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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	1	Richard Di Natale	Myanmar	<p>Senator DI NATALE: Has the Australian government taken any steps to ensure that aid projects go to organisations that are independent of the government and the military?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: Let me just find my Myanmar aid material. But we have, as you know, right across all our aid programs, strict controls on where our aid money goes. The amount of aid that we have in relation to defence, as I said, is very limited.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: Sorry, you said you're getting more information on that?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I will.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: Sorry, I just wasn't sure if you had finished answering the question.</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I can tell you, for example, that our aid program in Myanmar is very much focused on peace and stability, strengthening democratic institutions, delivering humanitarian assistance, improving access to quality education and promoting inclusive growth. We actually provide assistance through international partners, credible partners, regular partners. I can provide more detail of the elements of our aid program, if needed.</p> <p>Senator DI NATALE: I am more interested in whether those issues are independent of government and the military. But perhaps if you can take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I will get back to you. I will find the exact material and provide it later in the session.</p>	Hansard	32-33
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	2	Rex Patrick	WIPO - Gurry	<p>Senator PATRICK: Just to put some context on the next set of questions and on my concerns in relation to WIPO—we traversed this during last estimates—in late 2007, early 2008, Mr Gurry was appointed as the Director General of WIPO, assisted by Australia. In 2012 concerns were raised about Mr Gurry transferring computer equipment to North Korea in contravention of US sanctions. I understand that jurisdictionally the UN is not bound by US law, but nonetheless that occurred. The matters were raised internally by an Australian IT specialist, Wei Lei, and by a DFAT employee who was on leave without pay while she was working at WIPO, Dr Miranda Brown. Are you aware that Mr Wei Lei has now made a claim about his dismissal from that organisation, which he says results from him making representations about that action associated with North Korea, and that the action has now been reviewed and there's a prima facie case that an inappropriate retaliation did occur?</p> <p>Mr Mina: A number of questions there. We are aware of Mr Wei Lei's recent claims. In respect of the comment to the effect that there was a potential breach of sanctions in relation to the transfer of computer equipment to the DPRK, that matter was considered by the relevant UN Sanctions Committee; the UN Sanctions Committee found in 2012 that there was no breach of those sanctions.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: There were three reports, I seem to recall. There was a public one done by WIPO itself, and I would argue that it's not independent. Then there</p>	Hansard	38-39

					<p>were two other reports that have been held secret; is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Mina: Perhaps you are referring to the fact that an independent report was conducted into certain claims by a former employee of WIPO, Mr James Pooley. Those claims, I think, dated back to early 2012. They were then considered by an independent UN body, the Office of Internal Oversight Services. That report by the OIOS was then considered by the General Assembly in the coordination committee of WIPO. It remains confidential. The findings in relation to action on the basis of that report were clear: no further action was necessary on the basis of the claims considered. That was a decision taken by the General Assembly and the coordination committee.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Would you be prepared to at least table the findings, not the report?</p> <p>Mr Mina: I don't know if it was ever recorded in writing, but it may be possible for us to register the decision. I think it dates back to October 2016, where member states recognised the joint decision of the General Assembly chair and the coordination committee to close the Office of Internal Oversight Services investigation into the various allegations. Whether such a decision was recorded in writing is a detail I can look into, and if there was a written conclusion along those lines then we would be able to table that.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you; that would be very helpful. Just to make sure you understand where I am going with this, I accept that allegations were raised, and they have been investigated. The point I am going to is that allegations were raised and, as you would be well aware, in circumstances where we are talking about whistleblowers, even if the allegation is found to be false or without substance, there's an obligation to protect a person who genuinely thought something was going on that shouldn't have been going on. One would hope that Australia stands by the principle that if any DFAT official or any Australian citizen raises a matter—in this instance it was about transferring goods to North Korea—we would support such a person.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	3	Rex Patrick	WIPO - Gurry	<p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you. I want to turn to the WIPO discussion we were having before. Once again, I wish to continue the discussion on the WIPO issue and that of Dr Gurry. I accept what you say in respect of investigations clearing Dr Gurry. However, there has been some fallout from it. That's what I'm trying to deal with. I'm not trying to put anyone on trial here, just dealing with the fallout. We've talked about Mr Wei Lei. The next thing I want to go to is comments that have been made in the US Congress as a result of the fallout of the transfer of technology to North Korea. There was a statement made by Mr Pooley to the House of Representatives committee on foreign affairs, where Mr Pooley—I know you mentioned him before—said:</p> <p>In this, and in many other ways at that time, Australia made it very clear that it wanted Mr. Gurry to be re-elected and as a result, the U.S. agreed to stand on the sidelines during the election process.</p> <p>Could you describe for me what actually happened there? Did the United States participate in the vote?</p> <p>Mr Mina: Yes. In fact, the decision is one for the entire WIPO membership, so the US did participate in the vote. The precise position of the US in that latest election</p>	Hansard	48

					campaign back in 2013-14 for a renewal of Dr Gurry's mandate I don't have in front of me, but I could pursue it if you wish.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	4	Penny Wong	Aid - budget	<p>Senator WONG: First, in relation to the table from Mr Wood—I might have asked you this before—can you not give me the information for the remainder of the forward estimates that you provide for 2017-18 on the first page? If you say, 'Well, we haven't contracted as much' et cetera, you could at least give me a proportion thereof, couldn't you? It even looks like you've just cut it off. You've obviously got it over the forward estimates. You've just given me the first year.</p> <p>Mr Wood: I'm just looking at the two tables. We have the one that is for 2017-18.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Which gives me the budget estimate allocation expenses contracted.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Contractual obligations. Senator WONG: The last one is a cumulative figure, is it?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But you don't give me that for the remainder of the forwards.</p> <p>Mr Wood: In terms of giving you that same level of detail?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes. And, to be honest, the aggregate budget estimate for each of the regions, because that is not contained in the second table. Correct?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Because the second table is a subset of what the total budget allocation for each of the regions is in the out years. No?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Pretty much. So what we have in the second table are the actual commitment details and approvals.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I want to put to you what I think it is. Isn't this a snapshot of where you currently are in relation to each of the particular regions what you've committed and what you've approved.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct, right.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But you're not telling me what the total budget estimate for each of the nations and regions is.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'd like that.</p> <p>Mr Wood: No problem.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Excellent. That was easy. I thought we were going to have a fight!</p> <p>Mr Wood: I haven't told you when you'll get it, though.</p> <p>Senator WONG: We are here until 11 o'clock at night. I can tell you that you've just printed it off and somebody's copied it without that bit. So just print the rest.</p> <p>Mr Wood: It's in terms of the extra columns. We can add some additional columns in there.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you. P.109: Senator WONG: I'll try my luck with Mr Wood. I gave him all these questions on accrual accounting.</p> <p>CHAIR: Once a finance minister!</p> <p>Senator WONG: I've forgotten most of it!</p> <p>Mr Wood: Senator, earlier today you asked for that table to be expanded to include the budget information. I will be able to table that in the morning.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That's fine.</p> <p>Mr Wood: I'll just give you a brief holding response. On page 26 of our portfolio</p>	Hansard	51-52

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	5	Claire Moore	Aid - budget	<p>Senator MOORE: So at this stage—and I'll put this on notice, Mr Sloper, because we know that there are elements that are under this negotiation process—can we get an indication of what we've already committed under that \$200 million?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: All the committed funding so far is to a scoping study and for some expertise outside the department in terms of our—</p> <p>Senator MOORE: So this is under the \$200 million, what we've committed to for other projects?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: No. Some of that came out of existing funding from the current financial year.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Can we identify which is which in some of the stuff that has come out? I'm trying to getting a handle on where the \$200 million increase is. That has always been part of the process.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I can take that on notice. That \$200 million is not specifically for all the new initiatives I outlined because some existing funding will go towards that. We have committed to establishing an Australian Pacific security college.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Yes. The security college. Mr Sloper: An information sharing pilot across the region. There are also some new programs out of existing funding in terms of people to people links—for example, Pacific Connect. They will draw on some existing funding. As some programs go down, we have then reallocated funds to new programs. They will draw on some of that new funding as well.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I want to add, of course, that the government announced its intention to open a new post in Tuvalu as well.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Is that in the \$200 million as well?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: No. That is not administered.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: I thought it would be in a different budget component.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Just to be clear about your answer to Senator Moore, the \$200 million measure in BP2 makes it clear that this is not additional money. This is out of the existing ODA allocation.</p> <p>Mr Wood: I can help.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Not Tuvalu.</p> <p>Mr Wood: The cable is being funded from within the aid envelope. We just earlier talked about that aid envelope. However, as a result of that, the funding to the</p>	Hansard	53-57

				<p>Pacific specifically will increase by \$200 million.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So essentially this disaggregation has changed.</p> <p>Mr Wood: The—</p> <p>Senator WONG: The table you gave me, which shows how you allocate your annual ODA administered spend by region, will change.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Will change as a consequence of the decision. But the total funding envelope did not?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Region or type, correct. Senator WONG: Region or type. Where did you get the money from? Where did the \$200 million come out of?</p> <p>Senator MOORE: That's the point; where is the money coming from? Within the envelope that we all understand is the envelope. Within that envelope, what has changed in terms of reallocation? It's actually a reallocation more so than new funding.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Sure. In our Australian aid budget summary on page 10, we have a breakdown of the allocations to countries and regions. That shows the increase of \$200 million to the Pacific. So there is an increase to PNG, an increase for Solomons and a larger increase to the Pacific region in relation to the step-up activity. Where has that money come from? Firstly, a component of it is the increase in the aid envelope. I earlier gave those parameters. So some of it is out of the growth. Another component is out of—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry, which growth? There's actually a decline.</p> <p>Mr Wood: I'm talking about the difference between 2017-18 and 2018-19, which is the increase of \$200 million to the Pacific. Firstly, that growth is about—</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is \$90 million.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is not \$200 million.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Wood: So that's a component. Other areas where we have had reductions in some areas. Those reductions, for example, include a reduction to the Indonesia bilateral program. That is about \$30 million. There is a reduction to the Cambodia bilateral program.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Which is about how many million?</p> <p>Mr Wood: That was about \$6 million. We have also seen some reductions in other allocations—for instance, the innovation fund. This is 2017-18 to 2018-19. We have also had a dip in the profile of some payments. We've discussed here previously how some payments can be rescheduled or moved. Some of it has been through the timing of some of that—</p> <p>Senator MOORE: The timing of when the payment is made— Mr Wood: Correct.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: can make delineations?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct, yes. So it's a whole combination of a range of those factors which gives you that increase in the allocation for the Pacific.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Mr Wood, where can I find that actually spelt out? I have not been able to find that in the budget papers to the degree that you've just said. A lot of the explanation around it about the \$200 million and so on is generally</p>	
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					find out about what is happening in Indonesia. It would be very useful. Thank you.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	6	Penny Wong	PNG - APEC	<p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me what funding has been allocated to support PNG hosting of APEC, both administered and departmental?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Funding is worth approximately \$120 million in total. Within that, approximately \$31 million is from the ODA budget. They are in regard to activities that are an extension of existing cooperation with Papua New Guinea already. I may repeat myself a bit, but it's largely capacity building in the areas of economic policy, immigration, customs and transport.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry, I just got distracted. It is a \$31 million ODA extension to existing programs, which included capacity building, an extension to customs and transport?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: That's right. The primary focus is on economic policy, working with the economic agencies on the APEC policy agenda itself, and then working with immigration, customs and transport. We have programs with those agencies that are in Papua New Guinea already. So the extension is a continuation of those programs with a particular focus on needs around hosting it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. So the \$120 million is over what time period?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I would need to confirm that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can someone come back to me on that?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Can I come back to you within this session?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes. Mr Sloper: I was just going to say that activities began last financial year and will continue this financial year.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm just trying to work it out. It is the health alliance. So \$120 million is the total allocation. I just want to understand the time period. Can we just continue disaggregating? It is a \$31 million ODA extension. What is the remainder?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I am just looking through here. I might be able to read it out for you, if you like. Capacity building support programs?</p> <p>Senator WONG: No. This is all within the \$31 million. I'm asking about the remainder of the \$120 million. You've given me information—</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I'm going to give you a breakdown for the \$120 million, if that's all right?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Including the ODA component.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes. I thought the capacity building programs were a component of the ODA extension?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: They were.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm saying that I don't need disaggregation of that component now. I want the rest of the \$120 million.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: The complexity is most of the programs involve both elements.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Fine. Just tell me what the \$120 million comprises.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: If that's all right. If you are requiring more, I can come back. I will try to identify what is ODA and what is not when I present it. Firefighting training and equipment.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Fire? Mr Sloper: Firefighting training and equipment. That is from</p>	Hansard	58-59

					<p>the budget this year going ahead. That's \$0.5 million. It's not ODA. There is cybersecurity support. In the current budget papers, it is \$14.4 million.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So \$14.4 million?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: That's right. It's not ODA. A range of defence support. That is estimated to be in the order of \$16 million.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry, defence?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Defence support.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What was your first word?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Defence. Department of Defence. Senator WONG: I thought you said a range.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: He said a range.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: A range. I beg your pardon. A range of defence support.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I thought it was a term.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: No. I beg your pardon. There's ongoing Defence Cooperation Program money.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That's okay. I thought there was a term I had missed. What was the quantum of defence support?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: It is \$16 million.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Not ODA?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Not ODA; that's right. The AFP, police support and equipment is the extension of our current advisers program. It will focus on event planning, close protection, maritime, canine support and so on, bomb searching and airport security. That's \$48.2 million, a proportion of which is ODA. I'm afraid that I don't have the breakdown in that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you provide that on notice, please?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I will need to take that on notice, yes. And then for capacity building support programs within the existing bilateral cooperation, we have it with AFP, Defence, DFAT and home affairs. That totals \$44.6 million, a portion of which is ODA funded. I will need to take on notice what that portion is.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Well, you told me before it's \$31 million. I assume the \$31 million is a subset of the \$44.6 million?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: That's right. The \$31 million will represent that. I just need to check because I said previously I thought that part of the AFP police support and equipment was also ODA. Senator WONG: So what are we up to?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: In total, the figures I gave you should reach approximately—</p> <p>Senator WONG: About \$120 million. Correct?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: That's right.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And \$31 million is smeared across a fair bit, of which is the largest component is probably capacity building. But you will come back to us about that. Is that right?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: That's right.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	7	Eric Abetz	Israel/Palestinian Issues	<p>Senator ABETZ: So a little reduction. Good. Has the government given further consideration re the Palestinian authority's martyrs fund, which I have been pursuing? I just find it unacceptable that we are willing to provide funding in these circumstances. Are we making any representations that this is unacceptable?</p> <p>Ms Yu: Obviously that is completely at odds with Australian values. On 29 May,</p>	Hansard	62-63

					<p>our foreign minister wrote to a counterpart raising concerns about these payments that show up in the Palestinian authority's budget and seeking assurances that the Australian funding does not in any way enable or encourage acts of violence. The foreign minister herself sought further explanation and assurance from the Palestinian authority.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Look, that is a very welcome step forward. Of course, they will always assert, will they not, that Australian money is not being so used? Could I respectfully suggest to the department and the minister that a letter saying, 'Whilst this fund continues to exist, we as Australian taxpayers believe that the Palestinian territories have more than sufficient funds to cater for their immediate needs without assistance of foreign aid.' It stands to reason that whilst we give foreign aid, it frees up money for the terrorist activities. Of course, our dollars, hopefully, would never find their way into the martyr fund, but if we didn't provide the assistance, hopefully less money would find its way into the so-called martyr fund and find its way to basic things like education, food, water, sanitation and those areas where we do assist. So it is welcome news in relation to the minister's correspondence. Are you free to table that? Take that on notice, unless it is able to be tabled immediately. Ms Adamson: I think Ms Yu has provided the gist of the letter. Normally we don't table letters between foreign ministers.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: That is why if it needs to be taken on notice, I accept that.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	8	Eric Abetz	Israel/Palestinian Issues	<p>Senator ABETZ: I thank Senator Leyonhjelm for that indulgence. In relation to the fund for the families of martyrs, to the best of our understanding of that fund, would the families that lost family members during this demonstration, or whatever we want to call it, on the border in recent times be entitled to draw on that fund?</p> <p>Ms Yu: I'm not sure of the answer to that. I will have to check exactly what the PLO's definition is and what the requirements are.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If you could, I would be much obliged, especially when we are told by a Hamas official that the vast bulk of those who were killed were, in fact, from his terrorist organisation. Is it correct that Egypt has also severely restricted entry to and from Gaza?</p> <p>Ms Yu: I will have to check that. I'm not sure. My apologies. I'm very new to the job and I'm not quite sure on that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Thank you for that. If you could, I would be much obliged. Can we turn to additional estimates answer No. 54, please? This is where I asked a few questions about UNRWA and the mandate in relation to UNRWA. The General Assembly provided a definition, as I understand it, of Palestinian refugees quite some time ago, but that now has been expanded by UNRWA. Is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Yu: I'll have to check whether it was the General Assembly or UNRWA itself when it was established.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: That is what I don't know. That is what I was wanting to clarify in relation to the answer that I was provided. If you could do that, that would be very helpful.</p> <p>Ms Yu: Yes.</p>	Hansard	65
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	9	David Leyonhjelm	Israel/Palestinian Issues	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Well, let me put it another way. If a recipient of our aid were undermining the peace process, would that be a concern to the department?</p>	Hansard	67-70

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				<p>a stringent framework to ensure that there's complete neutrality in the people that they employ.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Well, I'm sorry, Ms Yu, but I have information which would present an alternative view to that. There were new textbooks introduced by the Palestinian authority in 2017, I understand, which were adopted in UNRWA schools. Those textbooks show the beginning of Zionism at 1856. The entire presence of Jews in the Holy Land is characterised as a criminal act. A poem about liberation calls for the annihilation of the remnants of the foreigners after eliminating the usurper. A ninth grade Arabic language textbook describes a Molotov cocktail attack on an Israeli bus as a barbecue party. I won't read it out, actually. It more or less repeats that. It seems that there is a barbecue party there with Molotov cocktails on one of the buses in the P'sagot settlement. Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Ms Yu: We are aware of those reports. With regard to the UNRWA textbooks, UNRWA uses the textbooks of the host jurisdictions because obviously children in its schools sit for national exams in those jurisdictions. But all textbooks used by UNRWA schools are assessed through the US funded curriculum review process within UNRWA to ensure that they address issues of neutrality. We are aware of those reports that you've just mentioned. The UK has announced that they will be conducting a thorough assessment of the PA curriculum. Certainly Australia have expressed interest in engaging with them in this exercise.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: You have expressed interest, but does that mean we will have officials specifically checking out that which Senator Leyonhjelm has said? Just because there's a vetting process, which is US funded, does not mean that it is US oversighted. Who are the actual individuals who do this assessment? Are we satisfied as to their absolute commitment to the peace process?</p> <p>Ms Yu: I will answer that question. It is the UK Department for International Development that would be conducting this thorough assessment. We will be participating in it to the extent that we can.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes. But previously didn't you say that UNRWA had a US-funded assessment process?</p> <p>Ms Yu: Yes. That's correct.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Right. So just because it's US funded doesn't mean it's US oversighted. So who are the UNRWA people on whom reliance is had to ensure that that which Senator Leyonhjelm has just read into the transcript does not in fact find its way into the teaching materials? If you could take that on notice for me, I would be much obliged.</p> <p>Ms Yu: Sure.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: I'm equally interested in this area. This issue of what they are teaching kids in UNRWA funded schools has come up before. There have been assurances that things are going to improve, yet the evidence suggests that they haven't improved anywhere near enough. UN Watch published a report in 2017 to the effect that there were 40 new cases of UNRWA school teachers teaching Palestinians, obviously, in Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria whose Facebook pages incite jihadist terrorism and anti-Semitism, including Holocaust denying videos and pictures celebrating Hitler. Have you heard that report?</p>		
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				<p>again. However, I have been advised that, I think, Denmark raised this matter directly with the Palestinian authority. The Palestinian authority said, 'No. That can't be happening. We use different money for that.' Fairly obviously, that is a ridiculous answer. Money is entirely fungible. Once it transfers what it's used for and which money is used for what purpose, you can't distinguish one from the other. Are you aware of that Danish report?</p> <p>Ms Yu: I wasn't aware of that report. But, as stated previously, certainly our foreign minister has raised that issue about the fungibility of the funds and asked for an explanation around that to the Palestinian authority.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: If you are aware of some of these points, fine. If you're not, perhaps you could take on notice undertaking to explore them. There was a recent Sky News story showing footage obtained by the Australian Jewish Association that exhibited a school play where children at a school funded by UNRWA dress up as Palestinian freedom fighters killing other children dressed up as Jews. Are you aware of that report?</p> <p>Ms Yu: I'm not. I'm sorry, Senator.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Perhaps I could leave that one with you. There are multiple reports of students—I actually have some documentation here with me, if you're interested—showing that students in UNRWA schools are being taught that Israel does not exist. Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Ms Yu: No. I'm not.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: If you like, I can give you some information on that. If you have your own sources, fine; you won't need it. CHAIR: Senator Leyonhjelm, you've referred to a number of pieces of material. Are you seeking to table them with the committee or will you provide them directly and separately to the department? I seek a clarification.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: I think in the interests of time I'll do it outside, Chair. Palestinian authority textbooks adopted by UNRWA, I am told, talk about the extermination of Israel's surviving Jews. I did mention this earlier. I guess the question is broadly back where I started: is our aid facilitating the Middle East peace process, is it funding anti-Semitic teaching, or is it funding terrorism?</p> <p>Ms Yu: As stated previously, we believe UNRWA's role is actually assisting with providing a basic services to the Palestinian people in terms of education and health and livelihood opportunities and, therefore, it is playing an important role in maintaining a degree of social and economic stability in the region.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: I have no objections, if we are going to provide foreign aid to this part of the world, to the aim of improving the economy of the Palestinian area. I have no objections at all. I'm not questioning that. I'm not questioning even that some of our money might be used for that purpose or it might be actually achieving that purpose. What I am questioning is whether all of it is contributing for that purpose. That's essentially what I am asking you to look at.</p> <p>Ms Yu: In the areas where we believe it doesn't align with our values, we are further investigating, as the foreign minister has done with her letter. Even amongst the donors we are further investigating and representing our concerns and seeking further explanation from the Palestinian authority in that regard.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: I have left you a number of questions on notice. This is a</p>		
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					<p>matter of continuing interest to me, so I look forward to hearing what progress you make in terms of finding out further information.</p> <p>Ms Yu: Of course.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Thank you, Chair.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	10	Penny Wong	Staffing	<p>Senator WONG: Question on notice 36 asked - I think it was me - about persons with economic training within DFAT. I think I got 76 in the overseas network and a further 346 in mixed policy roles. Can you tell me how many posts in the diplomatic network have positions at the economic counsellor level? Ms Adamson: We may be able to get back to you in the session. I may need to take that on notice. Senator WONG: Fine. Can you provide a list of those posts?</p>	Hansard	82
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	11	Penny Wong	Non-proliferation	<p>Senator WONG: It's actually useful, because this is an issue of public discussion. I think it's useful for DFAT to articulate - I appreciate that you've done that - the issues you've described. One of the issues that is raised and presents itself as a result of that answer is non-nuclear weapon activities, which are included in the list that you outlined. Does the treaty impact upon non-nuclear weapon activities? Your list about the range of operations that we undertake with the United States obviously covers both activities which might be associated potentially with nuclear deterrence. But there might be a whole range of activities which outsiders might say are not. I would like you to explain why is it that the treaty might impact upon what might strictly be described as non-nuclear weapons activities? Mr Sadlier: This is an area where, if possible, I would like to either refer that question to Defence or take it on notice. Because it is such a complicated and sensitive area, I want to make sure that I'm giving you accurate advice coordinated across government which also doesn't stray into the classified domain. Senator WONG: Obviously, I don't want you to stray into the classified area. If you need to do that for those reasons, fine. Can we not have the run-around, though, please? Senator PAYNE: I will assist. Senator WONG: Thank you. I think this is an issue of public interest. Senator PAYNE: I can provide you information in support to augment Mr Sadlier's answer as provided.</p>	Hansard	85
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	12	Penny Wong	South China Sea	<p>Senator WONG: What depends on the operative provisions is essentially a legal and qualitative assessment, isn't it? It's what the effect of the code is and whether it's any good, right? That isn't the question I've asked. We have previously heard the government ministers articulate that it had to be legally binding. I think it might have been in the Singapore or the Shangri-La speech or one of the speeches that either the Prime Minister or the foreign minister made. It's not in the list. I think there may be arguments as to why that is the case, so I'm open to the discussion. But I want to understand whether this is a change in position and when that change occurred and why. Mr P Green: Mr P Green: It is a slightly different articulation of our position. Our views—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Evolve? Mr P Green: Evolve. They evolve in response to developments. There is a connection, I am sure you will understand, between the nature of the operative provisions and the degree of binding character that they would ideally have.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I was going to ask you what sort of requirements we would have. Essentially it is your list. That would be the current Australian government's view</p>	Hansard	89

					<p>about what good looks like in the context of a code of conduct. Is that a reasonable assessment?</p> <p>Mr P Green: Correct. And it is our understanding that we are not a party and, therefore, we do not know what is taking place with any high level of resolution inside the negotiation.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did this evolution of position happen?</p> <p>Mr P Green: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: We have a public articulation. We have a lot of trade that transits through the South China Sea. Obviously there is a great deal of focus on events. If we are changing position, and if our position is evolving, and there may well be meritorious or pragmatic reasons for that, it is a reasonable question to ask who decided that they would change and that the position would evolve and why.</p> <p>Mr P Green: I would like to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. You're entitled to do that. If the content of the code were arguably less than the obligations under existing international law, is there a risk that, in fact, it would be contrary to our interests to have it legally binding?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	14	Janet Rice	Philippines	<p>Senator RICE: I am sorry, but I have very limited time. I am wondering if there has been particular advocacy about the prosecution of Senator Leila de Lima.</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: This is actually a process that has been underway for a little while. I would have to look back and see if we've made anything specific in the past. Are you talking about the very recent events concerning her? Senator RICE: Yes. I am also interested to know whether any Australian diplomats visited her in prison where she currently is?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I will need to get back to you on those specific questions.</p>	Hansard	96
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	15	Janet Rice	Philippines	<p>Senator RICE: Would that include about the Philippine justice ministry petition to declare more than 600 people terrorists, including the UN special rapporteur and the rights of indigenous peoples?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I wouldn't go into detail on some of those confidential conversations that there were. However, I can say that there were generally discussions about human rights issues.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So you cannot tell me whether there've been representations on that issue in particular to the government of the Philippines?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: We are closely monitoring the case. Let me just see if I can find specific reference to that.</p>	Hansard	96
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	16	Janet Rice	Consular	<p>Senator RICE: Has the government made any representations about the deportation of the Australian nun and human rights worker Sr Patricia Fox?</p> <p>Mr Todd: The Australian government, under our consular services charter, continues to provide consular services to Sr Fox. We are not able to intervene in the legal processes or the visa processes of a foreign country.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Have you made any representations more broadly, given the political nature of the reasons behind her deportation?</p> <p>Mr Todd: Consistent with our consular services charter, the Australian government maintains a consistent position that it is unable to intervene in immigration matters or legal matters in a foreign country. We continue to provide extensive support to Sr Fox, but we are not in a position to intervene in the immigration laws</p>	Hansard	96

					<p>of a foreign country.</p> <p>Senator RICE: In the context of human rights, the fact is that you've been making representations on human rights issues. Has Sr Fox been mentioned in the context of that engagement and those representations on human rights issues?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I would like us to check that and get back to you, if you don't mind.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	17	Janet Rice	Philippines	<p>Senator RICE: Have there been Australian personnel helping on the ground in Marawi? I have been informed there hasn't been engagement with communities and civil society organisations on the ground.</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: You mean not Australian governmental staff but other NGOs and the like?</p> <p>Senator RICE: Yes. Or people being funded by the Australian government to undertake rehabilitation works there—so working with civil society. The criticism I have heard is that there hasn't been much engagement and that the people on the ground don't know that Australia has been involved in giving aid to help with the rehabilitation.</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I think I'll need to check on the exact involvement of Australians in those programs.</p>	Hansard	97
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	18	Rex Patrick	UNCLOS/Timor Leste	<p>Mr Larsen: It's a compulsory conciliation process. We had a technical legal argument concerning how Timor had sought to bring us into the conciliation. The conciliation was under UNCLOS. The conciliators were appointed pursuant to Permanent Court of Arbitration arrangements. The request for conciliation was prosecuted by Timor-Leste, and Australia accepted the finding of the conciliation commission, that it had jurisdictional competence.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: What were the total legal costs involved for the Commonwealth in respect of that?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: The final legal costs have yet to be resolved, because the commission only finished its work a few weeks ago, but it's very substantial and spread across a number of agencies.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: What amount has been invoiced thus far?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: I will have to check the precise amount invoiced for the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Three departments shared the cost: the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the department of industry and the Attorney-General's Department. From recollection—but I will confirm the figure—the amount paid by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is in the vicinity of \$1.5 million. I will check that, Senator. There are many different components to it, some of which we know and some of which we don't know.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you very much. Minister, I wonder: if I were to ask Foreign Affairs to provide me with the cost across portfolios, rather than individually, would that be permissible from your perspective?</p> <p>Senator Payne: The cost of?</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: The cost of the litigation we were just discussing.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Do you mean what it cost AGS or whomever represented the Commonwealth and so on?</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Payne: We can take that on notice here and we'll facilitate an answer.</p> <p>Mr Larsen: Correct. The commission ruled in favour of its own competence and</p>	Hansard	99

					<p>Australia accepted that. Australia proceeded on the basis that we would engage in the conciliation process in good faith thereon.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: It is compulsory, isn't it?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: It's a compulsory conciliation process. We had a technical legal argument concerning how Timor had sought to bring us into the conciliation. The conciliation was under UNCLOS. The conciliators were appointed pursuant to Permanent Court of Arbitration arrangements. The request for conciliation was prosecuted by Timor-Leste, and Australia accepted the finding of the conciliation commission, that it had jurisdictional competence.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: What were the total legal costs involved for the Commonwealth in respect of that?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: The final legal costs have yet to be resolved, because the commission only finished its work a few weeks ago, but it's very substantial and spread across a number of agencies.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: What amount has been invoiced thus far?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	19	Rex Patrick	Travel	<p>Senator PATRICK: That's true! The glasses are supposed to help! DFAT's numbers appear to be \$3,330,000 to Qantas for domestic travel and \$942,000 to Virgin. I'm just wondering if there is any explanation that you would be able to offer in respect of the disparity between the two. Mr Wood: I've got slightly different numbers, but they are in that similar ratio. Roughly, something like 85 per cent is Qantas and around 15 per cent is Virgin. Consistent with practice across government, we have a policy called lowest practical fare, and everyone who travels is required to comply with that requirement. The most-cost-effective and lowest practical fare to get to the location is chosen. If the lowest practical fare isn't selected, they need to give a reason why and seek delegate approval, and that happens in about 0.2 per cent of cases that we have. So in about 98.2 per cent of cases people do select the lowest practical fare. In my own experience, sometimes I might fly one way on Virgin and another way on Qantas given requirements to get back for a meeting, so it might be around the timing of flights, but other than that, I think we probably take on notice a more detailed response.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: The secretary of Defence, for example, took my question as a reminder to perhaps go back and have a look at that. I might add that I did see the secretary on a Virgin the other day, so thank you, Secretary, for looking out for the taxpayer.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Actually, it was my own personal cost on that occasion, but I do regularly fly Virgin for work as well. Could I ask you something though? You may know on the basis of the statistics that you've given us, but quite a lot of this department's travel is actually linked to international travel, and that may be part of the answer to your question. Of course, Virgin is part of the Star Alliance Group, so it is not as if there are no connections to onward international flights, but Qantas and One World probably gives us more options. I hesitate to put that forward as a complete answer to your question, and of course we will look at it, but in our case a significant proportion of our travel is linked to travel overseas. Of course, there is a little less of it now there are some direct international flights from Canberra. Senator PATRICK: Senator Gallacher had a quick supplementary. Senator GALLACHER: But you're using the whole-of-government website; is that</p>	Hansard	102

					<p>correct? Mr Wood: Correct. Senator GALLACHER: I don't book my own fares; I just say, 'Get the cheapest fare to the closest time I want to go,' and I end up 80 per cent of the time on Virgin, not Qantas. There would be an algorithm or method to see, without going and talking to people, what your people are actually doing. My understanding is you have to untick the cheapest available fare and go to another one. If that's happening on a lot of occasions, then the policy has not been adhered to.</p> <p>Mr Wood: It's the lowest practical fare, and 98.8 per cent of cases people are selecting that.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: You can prove that by statistics? Can we have on notice that you can prove that from your website?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct. In terms of people identified, correct. Senator PATRICK: I have the same experience, Senator Gallacher, in that I say cheapest and often end up on Virgin, but the secretary has made a good point. I've asked this question across a number of departments, but this international travel is unique to DFAT. Your international travel is, if I'm reading this right—Mr Wood's probably got bigger numbers or better eyes—\$28 million in international travel.</p> <p>Mr Wood: That's pretty correct, yes. It's in that vicinity. Senator PATRICK: So by far DFAT—and one would expect this—has a much larger international travel expense. I don't have the breakdowns of Qantas versus Virgin and, as I discussed—Defence gave the hint yesterday—maybe Star Alliance as well. I wonder if you could provide a breakdown of Qantas, Virgin Australia and perhaps others on notice for 2016-17. My bias towards Qantas and Virgin Australia is because they are Australian airlines, so I think there is a case to argue that you can pay slightly more because of the flow-back benefits. Thank you very much.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	22	Penny Wong	MDBs	<p>Senator WONG: Okay, I understand. What is the concessional investment discount at table 3.7 on page 59?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Is this Budget Paper No. 1?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry, it's page 59 of the PBS. It is \$401,760 in 2019-20.</p> <p>Mr Wood: I would need to take that on notice to confirm that. That would relate to the concessional element of our International Development Association commitment but I would need to come back to give you the precise figure.</p> <p>Senator, I've got an expert next to me.</p> <p>Mr Tinning: Some of the International Development Association is in the form of grants so it counts differently in the budget statements relative to loans. The concessional relates to the grant element of IDA.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Surely it relates to the investment element?</p> <p>Mr Tinning: The grants and the investments are treated differently in the accounts.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes, but surely the discount relates to the investment element, no?</p> <p>Mr Tinning: My understanding is that's correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That's not what you first said. You said the grants attracted a concession. Can someone, on notice, explain to me what the concessional investment discount is and how it operates? How do you get to the 401? Given it is only in one year, it's a little confusing to me. I have only just got this table so this</p>	Hansard	107

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	23	Penny Wong	MDBs	<p>Senator WONG: On page 62 there's also a capital budget item, administered assets and liabilities bill, \$462 million. Is that part of the replenishment, or is that something else?</p> <p>Mr Wood: It does relate to the investment component of that future IDA replenishment.</p> <p>Senator WONG: IDA?</p> <p>Mr Wood: International Development Association.</p> <p>Senator WONG: How is that reflected in this reconciliation table? This doesn't include capital items.</p> <p>Mr Wood: That will be the case. Again, we're happy to confirm that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Yes. I want to understand where that 462 is, how it operates, how that affects the ODA budget and, in particular, whether that is responsible in any way for the 2019-20 spike.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Sure.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You can't tell me? You're not sure?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I would like to come back and confirm that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I have asked about profilers replenishment schedule in cash terms across the forwards, but that essentially is the question you took on notice earlier—correct?</p> <p>Mr Wood: That's correct.</p>	Hansard	108
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	24	Kimberley Kitching	Sanctions	<p>Senator KITCHING: How many people have been affected by the autonomous sanctions act?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: I will have to get you a precise number, but I can do that.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: That would be very useful. Has the number of people affected been greater more recently? I think we're just more aware now than perhaps when—it came in in 2011, so it has only been around for a few years. If you could do it from the inception of the act that would be useful.</p> <p>Mr Larsen: Certainly—very happy to do that.</p>	Hansard	112
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	25	Claire Moore	Legal - information sharing	<p>Senator MOORE: I have one follow-up question. It is a general one, and it may be on notice. This has been a topic of discussion, and in a number of recent inquiries</p>	Hansard	113

					<p>that we've been involved in people have raised this legislation. Is there a place where agencies such as DFAT talk with their comrades from the UK and the US and various other jurisdictions to consider legislative responses—a professional sharing of opinions and options—so that this kind of thing is discussed? I'm just not sure where that occurs in this space?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: The answer is yes, we do have those sorts of discussions. In fact, I'm a member of an international law group which has representatives of lawyers from a number of different foreign ministries. We do from time to time consider the Magnitsky Act, as a matter of fact, but also other legislative responses in the international law and domestic space. Of course, as you'd appreciate, we have any number of bilateral consultations, both legal consultations and general bilateral relationship consultations, with partners across the globe where matters such as this certainly could be on the agenda. Senator MOORE: And the best practice experience shared, the way that Senator Kitching was looking at those options. I knew that would be the case. Is it possible to get some detail—it wouldn't cover anything—of the kinds of organisations in which members of DFAT are participants? Mr Larsen: I can certainly give you the ones which I participate in as the lawyer for DFAT. I think the challenge we face is that there will be a multiplicity of other possible fora. Senator MOORE: If we can get on notice a list of the legal groupings where these discussions occur. That would be very useful.</p> <p>Mr Larsen: Delighted, of course, Senator.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	27	Lisa Singh	China	<p>Senator SINGH: I'll move on to Tibet then. This is probably for Mr Fletcher. Can the government provide an update on the case of Tashi Wangchuk, which I asked about at the last estimates?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Yes. He had been tried. He's subsequently been sentenced, late last week, to a five-year prison term.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: So, as far as the court hearing went, which I understand was on Tuesday, 22 May, did the Australian government send a representative to that hearing?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: No.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Is any public statement going to be issued from the Australian government or the embassy in Beijing on the outcome of his sentencing?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: We made representations in Beijing to the Chinese foreign ministry, actually on 22 May.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: How were those representations made?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: The political counsellor at the embassy called on the International Organisations Department, which deals with human rights matters in the foreign ministry, and had a meeting in which we raised all of our concerns.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: And did that include calling for his release?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I am not certain of that.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Yes, I can.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Will Australia call for his release?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	114
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	28	Lisa Singh	China	<p>Senator SINGH: Will the government renew its support for the Australian All-Party Parliamentary Group for Tibet's efforts to visit Tibet this year?</p>	Hansard	114



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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	29	Kimberly Kitching	Afghanistan Elections	<p>Senator KITCHING: In recent elections the electoral system hasn't worked as well as we might like, if I can put it like that. I was recently in Afghanistan and met some of the embeds we have, and there are some US embeds as well. What are we doing as a coalition, and what is Australia doing particularly, to ensure that the electoral system is working well? I'm also interested in what NATO is doing or perhaps not able to do.</p> <p>Ms Klugman: There has been a lot of international support for elections and for the institutions and the machinery that are essential for credible and fair elections in Afghanistan. A time will come where Australia, like others, will be asked for support for the running of elections. UNDP is leading a coordinating mechanism at the moment, so I imagine that this coming election, or elections, like the last ones, will require funding and other support from outside. But these elections are very much in the hands of the Afghanistan state. We will help and they will do. NATO and Operation Resolute support in Afghanistan has been working with the Afghanistan national defence forces and with others in the Afghan system on security planning. As I said, security's obviously an issue for the elections. So, there is a lot of help coming from outside already by way of material support and advice. We'll see that stepped up further as we get closer to the business end of holding the elections themselves. When you talk about the method of voting, there is still debate about the method of voting, about the electoral system. There have been no substantial changes to the electoral system from the system that adhered last time elections were held. It's a single, non-transferable vote. It's not a preferential system.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I want to ask about that. I think in the last election there was, for example, ensuring that people didn't vote twice by marking the hand. Are those processes in place? And moving back from that, is there going to be a step-up in aid to ensure that people actually register to vote? And if that finishes in August, that doesn't leave that much time to ensure that as many people as possible who are able to vote do register. Are we going to be asked quite quickly, do you think, to assist in that? Ms Klugman: Support is already flowing in. I would need to come back to you on notice to understand—because it's Afghanistan, and international support comes in through quite a few different channels—how international support and indeed Australian support is touching on those essential</p>	Hansard	115

					<p>processes that are underway at the moment, particularly the voter registration process. The integrity of the poll will rely on the integrity of the voter lists. But I can come back to you with more detail about how it's funded.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: That would be very helpful, and also I guess I'm interested in what NATO particularly is doing there and whether there's a full range of support that they have given to many jurisdictions for elections and whether that's occurring in Afghanistan. I'm also interested in whether AEC, as it does in Papua New Guinea—and Mr Sloper's given testimony here before about that—would the AEC expend some resources for Afghanistan? I think that will do. I'm also interested, obviously, in the percentages of men versus women in the registration.</p> <p>Ms Klugman: I've got some of those for you.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you.</p> <p>Ms Klugman: I was looking at them and found them interesting myself. As I said, registration has indeed been slow. As at 15 May, 13 per cent of the estimated 12 million potential voters had registered; 28 per cent of those are women—28 per cent of 1.6 million. So, we are watching things like that. Senator KITCHING: So you'll come back to me with some—</p> <p>Ms Klugman: I'll come back to you on international support. On AEC, I'm not aware of any AEC support. Our support, like other international support, would be through our aid program. Also, as you say, the NATO deployment will be providing some level of support to the electoral process, and we are part of that NATO plus deployment. So I can come back to you on that as well. But it won't, as far as I know, involve the AEC.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I met with the Afghan ambassador to Australia after I came back and we did discuss election observers. Will you cover that as well—not necessarily just Australia, but who might be there? If that election is marred once again and its integrity is marred, then I think that is a problem.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	30	Kimberley Kitching	Iraq Elections	<p>Senator KITCHING: I have questions on Iraq. Has the department made an assessment of the outcome of the recent elections?</p> <p>Ms Yu: As you know, Iraq held their election on 12 May. We suspect that it will be a while before they can actually form government. Initially, we were pleased that it was very peaceful and that it seemed a fair election. It also showed ISIL's inability to disrupt elections like that. But, of course, recently we've heard that there have been allegations of fraud. We are deeply disappointed to hear that, and we believe that it's really important that the investigations are conducted promptly, thoroughly and transparently.</p> <p>You asked whether Australia provided assistance with this process. We very much took great interest in how this was happening, and our embassy staff actually observed over 25 polling booths on the day. We also had one of our officers seconded to Iraq's electoral commission. We also had the Iraqi Electoral Commission come out and talk to Australia as well. There was a range of assistance provided. As you know, we also have the humanitarian package, a multi-package. I can follow up for you, but it's not clear whether this goes to the heart of the election process. But certainly we have programs around reconciliation, where it's really about institutional and community based reconciliation and social cohesion activities. We allocate funding for activities such</p>	Hansard	116

					<p>as that as well.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Will you come back to me on that?</p> <p>Ms Yu: I'll come back to you in detail about whether that also covers the election process or whether it in any way supports that.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: This is probably another whole other topic of conversation, but I'm also interested in how the Kurdish population was affected in those elections and how—because of the different parties who have been successful—how that is going to affect the Kurdish peoples in Iraq.</p> <p>Ms Yu: It is really hard to say at this stage.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: And it's probably not a discussion for quarter to 10 at night. But I am very interested in that as well. Are you able to give me something on that? I'm interested in what the department is thinking about that.</p> <p>Ms Yu: We can certainly provide you with the latest results and how that's looking.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	31	Alex Gallacher	Propety	<p>Mr Nixon: I don't believe that there is revenue itself being generated from it. I believe that Qantas in fact paid for the cost of the actual banner itself.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So is that defraying our costs? Are we getting anything out of this other than Qantas getting a logo advertising their business on 1601 Massachusetts Avenue? If you Google a billboard in that area, it is anywhere between \$1,500 and \$3,500 a month to advertise a public company in that area.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: It's advertising Australia; it's advertising New South Wales and Sydney. There happens to be a Qantas plane, with its normal tail livery in the frame, as it were. It's very much projecting a very positive and attractive image of Australia and Australian sunshine during the Washington winter, for example.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Is it an arrangement that the department is seeking to expand elsewhere?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I think it's unique to its particular site. Should we ever find ourselves in a similar position and a similar proposal, I'm sure you'd look at it.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Should we be suggesting to the Speaker and the President that the scaffolding around the centre of parliament at the moment, which has been up for a number of months, should be appropriately logoed with the Qantas logo as well?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I think Qantas has already got a good share of business in and out of Canberra, as we discussed earlier. The routes out of the states are obviously—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: But it's not unusual?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: No, it's not, but a number of our embassies—including the high commission in London—have images of Australia. Occasionally, companies are involved in the sponsorship of—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: And revenue-producing. I think Lord of the Rings or one of those—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Harry Potter.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I don't follow it personally, but they produce revenue out of that icon building in London. But there's no revenue out of this? Ms Adamson: I'd need to check that, Senator.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: It might be defraying the cost of the banner, which we would have had without a logo. Is that the extent of it?</p>	Hansard	117

					<p>Mr Nixon: That is my understanding, Senator.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: It's simply that the ambassador thought it was a reasonable—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I think the ambassador thought that, otherwise, the embassy was an eyesore and he was looking at ways to turn something that was an eyesore into something that was attractive to Americans and would encourage them to visit Australia.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: There was no thought about whether we could defray our \$14 million worth of additional costs on the temporary chancellery by charging for the advertising space?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I'd have to check that. It was well before the details of the temporary chancery were established. I think he was looking to solve an immediate problem, and he did.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	32	Alex Gallacher	Dubai expo	<p>Mr Byrne: I might let Mr Nixon off the hook here. It is not being managed direct OPO. As we explained to the committee, there were a number of cost drivers that do mean the cost per square metre will be significant. We've tested those—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Is it publicly available to the taxpayer?</p> <p>Mr Byrne: Not at this stage. We are going through a procurement process at the moment.</p> <p>Mr Wood: We would be happy probably at the next estimates to talk in more detail given the current status of those contract negotiations. As you are—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Okay, so I'll ask a more generic question: what was the cost per square metre of Shanghai?</p> <p>Mr Byrne: I'll have to take that on notice. I have the cost of the total Australian participation at the expo, which is \$83 million. But I don't have with me the proportion of that which was the construction of the pavilion itself, nor the square metreage of it.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: But the brutal measurement of these projects is the cost per square metre.</p>	Hansard	118
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	33	Linda Reynolds	Travel	<p>CHAIR: There was a hint of disrespect but not a blue. Given Senator Kitching's extreme enthusiasm for the foreign minister's travel costs and other associated support, it might assist the committee if the department would take on notice a comparison, because I understand this foreign minister's costs are at least 30 per cent less than those of previous foreign ministers. Certainly paying for her partner is unusual, and it is certainly less than has been expended on the partners of other foreign ministers. So, for the sake of completeness, if the department were able to provide a bit of a further breakdown of previous foreign ministers, I think we'd be very grateful, and I'm sure Senator Kitching would also appreciate that additional information.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Senator, in the spirit in which you're asking the question, of course we will do our best, but it could be a very laborious process. If you're willing for us to do it in a cost-effective way for the taxpayer—</p> <p>CHAIR: Of course, in a very cost-effective way, if there is some breakdown— because I know that at a previous estimates we have had figures, and previous figures were that the cost per month for Minister Bishop for travel is about \$65,000, Bob Carr was \$92,000 per month and Kevin Rudd was about \$96,000 per</p>	Hansard	126

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<p>Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>	<p>31/05/2018</p>	<p>34</p>	<p>Claire Moore</p>	<p>Israel/Palestinian Issues</p>	<p>Senator MOORE: I'll just ask a couple of questions on clarification. It's a backgrounder point about the Montevideo convention. I'm looking at how the convention sets out the terms of the Palestinian situation. They are very straightforward questions. I'm wanting to run through a couple of questions about the process with the Montevideo convention. I'm checking to see whether the department has considered the Palestine situation around the Montevideo convention, particularly around a series of points in that convention. It's just to see what the process has been. If they need to be taken on notice, I'm cool with that as well because I know it's a convention that's quite complex. I'm wanting to know, in the department's consideration—if there have been any—does the current situation with Palestine satisfy the qualification of a permanent population as set out in Article 1(a) of the Montevideo convention?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: I think it would be sensible to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: That will be fine. In the same vein, the qualification of a defined territory as set out in Article 1(b), the qualification of government as set out in Article 1(c) and the capacity to enter into relations with other states as set out in Article 1(d). And has the department considered the process around which Palestine could meet the requirements for recognition as a state? Also, has the department provided advice to the Minister for Foreign Affairs or her office, or to the Prime Minister and his office, in relation to these processes?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: As you would expect, the issue of Palestinian claims to statehood has arisen in a wide variety of different contexts.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Over many years.</p> <p>Mr Larsen: Over many years. The Australian government's position is clear, and we've made that clear in a number of different fora. When you look at the relevant criteria under the Montevideo Convention, our view is that it, first of all, depends on the particular organisation that is in question and the constitution of that organisation. But also, as a general proposition, Australia's view is that the question of statehood in the case of the Palestinians pre-empts a final status solution. So, consistently, over an extended period, the Australian government has tended to form the view that the Palestinian territories do not meet the terms of that convention.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Given that, I want to know whether any other consideration had been done based on that convention. Is it possible to put my questions on notice to see whether that process has occurred? I'm aware of the public statements that have been made in a number of fora over the years, but I want to check it out against this process?</p> <p>Mr Larsen: Senator, I think I can say that the criteria identified in the Montevideo Convention have been a factor in the department's advice to governments and various considerations of the statehood question.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: We'll put it formally on notice and see what comes back. Thank you.</p>	<p>Hansard</p>	<p>126</p>

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	35	Lee Rhiannon	Climate Finance	<p>Senator RHIANNON: How much of the \$1 billion over five years in international climate finance pledged by the Prime Minister under the 2015 Paris Agreement roadmap to US\$100 billion has been expended to date?</p> <p>Mr Suckling: I don't have a figure of how much has been expended to date. It's about \$250 million a year since 2015, so around \$750 million, but I can take on notice the exact figure.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: What are the current allocations in this financial year, 2017-18? I am particularly interested in all major allocations for this current financial year, or at least some of them. Mr Suckling: For this financial year I don't have those. I have what we spent last year on climate finance, which was \$249 million, and \$268 million in 2015, but I don't have the total allocations for this financial year.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: That is surprising. It's estimates. We're going to be asking questions about this, as we regularly do. We don't have this information here at all?</p> <p>Mr Suckling: We can try to get it, but we look at these things like climate finance retrospectively, because climate finance is fairly complicated in how it's—</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: But there's allocations of the money. It's not all retrospective. A point comes at which you make decisions and forward planning. If it could be supplied it while we're here this morning, I'd appreciate that. Can you take on notice the current allocations for 2017-18 and the expected allocations for 2018-19?</p> <p>CHAIR: I reinforce the request from Senator Rhiannon. This is a budgets estimates. I appreciate your point about retrospectivity, but if you can get those figures today or explain in a bit more detail why they're not available, I think the committee would be grateful.</p> <p>Mr Suckling: We'll do that.</p>	Hansard	6
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	36	Lee Rhiannon	Pacific Climate Change Action Program	<p>Senator RHIANNON: I really appreciate that. You've second-guessed my questions, so most of them have been asked. I just have one more in this section. You mentioned the Australia Pacific Climate Change Action Program. When is it expected to begin operations?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I have my fingers crossed that Mr Sloper has the answer.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: The new regional program you're talking about, the Pacific Climate Change Action Program, consists of \$75 million. It will run from 2018-19 to 2021-22. We're in the process now of concluding that design, and it should be implemented very shortly. It will provide a range of services to our posts, in terms of giving advice on how to insert climate related resilience, if you like, in more standard projects, but it will also undertake a range of other activities, which I can outline if you wish.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Have you got any material on that? I'm conscious of time and I've got a meeting.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I don't. We don't have a glossier or a statistical table yet, but we can prepare some information for you on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Okay; you can prepare the information on notice.</p>	Hansard	7
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	37	Lee Rhiannon	Counter-terrorism	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Ms Adamson, I was trying to go beyond Sri Lanka to understand if Australia's antiterrorism program and the assistance we're providing</p>	Hansard	8

					<p>South-East Asia go beyond the groups that are identified as being linked with Islam or Muslim groups?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We do indeed, with a particular focus on South-East Asia rather than on South-West Asia or South Asia, have a focus on countering violent extremism. I'll need to take on notice the specific elements of your question in relation to Buddhist extremists. I understand exactly where you're coming from. I'd like, potentially, to be able to come back in the course of the morning. If we can't, I'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Thanks. I'll just mention the groups again: Bodu Bala Sena, Sinhala Ravaya, Sinhala and Mayasan Belaya. It is relevant to the issues that you deal with in the main. Some of the reports coming out of Sri Lanka say that, because of these tragic communal fights, Muslim youth can become radicalised. I would have thought your work would be quite developed in that area.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	38	Lee Rhiannon	PNG	<p>Senator RHIANNON: Thank you for correcting that. I'll finish off with some questions about PNG. It's fairly specific, with regard to the Torricelli Mountain Range Protected Area. This is quite a fascinating project and hopefully a good news story, but I'm not sure. I'm told that DFAT's involved with about 50 villages, UNDP, various conservation organisations, Australian volunteers et cetera. I would be interested to understand what DFAT's engagement is with the proposal in the first instance.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I'm afraid I don't have those details with me, but I'm happy to take them on notice.</p> <p>Senator RHIANNON: Okay. I think I've got about a minute, so I will just ask the rest of it. I said it was potentially a good news story, but you never know in this world. There are reports of a proposed new road to be built by a logging company through the middle of the proposed protected area. This protected area is really encompassing a huge territory of PNG, some of its amazing natural habitat, particularly its tree kangaroos. For some of these tree kangaroo species, there are not many of them left. So there's a concern about the road. So I would be interested to know: do you know about the proposal for the new road to be built by a logging company, and has the Australian government made any representations to the PNG government about it?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	10
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	39	David Fawcett	IATA	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I'm very pleased to hear that, Secretary. Continual appeasement to economic coercion is very much like Chamberlain, and history tells us that the free world needs more Churchills. Will we be taking the opportunity next week, when the IATA conference is here in Australia, to restate Australia's position that, particularly for people in the airline industry, coercion is not acceptable?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I think we've reinforced each other in what we've said.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: The question was: will we be taking up the opportunity next week in Sydney—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I thought you said 'we would be'.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: No, I'm asking: will we be taking up that opportunity to restate the government's position on that?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I will need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	11

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	40	Eric Abetz	Religious Freedom	<p>Senator ABETZ: Sorry, time is very short. We know all that. Does the department have any information which allows it to say that Buddhists are the most persecuted religious group in the world, or Muslims are, or Christians are, or Hindus are? Do we have any information in relation to that? Dr Lee: I would just like to say that, at our Human Rights Council in the 37th session, we issued a statement at the interactive dialogue with the special rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief on 2 March, expressing concern about the situation of religious minorities in the Middle East, including Christians, Yazidis, Ba'hais and some Muslim minority groups. We specifically made references to those groups in that situation. More generally, we do make regular representations through our annual bilateral human rights dialogues and also to states during the universal periodic reviews—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: With great respect, you either have the figures or you don't. I know that Australia is very consistent in its condemnation of religious persecution. I just want to know whether or not the department has any evidence, or is willing to state, that the plight of Christians, be they in China, North Africa, the Middle East, which you mentioned, Indonesia or India, are the most persecuted religious group in the world. If you're unable to say so, fine, but I would find that very disappointing if you couldn't bring yourself to say that, given the overwhelming evidence.</p> <p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: Senator Abetz, I think what we could perhaps do is look at each country. There are different countries around the world where there are persecuted minorities. In some parts of the world, there are more Christians than there are other religions, and I think that, if we break it down into a more granular examination, we may be able to put some information together. I think it's appropriate that we take it on notice and see what we have in terms of information in the department that in turn enables us to have programs and other things where we assist a persecuted minority. Obviously, to come to that assessment, we do have information in the department that enables us to do that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: All right. Of course, if you go into that granularity, I would've thought adding them up then would give you a picture of the total—</p> <p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: It may not be complete—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: As good as you can get it.</p> <p>Senator Fierravanti-Wells: But we may be able to give you at least a snapshot.</p>	Hansard	13
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	41	Eric Abetz	Nelson Review	<p>Senator ABETZ: It's a matter of concern that that does not seem to be available to the department. But thank you for your intervention, Minister; I'll draw a line under it there. Can I move onto questions on notice. I asked last time about the review undertaken by the Hon. Dr Brendan Nelson and the extension of postings from three to four years and the potential savings. I asked, somewhat provocatively I accept:</p> <p>How much would it have saved the long-suffering Australian taxpayer? ... Could you please take on notice what savings might have been achieved had we adopted that policy.</p> <p>I'm then given, as sadly is the wont from this department from time to time, a whole list of savings which are all very interesting but don't tell me what I was actually asking, which is: what would we have saved had we adopted the policy?</p>	Hansard	13



					So, I invite the department to take that on notice yet again. But I want to express on the Hansard record my displeasure at being told about all sorts of other savings that I hadn't asked about and ask you to specifically tell me about what savings may have been achieved had we adopted the Nelson review.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	42	Eric Abetz	Aid - Child protection	<p>Senator ABETZ: All right, thank you. I asked in question on notice 008, additional estimates: Have we allowed any people to resign? That is in the context of child protection allegations. The answer was: DFAT's data does not differentiate between a person resigning and being allowed to resign in notification management. Well, your data at that moment mightn't allow for that differentiation, but this is a serious issue and I would have thought it would not have taken too much effort to, in fact, undertake that task to ascertain what the numbers were of those resigning during a notification. Mr Gilling: Thank you for that point. The answer is correct, in that we don't provide that. We don't break down that information in notifications. We have the raw data available. If I allocate staff to provide that breakdown, we could come up with some greater cross-tabulation to give you more detail, but— Senator ABETZ: How great a task would that be? Mr Gilling: I'll have to take it on notice, but we get a vast range of both fraud and child protection notifications—in the hundreds—and it's a very small team. We have right at the front of our priority child safety. So our responsibility is not just to the numbers but also to make sure there is safety for the children who are involved in these cases. I have, as manager, to make a decision on how best to allocate that time. But, certainly, if you have an urgent need for the data clarification, I will talk to the staff and make sure that it's deliverable within those time frames. Senator ABETZ: If it is not an inappropriate use of resources, then I would be obliged. There's no great urgency with it, but it is a matter that you may have gathered has exercised my mind and continues to exercise my mind. I agree with you: at the end of the day, the issue has to be protection of children, but exposing this as an issue to which everybody ought be alert, especially within departments and elsewhere, I think would be helpful. Ms Adamson: Particularly given what Mr Gilling said about his small team and the pressures they're under and the priority that they have, would it be acceptable if they looked at the data and gave you a broad indication? You know from your interactions with this department that we take— Senator ABETZ: Whatever is reasonable. Ms Adamson: very seriously the need for accuracy. That is what would take the time. If we could give you a broad indication, we could do that more quickly. Senator ABETZ: Whatever's reasonable and then, if need be, I'll follow up in October.</p>	Hansard	15
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	43	Eric Abetz	Aid - Child protection	<p>Senator ABETZ: And, you know, in Australia there are all the support mechanisms available as well as payment of compensation. Anyway, I will leave that. Then I was told in 11 that the department is not aware of any such complaints and that, in such situations, the Australian Federal Police is advised. Can I ask: have you</p>	Hansard	16

					<p>advised the Federal Police of any such?</p> <p>Mr Gilling: It's part of our practice. We're bound to notify the Australian Federal Police when criminal situations arise as a result of our notifications.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Are you able to tell us how many times such advice has been provided to the AFP?</p> <p>Mr Gilling: I don't have the number of AFP—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: You can take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Gilling: I will take it on notice.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	44	Eric Abetz	Aid -child protection	<p>Senator ABETZ: Moving on to 12, I was told, for example, a policy breach could be an organisation not providing child protection. In the figures that I was provided, can we differentiate between what was just a breach of having the correct policy as opposed to a problem with an individual child?</p> <p>Mr Gilling: So maybe if I refer you back to the table in 007, which differentiates for those years between criminal offences and misconduct. So I think that, if I understand your question correctly, that will clarify whether we're talking about misconduct which could, for example, be—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: The policy breach could be an organisation so that would be under the category policy of non-compliance.</p> <p>Mr Gilling: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: And policy non-compliance, I can take as not having an actual victim associated with that category?</p> <p>Mr Gilling: I wouldn't describe it as that. It might not go to a criminal offence but it can include spending time with a minor after work. It can include showing a minor pornography. It can include sharing alcohol.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Showing a minor pornography et cetera, is clearly a lot more serious than simply an organisation not providing child protection training. I would have thought any individual does not need child protection training to tell them they shouldn't be showing pornography to a minor.</p> <p>Mr Gilling: This is the point. This is the challenge of our work. We're working in a range of environments with a range of jurisdictions where there is a range of criminal offences. So the reason we have that in—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If you can provide some greater clarity in relation to that, I'd be much obliged. And then can I ask, finally in this bracket, how do we stack up in relation to other countries in how they handle these situations of child abuse and protection and, if I may, given time, ask you to take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: If Mr Gilling can come back very quickly, I think needs to say three words.</p> <p>Mr Gilling: I only need to say two: world-leading.</p>	Hansard	16
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	45	Eric Abetz	Iran	<p>Senator ABETZ: I asked a bracket of questions the last time in question on notice 754 and I was given a number of answers, for which I thank the department. In relation to the protests by the women of Iran in relation to the oppressive garment, the hijab, which they were seeking to discard, is it correct, from the information that the department has, that some of these women who were protesting against the hijab are now being charged with inciting prostitution?</p> <p>Ms Yu: I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Senator, would you mind just repeating the QON number?</p>	Hansard	17

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	46	Alex Gallacher	Staffing - conduct and ethics	<p>Senator GALLACHER: I would assume that within DFAT there are rules about political activity for DFAT officers? Is that a written protocol?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: This is the Public Service, so there is the Public Service Act and the APS Values. As a department, we are absolutely in step with the broader APS on these things. Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps on notice could we just be pointed in the right direction to get the protocol that applies to DFAT through the Public Service rules?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We can point you to the Public Service Act and the APS Values, but we would be happy to provide those to you.</p>	Hansard	18
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	47	Alex Gallacher	Staffing	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Yes. So we're going to go to the specifics of that. One of the reasons that these questions are being asked is that it is on the public record that Ms Downer has cited DFAT experience as one of the key reasons why she should be elected to parliament—not that that's a matter for you, Ms Adamson, or the department, but that is a matter of public record. What I'd like to ascertain is, according to the LinkedIn profile, Ms Georgina Downer joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in February 2007. Is that a fact that someone is able to substantiate?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We can check that.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: And she left the department in April 2015.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Similarly, we'll check that.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Is it possible that it could be checked reasonably quickly?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes. I'm sure someone will be doing it while we're speaking.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: According to the LinkedIn profile, Ms Downer was the second secretary at the Australian embassy in Tokyo from March 2010 to January 2014. Once again we're quoting publicly available information, seeking confirmation. If you could confirm the dates, that would be excellent. Did Ms Downer have any other overseas postings outside that of second secretary at the Australian embassy in Tokyo?</p> <p>Mr Lawrence: Once again, Senator, we may need to check that and get back to you.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I suspect not, given her commencement and resignation dates. People are typically in the department for three years or so before they undertake a posting. We can confirm that, but I think probably not.</p>	Hansard	19
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	48	Alex Gallacher	Staffing	<p>Senator GALLACHER: We have got some information here, and because we don't</p>	Hansard	19

Affairs and Trade					know precise dates we have a question on it. According to the LinkedIn profile, between May and November 2014 Ms Downer was the campaign manager for Ms Shannon Eeles, the Liberal candidate for Albert Park in the Victorian Legislative Assembly. Was Ms Downer a DFAT employee at the time? Ms Adamson: We'll take that on notice.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	49	Alex Gallacher	Staffing	Senator GALLACHER: That's very clear. Thank you for putting that on the record. Every organisation in Australia would probably operate the same way, I would imagine. I only have two other questions. The second question is, at the time of this campaign manager activity—I've asked whether or not she was a DFAT employee, because I'm not quite sure about that—was she based in Canberra or Melbourne, if she was a DFAT employee? Where was she actually based? Mr Lawrence: We'll take that on notice.	Hansard	20
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	50	Alex Gallacher	Staffing	Senator GALLACHER: So you don't go up on years of service; you go up on achievement of qualifications? Ms Adamson: On performance. It is not a bonus. Broadly, they are incentives for good performance, but that is to advance through the pay points of the bands. Senator GALLACHER: Could you take on notice to describe that differentiation? Ms Adamson: Yes, we'll do that. Mr Lawrence: Yes.	Hansard	21
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	51	Alex Gallacher	Staffing	Mr Lawrence: Part of the performance management cycle is that you establish a performance agreement at the start of that cycle with your supervisor. In that agreement we have expectations for staff to meet to perform. There is a mid-term discussion with your supervisor halfway through the performance cycle, at which time you openly discuss with your supervisor how you are performing, how you are going through the year, and what you need do to lift your performance. During that discussion, supervisors and staff will discuss what the requirement is— Senator GALLACHER: I would be ruled out at the first couple of hurdles! Is this published? Is there a document that people can see? Mr Lawrence: Our performance management— Senator GALLACHER: How do you attract a bonus? How do you get a bonus? Mr Lawrence: As you mentioned, we have a range of staff— Senator GALLACHER: There must be some manual— Ms Adamson: There is published material. Senator GALLACHER: Published material—and that will explain the rationale? Mr Lawrence: Yes. Senator GALLACHER: And it will explain how it all works as well, obviously. Mr Lawrence: Each of those— Senator GALLACHER: We would like that policy tabled. If you could table it for us—	Hansard	22
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	52	Alex Gallacher	Staff bonus payments	Senator GALLACHER: So, no employee of the department would not be able to participate in it and achieve a bonus? Mr Lawrence: There is a requirement for a certain number of days' service to be eligible within a performance year. Other than that, all staff have the potential to receive performance bonuses. Senator GALLACHER: What is the qualifying service before you can have a bonus? Mr Lawrence: I will have to take that on notice. I believe it is 100 days, but I will	Hansard	23

					<p>get back to you.Senator GALLACHER: How long has this system been in place?  Ms Adamson: In one form or another, for many years—for decades.  Senator GALLACHER: Did you ever pay financial bonuses on just individual performance?  Mr Lawrence: Not for many years.  Ms Adamson: Do you mean specific to an individual as distinct from their level?  Senator GALLACHER: Yes. Has a department ever paid financial bonuses to staff based on their individual performance, and if so, when did the practice stop?  Perhaps you had better describe the situation over the last decade.  Ms Adamson: We can do that. There were individual bonuses paid, but they were the same amount at the same level. So they weren't individual in that sense. From recollection, through a period in the 90s—the late 90s—but let's get our history straight. We will take that on notice.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	53	Alex Gallacher	Staff bonus payments	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Do you evaluate whether it's working or not?  Mr Wood: Sorry?  Senator GALLACHER: Can you broadly measure the impact of these incentives and bonuses to satisfy yourselves that it is mutually beneficial to both the taxpayer and the department?  Mr Wood: That will be part of our consideration for the enterprise agreement. We are coming to the end of one enterprise agreement and we are heading potentially into another. As part of that process we would consider a range of those productivity measures.  Senator GALLACHER: Prior to renegotiating do you measure the achievement against those performance indicators of the system that is in place?  Mr Wood: We do look at the performance criteria, yes.  Senator GALLACHER: Is it going upwards or flat-lining?  Mr Wood: I would have to check. I've only just got the information for the last year</p>	Hansard	23
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	54	Kimberley Kitching	Yemen	<p>Senator KITCHING: Maybe a month or so ago the Minister for Foreign Affairs indicated that there had been an outbreak of diphtheria. How many people have been affected by that? Mr Isbister: The minister announced additional funding to UNICEF and part of that was to try and address the diphtheria situation and outbreak. Senator KITCHING: And that aid money went to UNICEF and they are distributing the vaccine? Mr Isbister: That's right. In terms of the exact numbers that have been impacted, I'd have to take that on notice</p>	Hansard	25
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	55	Lisa Singh	Modern Slavery	<p>Senator SINGH: Can I just put this on notice because we've run out of time: how will the introduction of an antislavery unit enhance Australia's ability to combat human trafficking under the core objectives and priorities of the Bali process? CHAIR: Were you waiting for an answer on that? Senator SINGH: No, that's on notice.</p>	Hansard	27
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	56	Claire Moore	Indonesia	<p>Senator MOORE: There are two areas I want to put on record before we finish. We talked yesterday evening about the impact on Indonesia of the aid changes that have come through. I just want to get one particular question on the record. I know that one of the officers was taking away a number of things on notice about</p>	Hansard	28

					<p>the impact on Indonesia, but I have a specific question that I would like to get on notice, which is around the changes in the ODA budget: can you confirm that the IOM assistance to refugees in Indonesia, comprising \$40 million, came from ODA and that that has now been completed, as reported on 15 April in The Guardian? Senator Fierravanti-Wells: Can I just add that Senator McAllister and I recently participated in the Australia-Indonesia dialogue. It was a second-track dialogue. It was a very, very useful dialogue, and I think that you'll find the impression that certainly both of us got over that time—I stayed for the full time; Senator McAllister for day one—was that the relationship is definitely a changing one. It was very clear from that dialogue that we are changing and it will be moving into potentially other areas. These were the suggestions that were made as part of that dialogue, and obviously we will receive the report of that dialogue formally to government, but it was very clear from that that it is a changing relationship and one which will— Senator MOORE: Minister, we had discussion around that last night and about the changes, but I just wanted to clarify that issue about ODA. Senator Fierravanti-Wells: Certainly we'll take that on notice.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	57	Alex Gallacher	China trade	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Okay. That puts some sort of perspective around the questions. When did Australia sign an agreement with China to increase market access for Australian beef? Was that March of last year? Mr Fletcher: Yes. It was an MOU. Senator GALLACHER: How many companies could export beef before this agreement was signed? Mr Fletcher: I'll have to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	32
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	58	Alex Gallacher	China trade	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Did the signing of this agreement open up live export or more— Mr Fletcher: No. We export a lot of beef which is frozen. We don't export so much which is chilled. The point of this new arrangement was to expand access for chilled beef, which is a higher value product. Senator GALLACHER: Did it also include live export? Mr Fletcher: No. Senator GALLACHER: As a result of this new agreement, how many Australian companies would be able to participate in this higher value supply chain? Mr Fletcher: I'll have to take that on notice. derpinning evidence to facilitate the signing. You would have had a ballpark figure. Is it a doubling of the number of companies that would have moved from frozen to now chilled? No idea at all?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: What we're doing is expanding the scope for companies that are already exporting to China to increase the range of products they export. Now, it's up to companies to decide what they want to sell to China. At the moment, there are a limited number that can export chilled beef; we're wanting to expand that. I don't know how many companies want to expand. There are a range of options out there. We sell a lot more beef to Japan than we do to China. Companies have contracts and obligations, but they also have opportunities that they wish to explore, and our job is to expand the range of opportunity for them.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I appreciate you're going to take it on notice, but I will be perfectly clear with the question: how many companies could export beef to China before the agreement</p>	Hansard	33

					<p>was signed and how many Australian companies can now export beef as result of the agreement?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Yes, we'll take that on notice. Beef trade did expand by 24 per cent last year. Senator GALLACHER: One of the things that the committee—or at least some members of the committee—struggle with at times is that we get the positive announcement but we don't find the underpinning economic evaluation. Who does this affect; how many more people get into the market; what did it bring us? I accept it might be that they have to go and do their work and sell their company and their beef, but it's always good to know. If before the agreement 10 companies can do that, and after the agreement 100 companies can do it, that might be—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: If I could add to that, there is an element of that, but some of the same companies already exporting frozen beef will then be able to expand their product range. While I understand and fully support the evidence base you want to go forward with this, that particular market access request was made after a number of representations from companies already exporting beef. So the increase may not be in the order of magnitude that you've suggested, but, nevertheless, it will open a valuable further export opportunity for Australian companies.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: These questions are, basically, trying to assess in detail. I've given you the companies that could before; how many could after the signature?</p> <p>Friday, 1 June 2018 Senate Page 33 FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE</p> <p>Do any Australian businesses currently export beef to China which could not before the agreement was signed?</p> <p>Does it bring new people to the world, or to the business?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: What increase in beef exports with China can be directly attributed to this agreement?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I'll take that on notice.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	59	Alex Gallacher	China trade	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Could you tell us when this correspondence first happened?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Yes; it was on 15 May.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Could you table any written correspondence to the minister's office or the minister, including emails to the minister's personal email, from wine companies regarding export issues with China?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	35
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	60	Alex Gallacher	China trade	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Which would be the largest port for the importation of Australian wine?</p>	Hansard	36

					<p>Ms Adamson: It would be Tianjin.</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I'm advised that it's Tianjin, but we can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Is that Shanghai?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: No.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So, if you've got a problem at a port on the coast, you go and meet with the mayor in Shanghai? That's the level—</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Shanghai is a very big port.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: But it's not the importation port for Australian wine.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: There are a range of them. The problem occurred with the certificates in Shanghai. In fact—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So, it's even more complex than I'm trying to—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: In fact, Tianjin is a major port. We should take this on notice.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	61	Alex Gallacher	China trade	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Given the very quick and prompt way the minister was able to get into the argument, so to speak, is it possible to provide who the minister met with, the Chinese officials, regarding the difficulties? What were their titles and reason for meeting? Is that possible?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So you could provide the dates, times and titles of the people he met with in relation to this issue?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: Yes.</p>	Hansard	37
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	62	Alex Gallacher	China trade	<p>Senator GALLACHER: When was the last meeting about the IFA in ChAFTA?</p> <p>Ms Witbreuk: October of last year.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Where and with whom was that meeting?</p> <p>Ms Witbreuk: That was with representatives of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce in Canberra in October last year.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Can you provide the people that attended?</p> <p>Ms Witbreuk: Probably, yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: And people from our side that attended.</p>	Hansard	39
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	63	Alex Gallacher	China trade	<p>Senator GALLACHER: And has there been ministerial representation to bring the matter closer to finality?</p> <p>Ms Witbreuk: We talk regularly through our post to the Ministry of Commerce in Beijing about scheduling the next discussion and keeping things moving forward.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Is our minister or his office involved in it?</p> <p>Ms Witbreuk: I would have to take that on notice as to the last time our minister talked to the Chinese about the reviews. He certainly raised it the last time he was in Beijing, if I recall, but I'd want to clarify that.</p>	Hansard	40
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	64	Alex Gallacher	WTO	<p>Senator PATRICK: Sure. In the instance of Philip Morris, that was never really tested in the context of the exercise of a particular right; it was only tested in terms of technicalities of</p>	Hansard	43



					<p>jurisdiction and involved really what was an abuse of process. Is it possible that that could be re-litigated in another jurisdiction?</p> <p>Mr Mina: The matter of the tobacco plain packaging measures, which were at issue under the Philip Morris case, under the Hong Kong bilateral case, were litigated and Australia won that litigation. With respect to other fora, it is true that Australia did face a case at the World Trade Organization. That case was also found in our favour. There is, of course, always the potential that it may be appealed.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: That went to the substandard issue. The Philip Morris case never went to the substantive issue. The WTO one did—is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Mina: I'd have to come back to you with further detail on precisely the scope of the case, whether it went beyond the jurisdictional questions, when I consult with the trade lawyers.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	65	Alex Gallacher	China trade	<p>Senator PATRICK: I'm mindful of the chair's last comments. Perhaps on notice, could you outline the representations made by the Australian government on the issue and any responses that they may have made? Did Australia at any stage make a written request seeking consultation with China under the mechanisms outlined in article 6.13 5(b) of the China free trade agreement?</p> <p>Mr Mina: We did raise our concerns, both in Beijing and at the World Trade Organization, and asked for clarity from the Chinese side on whether the measure was in compliance with the WTO and ChAFTA obligations.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: That was raised through that particular mechanism?</p> <p>Mr Mina: Through those two mechanisms.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Fantastic. That will be included in the answer on notice to the previous question? Mr Mina: Yes.</p>	Hansard	43
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	66	Alex Gallacher	TPP-11	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Twelve, and it's back to 11. The projected budgetary cost of reducing tariff revenue from the original TPP?</p> <p>Mr Mina: Senator, I will need to look into our details and perhaps come back to you during the course of—</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I could probably give it to you. Is the answer \$195 million over the forward estimates from 2016-17?</p> <p>Mr Mina: We'll be able to come back to you on that during the session, I imagine.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: You don't have the proposed reduced tariff revenue?</p> <p>Mr Mina: I'm fairly confident we can obtain that rather quickly but I just don't have it right at hand this moment.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: The United States is a very significant part of the original TPP and if it's not in it,</p>	Hansard	44

					<p>how can you be applying the same savings or reduced tariff revenue?</p> <p>Mr Mina: Let's look at those figures as they come through. What I will note is that Australia has a free trade agreement with the United States. There is very little impact on the goods and therefore on the customs revenue side of the US's absence from the TPP 11.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: What we are looking for is how much of a difference will the withdrawal of the United States make to those figures? I accept there is a free trade agreement.</p> <p>Mr Mina: I think the answer to your question is not much, given the fact that we already have a bilateral free trade agreement with the United States.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	67	Alex Gallacher	WTO	<p>Senator GALLACHER: If we move to the capability, the five WTO cases, who will handle that?</p> <p>Mr Mina: I will handle that.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: How many are we currently involved in?</p> <p>Mr Mina: We are active members of the WTO dispute settlement system. We are therefore involved in a number of cases as a third party—that is, as an active observer. We are also involved as a principal party in two cases at the moment, one leading into consultations with Canada on one and a second one on anti-dumping with Indonesia.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: In the interests of time, on notice, how many cases is Australia currently involved in?</p>	Hansard	44
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	68	Rachel Siewert	Indonesia	<p>How is the Government ensuring that Australian government assistance to Indonesia is inclusive of people with disabilities and supports disability rights. In Indonesia, due to prevalent stigma and a lack of awareness, 18,000 people with psychosocial disabilities (mental health conditions) are chained or locked in confined spaces by their families or traditional healers, sometimes for years at a time. Given Australia's stated strong commitment to disability-inclusive development aid, what steps is the Government taking to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities, particularly those with mental health conditions, in Indonesia?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	69	Eric Abetz	Israel/Palestinian issues	<p>What is the lease term for the Australian embassy in Tel Aviv? How many staff are based in Tel Aviv?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	70	Eric Abetz	Israel/Palestinian issues	<p>Does the Australian Government have any property holdings in Jerusalem? If so, please provide information about each of the holdings.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	71	Eric Abetz	Syria	<p>1. Reference is made to the recent targeted bombing efforts in Syria by Australia and its allies. Has this effected positive change on the ground in terms of the Assad Regime's use of chemical weapons?</p> <p>2. How important has it been to enforce this "red line" against the use of chemical weapons?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign	31/05/2018	72	Eric Abetz	Syria	<p>1. What was the response in 2012 to the then President of the United States</p>	Written	

Affairs and Trade					<p>failing to enforce his own red line against the Assad forces?</p> <p>2. In 2012, did the Assad regime – supported by Russia – agree to remove and destroy its chemical weapons stockpile?</p> <p>a. Human Rights Watch has catalogued 85 chemical weapons attacks in Syria since 2013 which suggests that some of their stockpile was neither removed nor destroyed is this correct?</p> <p>b. Do we have any idea of how many tonnes remain?</p> <p>c. And should these have been destroyed?</p> <p>3. Has the diplomatic ‘solution’ that was heralded by the Obama Administration see people continue to die at the hands of Assad chemical weapons in Syria?</p> <p>4. What action have we seen in Syria since the military actions taken against Syria for continuing to use chemical weapons?</p> <p>5. Have the more recent approaches borne more fruit?</p> <p>6. What can the Western World do to ensure that Syria destroys the remainder of its stockpile?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	73	Eric Abetz	Russia	Can you advise what links there are between the Putin and Assad regimes? Does the Russian Government support the Assad regime?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	74	Eric Abetz	Russia	<p>1. Recently, we have seen multiple hostile acts from Russia. First the downing of MH-17, the recent British nerve agent attacks, interference in the US Election and now backing the Assad regime. Are we concerned by the increasing assertiveness of Russia?</p> <p>2. Aside from expelling diplomats, what other actions can and are being taken by Australia and its allies to rein in these activities by Russia?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	75	Eric Abetz	Russia	<p>1. Have there been any recent UN rulings against Russia? Please specify.</p> <p>2. Has Russia abided by these rulings? If not what sanctions could be imposed against Russia?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	76	Eric Abetz	MH17	<p>1. The recent findings demonstrating that a Russian missile downed MH-17, murdering 38 innocent Australians is noted. Have the Russians provided any explanation as yet about whether the missile was lost or stolen, or if indeed they were aware of its whereabouts?</p> <p>2. Has there been any response from the Russian Government to the recent findings in relation to the missile?</p> <p>3. What is Australia now doing to hold Russia to account over the murder of 38 of its citizens?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	77	Claire Moore	Gender	The 2016-17 Performance of Australian Aid report showed that Target 4: Empowering Women and Girls is yet to be reached, what steps will DFAT be taking to ensure the 80% target is met in future years? How does DFAT evaluate the impact of this investment on women's empowerment and gender equality?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	78	Claire Moore	Gender	DFAT's Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy states that gender equality and women's empowerment is a goal across all of DFAT, rather than just the aid budget. Can DFAT comment on how this is assessed and measured outside of the aid budget, and specifically for foreign affairs and trade?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	79	Claire Moore	Gender	How is DFAT assessing gender impacts in negotiating trade deals such as the recently signed PACER plus and TPP-11 agreements, to ensure trade deals do not undermine DFAT's overall commitment to upholding women's rights?	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	80	Claire Moore	Gender	Given DFAT's commitment to localisation under the Grand Bargain, how much of its humanitarian assistance is going directly to national organisations, and specifically women's organisations, and what mechanisms have been put in place to track this?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	81	Claire Moore	Extractive Industries	What is the budget for improving governance for extractive industries (as per the 2018-19 aid budget) and to which countries, organisations and/or companies is this funding going?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	82	Claire Moore	PNG	Per page 76 of the 2017-18 Aid Budget Summary, how much funding has been allocated to improve "women's influence over benefits of the extractives industry in Papua New Guinea"? Who are the key stakeholders and who is delivering these programmes?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	83	Claire Moore	Aid - performance	<p>In the Performance of Australian Aid report 2016-17, the data on disability is absent (disability-inclusion investment performance by investment priority area). In the preceding report from 2015-16 the table (figure 39) is present.</p> <p>Q. Why wasn't this chart included in the most recent report for 2016-17?</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT provide this chart on notice?</p> <p>Similarly, in 2017-18 Australian Aid Budget Summary there was a line item for disability funding at \$12.9 million, but nothing for 2018-19.</p> <p>Q. Why wasn't this budget item included in the 2018-19 budget summary?</p> <p>Q. Can the Department confirm that Australia's investment in disability inclusive development is steady at \$12.9 million for FY2018-19?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	84	Claire Moore	Aid - communications strategy	<p>The Minister for International Development and the Pacific recently commented that to consider increasing Australia aid "you do have to take your public with you". With respect to the department:</p> <p>Q. What is the total number of permanent employees in the Department employed solely in media and communications roles broken down by year? 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2018-2019.</p> <p>Q. What is the total number of permanent employees within the Public Diplomacy, Comms and Scholarships division who are dedicated to media and communications for Australia's Official Development Assistance program?</p> <p>Q. What is the total number of permanent employees in the Humanitarian, NGOs and Partnerships Division employed solely in media and communications roles in 2017-2018?</p> <p>Q. Does the Department have a media and external communications strategy for Australia's Official Development Assistance program? If so, can a copy be provided?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	85	Claire Moore	Aid - Indonesia and Cambodia	The 2018/19 budget shows reductions to ODA bilateral to Indonesia and Cambodia. What impact will this have on existing aid programming in Indonesia	Written	

					and Cambodia? Q. How much is the aid program being reduced by in both countries? Q. Which programs will be concluded as a result and when are they expected to conclude?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	86	Claire Moore	Aid - multilateral funds	Some of the aid budget cuts/savings are through 'rephrasing of multilateral and specialist funds replenishments' Q. Which multilateral and specialist funds has Australia committed to replenishment payments for?  Q. Please identify organisation and payments scheduled to multilateral and specialist funds for this financial year 2017/18.  Q. Please identify body, and year of expected replenishments due for each financial year for the forward estimates.  Q. Please identify all DFAT Aid related contracts that went to only a limited tender under Commonwealth Procurement Guidelines in 2017/18, 2016/17, and 2015/16?  Q. Please state number of, and value of contracts that went to limited tender in these financial years against total volume and value of all ODA related contracts in each financial year	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	87	Claire Moore	Women Peace and Security	What allocations have been made for the development and implementation of the second National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	88	Claire Moore	Aid - Global Fund	Q. To meet Australia's replenishment commitments, it appears that Australia's contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria; Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Global Partnership for Education will all need to increase in 2019-20. Can DFAT advise on the planned payments in 2019-20 for each of these initiatives?  Q. Can DFAT provide an indication of the amount of funding required to accommodate the increase in these programs?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	89	Claire Moore	Aid - budget	Can DFAT advise on a timeline for increasing Australia's humanitarian assistance to \$500 million per year, as per the Foreign Policy White Paper commitment?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	90	Claire Moore	Climate change	What opportunities are there for NGOs to be involved in the delivery of the \$75 million program for climate change in the Pacific?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	91	Claire Moore	Climate Change	What opportunities are there for NGOs to be involved in the design of DFAT's climate change strategy for the whole aid program?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	92	Claire Moore	Aid - Disaster Risk Reduction	In the 2018/19 Aid Budget Summary, spending on DRR remains subsumed within the broader category of 'Disaster Risk Reduction, Preparedness and Response'. Can DFAT provide dollar figures and as a percentage of the aid program, on the spend specifically on DRR in 2018/19?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	93	Claire Moore	Aid - budget	Can DFAT confirm whether any modelling was done before the 2018 Federal Budget on a possible increase to Australia's official development assistance? If so, can this modelling be provided?	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	94	Claire Moore	Aid - budget	Can DFAT confirm whether any modelling was done before the 2018 Federal Budget on a cut to Australia official development assistance? If so, can this be provided?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	95	Claire Moore	Aid - Indonesia and Cambodia	The pivot to the Pacific has meant a cut in aid funding to Indonesia and Cambodia budget lines.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	96	Claire Moore	Pacific	Of the enlarged expenditure in the Pacific, what will the other focus areas, beyond the undersea cable, be for the \$1.3 billion that has been committed and how do these differ from current expenditure?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	97	Claire Moore	Aid - emergency fund	For 2018-19, the Emergency Fund used in Australia's response to humanitarian situations remains at \$150 million, the same level as the previous Budget year. Can the Department comment on the rationale for leaving the Emergency Fund at the same level? Was any increase in the Emergency Fund considered?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	98	Claire Moore	Aid - Disaster Risk Reduction	Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) is captured within the Budget line 'Disaster Risk Reduction, Preparedness and Response,' and has been maintained at \$39 million this year. Given the increasing effects of climate change, can the Department comment on why funding has remained the same in regards to preparing for disasters, despite an increase in funding to the Pacific? Is DRR a priority for the Department?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	99	Claire Moore	Aid - Disaster Risk Reduction	In the past the Department put in place multi-year funding agreements for Syria and Iraq to deal with protracted crises. Is the Department considering any further multi-year funding packages in 2018-19? Can the Department provide any further details around an \$8.8 million increase in the Budget this year for dealing with protracted crises?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	100	Claire Moore	Aid - Aid for trade	In the 2016-17 Performance of Australian Aid report there was a shift in aid for trade investment priorities. Investments in economic infrastructure fell from 61% to 40.3% of aid for trade expenditure in 2016-17 and productive capacity building increased from 30% to 55.4%. Can the Department explain whether these shifts are due to a change in reporting or a change in programming, or a mix of both?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	101	Claire Moore	Aid - performance	In the 2016-17 Performance of Australian Aid report, Partner Performance Assessment ratings dropped in 2016-17 for all aid delivery partners compared to previous years. Can the Department explain this reduction in performance ratings across the board?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	102	Claire Moore	UN - health	Can the Department advise on how it is prioritising non-communicable diseases as part of Australia's international development assistance? Can the Department outline how it will contribute to the upcoming UN High Level meeting on non-communicable disease and what it will report on 27 September 2018? Will the Minister represent Australia at the UN High Level meeting on non-communicable disease?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	103	Claire Moore	Aid - SDGs	Can the Department outline whether it will be reporting on SDG 3 relating to health, specifically target SDG 3.4 (to reduce premature deaths from non-communicable diseases by one third) at the UN High-level Political Forum in July as part of the Voluntary National Review?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	104	Claire Moore	WHO	Will the department be recommending implementation of the interventions outlined in the World Health Organization's Best buys and other recommended interventions for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases in	Written	

					order to achieve SDG 3.4?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	105	Claire Moore	Aid - SDGs	A request for the department with responsibility as a lead agency for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17, to provide information around any public speeches referring to the SDGs, any plans to include the SDG agenda in reports, and in work plans for the coming year.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	106	Claire Moore	Asia Pacific Security College	<p>The 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper states: "Australia will work with Pacific partners to establish an Australian Pacific Security College to deliver security and law enforcement training at the leadership level." The 2018 Budget provides no specific details or indication of cost.</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT confirm the exact location of this college will be established?</p> <p>Q. What is the proposed timeline for action to be undertaken in terms of construction?</p> <p>Q. When can we expect this college to be fully operational?</p> <p>Q. Where is funding for this college to be obtained?</p> <p>Q. Has a budget been allocated?</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT confirm whether a call for tender for project management, construction etc. for this project been lodged?</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT confirm which Pacific partners Australia will be working with?</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT confirm how this college is 'stepping up' Australia's involvement in the Pacific?</p> <p>Q. What is to be the college's specific function?</p> <p>Q. Who will be trained (military, police etc.) at this college and by whom – academics? Strategic advisors? Military personnel?</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT confirm who will be in charge of oversight in this college?</p> <p>Q. Who is determining the curriculum?</p> <p>Q. What will this 'security and law enforcement training' involve?</p> <p>Q. Who will provide the materials for this training?</p> <p>Q. Who is eligible for this training and is there an application process involved?</p> <p>Q. Further to this, can an indication be provided of the governance structures that</p>	Written	

					will underpin this college?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	107	Claire Moore	MH17	<p>Q. Can DFAT confirm the amount of \$50M is being set aside to cover purely legal fees in pursuit of holding those responsible for shooting down Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 over Ukraine in 2014?</p> <p>Q. If funds cover more than fees, then can an outline of the range of expenditure be provided?</p> <p>Q. Has any consideration been given to the possibility of unexpected costs such as additional legal fees?</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT expand on the budget for assisting family members of the victims to travel to attend legal proceedings? How many trips over what period and how many persons being assisted?</p> <p>Q. Australia is indicated as part of the joint investigation team along with Ukraine, Belgium, Malaysia and the Netherlands. Does DFAT have any understanding of what the other four countries are planning to do?</p> <p>Q. Has Australia discussed this new budgetary action with them?</p> <p>Q. Has DFAT conducted any examination of the likelihood of being able to successfully prosecute this case?</p> <p>Q. Is any further outcome being sought beyond seeking monetary compensation?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	108	Claire Moore	Climate change	<p>Having been co-chair of the Green Climate Fund Board, Australia has indicated it was working to strengthen the Green Climate Fund's effectiveness, leverage private sector investment, and improve access to the Fund.</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT confirm GCF mobilisation has raised US\$10B and is ongoing? Can DFAT confirm US\$2.7B of that funding has been granted to approved projects, split across adaption and mitigation?</p> <p>Q. Is DFAT aware of the 2017 report from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency that raises concerns around how GCF is handling actually disbursing funds?</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT confirm media reports that GCF disbursements are lagging behind project approvals?</p> <p>Q. The Swedish report indicates project approvals are subject to conditions, which have to be met before legal agreements can be signed and funds disbursed. Can DFAT confirm that accreditation is becoming a stumbling block?</p>	Written	



					<p>Q. Can DFAT confirm there a pipeline of 191 entities seeking accreditation with only 59 entities having been accredited to the GCF?</p> <p>Q. Does DFAT have an explanation for what the hold up is with this GCF process?</p> <p>Q. Can the Department confirm that the climate change assistance actually being provided to the Pacific has fallen short of pledged amounts?</p> <p>Q. With Australia continuing to have a role on the GCF board, does DFAT acknowledge Australia has a responsibility for governance and the shortfall in climate change assistance reaching the Pacific?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	109	Claire Moore	Aid - ODE	<p>According to DFAT Aid Evaluation Plans, the ODE evaluation of climate change assistance was earmarked for completion in 2017. It has become one of the evaluations deferred to 2018, with it being indicated in the evaluation plan outcome as ready by April. However, the website indicates this is an evaluation that ODE are "currently working on..."</p> <p>Q. Is ODE intending to proceed with publishing this evaluation? Is there any reason for the delay to date in publication? When will ODE commit to publishing?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	110	Claire Moore	Aid - family planning	<p>With DFAT having changed the methodology for presenting family planning data, can an explanation be provided of where additional funding contained in the \$32M figure for 2016-17 has been assigned?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	111	Claire Moore	Aid - family planning	<p>The Trump Administration's reimposition of the "Global Gag Rule" in 2017 has placed in doubt \$2.2 billion in global health funding, as well as the work of 1,275 foreign NGOs.</p> <p>Q. Has DFAT conducted any analysis of the full extent of the impact of the gag rule? If so, provide details of the impact on this region in particular. Australia's commitment at the FP2020 summit in July 2017 was \$33.5 million over four years.</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT provide details of the partnerships (e.g UNFPA) comprising this expanded commitment? Q. Why is PNG indicated as being excluded in a program focussed around the Pacific? Q. How is DFAT expecting this project will expand access to services for over 70 million women living in our region? Has DFAT conducted an examination of whether services funded by Australian development assistance are being impacted by the gag rule? Can details be provided of those organisations impacted and which countries are being affected by interruptions to the delivery of services. Q. Has DFAT determined what would be needed to replenish family planning resourcing in our region to ensure maternal deaths are prevented, along with unintended pregnancies and unsafe abortions? With a global commitment to bring the unmet need for family planning to zero by 2022, has DFAT analysed what additional contributions are needed immediately to offset shortfalls where we provide development assistance? Building on the discussions indicated with the Minister in response to QoN from last estimates, has DFAT made representations to the Minister to impress upon them the need to significantly expand our funding commitments?</p>	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	112	Claire Moore	Aid - Child protection	<p>DFAT has stated that it takes a zero tolerance approach towards child exploitation and abuse.</p> <p>Yet last year there were 14 alleged breaches of DFAT's child-protection policy and 9 substantiated breaches.</p> <p>Q. Could DFAT please explain how these occurred? What follow-up investigation resulted from these lapses? What safeguards were implemented in light of these lapses?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	113	Claire Moore	Aid - Social safeguards	<p>It is a mandatory requirement that: "All proposed investments must be screened for risks and safeguards. This includes impacts against the five environmental and social safeguards, this will inform design approval requirements. Do this using the Risk and Safeguards Screening Tool [under development]."</p> <p>Q. Could DFAT please outline this investment screening process and give an update on its development?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	114	Claire Moore	Aid - Child protection	<p>According to DFAT Child Protection Guidance: All child protection notifications must be reported immediately to DFAT at <a href="mailto:childwelfare@dfat.gov.au">childwelfare@dfat.gov.au</a>.</p> <p>Q. Can the Department provide an indication as to who is responsible for this email inbox and what is the timeframe for actioning these notifications?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	115	Claire Moore	Aid - Child protection	<p>According to media reports, of the 14 alleged breaches last year, one remains under investigation, is criminal in nature and four were found to be substantiated. Apart from the incarceration, five people were sacked and two reprimanded.</p> <p>Q. As reporting is a mandatory requirement of DFAT's Child Protection Policy, explain the penalties associated with non-compliance?</p> <p>Q. Of the seven substantiated breaches to the policy recorded in the last year, what is the approach for providing sufficient support and/or compensation for those affected?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	116	Claire Moore	Vanuatu	<p>The Port Vila Urban Development Project (PVUDP) project was to comprise resurfacing 21km road and installing 33km of roadside drainage.</p> <p>Q. Can the Department confirm revised plans have halved these figures, and, to date, the work remains unfinished? To follow up on responses to questions from last estimates around management of aid investments in Vanuatu:</p> <p>At what point was a First Secretary at the High Commission assigned oversight of the PVUDP project? Is this project the only one to which this First Secretary is to provide oversight? What percentage of their time is allocated to management of this project? Given concerns over ongoing and increased time slippage, is progress reporting to DFAT now required for the PVUDP project? If not, how is an internal risk register, maintained by DFAT, to be updated without it? The Asian Development Bank with assigned responsibility for execution, classifies the PVUDP project as contributing to climate change assistance for Vanuatu.</p> <p>Q. Does DFAT classify the PVUDP project as providing climate action around adaption in the Pacific? The Minister has confirmed a diminished project, with flood drainage reduced from 33kms to less than half, of which only 5.4kms is complete and the Minister has acknowledged higher than anticipated design and construction costs.</p> <p>Q. Did DFAT approach the Minister to request sufficient funds be found to</p>	Written	

					complete the original project as intended?  Q. Has DFAT raised concerns with the Minister that a diminished outcome will not uphold the integrity and reputation of our aid program to deliver real and long lasting benefits?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	117	Claire Moore	PNG	Emerging reports from Port Moresby General Hospital indicate a shortage of surgical suture kits, the needle and thread a surgeon requires to sew up patients after operations. Q. Is DFAT able to confirm this is the case?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	118	Claire Moore	PNG	Can the Department confirm reports there are no syphilis test kits anywhere in PNG and that being unable to routinely test all mothers will mean the risk of stillbirth will rise substantially?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	119	Claire Moore	PNG	Q. Can DFAT confirm recent reports that Port Moresby General Hospital has run out of Oxytocin, placing mothers at risk of excessive bleeding, likely fatal despite attending a supervised birth? Q. What if anything is being done to rectify the supply situation?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	120	Claire Moore	PNG	Is DFAT aware that HIV positive people receiving treatment in the National Capital District are now facing an interruption to antiretroviral medicine that must be taken daily? Q. What strategies has DFAT devised to respond to this disaster and what actions are to be undertaken to avoid interruption of treatment breeding drug resistant HIV?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	121	Claire Moore	PNG	What is the department's understanding of the health supplies situation in PNG outside the National Capital District, particularly for those living in rural and remote areas needing to access health services?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	122	Claire Moore	PNG	Has DFAT been aware of ongoing reports over the past few years indicating a lack of supplies in PNG hospitals and health centres? Does DFAT attribute this to a lack of funding from the PNG Department of Health for replenishing supplies?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	123	Claire Moore	PNG	According to the Aid Budget Summary 2018-19, Australia's bilateral spend on health in PNG is \$93M, or about 16% of our ODA to PNG. Q. In what ways is DFAT monitoring the effectiveness of our aid spend in PNG on health?  Q. What staff resourcing is assigned to monitor governance of aid for health?  Q. What investigation has DFAT done to determine the impact of shortages on our PNG investments?  Q. Have concerns been raised around these developments and reassurances sought with the PNG government?  Q. What changes are being proposed to resolve supply shortages and make sure our health aid is spent on those in need?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	124	Claire Moore	PNG	At the estimates hearing the Minister indicated PNG will be taking big loans with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank towards impacting their health	Written	

					<p>system.</p> <p>Q. Can the Department confirm they are for \$300 million each and provide an outline of the parameters and indicate whether these loans relate particularly to tuberculosis?</p> <p>Q. Can the department provide an outline of the program which the Minister indicated involved working with China, Australia and the Papua New Guinean governments on malaria?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	125	Claire Moore	Sri Lanka	<p>The Department indicated at the estimates hearing that Australia's delegation to the 37th session of the UN Human Rights Council, in March 2018, was informed by the UK in advance of a group statement on concern around the slowness of Sri Lanka's progress on human rights promises, but the statement was not open for other countries to join.</p> <p>Q. How long before the statement became public did the UK inform Australia that the core group would make a statement?</p> <p>Q. Can the Department advise whether a core group making a statement without asking for further signatories is a regular occurrence at Human Rights Council?</p> <p>Q. Did the Department inform the Minister immediately and prior to the statement becoming public? Did the Minister's response include making further approaches to facilitate being signed onto the statement?</p> <p>Q. Did Australia make any approach to the core group to request reconsidering allowing us the opportunity to sign on to the statement?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	126	Alex Gallacher	China	<p>1. How many Australian wine companies have contacted the Minister's office regarding issues with Chinese customs clearing Australian wine this year?</p> <p>2. When was the Minister's office first briefed about issues with Chinese customs clearing Australian wine by Australian wine companies this year?</p> <p>a. How were they briefed?</p> <p>3. When was the Minister's office first briefed about issues with Chinese customs clearing Australian wine by industry organisations this year?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	127	Alex Gallacher	China	<p>1. How many Australian beef companies have contacted the Minister's office regarding issues with Chinese customs clearing Australian beef this year?</p> <p>2. When was the Minister's office first briefed about issues with Chinese customs clearing Australian beef by Australian beef companies this year?</p> <p>a. How were they briefed?</p> <p>3. When was the Minister's office first briefed about issues with Chinese customs clearing Australian beef by industry organisations this year?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	128	Alex Gallacher	China	<p>Have any Australian supplement companies contacted the Minister's office regarding market access issues with Chinese customs?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	129	Alex Gallacher	Financial Services	<p>Does DFAT currently have a unit tasked with assisting the professional and financial services industries negotiate registration and licensing recognition arrangements, where these requirements currently restrict access to markets?</p>	Written	

					a. If not – why not? b. What resources would DFAT need to provide this service? c. Would DFAT need additional services or could it be met by repurposing existing resources?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	130	Alex Gallacher	Trade Analysis	Does the Department currently have the capacity to generate analysis of global trade and economic trends and the associated opportunities? a. If not – why not? b. What additional resources would DFAT need to provide this service? c. Could DFAT meet this requirement from existing resources?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	131	Alex Gallacher	International Competitiveness	Does DFAT deliver comprehensive and timely advice on the international competitiveness dimensions of domestic reform measures? a. If not – why not? b. What additional resources would DFAT need to provide this service? c. Could DFAT meet this requirement from existing resources?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	132	Alex Gallacher	Trade Analysis	Does DFAT publish on an annual basis a foreign market access report that identifies the most important tariff and non-tariff barriers affecting Australian exports of goods and services, present a detailed inventory of market opening results that generates new commercial opportunities for exporters and investors, and include a forward work program? a. If not – why not? b. What additional resources would DFAT need to provide this service? c. Could DFAT meet this requirement from existing resources? d. Would this be a function better suited to Austrade?	written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	133	Alex Gallacher	Trade and Investment strategy	Does DFAT have a national trade and investment council which provides overarching guidance and direction on trade and investment strategy? a. If not – why not? b. What additional resources would DFAT need to provide this service? c. Could DFAT meet this requirement from existing resources? d. Would this be a function better suited to Austrade?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	134	Alex Gallacher	Market opportunities	Does DFAT consolidate information on industry capabilities and market opportunities held by various government agencies?" a. If not – why not? b. What additional resources would DFAT need to provide this service? c. Could DFAT meet this requirement from existing resources? d. Would this be a function better suited to Austrade?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	135	Alex Gallacher	China FTA	Has Australia and China commenced a joint review of Chapter 3 of the Chinese Australia Free Trade Agreement as per Article 3.24 of Chapter 3 of the agreement?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	136	Alex Gallacher	White Paper	1. Please provide a cost breakdown of the \$15 million spend for foreign policy white paper initiatives listed in Budget Paper 2, pg 101 - by program and year. 2. Please outline all non-tariff measure programs this \$15 million will fund. 3. Please provide names of members of the business dialogue being established under DFAT Foreign Policy White Paper initiatives.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	137	Alex Gallacher	TPP	What is the exact loss of tariff revenue from implementing the TPP-11?	Written	
Department of Foreign	31/05/2018	138	Alex Gallacher	WTO	1. What budgetary resources are allocated to fighting WTO cases?	Written	

Affairs and Trade					2. How many FTE's are working on WTO cases?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	139	Alex Gallacher	Propety	How much rent does the Department pay on overseas postings?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	140	Alex Gallacher	Functions	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	141	Alex Gallacher	Functions	Departmental functions 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	142	Alex Gallacher	Property	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	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	143	Alex Gallacher	Property	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	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	144	Alex Gallacher	Budget - travel	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	145	Alex Gallacher	Budget - media	What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	146	Alex Gallacher	Budget - advertising	What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	147	Alex Gallacher	Budget - promotional merchandise	What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	148	Alex Gallacher	Ministerial Travel	Can a copy of all correspondence exchanged between Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio and the Prime Minister in relation to approval for overseas travel in the 2017/18 financial year please be provided?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	149	Alex Gallacher	Credit Cards	<p>How many credit cards are currently on issue for agency staff?</p> <p>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>How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the 2017/18 financial year?</p> <p>How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the 2017/18 financial year?</p> <p>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>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>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>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>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>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	150	Alex Gallacher	Staffing	Please detail any and all bonuses paid to staff members.	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	151	Alex Gallacher	EFIC executives	How many executives are employed by EFIC?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	153	Alex Gallacher	EFIC 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of functions;</li> <li>• List of attendees;</li> <li>• Function venue;</li> <li>• Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive);</li> <li>• Details of any food served;</li> <li>• Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; and</li> <li>• Details of any entertainment provided.</li> </ul>	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	154	Alex Gallacher	EFIC facilities	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	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	155	Alex Gallacher	EFIC facilities	Were the facilities of any of the Department's premises upgraded in the 2017/18 financial year, for example, staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments,	Written	

					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?		
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	156	Alex Gallacher	EFIC	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	157	Alex Gallacher	EFIC	What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	158	Alex Gallacher	EFIC	What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	159	Alex Gallacher	EFIC	What was the Department's total expenditure on promotional merchandise in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	161	Alex Gallacher	EFIC	How many credit cards are currently on issue for agency staff?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	162	Penny Wong	Friendship Grants	1. Can DFAT advise who came up with the concept of Friendship Grants? 2. Can DFAT advise the timeframe of the original concept of the Friendship Grants to finalisation of how the grants would operate? 3. What area of DFAT will have responsibility for the administration of the Friendship Grants? 4. How have the Friendship Grants been promoted in the community?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	163	Penny Wong	Friendship Grants	1. How will Friendship Grant applications be assessed? 2. Can a list of selection criteria be provided? 3. Will organisations be required to indicate how their projects improve gender equality outcomes? 4. What monitoring and evaluation obligations will organisations have to DFAT? 5. How will MPs be notified of successful grant recipients in their Electorates?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	164	Penny Wong	Aid - Countering Violent Extremism	1. To date what has been the total of Australia's contribution to the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund? 2. Will Australia continue to make contributions towards the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund? 3. What is the total amount of ODA allocated toward Countering Violent Extremism for the 2018-19 period?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	165	Penny Wong	Aid - budget	1. Can the Department provide an update on the percentage of ODA that is managed by: a. Managing contractors b. Non-government organisations c. UN agencies 2. Can the Department provide an up-to-date breakdown of the top 10 contractors by amount and that value as a percentage of ODA? Can the Department please also provide the number of contracts awarded to each organisation?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	166	Penny Wong	Aid - volunteers	1. As part of Australia's International Development program how many volunteers are currently overseas? 2. How does the number of volunteers currently overseas compare with previous	Written	



					<p>years?</p> <p>3. Is Australian Volunteers for International Development the only volunteer program funded by DFAT?</p> <p>4. Is this where volunteers under the Indo Pacific Health Security Initiative are identified and deployed under?</p> <p>a. Does DFAT notify the Minister of volunteer deployments?</p> <p>b. How often does this occur?</p> <p>c. Does the Minister notify MPs of volunteers travelling from their electorates?</p> <p>d. If no, has this ever been a practice?</p> <p>e. Can DFAT provide a breakdown of current volunteers by electorate?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	167	Penny Wong	Aid - education funding	<p>The Aid Budget Summary lists Regional Scholarships and Education together under one funding stream:</p> <p>1. Can DFAT provide a breakdown by country of funding for each level of education i.e Early Childhood, Primary, Junior Secondary, Senior Secondary Tertiary and Scholarships?</p> <p>2. Can DFAT provide this same breakdown over the last 5 years?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	168	Penny Wong	PNG	<p>1. Papua New Guinea's Hela Province has been subjected to significant earthquakes in recent months. What is DFAT's understanding of the number of people displaced by the earthquakes?</p> <p>2. DFAT's initial response to the first earth quake was \$200,000, what is the current level of support being provided? Is the support being provided by the Defence Force included in this figure?</p> <p>3. There has been consistent reporting that both humanitarian and government agencies are struggling to get relief to those in need in the Hela Province. Can DFAT provide more detail on what these details are and the impact they are having on Australia's support to those impacted by the earthquake?</p> <p>4. It has been reported that many of the people, particularly women who have been impacted by the earthquakes were already displaced as a result of tribal violence. Is additional support being given to those displaced by tribal violence and the earthquakes?</p> <p>5. Australia is increasingly providing safe spaces for women during humanitarian situations, has such a space been created for women in Hela Province</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	169	Penny Wong	Climate Change	<p>1. Can DFAT provide an update on the status of the Department's efforts to create a Climate Change Strategy?</p> <p>2. Can DFAT advise of estimated timeframe for completion and publication of the Climate Change Strategy?</p> <p>3. Has DFAT undertaken any external consultation as part of its work to create a Climate Change Strategy? If consultation has occurred can a list of organisations and or individuals that were consulted be provided?</p> <p>4. DFAT's Aid Programing Guide of November 2016 identified 12 sector strategies that DFAT had developed or was developing. Climate Change is included in this list. When did DFAT first identify the need for a Climate Change Strategy?</p> <p>5. In response to portfolio question on notice 43 from the 2017-18 Additional Estimates, DFAT advised that the Minister agreed to develop a Climate Change Strategy on 16 July 2017. Can DFAT advise when and in what matter the need for a</p>	Written	

					Climate Change Strategy was first raised with the Minister?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	170	Penny Wong	Aid - performance	<p>1. The Performance of Australian Aid 2016-17 lists Infrastructure and Trade at 17 per cent, what is the dollar value of our investment in this area?</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide a breakdown of Infrastructure and Trade as both a percentage and in real terms of total ODA over the past 5 years?</p> <p>3. Australia's investment in this area has increased quite steeply from 13 per cent in 2014-15 and 2015-16 to the current level of 17 per cent. Can the Department provide a breakdown of how this increase in ODA toward Infrastructure and Trade will be spent?</p> <p>4. Figure 27 of the Performance of Australian Aid 2016-17 demonstrates Infrastructure, Trade Facilitation and International Competitiveness was below the aid program average for effectiveness and efficiency. Can the Department provide an explanation as to why this is the case and outline steps being taken to improve effectiveness and efficiency in this investment stream?</p> <p>5. Figure 27 of the Performance of Australian Aid 2016-17 demonstrates that Monitoring and Evaluation and Sustainability indicators for Infrastructure, Trade Facilitation and International Competitiveness fell in comparison to previous reports. Has the Department given any consideration to the cause of this fall in outcomes and how outcomes in this sector can be improved going forward?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	171	Penny Wong	Aid – Women and Girls	<p>1. Target 4 of the Performance of Australian Aid 2016-17 report states “Investments in the Pacific faced multiple challenges in addressing gender equality, and will require strong leadership to improve their gender performance.” Can the Department provide an explanation of these challenges and proposed steps to overcome the poor gender performance in the Pacific region?</p> <p>2. Performance of Australian Aid 2016-17 Figure 6 provides a breakdown of the expenditure by level of gender objective.</p> <p>a. Can the Department provide the dollar value of the 8 per cent primary objective and the 54 per cent secondary objective?</p> <p>b. Can DFAT provide a breakdown of the primary and secondary figure by regions as listed in Figure 3?</p> <p>c. Of the 8 per cent primary expenditure is any of this spent on programs specifically seeking to address the needs of adolescent girls?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	172	Penny Wong	Aid – Women and Girls	<p>1. Can the Department provide a list of the programs that specifically seek to address the needs of adolescent girls?</p> <p>2. What steps are being made by the department to ensure that the needs of adolescent girls are met through the 80 per cent target?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	173	Penny Wong	Aid effectiveness - Health	<p>Chapter 4 of the Performance of Australian Aid 2016-17 outlines the performance of sector and thematic areas. Health for example dropped from 87 per cent of aid investments rated satisfactory to 77 per cent.</p> <p>1. Has the Department identified particular programs as the cause of this drop?</p> <p>2. In light of the government's investment in the Indo-Pacific Regional Health Security Initiative, what steps are being taken to ensure efficiency is achieved in this program?</p>	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	174	Penny Wong	WTO Committee on the Agreement on Government Procurement	Australia has made its final offer to the WTO Committee on the Agreement on Government Procurement. 1. What does that offer look like? 2. When could we expect the offer to be accepted? 3. What is the process after it is accepted?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	175	Penny Wong	Aid - third country companies	1. Can DFAT advise if there are any processes in place to assist Australian or local Pacific companies to deliver aid projects in the Pacific region? If yes can the Department explain what they are? 2. Can DFAT advise how many Australian aid projects in the region are delivered by third-country companies? 3. What are the projects and from which nations do the companies delivering the projects originate?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	176	Penny Wong	Aid - budget	Table 1 of The Australian Aid Budget Summary 2017-18 lists the following thematic investment streams; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Scholarships and Education,</li> <li>• Health, Water and Sanitation</li> <li>• Infrastructure and Rural Development</li> <li>• Governance</li> <li>• Fisheries and Agriculture</li> <li>• Innovation Fund</li> <li>• Disability</li> <li>• Direction Action Program</li> <li>• Other Cross Regional Programs.</li> </ul> However Table 1 of the Australian Aid Budget Summary 2018-19 only lists the following thematic investment streams; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Scholarships and Education,</li> <li>• Health Water and Sanitation</li> <li>• Infrastructure and Rural Development</li> <li>• Innovation Fund</li> <li>• Other Sectoral Programs</li> </ul> 1. Can DFAT explain why the decision was made to change how information was presented in Table 1 of this year's Australian Aid Budget Summary? 2. Can DFAT explain why the subheadings of Governance Fisheries and Agriculture Disability and Direction Action Program were removed from Table 1 in this year's Aid Budget Summary?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	177	Penny Wong	Aid - budget	Table 1 of the 2018-19 Australian Aid Budget Summary lists Other Sectoral Programs as having an estimated budget of \$143.6. 1. Does this contain the priorities of Governance, Fisheries and Agriculture, Disability and Direct Action Program? 2. Can DFAT provide a breakdown of Other Sectoral Programs that is reflective of how information was presented in Table 1 of the 2017/18 Australian Aid Budget Summary?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	178	Penny Wong	Indonesia, Cambodia	1. Can DFAT confirm if the status of Indonesia and Cambodia changed from 'recipient' to 'partner'? If yes, could you explain what this means in practice?	Written	

					<p>2. What does the Government see as priorities for Middle Income Countries in our region?</p> <p>3. Is it correct that the ODA funding for Indonesia has been cut in the 2018/19 Budget?</p> <p>a. What will be the implications of these cuts?</p> <p>4. In DFAT's current Indonesia Aid Investment Plan (2015/16-2018/19) it notes on page 11, under 'risk management', that:  "Reducing the size and focus of the aid program could potentially impact on the Australian Embassy's reputation, influence and access to the Government of Indonesia and relationships with implementing partners."  Is the Department concerned that Australia's reputation, influence and access in Indonesia will be affected by the recent cuts, as this risk assessment notes?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	180	Rex Patrick	British Indian Ocean Territory	<p>1. Have any ADF personnel been posted to the British Indian Ocean Territory since 2001? How many and when?</p> <p>2. Have there been any votes in the United Nations General Assembly or any other body in the UN system about the British Indian Ocean Territory?</p> <p>3. How has Australia voted?</p> <p>4. Did Australia given any reasons for its vote?</p> <p>5. Are there any upcoming votes in the UN General Assembly about the British Indian Ocean Territory?</p> <p>6. How does Australia intend to vote?</p> <p>7. Has the Government received any communications from members of the Chagos Islands communities or their representatives? If so, please provide details.</p> <p>8. Does the Australian Government have any concerns that a 'No' vote on Mauritian sovereignty claims may have negative implications for Australia's advocacy of a "rules-based international order"?</p> <p>9. Does the Australian Government support the African Union's call for a nuclear weapons free zone?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	181	Rex Patrick	Armenia	<p>1. How does the Australian Government recognise a mass atrocity to be a case of genocide as defined under the 1948 Convention?</p> <p>2. Are there General Assembly or Security Council or other resolutions where such recognition is made?</p> <p>3. How has Australia voted in such resolutions? Please provide details of the votes and any remarks made by Australia's representatives in the context of such votes.</p>	Written	

					4. Has the Government been given any indication that Australians who campaign for recognition of the Armenian genocide might face restrictions on travel to Turkey?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	182	Rex Patrick	Israel/Palestinian Issues	<p>1. In representations to Israel, has Australia raised concerns that the unlawful transfer of children out of the West Bank to prisons inside Israel may be in violation of Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention?</p> <p>2. Does the Australian Government accept that the transfer of Palestinian child detainees from the West Bank to prisons inside Israel violates Article 76 of the Fourth Geneva Convention?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	184	Lee Rhiannon	Israel/Palestinian Issues	<p>1. Does the Department know of any legal code that would not count the shooting of unarmed civilians walking towards a fence as a war crime?</p> <p>2. Why does DFAT does not use term Occupied Palestinian Territories on its map of the region?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	185	Andrew Bartlett	EFIC/DFAT advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does DFAT provide policy advice on Efic to the Minister?</li> </ul> <p>Last year Minister for Trade Steven Ciobo changed the statement of expectations for Efic to allow it to fund large mining projects in Australia. This was in response to a 2012 Productivity Commission report that recommended Efic not fund large mining projects in Australia or their suppliers.</p> <p>In response to a FOI request, DFAT said it had no documents that it had sent to the Minister containing economic justification in support of this change, or documents that related to the Productivity Commission's recommendation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is this correct?</li> <li>At the Press Club on 6 May 2018, The Minister for Trade Steven Ciobo said</li> </ul> <p>The rationale for it was because the decision by a number of banks and others to not invest was a consequence of social pressure rather than economic pressure. The reason I can say that is because contrary to the Guardian's claims, and reporting, I did actually obtain advice. In fact, my decision to alter the state expectations for efic went through cabinet and by definition I received advice from the department in relation to it and they highlighted it was a consequence of social pressure rather than economic decision-making that led to that -- Efic. That's the reason why we made the change. In essence it is obviously preposterous to deny viable resource projects, completely separate to the issue of coal, from securing financing for export, which creates livelihoods [and] drives in many respects rural and urban economies. I think Australia owes it to our people to do everything we can to provide and uphold their standard of living.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Did the Department provide this advice the Minister, specifically that banks are restricting lending to large mining projects as "a consequence of social pressure</li> </ul>	Written	

				<p>rather than economic decision-making”?</p> <p>o If so,</p> <p>§ Does the Department consider this to provide an economic justification for Efic involvement in such cases?</p> <p>§ Why did the Department decide it was not within scope, given that the Minister said DFAT’s advice justified the changes on economic grounds (e.g. livelihoods, rural and urban economies).</p> <p>§ When was it provided?</p> <p>§ Will you release it?</p> <p>o If not,</p> <p>§ Did the Department provide any advice containing any justification for the change that the Minister made to Efic’s statement of expectations regarding funding to mining projects?</p> <p>§ What was that advice and how did it justify the changes?</p> <p>§ Why was that advice considered out of scope of the FOI request?</p> <p>§ Why does DFAT not consider this advice to contain economic justification for the changes?</p> <p>§ When was it provided?</p> <p>§ Will you release it?</p> <p>o If not, was advice provided verbally rather than in writing?</p> <p>§ When did this occur?</p> <p>§ Why was it provided verbally rather than in writing?</p> <p>§ What was the advice</p> <p>§ Did the Minister’s office ask you to provide it verbally rather than in writing?</p> <p>§ Is it normal for the Department provide advice to the Minister verbally, rather than in writing, on matters that must go to cabinet?</p> <p>§ How many times has this occurred in the last 12 months?</p> <p>• Why did DFAT not provide advice to the Minister in relation to the Productivity Commission recommendation to stop Efic from funding large mining projects in Australia?</p> <p>o Did DFAT consider the Productivity Commission recommendations prior to giving any advice?</p> <p>o Why did DFAT come to a different view to the Productivity Commission?</p> <p>• Before the Minister made the changes to the Statement of Expectations, did DFAT officials speak to banks and / or financial regulators about their motivations for limiting exposure to some parts of the mining industry?</p> <p>o If so, who and when did this occur?</p> <p>• Major Australian and global banks, insurers and investors around the world are limiting or ending their exposure to large coal projects. Global banks with policies of no new coal mines include JP Morgan Chase, HSBC, ING, BNP Paribas. The Royal Bank of Scotland announced new bans on funding coal, oil and gas. On insurers: “In all, 15 insurers with over \$4 trillion in assets have now taken or are planning</p>		
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				<p>action on coal, divesting an estimated \$20 billion in equities and bonds or ceasing to underwrite projects.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Is it DFAT’s view that this trend is occurring primarily because these financiers are being “bullied” by public pressure, and not for economic reasons relating to energy transition risk?</li> <li>o If not,</li> <li>§ why did the Minister say this was your advice to him?</li> <li>§ what is your view about the main reason(s) for these trends?</li> <li>o Is DFAT’s view that energy transition and climate risks could motivate responsible directors to limit or end their exposure to existing or new coal projects?</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If banks decide not to fund coal mines because this is not consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement, it its DFAT view that this could potentially justify Efic support?</li> <li>o Did DFAT provide advice on this to the Minister?</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does DFAT think government funding to open large new thermal coal mines is consistent with the goal of the Paris Agreement?</li> <li>• Can DFAT indicate which energy scenario nominally consistent with 2 degrees of global warming, from the International Energy Agency or other reputable body, includes the expansion of thermal coal mining?</li> <li>• Has DFAT provided advice on any of the following to the Minister? If so, say which and outline the nature of that advice</li> <li>o The Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures</li> <li>o Comments from APRA about climate risk and directors duties</li> <li>o New policies from NAB and Westpac preventing lending to most new thermal coal projects</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efic itself has refused to defend the Minister’s assertions, saying “The rationale for private sector financing decisions is a matter for the private sector. ... It wouldn’t be appropriate for EFIC to comment about the motivations behind such decisions”.</li> <li>o Is this DFAT’s view?</li> <li>o Why is it appropriate for DFAT to comment on such matters but not Efic?</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has DFAT begun work on its position going into the 2019 review of the OECD agreement under which the Australian government has agreed to stop Efic from funding most kinds of coal power plants?</li> <li>o Given Australia’s commitment to this agreement, why should Efic be able to fund new thermal coal mines?</li> <li>o Is Efic legally required to comply with this obligation? If so, please explain how.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has DFAT ever corresponded or spoken with Adani about</li> <li>o Efic?</li> </ul>		
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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	186	Andrew Bartlett	EFIC	Is it within the powers of Efic to implement internal policies that limit or end their exposures to certain industries if they deem the financial, environmental or social risks to be too great?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	187	Andrew Bartlett	EFIC	Does the Minister have the power to issue a direction to Efic, and /or a new statement of expectations, to prevent Efic from funding new fossil fuel infrastructure?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	188	Penny Wong	Guests of Government - Pacific	<p>Senator WONG: How many recommendations has DFAT made in relation to guests of government this year?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We'll do our best to answer you as soon as possible. ...We work very closely with PM&amp;C to develop programs and to implement them. But they are the custodians, if you like, of the numbers. We will do our best to check for you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you take on notice, then, how many recommendations for a guest of government visit, or whatever the appropriate term is, DFAT has made in the last three years? I would like to know how many of those were from Pacific Island countries. I would like to understand whether there have been any occasions where DFAT has suggested or recommended Pacific Island leaders for a guest of government arrangement which has not been proceeded with?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I will take it on notice. I will just say that of course if you're looking at a three-year period, there could be several proposals for a visit from the same country.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: So I just want to be clear with you that we will be as precise as we can be in answer to that question. Mr Sloper, having been in charge of the Pacific division during that period, may be able to give you a sense of the answer.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I will add to the secretary's comments. There are a number of ways we can put forward recommendations. On occasion, it's advice to ministers, who may then choose to write to the Prime Minister on heads of government visits. We also deal directly with the international division of PM&amp;C, as the secretary has outlined, to determine what scope there is for gaps, if you like, in the future program, given existing commitments in terms of invitations issued. We may feed advice into that department so it can also put forward advice to the Prime Minister's office. So in terms of responding to you, I can say that we've looked at a range of visits across the region in order of priority. We have conveyed that both to our ministers as well as to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.</p>	Hansard	74-78



				<p>Senator WONG: So you might have a dual track?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: That's right. In terms of responding to you, we will probably be able to provide advice on the number we have recommended. We may not be able to give the specifics of the advice to ministers.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No. I understand that. I'm actually interested in how many—you don't actually have to name them—Pacific Island leaders being recommended for a guest of government arrangement which have not been taken up as yet by the government.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: There were two last year. Was that last calendar year?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Off the top of my head, there were two. I will confirm if there were further.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What about the year before?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I don't have that here. I have records of incoming visits, but not at the level of guest of government. But I can look at that and possibly come back to you later in the session.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That would be useful. Is it a rolling list or is it a point in time?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: The last list we did was a rolling list looking forward in terms of order of priority. We recognise that Prime Minister and Cabinet and then later the Prime Minister's office, I expect, need to consider that against requests from other geographic areas and the capacities of CERHOS to manage those visits.</p> <p>Senator WONG: If you could come back to me either later or on notice, Mr Sloper, I would appreciate that.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Sure.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I want to interrupt to return to your question on visits. I can't give you data in terms of guests of government, but I can give you a quick snapshot by year in recent years of visits by Pacific leaders and our portfolio minister counterparts, if you like, inwards and outwards.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That would be useful. Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: So the number of visits by Pacific leaders, including head of state, head of government, foreign minister and trade minister, in 2013 was in two. In 2014, it was six.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Hang on. This is not guests of government?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: No.</p> <p>Senator WONG: This is bilateral—</p> <p>Mr Sloper: No. I can't break it down by guests of government. If you want that, I can't give you that now.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry, okay.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: But I can give it in terms of those groups both inwards and outwards, if you like. From 2013 to 2018, inward visits totalled 72. That's including head of state, head of government, foreign minister and trade ministers. I can break that down by year, if you like, or we can provide that later in more detail. In reverse, going out, when we include our Prime Minister and portfolio ministers' visits to the region, the total is 104.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you.</p>		
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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	189	Penny Wong		N/A		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	190	Kimberley Kitching	Ministerial Travel - FM in Melbourne Nov 2017	<p>Senator KITCHING: But I would like an answer to questions that I have put on notice that say that the office itself has said 'official business'. I would like to know what that is, and I expect an answer to that, because it is taxpayer funded travel.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Certainly, Senator. We all—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I might just finish that sentence, actually. Certainly I think reflections on the chair are unnecessary, and certainly Senator Reynolds is an exemplary chair, and that's not worthy of you. But, if you wish me to take that on notice, I'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator MOORE: So we're checking to see whether the previous answer is inaccurate?</p> <p>CHAIR: Or updated, if there's any new information.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: That's fine. You're checking that that's information already received by the committee.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Kitching is obviously keen to revisit these.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I'm actually not interested in the quantum as much as I'm interested in what was the official business being conducted on the dates for the questions on notice that the department already has.</p> <p>CHAIR: And that has been asked, and the minister has taken that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I'm not fussed about the rest of it, if you want to add that. What I would ask, Chair, is that the responses, given that they were asked some time ago and given that the responses that I received back actually aren't very helpful, not be delayed further by the seeking of additional information that you are asking for. So I would like mine separated out, because I'm not asking about quantum; I am asking about what was the nature of the official business.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Kitching, the minister has taken on notice the issue that you said was of vital importance.</p>	Hansard	124-126
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	191	Alex Gallacher	Staffing - FTE allocated to non-tariff barriers under CHAFTA	<p>Mr Mina: As the secretary has made clear, we are gearing up these initiatives—the budget has just been brought down—and we will be allocating FTE over time to these initiatives.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: So the answer is zero, at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Wood: No, the answer is that there are around 19 associated with the whole package. I don't have that broken into the individual components, but there is staffing associated with this measure. We will come back on notice with that information.</p>	Hansard	42
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1/06/2018	192	Alex Gallacher	WTO - dispute settlement cases	<p>Senator GALLACHER: How many cases is the Australian government actively considered initiating and in what industries? Have you had discussions with those industries? With whom have you had discussions about it? Can we get a picture of how many you are currently involved in, and how Canada is going? What are you looking at into the future?</p> <p>Mr Mina: I can answer now. For Canada, as I mentioned, we are waiting for the</p>	Hansard	44

					<p>response to those consultations. With respect to the other questions you raised, we are always looking at and discussing with industry how we might be able to use WTO rules. This is an important part of the government's commitment in the white paper—that Australian business will be able to continue to benefit from the robust application of WTO rules—so we will keep that under constant review. Senator GALLACHER: If we can have on notice just what work you are doing, and progress in that area.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	193	Claire Moore	Aid - Sustainable Development Goal	<p>Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) - Voluntary National Review (VNR)</p> <p>Q. DFAT has indicated major consultations on the VNR were held in Nov/Dec 2017, did these major stakeholder roundtables inform preparation for the VNR? In what ways did they contribute to the VNR?</p> <p>Q. Following on from responses to questions asked at the last estimates, which agency has been assigned responsibility for coordinating the compilation of the VNR?</p> <p>Q. What additional DFAT resourcing is in place to permit completion of the VNR?</p> <p>Q. What special arrangements have been made to address bringing together data collection from the lead agency responsible for each of the 17 SDG goals?</p> <p>Q. Can DFAT provide an indication of the schedule for preparing the VNR publication? When will a VNR speech be ready? When have agencies been instructed to submit their reports? When will a draft VNR be readied?</p> <p>Q. As part of the VNR process, does DFAT intend to schedule further consultation with stakeholders on what to do to address data gathering gaps identified by this initial report?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	194	Lee Rhiannon	Azerbaijan, Armenia	<p>1. DFAT acknowledged it supports the OSCE Minsk Process in the resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict between Azerbaijan, Armenia and the Armenians of the Republic of Artsakh.</p> <p>The OSCE Minsk Group process has outlined three core principles upon which the settlement of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict must be based; “the non-use of force, territorial integrity, and the equal rights to self-determination of peoples”.</p> <p>a. Does the Australian government acknowledge these measures as fundamental to the conflict resolution process outlined by the OSCE?</p> <p>2. During Senate Estimates on the 31st of May 2018 DFAT stated “The government’s longstanding policy is that Australia supports the territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and does not recognise Nagorno-Karabakh as an independent state. As you note, we’re supporters of the OSCE Minsk Group. We do not seek to intervene in the dispute”.</p> <p>Given the OSCE Minsk Group supports on equal terms the core principles of “self-</p>	Written	

					<p>determination”, “territorial integrity” and “non-use of force” in the process of conflict resolution please advise:</p> <p>a. How can Australia support “Azerbaijan’s territorial integrity” without giving equal weight to the other SCE Minsk Group’s other core principals of “self-determination” and “non-use of force” in relation to the other parties in the Nagomo-Karabakh dispute?</p> <p>b. How does DFAT address the contradiction of supporting just one of the core principals in relation without mention of the other core principals as mentioned above in relation to the other parties in the dispute?</p> <p>c. Does DFAT recognise that by supporting only one side of the dispute Australia can be seen to actually intervening in the dispute despite statements that “we do not seek to intervene in the dispute”?</p> <p>d. Will DFAT consider dropping its mention of any single side of the conflict? If not, why not?</p> <p>3. Is the government aware that Azerbaijan forced the closure of the Baku OSCE office in 2015, and the Yerevan office in 2017?</p> <p>4. Is the government aware that Azerbaijan has refused to comply with the OSCE’s proposed conflict resolution measures such as its refusal to increase the OSCE monitoring presence, to remove snipers from the border, and to implement gunfire locator systems to determine culpability for ceasefire breaches?</p> <p>a. Does DFAT consider these examples of non-compliance consistent with the OSCE’s efforts to resolve the conflict in Nagomo-Karabakh?</p> <p>b. Did Minister Fierravanti Wells raise these issues during her state visit to Azerbaijan in 2017? IF not, why not?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31/05/2018	195	Linda Reynolds	Volunteering	<p>1. In relation to Voluntourism, I wish to commend the Foreign Minister Hon. Julie Bishop MP for the outstanding Smart Volunteer campaign and for DFAT’s engagement with key actors in Australia’s Tourism and Education Sectors. What are the next steps for DFAT to further awareness raising and targeted advocacy efforts?</p> <p>2. Noting the recently release of the Friendship Grants and in particularly acknowledging the inclusion of Activities that involve unskilled volunteers supporting orphanages or residential care institutions in the list of ineligible activities, does DFAT have any guidelines in place or under development to create consistency across all commonwealth funded grants, including the Direct Aid Program?</p> <p>3. Noting a recent letter sent to the Foreign Affairs Minister Hon. Julie Bishop, are considerations underway within DFAT to set up a working group or taskforce to address Australia’s complicity in orphanage trafficking and orphanage tourism as a key volunteer sending and donor country through legislative and regulatory measures?</p> <p>4. I wish to commend the Foreign Minister Hon. Julie Bishop MP for the outcome of the CHOGM side events raising awareness on the issue of orphanage trafficking and tourism. What are the next steps the Minister intends to take to capitalise on</p>	Written	

					the momentum built during CHOGM?		
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	196	Alex Gallacher	Efic functions	ACTING CHAIR: I would like to know on notice, did no-one here at the table attend these functions?	Hansard	73
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	197	Alex Gallacher	Efic functions	ACTING CHAIR: I just think it's quite extraordinary. We would like to know, on notice, the decision-making process that underpins this spend. Presumably, there is a decision-making process that underpins this spend?	Hansard	74
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	198	Alex Gallacher	Efic functions	ACTING CHAIR: Is this a one-off? Was this only this year, or is this a past performance thing and you're just carrying on what someone else was doing last year?	Hansard	74
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	199	Alex Gallacher	Remuneration	ACTING CHAIR: Not an additional amount. What is the criterion for bonuses? Ms Dave: The normal criterion for bonuses is achievement of KPIs that were set at the beginning of the plan year. ACTING CHAIR: Could we, on notice, get a look at those KPIs?	Hansard	75
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	200	Alex Gallacher	Remuneration	ACTING CHAIR: Is it true that your bonuses in the 2016-17 year totalled \$460,000?	Hansard	75
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	201	Alex Gallacher	Remuneration	ACTING CHAIR: Okay. I would like you to confirm, on notice, the executive salaries and the bonuses paid to them in the last financial year.	Hansard	75
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	202	Alex Gallacher	Remuneration and KPIs	ACTING CHAIR: I'd just like clarity. We've got information here. You've answered questions. We've put questions back to you about whether the KPIs are clearly identified in the plan, and they don't appear to be – they're there, but broadly speaking. We would like to see this in much finer detail, including the process for approval of the bonuses, whether it's at the CEO level, which I can see and understand, or whether it's at the remuneration-subcommittee-of-the-board level, or the full board, or the chairman. We'd like to see some clarity on all of that. But a \$155,016 bonus for 2016-17 and a total of \$460,000 worth of bonuses in that year probably wants to be underpinned by some really good, rational, evidence-based KPI performance and achievement which would satisfy the average taxpayer. I've got people looking at the paperwork that you put out, and they're saying that the bonus is not specifically mentioned or explained.	Hansard	76-77
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	203	Alex Gallacher	Nyrstar	ACTING CHAIR: Who is the agency bank?	Hansard	77
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	204	Alex Gallacher	Nyrstar	ACTING CHAIR: So, on notice, if you could give us a one-page snapshot of how a layperson should be looking at this arrangement, that would be very helpful.	Hansard	77
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	205	Alex Gallacher	New mandate/powers	ACTING CHAIR: Have any new companies shown interest as a result of the new form? How many new companies have shown interest in this new form of loan application?	Hansard	78
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	206	Alex Gallacher	New mandate/powers	ACTING CHAIR: Have you assessed a number of applications since the passing of this legislation which would've been previously ineligible?	Hansard	78
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	207	Alex Gallacher	New mandate/powers	ACTING CHAIR: On notice, how many have been successful and how much and what type of funding has Efic granted?	Hansard	78
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	208	Alex Gallacher	New mandate/powers	ACTING CHAIR: Can we see how many businesses have made these certifications in the application of their loan? Mr Hopkins: We'll take that on notice, but we can provide that information. ACTING CHAIR: How many instances of finance have EFIC approved which included	Hansard	78

					<p>such a provision by a company – how many have made applications and then how many have gone through to approval? You can take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Hopkins: Thank you.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: And which companies have provided this certification? Were any companies found not to be compliant?</p> <p>Mr Hopkins: I'd have to check for you.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Have you verified certification?</p> <p>Mr Hopkins: They give a certification at the beginning, and we need to check the certification at the end. I'm not aware that anyone's been non-compliant, but I'll check for you.</p> <p>ACTING CHAIR: Okay. And, if they were, what action would you take?</p>		
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	209	Lee Rhiannon	Efic multi stakeholder forum	Senator RHIANNON: Can you provide a list of the stakeholders, or take it on notice and provide it as soon as possible?	Hansard	82
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	210	Linda Reynolds	Rare earths/minerals involvement	CHAIR: I do a lot of work with industry in Western Australia, the lithium industry and other industries – rare-earth areas – so it might be something that I could go back and suggest, because some of them might not think to approach Efic with these sorts of projects. Could you take on notice that question more generally, in terms of what you're currently doing, or with that industry as it's now developing, and if there are other opportunities – and companies could	Hansard	84-85
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	211	Linda Reynolds	Efic's capacity and effectiveness	CHAIR: Specifically, not your current mandate, but if you have information on what other ECAs globally do – perhaps some of the ones that support our main competitors – and if there are any other reports or global papers on what it is, so that as a committee we can look and see whether we can't do some considerations of benchmarking Efic. It's easier sometimes, I think, for committees to do some of these blue-sky discussions than governments of the day. Are you able to take that on notice?	Hansard	86
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	212	Alex Gallacher	Efic executives	Is their employment indefinite or are they on a contract?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	213	Alex Gallacher	Efic executives	What is the highest amount an executive is paid?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	214	Alex Gallacher	Efic executives	What is the lowest amount an executive is paid?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	215	Alex Gallacher	Efic executives	Are executives entitled to other types of remuneration beyond a salary?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	216	Alex Gallacher	Efic executives	What are the criteria for the awarding of bonuses?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	217	Alex Gallacher	Efic executives	<p>Who makes the assessment as to whether an executive should receive a bonus?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the assessment internal or external?</li> <li>• Does the Minister sign off on bonuses?</li> <li>• Is the Minister formally informed to bonus payments before or after they are awarded?</li> </ul>	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	218	Alex Gallacher	Efic executives	What bonuses have been paid for the 2017-18 period to executives?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	219	Alex Gallacher	Efic executives	Can you please provide the details of all bonuses paid to executives for the 2017-18 period and to whom as well as their base salary.	Written	

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	220	Alex Gallacher	EFIC credit cards	What was the value of the largest reported purchase on a credit card in the 2017/18 financial year and what was it for?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	221	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	How much interest was paid on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	222	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	How much was paid in late fees on amounts outstanding from credit cards in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	223	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	What was the largest amount outstanding on a single card at the end of a payment period in the 2017/18 financial year?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	224	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	How many credit cards were reported as lost or stolen in the 2017/18 financial year and what was the cost of their replacement?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	225	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	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?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	226	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	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?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	227	Alex Gallacher	Credit cards	Are any credit cards currently on issue connected to rewards schemes? Do staff receive any personal benefit as a result of those reward schemes?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	228	Andrew Bartlett	Fossil fuel industry	Is it within the powers of Efic to implement internal policies that limit or end their exposures to certain industries if they deem the financial, environmental or social risks to be too great?	Written	
Export Finance and Insurance Corporation	1/06/2018	229	Andrew Bartlett	Fossil fuel industry	Does the Minister have the power to issue a direction to Efic, and /or a new statement of expectations, to prevent Efic from funding new fossil fuel infrastructure?	Written	