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1	Eric Abetz	Trade statistics for Tasmania	Senator ABETZ: ... Can I be provided with details of the substantial growth in exports from my home state of Tasmania over the last year or so? Does anybody have those figures?	Hansard	Page 52
2	Alex Gallacher	Programs to support regional infrastructure	Senator GALLACHER asked about: ... Who Mr Boyer spoke to regarding the decision to provide \$45 million from the Building Better Regions Fund to support tourism infrastructure. Do they have names and titles...?	Hansard	Page 54
3	Alex Gallacher	Beyond Tourism 2020 Steering Committee	Senator GALLACHER: ... Are there publicised committee terms of reference [Beyond Tourism 2020 Steering Committee]? Mr Boyer: There are no published terms of reference. I can give you some information, though, if you're interested, as to the things the minister has asked the committee to look at in particular. Senator GALLACHER: Ok—if we could get that on notice... Could you please provide an update on what it's been asked to look at, and what progress it's made to date.	Hansard	Page 57
4	Alex Gallacher	Tourism Access Working Group	Senator GALLACHER : On how many occasions has that working group met in the past year [Tourism Access Working Group]. Mr Boyer: Off the top of my head—I can correct myself on notice—I believe it's met once, but that was only a matter of two weeks ago. Senator GALLACHER: Okay—subject to clarification... Perhaps on notice, could you advise the statutory attendees from the government? ... Are you able to shine any light on what are the most significant opportunities arising out of this engagement? My Boyer: I might take that on notice Senator. What I might be able to do is to provide something on notice about the broad responsibilities of the committee and the sorts of issues that are discussed.	Hansard	Page 58
5	Eric Abetz	Export opportunities Tasmania	Senator ABETZ: ... But the TPP-11 we hope for will also then enhance the export opportunities for producers in the state of Tasmania? Mr Putt: Senator, could I take that on notice.	Hansard	Page 60
6	Claire Moore	Australia Week in China	Senator MOORE: So the '17-'18 allocation [for Australia Week] has been carried forward? Ms Ralston: That's right. Senator MOORE: What about the 2.8 that was in '18-'19? Ms Ralston: I might just check... We might just take that on notice. Senator MOORE: ... Did you have an evaluation of the previous Australia Week in China events? ... How did it stack up? Ms Ralston: ... I think we can provide that to you on notice. Senator MOORE: Take it on notice... how much export and investment have previous Australia Week in China events generated? Have you been tracking that? ... do you maintain an evaluation mechanism post the event to gather that information? Ms Ralston: ... we'll have some information for you on notice.	Hansard	Page 61
7	Alex Gallacher	Australian Tropical Medicine Commercialisation Grants Program	Senator GALLACHER: How much has been taken out of the Australian Tropical Medicine Commercialisation Grants Program? Mr O'Meara: About \$1 million... It was over two years, I believe. Senator GALLACHER: As a proportion of the \$6.6 million, how much is that? So it's \$1 million in total. Mr O'Meara: Correct. Senator GALLACHER: Over how many years? Mr O'Meara: I don't have the detail here. I can come back to you on that, on notice. Senator GALLACHER: ... How many grants have been delivered so far? Ms Ralston: I think there are 11 projects that either have been successfully completed or are in progress now. Senator GALLACHER: All right. Perhaps on notice you could just give us some detail on that so that we can see...	Hansard	Pages 63-64
8	Claire Moore	Landing Pads - Locations	Senator MOORE: ... We'll put on notice when they [the Landing Pads] were announced. Can you explain why the physical location was selected for each Landing Pad and what criteria were taken into account when deciding to establish the location of a Landing Pad within a particular city. ... Why were those five chosen? Mr Putt: There are many reasons for that. I wonder if I could take that on notice and give you more detail on that. Senator MOORE: You certainly can ... Also, was there a set standard criteria? Was there a core criteria and then other things taken into account—so a standard, basic approach and then there would be other things? Mr Putt: I would like to come back to you with more specifics. Mr Hazlehurst: At the time, these were decisions of the government. These were not matters that were left to Austrade to determine. So we'll come back to you with what we can on notice. Senator MOORE: ... I would imagine there was no expression of interest process: it was a decision taken on whatever basis the minister decided met the need. But was there a public process at all, talking about what they were hoping to do and where they'd be likely to be: you can take it on notice. Mr Hazlehurst: I don't recall one. This occurred during, as you would recall, the lead-up to and then the period after the announcement of the National Innovation and Science Agenda. Senator MOORE: Yes, 2015-16. Mr Hazlehurst: We can go back to our records and provide an answer on those. Senator MOORE: Whatever we can get on what the basis of the decision was.	Hansard	Pages 64-65

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9	Claire Moore Alex Gallacher Linda Reynolds	Landing Pads - Results	<p>Senator GALLACHER: ...[The Tel Aviv Landing Pad has] been in operation for a while now. Are we seeing any result coming out of it?</p> <p>Mr Putt: We have cohorts that go on all the landing pads, and we do customer satisfaction after that. On top of that, I've got real examples of real outcomes from companies that have gone to these areas and got real market results.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps on notice that would be really interesting reading, if nothing else.</p> <p>Mr Putt: Sure.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you could break that down by state as well that would be helpful.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Is there standard information about what the landing pads are responsible for doing? What metrics does Austrade use to measure the success of the landing pad in meeting its objectives? Is that the kind of thing you want to take on notice, Mr Putt, or is that something you can tell us?</p> <p>Mr Putt: I'm happy to take it on notice but ...</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Have you seen distinct differences? They are five distinctly different communities. You won't be able to give me this in detail, but have there been discernible differences in the way they operate?</p> <p>Mr Putt: I think there has, and I would like to take that on notice and provide more detail.</p>	Hansard	Page 65
10	Claire Moore	Landing Pads - Payments to WeWork	<p>Senator MOORE: Can you detail the amount of money Austrade has paid to WeWork, covering the 90-day residency period per landing pad, broken down by location and how much every financial year since 2015-16? ...</p> <p>Mr Putt: Would you mind if I take that on notice?</p>	Hansard	Page 67
11	Claire Moore	Landing Pads - Sprint to Landing Pads campaign	<p>Senator MOORE: Is there information about that Sprint to Landing Pads program on your website ... Can we get some information from you about the background to that and the cost? ... Can we get some information on the cost of that [Sprint to Landing Pads Program], the format and whatever kind of review process you have that?</p> <p>Dr Fahey: We'd be happy to.</p>	Hansard	Pages 67-68
12	Claire Moore	Landing Pads - Program review	<p>Senator MOORE: Is there a plan to do a more formal review [of the Landing Pad Program] —a standard public sector review of the whole program?</p> <p>Dr Fahey: I'm not sure whether that was part of the funding in the initial stages.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Can we get that on notice as well?</p>	Hansard	Page 68
13	Linda Reynolds	Lithium, rare earth and tech metal industries	<p>CHAIR: I have a couple of questions ... it's about our lithium, rare earth and tech metal industries and the opportunities we've now got to export ... Are you also looking at electrochemical processing [in the Future Smart Strategies Report]? ... Obviously once you've processed, for a lot of these minerals, including lithium, you look to take it down the value chain of electrochemical processing ... Are you looking at the book end of the value chain process, or is the study going through all five stages?</p> <p>Mr Putt: ... I think our report is looking at that, but I would want to put it on notice to make sure my facts are specific.</p> <p>CHAIR: ... In terms of other tech metals and rare earths, Australia also has a large chunk of many of these nationally strategically important minerals ... Is this review going to have a look at not just the economics—this might be going out of Austrade's area—but is there anyone else, maybe at DFAT or elsewhere, looking at the strategic considerations for Australia in terms of having these metals that are so strategically important in the twenty-first century?</p> <p>Mr Putt: This report won't cover that.</p> <p>CHAIR: Could you take that on notice? Or I might put it on notice for DFAT to see whether anyone else is aware of that.</p> <p>CHAIR: And again on notice, could you take it out from lithium and where you see the opportunities are? Obviously we don't have a battery manufacturer here, so maybe if you can take it on notice, we're looking at ways we can attract one of the big battery manufacturers to Australia, preferably Western Australia where we're processing the ore, but that's a little parochial. I'm happy for you to take it on notice, but are you aware of any of the current major battery manufacturers that we have approached or we could approach, or they have approached us about this?</p> <p>Mr Putt: We have been talking to a number of the large globals on that. One of our senior investment specialists in resources and energy has been spending time on this. It is actioned, but we haven't landed that particular goal yet.</p>	Hansard	Pages 68-69
14	Linda Reynolds	Mining Indaba	<p>CHAIR: ... I'm wondering whether you've got a report back from [Mining] Indaba this year?</p> <p>Mr Hazlehurst: No, Senator, I don't have a report back from Indaba with me today.</p> <p>CHAIR: I'd be very happy if you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Hazlehurst: I would be delighted to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	Page 69

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15	Lee Rhiannon	Mining in Ecuador	<p>Senator RHIANNON: ... I note that, in 2017, the Australia-Ecuador Business Summit was held in Quito to promote Australia's expertise and capacity to support Ecuador's growing mining sector. What I've also become aware of is that, in Ecuador, mining is quite challenging because Ecuador is widely regarded as the most biodiverse country in the world. I wanted to check in with you about how Austrade is working in Ecuador. Is Austrade aware that Australian companies own mining concessions in protected forest reserves and indigenous territories?</p> <p>Mr Hazlehurst: Subject to any observations that my colleagues would like to make, you'll forgive us, but that's a very specific question. We'd be very happy to provide whatever information we can on notice, but I don't believe we'll have the capacity to answer.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: But you do more than assist with exports—like this Australia-Ecuador Business Summit, held in Quito. There were a lot of people there. It was specifically about supporting Ecuador's growing mining sector. So that's part of your work as well?</p> <p>Mr Hazlehurst: Yes, I believe so. But I did say at the outset, in relation to the specific example that you gave, that we would need to take on notice precisely what our involvement was in that particular event.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: ... Again, you might want to take this on notice. It goes beyond Ecuador. There have been incidents with these mining companies where, because many of the local people are opposed to it, some mining camps have been burnt down. There are quite serious implications for the workers that the mining company brings in. Are those things that you give advice on? Are you tracking these mining companies? Maybe in the first instance you think that going into this country is a good way to do business. But then events may change, and the local people might be taking action. Lives may be at risk. Are you giving advice to that level, particularly with these summits that you hold or ongoing advice that you might provide?</p> <p>Mr Hazlehurst: In a general sense, as I said before, we certainly provide advice to companies about the regulatory environment and the business environment for the market that they are seeking to enter into. In broad terms, the answer to your question is yes. We provide advice to companies about what they can expect to find when they enter into that market. We also have arrangements in place where we provide services to businesses. We have a range of checks that we put in place around 'Is this a company that we want to do business with?' We can go into some more detail on notice, if you'd like, around that. And we keep a watching brief on that. If it turns out that there's a company that, for whatever reason, at the outset appears to have satisfied all our checks but for which subsequently further information comes to light, it could easily be a situation where Austrade might withdraw its services from that company.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you. If you could take that on notice to provide the additional information and take on notice those earlier questions you were unable to answer.</p>	Hansard	Pages 69-70
16	Claire Moore	Trade Commissioner Development Program	<p>Senator MOORE: Do we have any idea how many have (gone through the Trade Commissioner Development Program)?</p> <p>Dr Fahey: I think we've had a couple of cohorts. There might have been up to 12. I'll check on the number.</p>	Hansard	Page 72
17	Carol Brown	Australian Accommodation Monitor	<p>1. Is the AAM on track to release results for 2016-17 in July this year?</p> <p>2. Is it also on track to release 2017-18 results in October this year?</p>	Written	
18	Carol Brown	TDDI – Update	<p>1. How many projects have been approved since February 2018?</p> <p>2. How many projects have been approved in total?</p> <p>3. Please list each project with project name, proponent, address, state, federal electorate, project description, commonwealth contribution, details of any other funding including source, total project cost, number of jobs expected to be created during and post construction, date of approval, date of public announcement, expected project start date, whether commenced, and expected completion date or completion date, details of any openings or events attended by the minister with date, title of event, location of event, attendee list and copies or links to all media coverage including newspaper articles. Please also provide a link to relevant ministerial media release eg joint release with state minister, local MP.</p> <p>4. What is the total expenditure to date for this program?</p> <p>5. How much funding remains unallocated? Please provide a breakdown by state.</p> <p>6. What is the forward plan to allocate remaining funds? Please provide a timeline.</p> <p>7. Please provide an updated list of all accommodation operators funded under this program including state or territory, proponent, name of project, value of grant, nature of grant (ie what will funding be spent on within the project). Please indicate whether the company is Australian or foreign owned.</p> <p>8. Of the TDDI projects which have been approved to date:</p> <p>(a) are any owned or operated by foreign companies or proprietors? Please list.</p> <p>(b) please provide the ACN or ABN for Australian-based businesses, companies or entities in receipt of a grant.</p> <p>9. Are there any plans in place to extend this program, which concludes on 30 June 2018?</p> <p>10. Have there been any discussions about extending it, or having another round? Has the Minister raised this as an issue?</p> <p>11. Has Austrade provided any recommendations to the Minister regarding the continuation of the TDDI program?</p>	Written	
19	Carol Brown	Tourism infrastructure investment	<p>1. Following the conclusion of the TDDI on June 30 2018, how many programs will exist to support tourism infrastructure investment?</p> <p>2. How much funding is the Government providing to tourism infrastructure from 30 June 2018, over the forward years?</p> <p>3. Do any of these programs focus on regional tourism infrastructure investment?</p>	Written	
20	Carol Brown	Tourism Refund Scheme	Has Austrade met with any further stakeholders or third parties in relation to the TRS since last estimates? If so please list meetings with names, dates, time, location, agenda and minutes.	Written	
21	Carol Brown	Stakeholder meetings	Which tourism stakeholders has Austrade met with since last estimates? Please list meeting date, company/organisation, nature of meeting and topics discussed.	Written	
22	Carol Brown	Tourism Research Australia	Please provide a list of all staffing changes including overall numbers, date, reason since the February estimates.	Written	

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23	Carol Brown	Tourism Research Committee	<p>1. Was the TRC held on 9 April 2018 in Melbourne? What were the outcomes?</p> <p>2. Answers provided to the previous Senate Estimates indicated a list of action points arising from the September meeting including: priority destination research projects will be regional dispersal and technical disruptors, more investigation into research on the value of business events, increased investigation of alternative data sources, continuation of current survey collections IVS and NVS and the annual sub-topic and supplementary question review for 2018. What progress has been made on these action points?</p> <p>3. What were the results of the investigation into alternative data sources?</p> <p>4. When will the next TRC be held?</p>	Written	
24	Carol Brown	Staffing	Please provide a list of all staffing changes including overall numbers, date, reason since the February Estimates.	Written	
25	Carol Brown	Research	<p>1. Have there been any changes to the expected publication schedules since last estimates?</p> <p>2. If yes, please detail with original expected publication date and actual publication date.</p> <p>3. Does Austrade or Tourism Australia anticipate any additional delays to publications over the next year aside from those detailed in last estimates answers? If so, please detail publication, reason, and expected length of delay.</p>	Written	
26	Carol Brown	Research Roundtables	<p>1. In what ways have the research roundtables undertaken in 2017 influenced tourism policy development and investment?</p> <p>2. What actions have been taken as a result?</p>	Written	
27	Carol Brown	Australian Standing Committee on Tourism (ASCOT)	<p>1. Have there been any changes to the meeting schedule since the last Senate Estimates?</p> <p>2. When was the last meeting held and what is the forward meeting schedule?</p> <p>3. How has the data plan progressed and when will it be complete?</p> <p>4. Has it identified any gaps in current available data sets and, if so, what are they?</p> <p>5. Have there been any changes to membership since the last Senate Estimates?</p>		
28	Carol Brown	Tourism Major Project Facilitation service	<p>1. How many projects are currently being facilitated? What progress has been made since last estimates?</p> <p>2. How many of these projects are now under construction?</p> <p>3. Please provide detailed updates on the status of all projects utilising the service including project name, proponent name, value of project, expected start and completion date and funding partners.</p>	Written	
29	Carol Brown	Tourism Research Committee (TRC)	<p>1. When was the last committee meeting? What actions have been taken as a result?</p> <p>2. Please detail any changes to membership since the last estimates?</p> <p>3. Please provide the forward schedule of meetings for 2018.</p>	Written	
30	Carol Brown	Minister	Has Minister Ciobo visited the offices of Austrade, Tourism Australia or Tourism Research Australia since the February Estimates? If yes, what dates and what was the nature of the visits?	Written	
31	Carol Brown	Tourism 2020	<p>1. Did the committee for Tourism 2020 meet in April this year? What was the agenda for the meeting?</p> <p>2. Were any concerns raised about how Australia is tracking for Tourism 2020 and, if so, what were these?</p> <p>3. Please provide an update about how Australia is tracking for each of its targets.</p>	Written	
32	Carol Brown	Tourism Access Working Group	<p>1. What is the meeting schedule for the TAWG for the remainder of 2018?</p> <p>2. Did any action points arise from the previous TAWG? What were these?</p>	Written	
33	Rex Patrick	Travel Expenditure	<p>For FY 16-17:</p> <p>1. Please provide details of the Qantas/Virgin split for official travel in terms of :</p> <p>a) total number of tickets</p> <p>b) total value spent for official travel.</p> <p>2. In the event there is a disparity of greater than 65/35 in the split (either way), please provide a detailed reasons for the split in the context of a lowest practical fare policy.</p> <p>3. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from only the Qantas Chairman's Lounge?</p> <p>a) Could you please provide a breakdown of the travel for each of those individuals between Qantas and Virgin?</p> <p>4. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from only Virgin's The Club?</p> <p>a) Could you please provide a breakdown of the travel for each of those individuals between Qantas and Virgin?</p> <p>5. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from both the Qantas Chairman's Lounge and Virgin's The Club?</p>	Written	

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34	Lee Rhiannon	Mining in Ecuador	<p>1. Given the recent burning of a mining camp at Rio Blanco (Ecuador), what guarantee can Austrade give to Australian companies currently involved in Ecuador, that they are not facing similar protests that could damage their mining operations, impact on their profit margins and possibly damage their reputation?</p> <p>2. Can Austrade provide details of which Protected Forest Reserves are currently under exploration or are being mined by Australian companies operating in Ecuador?</p> <p>3. Does Austrade support the mining of or exploration of Protected Forest Reserves in Ecuador?</p> <p>4. What risks does Austrade foresee occurring in Ecuador to Australian interests from indigenous and campesino opposition to mining operations in that country?</p> <p>a. How does Austrade convey that risk to Australian companies wanting to operate in Ecuador and those currently operating in Ecuador?</p> <p>b. Would Austrade be open to legal challenges if they failed to provide information to Australian companies wanting to operate in Ecuador of the risks involved in that country, particularly Sovereign Risk?</p> <p>5. Considering Ecuador's former Vice President was jailed for 6 years in February on corruption charges and considering recent Australian governments have been working with companies operating overseas to avoid links with corrupt activities why does AUSTRADE support companies mining in Protected Forest Reserves, which has become possible because of corrupt activities of Ecuadorian political leaders?</p> <p>6. What anti-corruption measures has AUSTRADE implemented in its dealings in Ecuador and what advice does it give to Australian companies planning on doing business in that country on how to identify and avoid being linked with corrupt practices?</p> <p>7. What is the budget allocation for the Australia-Ecuador Business Summit that will take place on 13 November in Quito, and be followed by a program of mine site visits from 14-16 November? Can you please supply to program for this event. How many Austrade staff are working on this program? Have local Ecuadorians been hired to work on this project? If so how many?</p>	Written	
35	Lee Rhiannon	Adani	<p>1. With regard to the recent presentation from Adani at an "energy roundtable" in Vietnam, cosponsored by Austrade, Adani Mining's Senior Marketing Manager, Christine Evans, was listed by the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) to speak on "future supply opportunities, international coal procurement practice".</p> <p>a) Did Ms Evans speak at this presentation? b) Is there a recording, transcript, minutes or any other copy of presentations from this roundtable? i. Can you please provide any of the above, with particular reference to Adani's participation?</p> <p>2. The Agenda for the Roundtable suggests that there was just 30 minutes out of the whole day discussion renewable energy, with the rest of the day largely devoted to discussing fossil fuels.</p> <p>a) How much time was dedicated to talking about fossil fuels at the roundtable - coal oil and gas? b) How much time was dedicated to talking about renewables? c) Were there any representatives of solar, wind or battery companies? i. If not, why not? d) The Agenda for the Roundtable suggests the meeting was about specifically promoting fossil fuel energy development in Vietnam, and not about developing sustainable, clean and green renewables: Is this a correct observation?</p> <p>3. Did Adani approach the department to be there? Or did the department approach Adani?</p> <p>a) Please detail when, where and how was the first contact about this made?</p> <p>4. Did Adani tell the department why it wanted to be there?</p> <p>a) Did Adani tell the department that it was trying to sell coal to Vietnamese companies? b) Is it the agency or department's understanding that Adani is trying to sell coal to Vietnam? i. Is this why Adani was included in the Roundtable? ii. If not, why is the Australian government giving a particular foreign-owned company an opportunity to talk about supply opportunities in Vietnam? c) Adani has previously said its coal would be for its own power plants in India. Why is it presenting in Vietnam?</p> <p>5. Is the Department trying to help Adani meet Vietnamese buyers for its coal?</p> <p>a) Did the Department ever tell Adani that the presentation would help Adani meet potential buyers?</p> <p>6. Please detail any other meetings or speeches facilitated or attended by the Department which included Adani in Vietnam?</p> <p>a) When, what and when was any such event organised?</p> <p>7. Has the Department ever corresponded with the Vietnamese government about Adani's coal projects?</p> <p>a) Has it had any discussions specifically about the potential for Adani coal to go to Vietnam? b) If yes, please provide details about this, including dates, personnel involved, notes or agreed outcomes or future discussions.</p>	Written	

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36	Linda Reynolds	Opportunity for value adding to domestically mined lithium	<p>Australia currently exports 60% of the world's supply of lithium. This presents a number of advantages, particularly when considering Tianqi and Albemarle are already investing in further value adding in Western Australia.</p> <p>1. Has the Department undertaken any research to the quantify the opportunities of value adding to domestically mined lithium; if so has a report, briefing note(s) or other form of assessment been produced? a. If so, is the Department able to provide these documents? 2. Is attracting foreign investment to greater value adding for battery minerals a priority for the Department? a. If not, how was that priority determined and when was it determined? 3. Does the Department or AusTrade have a strategy or plan to attract investment to value adding for battery minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel or graphite? 4. How is AusTrade presenting the opportunity to invest in Australian battery minerals, namely lithium, cobalt, nickel and graphite? 5. How has AusTrade quantified the opportunity for the further investment along the battery value chain in Australia, and where has it sought investment? 6. Has AusTrade approached any companies in South Korea, Japan, China or the United States, EU to invest in Australia's battery mineral commodities? 7. Please provide details of whether the Department has met or been in contact with the follow companies in the last 12 months, specifically about battery precursor production, cathode production, anode production, battery assembly and/or any other form of battery minerals processing or other battery related activity: a. Albemarle b. Desay c. Nichia Corporation d. Samsung e. LG Chem f. Johnson Controls g. Lepidico h. NEI Corporation i. Panasonic j. Sony k. Sanyo l. Tesla m. Johnson Matthey Battery Systems n. Sonnen GmbH o. SQM p. Shanshan Technology q. Kaixin r. Coslight 8. Relating to the meeting with the above companies, please specify: a. Who attended the meeting(s)? b. Where was the meeting(s)? c. What was the focus of the meeting(s)?d. Was investment in Australia discussed(s)? e. What barriers to investment were cited by the company? f. Are any considered investment in Australia, if so please specify who? 9. Have any considered and declined to invest in Australia, if so please specify who? 10. Is the Department aware of any other non-Australian, foreign companies that have come to Australia looking to invest at any point along the battery mineral value chain from mining to battery manufacture that are not listed above? a. If so, who? 11. Has the Department contacted any of the State or Territory Government's regarding investment in further battery mineral processing or battery manufacture? 12. Has the Department approached Tesla to develop a Gigafactory in Australia? 13. Was the tariff policy on lithium, cobalt or graphite changed in any Free Trade Agreement or bilateral policy discussion held in the last 12 months? 14. Has the Department considered any of the Defence applications for domestic battery manufacture? 15. Does the Department have any concerns about foreign batteries being used in Australian defence applications?</p>	Written	
37	Alex Gallacher	Landing Pads	<p>1. What is the expenditure assigned by Austrade to landing pads over forward estimates, commencing financial year 18-19?</p> <p>2. Does this level differ from the forward estimates announced to apply from financial year 17-18? If so, can you provide the committee with the figure representing the difference in overall spend?</p> <p>3. Can you provide details of how many startups you have helped, broken down by location from the point at which the landing pad officially began operation? 4. Can you provide details of how many startups you expect to assist, broken down by location and over the course of forward estimates?</p> <p>5. Austrade advertises the availability of "access to a support network of support staff". Can you provide list the number of the staff assigned to support each startup landing pad and their position title and the cost of this assignment, broken down by location?</p> <p>6. Can you provide a list of the contractors or external assistance engaged to provide support to each landing pad, broken down by location?</p> <p>7. Can you explain the type of guidance provided to startups to "help identify and target customers"? a. Who provides this support within the landing pad, broken down by location?</p> <p>8. Can you explain how the landing pad helps startups "tap into Austrade's business and investor networks", including angel investors and venture capital firms? a. Who provides this support within the landing pad, broken down by location? b. How many startups have been connected to Austrade business networks, broken down by location c. How many startups have been connected to angel investors, broken down by location d. How many startups have been connected to venture capital firms?</p> <p>9. Can you explain how the landing pad helps startups get "introduced to local government agencies and support programs"? a. Who provides this support within the landing pad, broken down by location? b. How many startups have been connected to local government agencies, broken down by location? c. How many startups have been connected to support programs, broken down by location?</p> <p>10. Can you explain how the landing pad helps startups get referred to professional service? a. Who provides this support within the landing pad, broken down by location? b. What are the professional services that have agreed to provide this support, broken down by location? c. How much does it cost Austrade to engage these services to support startups? d. How many startups have been connected to these professional services, broken down by location?</p> <p>11. How many "seminars on local business culture" have been conducted by the landing pads? a. Who conducts these seminars within the landing pad, broken down by location? b. Can you list the seminars conducted, the title of the seminar and the cost of holding this seminar, broken down by location? c. How many startups have attended these seminars, broken down by location?</p>		
38	Alex Gallacher	Funding for Promoting Australian Expertise in International Markets	<p>1. What funding has been reallocated to fund the – Promoting Australian Expertise in International Markets – program listed on page 104 of Budget Paper 2?</p> <p>2. What can the funding from this initiative be spent on? a. Flights? b. Accommodation? c. Advertising? d. Meals?</p> <p>3. To whom can the funding be allocated?</p> <p>4. Do industry / businesses have to apply for this funding?</p> <p>5. How will AusTrade ensure this funding is spent evenly across a variety of industry sectors?</p> <p>6. Is any industry/ business excluded from such funding?</p> <p>7. Who determines where this money is spent?</p> <p>8. Is there a maximum spend for a single initiative with these funds?</p> <p>9. What are the criteria for funding approval?</p> <p>10. Does the allocation of this funding require ministerial approval?</p> <p>11. How much of this program can be spent in any individual year?</p> <p>12. Will the spending of these funds be publicly reported in your annual report?</p> <p>13. Will any funds be matched by industry or business?</p>	Written	

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39	Alex Gallacher	Cruise Ship Access to Sydney	<p>1. Is there any additional funding being provided by the NSW Government to match the \$300,000 allocated in the budget for 'Enhancing Cruise Ship Access to Sydney'?</p> <p>a. Is there any additional funding being provided by Industry?</p> <p>b. Who is conducting the review?</p> <p>c. Did this review go to tender/ or will there be a tender process?</p> <p>d. What sites are actively being considered?</p> <p>e. Has a short list of sites been created and could you please provide it to the Committee.</p>	Written	
40	Alex Gallacher	Australia Week in China	1. What is the latest date in 2018 that an Australia Week in China event could be held?	Written	
41	Alex Gallacher	Ministerial Functions	<p>In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in the 2017/18 financial year, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>1. List of functions;</p> <p>2. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;</p> <p>3. Function venue;</p> <p>4. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>5. Details of any food served;</p> <p>6 Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;</p> <p>7. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
42	Alex Gallacher	Departmental Functions	<p>In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies in the portfolio in the 2017/18 financial year, can the following please be provided:</p> <p>1. List of functions;</p> <p>2. List of attendees;</p> <p>3. Function venue;</p> <p>4. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</p> <p>5. Details of any food served;</p> <p>6. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;</p> <p>7. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written	
43	Alex Gallacher	Executive office upgrades	1. Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in the 2017/18 financial year? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive)?	Written	
44	Alex Gallacher	Facilities upgrades	1. Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in the 2017/18 financial year, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment? If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrade please be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive)? Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities please be provided?	Written	
45	Alex Gallacher	Staff Travel	1. What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
46	Alex Gallacher	Media Monitoring	1. What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
47	Alex Gallacher	Advertising and information campaigns	1. What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
48	Alex Gallacher	Promotional merchandise	1. What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
49	Alex Gallacher	Ministerial overseas travel	1. Can a copy of all correspondence exchanged between Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio and the Prime Minister in relation to approval for overseas travel in the 2017/18 financial year please be provided?	Written	
50	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	<p>1. How many credit cards are currently on issue for agency staff?</p> <p>2. What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in the 2017/18 financial year and what was it for?</p> <p>3. How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the 2017/18 financial year?</p> <p>4. How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the 2017/18 financial year?</p> <p>5. What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in the 2017/18 financial year?</p> <p>6. How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in the 2017/18 financial year and what was the cost of their replacement?</p> <p>7. How many credit card purchases were deemed to be illegitimate or contrary to agency policy in the 2017/18 financial year? What was the total value of those purchases? How many purchases were asked to be repaid on that basis in the 2017/18 financial year and what was the total value thereof? Were all those amounts actually repaid? If no, how many were not repaid, and what was the total value thereof?</p> <p>8. What was the largest purchase that was deemed illegitimate or contrary to agency policy and asked to be repaid in the 2017/18 financial year? What that amount actually repaid, in full? If no, what amount was left unpaid?</p> <p>9. Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?</p> <p>10. Please detail any and all bonuses paid to staff members.</p>	Written	