get the numbers over the last four years, I just want to see where that's sitting. What is the Veteran Family Advocate actually doing? I can't tell anyone and I can't find an actual webpage for her. There's a lot on her, but nobody seems to know anything about her and no-one's seeing her.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Gwen Cherne, who's the Veteran Family Advocate, is doing incredible work. She's out and about talking to families and she's also on call. Families connect with her if they're concerned about something. She was speaking at the national commissioner's symposium recently. She has visited over in the west, Holsworthy and Darwin, just to engage with the families to make sure that they're aware of what's available for families. Importantly, she also sits on the Repatriation Commission and the Military Rehabilitation Compensation Commission and she provides input to any policy development for families. She's developed the family strategy so she can engage families, so she is doing a lot. I will make sure that you've got access to her details.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Why isn't there a website, so people are seeing what she's doing, like the commissioner herself?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Why isn't there?</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Why isn't there, yes. If she's going somewhere, she can alert people she's going.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I'll make sure that we are able to communicate that. I'll look at that.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: That would be lovely.</p>	Hansard	125
18	Jacqui LAMBIE	Veteran Family Advocate	<p>Senator LAMBIE: That would be lovely. I have one more question: can you please tell me what she's getting paid.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I'll have to take that on notice; I don't have that in front of me. It is reported in our annual report, I believe, but I'll certainly take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	125
19	Timothy AYRES	MRCA DRCA IL	<p>Senator AYRES: Yes, and I've listened carefully through a series of estimates. I can see that there are a significant number of people in the organisation working hard to do better. I don't point the finger at the organisation. I've got real concerns about the resourcing and the constraints within which the organisation works. Is it true that veterans are currently waiting, on average, for 178 days for MRCA initial liability claims?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: I'll have to ask Ms Cole what the average time is.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: And 186 days for permanent impairment claims to be processed?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: There certainly are long wait times, as I have mentioned, but, importantly, what we do upfront is screening to prioritise those claims so that, for those that are in most need of quick progress of claims, we will assign them and have them progressed. But you're right: some are waiting—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Sorry to interrupt, Ms Cosson, but doesn't that mean that, sure, there's a group who are assessed and who come through the process a bit more quickly, but that necessarily means there's a group who take more time than they otherwise might?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: And that has its own consequences, doesn't it?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: That's correct, and we're very conscious of that. The more we're prioritising, the more it means that those who</p>	Hansard	126-127

			<p>aren't being prioritised will have a longer wait. That's why it's important to us to get a message out there—'If circumstances change, please let us know'—but also to continue to reinforce that there is provisional access to medical treatment if they need it. There is also, as I mentioned, non-liability health care for mental health treatment, and there is veterans payment. We can do a lot while someone's claim is being progressed. We're very conscious of those wait times. Ms Cole might now have an answer to that specific question.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: I've got the median number of days if that helps.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: In the month of December, the median number of days for MRCA IL was 190. For MRCA permanent impairment, it was 137.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: My figures are different. That might reflect that mine are apparently average figures, not medians.</p> <p>Ms Rundle: Yes, the average would change that.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Does the figure of 514 liability claims on hand for more than 12 months sound right?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: It does sound right, absolutely, but I'd like to take it on notice to confirm all the figures. I do have in front of me what the figures were in December for claims on hand. Was that MRCA initial liability that you mentioned?</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes.</p>		
20	David VAN	Suicide Prevention Initiatives	<p>Senator VAN: Ms Cosson, can you tell us about what DVA is doing to prevent suicide prevention right now?</p> <p>Perhaps you could give us a sample of some of the programs you're running.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Sure. Ms Pope and perhaps Dr Hodson could also join me. As you know, we have \$230 million spent on mental health and suicide prevention programs.</p> <p>Senator VAN: And just because of time constraints, even just a quick sample would be good, and the rest can be taken on notice.</p>	Hansard	130
21	David VAN	Suicide Statistics	<p>Senator VAN: And there were some incredible speakers there, such as the national family advocate, which Senator Lambie was asking about earlier. To hear her story, and then to hear about the work that she's doing right now, I found to be one of the most moving and most incredible things I've listened to. I've had the opportunity to speak to her since then and to hear in-depth about the work that she's doing. I asked Senator Lambie to reach out to Ms Cherne and speak to her. I think she would be absolutely amazed.</p> <p>One of the stats that I heard—I can't remember the actual number, so, coming to a question—at that symposium was quite a high percentage of suicides that didn't have any clinical support for 12 months, or no mental health diagnosis for 12 months or more before that. Do you know that percentage off the top of your head?</p> <p>Ms Cosson: That was from Christine Morgan's presentation, the keynote address.</p> <p>Senator VAN: That's right.</p> <p>Ms Cosson: Ms Pope might have those numbers, because she's working very closely with Christine Morgan.</p> <p>Ms Pope: I don't have the numbers in front of me, but I think—</p> <p>CHAIR: Since time is of the essence, perhaps you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator VAN: That's fine.</p>	Hansard	131
22	Bridget McKenzie	COVID - Working From Home	How many staff does the Department have working in capital cities, including Canberra?	Written	
23	Bridget McKenzie	Rural Staffing	<p>Are any Department staff based in rural or regional locations?</p> <p>a. How many?</p> <p>b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?</p>	Written	
24	Bridget McKenzie	COVID - Working From Home	How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021?	Written	
25	Bridget McKenzie	COVID - Working From Home	In response to question 31 the Department responded that it does not collect enterprise-level data which specifically enables the accurate reporting of staff productivity, but provided metrics monitored to assess productivity and concluded that staff operated at a productivity level equal to or greater than pre-COVID-19 levels. How will the Department work to maintain or increase productivity when staff return to working from their office/usual workplace?	Written	

			a. What opportunity exists for the Department to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?		
26	Bridget McKenzie	COVID - Working From Home	<p>For question 32, Department data shows a 17.4 per cent decrease in the personal/sick leave taken between March to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave taken?</p> <p>a. How will the Department work to maintain the reduction in the personal/sick leave taken?</p> <p>b. If the Department has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of the personal/sick leave taken rate for these staff compared to city-based staff?</p>	Written	
27	Kimberley Kitching	Time Taken To Process Claims (TTTP)	<p>Can the Department Of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) provide advice on claims processing times?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can DVA confirm that veterans are currently waiting on average 178 days for MRCA initial liability claims and 186 days for permanent impairment claims to be processed? • Can the department confirm there are 514 initial liability claims on hand longer than 12 months, while 32 remain unfinalised after 18 months, and that there were four that were incomplete after two years? • Can DVA advise if it is still taking up to 300 days to process some claims for initial liability and more than one year for some claims to be processed? • What measures is DVA taking to address these waiting times and backlogs? • Specifically, in relation to claims processing performance data, as at 31 September 2020 and 31 December 2020, can DVA please provide by claim type: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Number of claims on hand o Number of unallocated claims on hand o Average time taken for a claim to be allocated o Median time take for a claim to be allocated o Average processing time for claims o Median processing time for claims o Number of claims on hand not processed within 100 days • How long is it taking to allocate a file to a delegate? • What are the current error rates, including high impact error rates? How have these changed or increased over time? How are they tracking against DVA's targets? 	Written	
28	Kimberley Kitching	Time Taken To Process Claims (TTTP)	<p>Can DVA please provide further information on compensation claims as per the following table?</p> <p>As at 1 Jan 2020 Number of Claims on hand that are currently being considered (and allocated to a delegate for processing)</p> <p>Case Age VEA MRCA Initial Liability MRCA Permanent Impairment DRCA Initial Liability DRCA Permanent Impairment</p> <p><28 days</p> <p>1-3 months</p> <p>3-6 months</p> <p>6-12 months</p> <p>>12 months</p> <p>As at 1 Jan 2021 Number of Claims on hand that are currently being considered (and allocated to a delegate for processing)</p> <p>Case Age VEA MRCA Initial Liability MRCA Permanent Impairment DRCA Initial Liability DRCA Permanent Impairment</p> <p><28 days</p> <p>1-3 months</p> <p>3-6 months</p> <p>6-12 months</p> <p>>12 months</p>	Written	

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29	Kimberley Kitching	Labour Hire Arrangements	<p>Can DVA provide advice on labour hire arrangements in the department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can DVA advise what is the turnover rate for workers engaged under labour hire arrangements, by division? • An answer to a previous QON advised the department spent \$82 million on labour hire services in the last financial year with at least 46 different providers. In the October Budget Estimates, DVA stated that Labour Hire companies charge a 12% margin or negotiated fee in terms of mark-up or profit margin. However, the CPSU has estimated that the real cost of using labour hire is between 25% and 50% higher than employing APS staff directly. Has DVA undertaken any assessment of the cost of directly employing APS staff compared to the cost of labour hire arrangements for the same position? • Assuming this 25-50% additional cost figure is correct, if those figures re applied to DVA's staffing mix of 1,600 APS staff, and 1,246 labour hire staff, this would suggest DVA could employ 200-400 more full-time APS staff for the same budget cost simply by cutting out the labour hire costs, that is by converting labour hire to APS employment and then using those freed up funds to 	Written	

			<p>employ more staff. Does DVA accept these figures?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We understand there are now 379 fewer (full-time) APS staff in DVA than there were in 2013. Can the department confirm this? 		
30	Kimberley Kitching	ANAO VCR Audit	<p>Can DVA provide advice in relation to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) performance audit report on the effectiveness of DVA's Veteran Centric Reform (VCR) program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The audit said DVA should work on addressing any systemic issues that may be affecting its ability to implement its reforms. The audit highlighted issues with some aspects of the department's approach and said limitations in DVA's project management, and the monitoring and evaluation of benefits, present risks to the VCR program being effectively implemented on time, on budget and to the government's objectives. In addition, the audit found greater attention to possible systemic issues affecting performance is needed. What is DVA doing to manage these risks and address these systemic issues? • The audit looked at whether DVA's reform proposal aligned with the federal government's objectives. It found that while the VCR business case outlined clear reasons for investment and options for meeting objectives, the department did not adequately draw the attention of decision-makers to key risks. The ANAO has recommended that DVA ensure future business cases provide clear and viable options for managing the government's exposure to risks arising from new policy and program settings. How is DVA addressing this? • The report has recommended that the department strengthen governance processes to include regular analyses aimed at identifying and addressing causes of program and project underperformance and give more attention to completing projects within originally planned schedules is required. How is DVA implementing this recommendation? • The ANAO noted DVA's work with the Department of Defence requires clear and consistent measures for monitoring progress across all bilateral VCR initiatives. It said there would be merit in DVA establishing regular, consistent and comprehensive reporting to assess the effectiveness of joint transition initiatives (referring to the new Joint Transition Authority set up between Defence and DVA), and to provide a clear line of sight to the business case objectives of supporting a seamless transition from the ADF. What is DVA doing to improve this and make it more seamless? • The audit found DVA regularly reports on key achievements in its implementation of the program, but it needs to be more consistent in measuring and reporting on the financial and non-financial benefits of the program. The report recommended DVA develop consistent and reliable indicators of program performance to improve the quality and completeness of reporting on the benefits of veteran-centric reforms. The ANAO said the department should also provide more complete information to the Parliament on program performance, and its relevance to increasing the department's effectiveness and efficiency. It further stated that reporting to the Parliament through its annual performance statements does not explain how reforms are affecting the department's performance in relation to its key operating metrics. How does DVA propose to address this feedback and provide the Parliament with a fuller picture of DVA's performance? 	Written	
31	Kimberley Kitching	Veteran Wellbeing Centres	<p>Can DVA please provide an update and status reports on Veteran Wellbeing Centres? This should include updates on funding profiles, additional seed funding, implementation approaches, locations and timeframes for delivering the centres, and any other relevant planning documents.</p>	Written	
32	Kimberley Kitching	Access to VAN Services - COVID	<p>Can DVA please provide advice on Veterans' Access Network (VAN) offices and services/service desks across the country?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can DVA explain why services in Newcastle have been reduced? Could these offices be made COVID-safe, for example, by using perspex screens, similar to those in supermarkets and other government offices? • Can DVA explain why offices have been closed in the Tweed Heads South Centrelink office, Robina Town Centre and Lismore? • We understand DVA has closed VAN offices/services in other regional areas. Can the department provide a current list of all DVA and VAN offices/services around the country? • Can DVA provide an update on which offices and services have been closed or reduced since the start of the pandemic and why? • Can DVA provide advice on its plans for the re-opening of VAN offices and services? Can the department provide an assurance that the Government will not permanently close any existing services? 	Written	
33	Kimberley Kitching	Veterans Employment	<p>Can DVA provide advice on Australian Government support for veterans' employment and training? Please provide information, including a breakdown of all measures and spending under the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Program and all Australian Government support for veterans' employment and training across all portfolios, including:</p>	Written	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a list of all programs and measures • information on coordination with programs delivered by other levels of government, and ex-service organisations or non-government organisations • total funding • funding profiles over the forward estimates for each program/measure. 		
34	Katy GALLAGHER	Work From Home Requests	<p>1. How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published 'Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces' on 29 September 2020?</p> <p>2. How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.</p>	Written	
35	Katy GALLAGHER	Average Staffing Levels	<p>1. Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APS ongoing: headcount and ASL; • APS non-ongoing: headcount and ASL; • Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and • Other contractors.; headcount and FTE 	Written	
36	Katy GALLAGHER	Labour Hire Arrangements	Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.	Written	
37	Katy GALLAGHER	Labour Hire Arrangements	Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.	Written	
38	Kimberley Kitching	Shared Services Arrangements	Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	
39	Kimberley Kitching	Shared Services Arrangements	Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	
40	Kimberley Kitching	Shared Services Arrangements	In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	
41	Kimberley Kitching	Shared Services Arrangements	In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	
42	Kimberley Kitching	Shared Services Arrangements	Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars.	Written	
43	Kimberley Kitching	Services Australia - Data, Statistics or research information	Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	Written	
44	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions</p>	Written	
45	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p>	Written	

			<p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>		
46	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>1. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
47	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
48	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	<p>1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).</p>	Written	
49	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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.</p> <p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.</p>	Written	
50	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	<p>1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
51	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	<p>1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
52	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 be provided including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.</p> <p>b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus,</p>	Written	

			<p>receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p>		
53	Kristina Keneally	FOI	<p>1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14;</p> <p>b. 2014-15;</p> <p>c. 2015-16;</p> <p>d. 2016-17;</p> <p>e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and;</p> <p>f. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>2. For each year above, please provide:</p> <p>a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full;</p> <p>b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part;</p> <p>c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and</p> <p>d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.</p> <p>3. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and</p> <p>b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).</p> <p>4. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and</p> <p>b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5. 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 each of the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14;</p> <p>b. 2014-15;</p> <p>c. 2015-16;</p> <p>d. 2016-17;</p> <p>e. 2018-19;</p> <p>f. 2019-20, and;</p> <p>g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. 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>8. 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> <p>9. 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>	Written	

			<p>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and</p> <p>b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. 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>		
54	Kristina Keneally	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. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</p> <p>b. The location and date of the briefing.</p> <p>c. Who proposed the briefing.</p> <p>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
55	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
56	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
57	Kristina Keneally	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 of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter</p> <p>b. Company</p> <p>c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p> <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>	Written	
58	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. 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>	Written	
59	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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>	Written	
60	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31</p>	Written	

			December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.		
61	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	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 for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided including: 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. 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. 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. 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. e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.	Written	
62	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided including: 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. 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. 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. 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. e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.	Written	
63	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote. 3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided. 4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.	Written	
64	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
65	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release.	Written	

			<p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>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.</p>		
66	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
67	Kristina Keneally	Appointments – briefs prepared	<p>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.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p> <p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister’s office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made</p>	Written	
68	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial Stationery	<p>1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	
69	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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 2020-21.</p> <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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 2020-21.</p>	Written	
70	Kristina Keneally	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>	Written	

			<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>		
71	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<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>	Written	
72	Kristina Keneally	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 each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</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>	Written	
73	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is "congestion busting" in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve "congestion busting" within the department.</p>	Written	
74	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written	
75	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 10 November 2020.</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written	

			7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date.		
76	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 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 each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
77	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written	
78	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	
79	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	
80	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
81	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies. 2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.	Written	
82	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 10 November 2020.	Written	
83	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.	Written	

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1	Jim MOLAN	Official Histories	<p>Senator MOLAN: Thanks, Minister. I understand the first volume of the official history of peacekeeping operations in East Timor was completed in October 2018. It's not yet been approved, as I understand it, by the government. Minister, is that true?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I believe so, yes.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Can you explain why this volume hasn't, at this stage, been approved for publication? To my knowledge, it's been toing and froing within the bureaucracy for some time, but can you explain why it hasn't and what the problems are? I mean, Minister, I am an absolute star in this history, so I've got a vested interest!</p> <p>Senator Payne: As I have reminded you on more than one occasion, Senator, if I remember correctly, on the first occasion that we met you were a colonel, a Defence attache in Jakarta, who I met in Timor-Leste in Dili.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Exactly.</p> <p>Senator Payne: So, we go back a long way. I can make some observations in part—and I apologise to the committee: I don't have a final response to your last question as to the current status of approvals. But I do know that the volume was delivered to all stakeholders for clearance, as you say, on its completion in 2018. That included my own department—not that I'm here in that capacity tonight—</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Foreign affairs, yes.</p> <p>Senator Payne: but it did include the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, yes. There was a long period of clearance processes across Defence, AFP, the intelligence agencies and DFAT. DFAT advised the official historian that in August last year we considered the chapter suitable for publication. That is the extent of my current awareness. I am happy to take further questions on notice, in relation to that, and return to the committee.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	108
2	Jordon STEELE-JOHN	PWC Submissions on redevelopment	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Moving now to the issue of the expansion of the memorial. How many submissions were received to the PwC inquiry on the AWM's redevelopment? First of all, can I have the overall number of submissions received to the inquiry?</p> <p>Mr Hitches: I'll have to get the exact number for you, but it was about 70-odd submissions.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Of those submissions, how many were against the proposal?</p> <p>Mr Hitches: The majority were against the proposal. Again, I would have to get the exact number for you. But we have found that, usually, the submissions that come in these circumstances do have a higher negative number; whereas, when we go out for surveys and we go to a demographically diverse audience, it is exactly the opposite of that and we get over 90 per cent support.</p>	Hansard	109
3	Jordon STEELE-JOHN	EPBC submission	<p>Mr Hitches: We've had several surveys go out, for the EPBC submission, and just recently we've also done a national survey on the gallery content.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Can you give me the number of exactly how many or do we have to take that on notice? Of those that submitted to the inquiry, how many were against the number of—</p> <p>Mr Hitches: I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	109
4	Jordon STEELE-JOHN	AWM Development - EPBC	<p>The EPBC Act has an important role in protecting our environment and heritage. It requires the AWM to update its Heritage Management Plan every 5 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AWM's extant Heritage Management Plan is from 2011. A review was undertaken in 2019, but that review is still not completed and formalised under the EPBC Act. Why not? Does the AWM think full compliance with the Act is unnecessary? 	written	
5	Jordon STEELE-JOHN	AWM Development - HMP	<p>Anzac Hall was completed in 2001, and is award-winning architecture. Both the Heritage Management Plan 2011 and the 2019 review require Anzac Hall to be retained and protected:</p> <p>The HMP of 2011 stated (page 81): "Conserve, manage and interpret the ANZAC Hall as a part of the AWM main building."</p> <p>The draft HMP of 2019 stated (page 94) "Conserve, manage and interpret ANZAC Hall."</p> <p>Why is the AWM not following its own Heritage Management Plans?</p>	written	

6	Bridget MCKENZIE	COVID - Working From Home	How many staff does the agency have working in capital cities, including Canberra?	written	
7	Bridget MCKENZIE	Rural Staffing	Are any Department staff based in rural or regional locations? a. How many? b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?	written	
8	Bridget MCKENZIE	COVID - Working From Home	How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021?	written	
9	Bridget MCKENZIE	COVID - Working From Home	In response to question 103 the agency responded that it does not collect enterprise-level data which specifically enables the accurate reporting of staff productivity. Overall, can the agency conclude whether staff productivity increased, remained static, or declined over the COVID-19 work-from-home period? a. How will the agency work to maintain or increase productivity when staff return to working from their office/usual workplace? b. What opportunity exists for the agency to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?	written	
10	Bridget MCKENZIE	COVID - Working From Home	For question 104, agency data shows a 8.8 per cent decrease in the personal/sick leave taken between April to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave taken? a. How will the agency work to maintain the reduction in the personal/sick leave taken? b. If the agency has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of the personal/sick leave taken rate for these staff compared to city-based staff?	written	
11	Kimberley Kitching	Public Works Committee - Dissenting Report	The report of the Parliamentary Public Works Committee inquiry into the Australian War Memorial redevelopment project of 22 February 2021 recommended that the proposal proceed. However, Labor members of the committee issued a dissenting report, which supported the redevelopment, but recommended the Government consider lower cost options that would still meet the aims of the project, and consult further on Anzac Hall and consider alternative approaches to complete demolition. • What is the Memorial's response to the dissenting report recommendations?	written	
12	Kimberley Kitching	AWM Development - Anzac Hall	Can the Memorial provide some advice on heritage issues in relation to Anzac Hall? • In relation to the Memorial's 2011 Heritage Management Plan, we understand that under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999 (EPBC Act), all national heritage listed locations are required to review their Heritage Management Plans every five years. Therefore, why did the Memorial not complete a review in 2015-16? • Was the 2019 review of the Heritage Management Plan undertaken by the same consultant who wrote the 2011 Plan? Did this consultant recommend that the protection of ANZAC Hall remain in the Plan? • The Memorial recently issued requests for tender (RFTs) for various phases, including demolition and excavation. Does this relate to Anzac Hall? Is this activity subject to final National Capital Authority (NCA) approval?	written	
13	Kimberley Kitching	AWM Development - Consultation	A recent media report referred to the latest round of community consultations on the Memorial's new galleries through a series of online and public forums, advisory and focus groups, and surveys. • Can the Memorial provide any information about these community consultations? What is the objective of these activities? • What feedback has been received so far from these consultations?	written	
14	Katy GALLAGHER	Average Staffing Levels	1. Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by: • APS ongoing; headcount and ASL; • APS non-ongoing; headcount and ASL; • Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and • Other contractors.; headcount and FTE	written	
15	Katy GALLAGHER	Labour Hire Arrangements	Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.	written	
16	Katy GALLAGHER	Labour Hire Arrangements	Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.	written	
17	Katy GALLAGHER	Work From Home Requests	1. How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published 'Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces' on 29 September 2020? 2. How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.	written	

18	Kimberley KITCHING	Shared Services Arrangements	Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars.	written	
19	Kimberley Kitching	Shared Services Arrangements	Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars.	written	
20	Kimberley Kitching	Shared Services Arrangements	In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	written	
21	Kimberley Kitching	Shared Services Arrangements	In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	written	
22	Kimberley Kitching	Shared Services Arrangements	Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars.	written	
23	Kimberley Kitching	Services Australia - Data, Statistics or research information	Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars.	written	
24	Kristina Keneally	Executive Management	1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020: 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	Written	
25	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial functions	1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: 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.	Written	
26	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial meals	1. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: a. List of dates and types of meals. 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.	Written	
27	Kristina Keneally	Departmental functions	1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees.	Written	

			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.		
28	Kristina Keneally	Executive office upgrades	1. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written	
29	Kristina Keneally	Facilities upgrades	1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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.	Written	
30	Kristina Keneally	Staff travel	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
31	Kristina Keneally	Legal costs	1. What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
32	Kristina Keneally	Secretarial travel	1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 be provided including: 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.	Written	
33	Kristina Keneally	FOI	1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for the following years: a. 2013-14; b. 2014-15; c. 2015-16; d. 2016-17; e. 2018-19; 2019-20, and; f. 2020-21 to date. 2. For each year above, please provide: 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 each year above, please also provide: 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).	Written	

			<p>4. For each year above, please also provide:</p> <p>a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and</p> <p>b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.</p> <p>5. 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 each of the following years:</p> <p>a. 2013-14;</p> <p>b. 2014-15;</p> <p>c. 2015-16;</p> <p>d. 2016-17;</p> <p>e. 2018-19;</p> <p>f. 2019-20, and;</p> <p>g. 2020-21 to date.</p> <p>6. For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.</p> <p>7. 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>8. 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> <p>9. 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>10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so:</p> <p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and</p> <p>b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>11. 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>		
34	Kristina Keneally	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. If so, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. The subject matter of the briefing.</p> <p>b. The location and date of the briefing.</p> <p>c. Who proposed the briefing.</p> <p>d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position</p>	Written	
35	Kristina Keneally	Acting Minister arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written	
36	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	<p>1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.</p>	Written	
37	Kristina Keneally	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 of:</p> <p>a. Subject matter</p> <p>b. Company</p>	Written	

			<p>c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020</p> <p>d. Contract date period</p> <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>		
38	Kristina Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. 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>	Written	
39	Kristina Keneally	Promotional merchandise	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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>	Written	
40	Kristina Keneally	Collateral materials	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.</p>	Written	
41	Kristina Keneally	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 for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided 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>	Written	
42	Kristina Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided 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</p>	Written	

			<p>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>		
43	Kristina Keneally	Social media influencers	<p>1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</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>	Written	
44	Kristina Keneally	Departmental equipment	What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
45	Kristina Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including:</p> <p>a. Date commissioned.</p> <p>b. Date report handed to Government.</p> <p>c. Date of public release.</p> <p>d. Terms of Reference.</p> <p>e. Committee members and/or Reviewers.</p> <p>2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost.</p> <p>3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel.</p> <p>4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel</p> <p>5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review.</p> <p>6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level.</p> <p>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.</p>	Written	
46	Kristina Keneally	Board Appointments	<p>1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members.</p> <p>2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio</p> <p>3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date.</p> <p>4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.</p> <p>5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.</p> <p>6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.</p>	Written	
47	Kristina Keneally	Appointments – briefs prepared	<p>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.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p>	Written	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. The board or entity. c. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office. d. Whether the appointment was made 		
48	Kristina Keneally	Stationery	1. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
49	Kristina Keneally	Media monitoring	<p>1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <ul 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 2020-21. <p>2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <ul 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 2020-21. 	Written	
50	Kristina Keneally	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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. d. How many are graphic designers. e. How many are media managers. f. How many organise events. <p>3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, why. b. When was it established. c. What is the set up cost. d. What is the ongoing cost. e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications. 	Written	
51	Kristina Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Duration of secondment. b. APS level. <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written	
52	Kristina Keneally	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 each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020?</p> <p>2. How many claims were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker. 	Written	

53	Kristina Keneally	Congestion busting	1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. 2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department.	Written	
54	Kristina Keneally	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.	Written	
55	Kristina Keneally	Staffing	1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 10 November 2020. 2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. 3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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 each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date.	Written	
56	Kristina Keneally	Comcare	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 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 each of the periods; 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written	
57	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Commission	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written	
58	Kristina Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written	
59	Kristina Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written	
60	Kristina Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received.	Written	
61	Kristina Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies. 2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.	Written	
62	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of interest	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 10 November 2020.	Written	
63	Kristina Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies. 2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.	Written	