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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	1	Penny Wong	AUKUS - Indonesia	<p>Senator WONG: Have the Indonesians indicated any concern about the lateness of the announcement at any level, at ministerial level or to your office?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Not directly to me.</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: Not to my knowledge. In terms of 'at any level', I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Then someone's not talking to you!</p> <p>Senator Payne: The deputy secretary said 'not directed to him', and he would take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	6
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	2	Penny Wong	AUKUS - briefing counterparts	<p>Senator WONG: When on the 15th did you speak to each of those and at which level? I assume your counterpart level.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Foreign minister level, and I'll take on notice the times. They were east coast US times, so I'll clarify that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Were those calls made before or after you spoke to Foreign Minister Marsudi?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Around the same time, I think.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Some before, some after?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Around the same time, I think, but I'll check for you.</p>	Hansard	9
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	3	Penny Wong	AUKUS - briefing France	<p>Senator WONG: I'm sorry, Minister, you answered this yesterday, but can you just remind me when you spoke to your [French] counterpart?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I spoke to the minister on 15 September.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What time?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I will check for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Around the same time you spoke to Foreign Minister Marsudi, or earlier?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I made a number of calls across several hours based on time zones; I'll check the time for you.</p>	Hansard	10
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	4	Penny Wong	Meeting with President Macron	<p>Senator WONG: You're the foreign minister and you've expressed that you do recognise an imperative to try to repair the relationship. I'm just asking in the context of that: are you aware personally of whether or not we sought a meeting with President Macron or we made a decision not to seek a meeting at the G20.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'm not sure what that status is. I'll ask PM&C in terms of where that is up to.</p> <p>Senator WONG: PMO? It's a political-level decision. Did we make a decision to—</p> <p>Senator Payne: The programs are derived through PM&C with the Prime Minister's office, that is correct. I will check that.</p>	Hansard	19
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	5	Penny Wong	AUKUS - Notifying partners	<p>Senator WONG: I'm actually just wanting a list of the two tranches: partners who got a call ahead of time and then post. Can you give me an order or confirm: when did we speak to Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, other ASEAN nations and Pacific island leaders?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: It's quite a detailed and extensive list. I can do that. Are you asking at officials level or ministerial level?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Ministerial level. You can do both. We can do it by country. We have the ASEAN nations, so it was only Indonesia from ASEAN I think that were advised ahead, if you called ahead—yes?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: That's right.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Perhaps on notice you tell me how we engaged with the rest of ASEAN countries—which level and when—Pacific and Pacific island leaders. You've already told me about India, Japan and New Zealand, who are the others on my list.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I can give you some detail now, if you wish.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm happy to move on.</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: Can I clarify: that's just ministerial?</p>	Hansard	19

				Senator WONG: Ministerial and official. I'm trying to circumscribe it by nation rather than by— Mr Hayhurst: I understand. We can do that on notice.		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	6	Janet Rice	Assange	<p>Senator RICE: I'm going to start with Julian Assange, given the US appeal against his extradition to the US began last night. Minister, you would be aware of the reporting that the CIA considered kidnapping or assassinating Julian Assange. When did you or your department first become aware of these claims?</p> <p>Senator Payne: First of all, I would say that you have indicated on the record—and I would have done the same—that there is an appeal underway, so I will not be making any comment in relation to the matters before the court. Secondly, I would say, in relation to the question that you have just asked about the media story, that I found out in the media, when you found out, I presume.</p> <p>Senator RICE: In the media?</p> <p>Senator Payne: In the media.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What steps did you take when you found out about the media story?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I saw the story and I referred my staff to it, or they referred it to me—I can't remember in which order. I would have to take on notice what has happened since then, which I will do.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Have you raised it with your counterparts?</p> <p>Senator Payne: Not that story, no. But I did raise Mr Assange again with the Secretary of State in our last meeting, and I raised Mr Assange, I think, since the last estimates, with the then UK foreign secretary, Secretary Raab.</p> <p>Senator RICE: In terms of the Secretary of State, when you last raised it with them, was that after this CIA story?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I don't recall in terms of the dates, but I can check that.</p> <p>Senator RICE: If you could give, on notice, the dates of both of those things, that would be good. Did a representative of your department, on 26 September, dismiss concerns raised by a member of the Assange family about this by saying, 'Just because it's written in a newspaper doesn't mean it's true,' and, 'The CIA has been accused of a lot of things, including faking the moon landing'?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I don't know, Senator. I have seen a range of commentaries made in relation to that story, and that comment would in fact be in keeping with some of the public commentary about that story. But I do not know if a member of our department made that comment. I can seek advice on that.</p>	Hansard	21
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	7	Janet Rice	Methane pledge	<p>Senator RICE: Since that period, since August, a decision has been made not to sign the pledge. How has that been conveyed to the EU and the US, and what has the response been?</p> <p>Ms Klugman: I'm not sure of communication with the EU and the US; I can take that on notice. The lead agency for this is DISER, the Department of Industry, Science and Emissions Reduction. An element of the department of agriculture is also engaged in those discussions.</p>	Hansard	46
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	8	Rex Patrick	Contact with Chinese Counterpart	<p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you very much. I have some questions that go to our relationship with China. I'll start with you, Minister. When did you last have direct contact with your Chinese counterpart? Was it face to face or by telephone? By what means was it?</p> <p>Senator Payne: As I've indicated on the record previously, we have not spoken for some time, notwithstanding my absolute willingness to speak with Foreign Minister Wang Yi at any time. We spoke at the beginning of some of the more significant COVID challenges, and we have exchanged a number of letters since that time.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: So have you had any exchanges of letters this year?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I believe so, but I can check that.</p>	Hansard	26
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	9	James McGrath	Unexploded ordnance	<p>Senator McGRATH: Does the department have an estimated indication or a risk profile of how many explosive remnants from World War II remain in the Solomon Islands and then also across the broader Pacific?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I think it would be a very significant challenge in terms of this issue. It's not just an issue in the Solomon Islands, obviously; it's an issue in New Caledonia. The reason I know that is that I have previously been in Noumea at the time of the holding of Exercise Croix du Sud, which is a French led humanitarian assistance exercise in which Australia, multiple Pacific nations, the United States, Japan and others participate, and it was paused the</p>	Hansard	28

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	10	Penny Wong	AUSMAT team	<p>Senator WONG: Okay. So how many AUSMAT members are in PNG at the moment?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I think it's 13. Ms Duff can correct me if I'm wrong.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Ms Duff?</p> <p>Ms Duff: Yes, 13 currently, including the additional that went in yesterday evening.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Where are they deployed?</p> <p>Ms Duff: They're currently in Port Moresby.</p> <p>Senator WONG: All of them?</p> <p>Ms Duff: Currently, yes. There are plans to do some further regional travel. The team that deployed initially on the 16th made visits to Goroka, Mount Hagen and Lae. The intention of that was to talk to local health authorities and determine whether or not there was more practical advice they could offer. The forward program will be for more visits to regional centres.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. So, on notice, just because of time constraints, can you give me—of the 13, what they're doing, qualifications et cetera? I assuming—and you can on notice provide this—that the focus rather than being front-line engagement is much more around trying to provide assistance to strengthen the health systems. Correct?</p> <p>Ms Duff: Yes.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And the rollout of the vaccine at a regional level? Correct?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes.</p>	Hansard	33
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	11	Penny Wong	Treaty villages - food drops	<p>Senator WONG: Mr Entsch, on 17 September, labelled the response by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to this issue, the provision of food, as a 'bloody disgrace'. He said:</p> <p>... only two supply rounds to the islands have been organised since the pandemic began ...</p> <p>And:</p> <p>Early this year I was able to convince the department to supply basic food items for the treaty villages and we actually did two deliveries ... The problem that we had was that instead of buying it, or sourcing it from stores on Saibai and Boigu where it always comes from, they bought it out of Port Moresby.</p>	Hansard	34

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	12	Penny Wong	Treaty villages - food drops	<p>Senator WONG: He said your department's a bloody disgrace. I assume you don't agree with him on that?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I certainly don't agree with that, absolutely not. I have a range of information here, which I would be very happy to provide you, but I think you'd prefer to have it on notice because it's very detailed. It goes to what we have been doing, particularly the work that post has been doing in making regular visits into the villages, on the PNG side, to make sure that we are providing the support—that they have what they need and, where they do not, that we provide the support that we are able to. Can I provide that to you on notice?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Please, thank you; you are always welcome to provide stuff on notice.</p>	Hansard	35
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	13	Timothy Ayres	High Commissioner to the UK - Events	<p>Senator AYRES: I do want to go to some of the functions. Can the department confirm that the High Commissioner hosted a reception for an organisation known as the Conservative Friends of Australia at the 2021 British Conservative Party Conference on 26 October?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I'm not sure we're going to have that information. We'll see what we've got. We're happy to take what we can't on notice.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Thank you, Ms Campbell.</p> <p>Mr Geering: Yes, there is a group that's part of the Conservative Party. There are a number of these 'friends of' organisations, and there is a group called the Conservative Friends of Australia. The High Commissioner did attend an event that they put on as part of the Conservative Party Conference.</p> <p>Senator Payne: To be clear, Senator, were you suggesting the event was held by the High Commissioner? If that is your suggestion, my understanding is that is not the case.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: No, it's an event held by the Conservative Party.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Which he attended.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Senator AYRES: In the High Commissioner's residence?</p> <p>Senator Payne: No. We're at cross-purposes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Hang on. Yes, there is an event. We're asking whether the High Commissioner hosted any event for that event at Stoke Lodge?</p> <p>Senator Payne: We will take that on notice. We're currently talking at cross-purposes.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Would you take that on notice? Were attendees to that event asked to support, join or donate to the Conservative Friends of Australia?</p> <p>Mr Geering: I'd have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: This was at the conference. High Commissioner Brandis attended. What was the nature of his attendance at the conference?</p> <p>Mr Geering: The High Commissioner attended the conference. He gave—he spoke and he also had meetings with a fairly large number of members of the party.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So he met with members of parliament—</p> <p>Mr Geering: Yes, including, as I'm sure you are aware, with Minister Truss.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes. You're saying he presented at a conference event?</p> <p>Mr Geering: Yes.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: What was the nature of that event?</p>	Hansard	37

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	14	Timothy Ayres	Stoke Lodge Refurbishment Plans	<p>Senator AYRES: On notice, could I be provided with the final plans and when the final plans were submitted to council? I'm a bit interested to see if the final plans were arrived with after questions on notice started to arrive on the renovation.</p>	Hansard	38
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	15	Timothy Ayres	Conservative Friends of Australia event	<p>Senator Ayres: Can you confirm that High Commissioner Brandis hosted another event at Stoke Lodge for the Conservative Friends of Australia, their first event, on 6 August?</p> <p>Mr Geering: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So you know about his attendance at the event—</p> <p>Mr Geering: I'm aware of his attendance at the party event. I don't have something on the 6th.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: But you're not aware if he hosted at the newly renovated Stoke Lodge?</p> <p>Mr Geering: I don't have that information. Senator AYRES: I'd like to know how many people attended it, what was the cost of the event and how many Australian High Commission staff attended.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator AYRES: This Conservative Friends of Australia outfit says that its mission is to build closer ties between the conservative political parties of Australia and the United Kingdom. How is the use of taxpayers' funds to host events for this organisation consistent with the national interest?</p> <p>Senator Payne: We've taken a number of questions on notice and we'll respond to those.</p> <p>Senator WONG: As foreign minister, how is it appropriate? Senator Ayres has given you the purpose of the Conservative Friends of Australia. There's a lot of enthusiastic pictures on social media of people toasting each other with champagne or whatever. Senator Ayres' question to you as foreign minister is: how is it appropriate?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I want to understand the nature of the event before I respond. I think that's only appropriate.</p>	Hansard	38-39
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	16	Penny Wong	NDC	<p>Senator WONG: Yes, people have put in how they're going to get there and stuff like that. Has anyone else tried to jazz up their actual target by including a projection?</p> <p>Mr Isbister: Plenty of countries have projections of how they'll succeed in—</p> <p>Senator WONG: In the NDC?</p> <p>Mr Isbister: Senator, I'd have to take it on notice whether they've been included.</p>	Hansard	42
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	17	Penny Wong	COP26 - DFAT delegation	<p>Senator WONG: Can we go to international climate change, please. Firstly, on attendance at the COP: we know that the Prime Minister is taking a delegation from PM&C—is it 10 staff and nine officials?—and we know that the energy minister is taking one official and two staff. Is that right? How many DFAT officials are going?</p> <p>Ms Klugman: The Australian delegation from the DFAT side will be 10 officials, led by my colleague at the end of the table, Mr Jamie Isbister, who is our ambassador for the environment.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you provide a list of respective levels and roles, on notice, please.</p> <p>Ms Klugman: We can.</p>	Hansard	41
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	18	Rex Patrick	Beijing Olympics	<p>Senator PATRICK: Okay. I will ask some questions about the Olympics now. Will any Australian government ministers be attending the Beijing Winter Olympic Games in February 2022?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I will have to take it on notice, but I don't think any decisions have been made. I'm not sure it's clear what entry, COVID and other arrangements will be put in place by the host government. The event, I don't think, is until March next year. We will have to come back to you.</p>	Hansard	43

				<p>CHAIR: I would say from the chair that other matters are not exercising our minds as much as the issue of whether we want to give credibility to this particular regime with all its human rights abuses.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: And I'll put on the record that I share a similar view to that of Senator Abetz in relation to that. When does a decision need to be made in the context of the time frame to notify the Chinese officials?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I don't know. I will have to take it on notice, and it's probably a matter for—</p> <p>Senator Payne: The Office for Sport.</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: yes, and the Olympic Organizing Committee.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Obviously, we are conscious of the issues that you are raising and other senators, including Senator Abetz, have raised, and we will take those details on notice and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: So arrangements for hotels and so forth are done by individual departments, not by Foreign Affairs?</p> <p>Senator Payne: To be fair, I'm not an expert on the arrangements for Olympic guest accommodation. I can't help you with that, but we will find out what we can and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you. What about Australian officials? Are any senior Australian government officials attending the Beijing games?</p> <p>Senator Payne: As Mr Hayhurst has said, the arrangements for the events have not yet been advised. That is my understanding.</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: Certainly, as the minister said, not so as to able to make any decisions about these matters. The one thing that Australian officials are doing, as they always do before any event, is engaging with the Australian Olympic Committee, because athletes are planned to attend and there are consular and other arrangements that will be required. There is some consultation about that but nothing further, to my knowledge. We'll have to check. I don't have an extensive briefing on the interactions.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I would have thought officials might have been a government-to-government matter, rather than through the AOC.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Senator, I think that if you have a range of questions on this, it is probably better for us to take the questions on notice and get the right information through the Office for Sport and the relevant part of the department. It's certainly not managed by Deputy Secretary Hayhurst at this point in time, unless he wishes to take up a booking role that I'm not aware of.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	19	Rex Patrick	Hong Kong	<p>Senator PATRICK: Have any Australians been arrested or detained under the national security laws?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I don't think so—</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We can ask our consular.</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I will check with consular, but I think the answer is no. We will check and I will come right back if that's not right.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Is DFAT confident that the Australian Consulate-General in Hong Kong would be immediately informed in the event of the arrest of an Australian citizen under the new national security laws?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: Our expectation would be that the authorities in Hong Kong, like authorities elsewhere, should fulfil their obligations to advise us if an Australian citizen was detained.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I think that is a nuanced answer talking about what your expectation is, whereas I'm going to confidence.</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: That's right. As we're saying, we don't know; we don't have experience of any Australian being implicated in Hong Kong under this law at this point.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Do you have knowledge from other jurisdictions that would inform you in relation to this?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: It's possible; it's quite likely. I suspect the Consulate-General has discussed this with a range of partners. Let me find out and come back to you.</p> <p>Ms Lawson: I think we're aware of one case of a detention, but that person was subsequently released, so we're not aware—as far as I'm aware—of any arrests at this stage or anyone being held.</p>	Hansard	44

				<p>Senator PATRICK: How long was that person detained for?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: It was not that long. It was a few days. I'll need to come back to you to clarify the details.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you. In those circumstances, was the Australian consulate notified?</p> <p>Ms Lawson: I'll need to come back on the details.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	20	Janet Rice	West Papua	<p>Senator RICE: Has the Australian government sought ways of providing humanitarian assistance to internally displaced people who are fleeing violence from the Indonesian government?</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: In relation to specific aid programs in Papua, we do have aid programs that assist the Papuan provinces. Whether it relates to displaced people, I'd have to take that on notice and get back to you, but we certainly have an extensive program of development assistance that's provided to the Papuan provinces.</p> <p>Senator RICE: I'm actually talking about helping people who are fleeing the violence.</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: I'd have to check with our team and get back to you on that.</p>	Hansard	49
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	21	Janet Rice	Cambodia - aid and scholarships	<p>Mr Jadwat: Our policy on human rights in Cambodia is multifaceted. We, through our aid program, are addressing significant human rights concerns in Cambodia. We're providing assistance for Cambodian think tanks, a direct aid program to the Cooperation Committee for Cambodia, to the Cambodian Center for Human Rights. We've got programs to support collaborative government and civil society activities. We've got longstanding support to the Khmer Rouge tribunal. We've provided grants to the Cambodian Center for Independent Media and the Cambodian Journalists Alliance Association—so across the board.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Perhaps, if you take the detail on notice. Are you concerned, however, about our aid and scholarships actually being used by the Hun Sen regime to prop up his power, and what steps are we taking to ensure that our aid is not being diverted by Hun Sen's regime?</p> <p>Mr Jadwat: We take this very seriously and we make sure that no aid goes through anything that would seem inappropriate in terms of the regime, but can I take it on notice in terms of the scholarship angle. But my understanding is that our aid program is very targeted. We make sure that it doesn't fall into the hands of the wrong people.</p> <p>Senator RICE: If you could take that on notice, and specifically the case of the scholarships, because I know there is deep concern in the community that those scholarships are being used to prop up the regime.</p>	Hansard	50
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	22	Janet Rice	India - human rights	<p>Senator RICE: When you visited New Delhi in September, did you raise concerns about the escalating crackdown on activists, journalists and peaceful protesters in India?</p> <p>Senator Payne: As you know, I don't speak in relation to my bilateral conversations with counterparts, but we have raised human rights matters in our conversations previously; yes.</p> <p>Senator RICE: So when you met in September those human rights issues were on the agenda—</p> <p>Senator Payne: I honestly do not recall whether they were raised in that conversation, but they are raised regularly. And I can check the record, so I will do that.</p>	Hansard	50
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	23	Penny Wong	UK High Commissioner	<p>Senator WONG: When was the last time the high commissioner met with the Prime Minister or his office?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I don't know, Senator. I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	54
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	24	Penny Wong	Consular - Annapurane Jenkins	<p>Senator WONG: Sure, yes, no worries. Secretary, I've got four or five different topics I'm going to try to quickly skip thought. I'm going to contain them. The first is Annapurane Jenkins, which is a consular case that I had raised previously after it was in the media three years ago. This came to my attention because of the media around post 2017. This is the Australian who was killed in Penang in 2017 in George Town. It's now been reported that her son has made many trips to Malaysia over four years in his efforts to find out what has happened to his mother. I know DFAT is aware of the case. There's also been a coroner's court investigation. There's been previous public concern about the, I think, royal Selangor police. Have you made any representations on behalf of Mr Jenkins on the investigations to the Malaysian police or the coroner's court?</p> <p>Mr Wilcock: I caught the tail end of your question, Senator. The answer is yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: To whom?</p>	Hansard	71

				<p>Mr Wilcock: To the Royal Malaysian Police. We speak also to the department of public prosecutions in Penang.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Are you concerned that the police have declared the case closed off after such a short investigation, as has been previously publicly reported? Has the concern been raised with the Malaysian police?</p> <p>Mr Wilcock: Not that I'm aware. I'm not aware that the case was declared closed.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry, what is your understanding of the status of the police investigation?</p> <p>Mr Wilcock: That the investigation has been submitted to the department of public prosecutions and the DPP has now submitted it to the coroner's court for a hearing yet to be scheduled.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Perhaps people will think that I should know this but I don't, why would there only be a submission to the coroner's court?</p> <p>Mr Wilcock: For the coroner to decide whether to proceed to a full coronial inquest.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is there any criminal investigation still on foot?</p> <p>Mr Wilcock: I would have to come back to you on that.</p> <p>CHAIR: Can you check whether under Malaysian law that has to go to the coroner in those circumstances so the full criminal proceeding can be instituted?</p> <p>Mr Wilcock: I can do that.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	25	Penny Wong	Mohammed El Halabi	<p>Senator Wong: This may have been raised while I was out of the room, but I did want an update on Mohammed El Halabi. This is the World Vision employee who was detained by the Israeli government in 2016. There were some accusations of diversion of aid money. I think Ms Bishop required DFAT to undertake its own internal investigation, and it found no evidence to suggest any diversion of Australian government funds. Mr Costello, Tim Costello, has recently made a public statement. Can you provide an update of Mr Halabi's situation and the status of matters against him?</p> <p>CHAIR: I have a bracket of question on this as well.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I figured that.</p> <p>CHAIR: Has his trial been finished?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: The proceedings continue. There have been suggestions that they might draw to a close soon. There's been some discussions in the last few weeks about this, including amongst the NGO community and diplomatic missions. However, at this stage, no determination has been reached.</p> <p>CHAIR: Are the trials being held in secret because of the allegations or suggestions of the links to terrorism—is that correct? And is that why it's a bit hard to know what's going on?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I believe so, but I will double check and get some additional information on that. ...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Did we provide any findings to the Israeli authorities?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I'd have to take that on notice. They would be aware; it's in the public record.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure, I just wondered if we provided findings. Do you have any information you could give us as to why it's taken so long to bring this matter to conclusion?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I do not.</p> <p>Senator WONG: As Senator Abetz said, these trials are conducted in secret—I don't know the correct phrase; that's how it's reported. Do we have any visibility?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: Not that I'm aware of. I will check.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No Australian official or officer has any knowledge of the progress of the trial?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I'll take it on notice.</p>	Hansard	72
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	26	Eric Abetz	UN Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity	<p>CHAIR: My friend and colleague Senator Claire Chandler expressed some disquiet at DFAT signing Australia up to a particular instrument dealing with radical gender theory.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I think this was in one particular location. I think this was in a single post—one of the posts overseas.</p> <p>Senator Payne: I know the issue Senator Chandler was raising, and we'll provide an answer on notice.</p>	Hansard	76

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	27	Eric Abetz	Congo	<p>CHAIR: In the Congo, were the elections that were held there relatively recently accepted as valid and representative of the wish of the people? This is the Republic of the Congo as opposed to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. I confess I am no expert in the area, but a constituent has spoken to me about it.</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Is there political persecution in the Congo? What happens to opposition leaders there? Are mass rallies allowed if they are from the opposition parties?</p> <p>And are specific tribes treated harshly—in particular, the Bacongo, who are the southerners. Of course, coming from Tasmania I've got an affinity with southerners being persecuted! In fact, it's a very serious matter. If I could have the answers to that, I'd be much obliged.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Yes, Senator. We'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	77
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	28	Eric Abetz	Iran - fissile material	<p>CHAIR: I have been advised—and tell me if this is incorrect—that Tehran has now accumulated enough fissile material for at least two nuclear warheads, with a break-out time of less than three months. Is that a correct assessment of the situation?</p> <p>Ms Gorely: I'm not a nuclear scientist myself, so I can't really comment on the precise break-out time that is involved. I know that the director-general of the IAEA made some comments in the media around that. I can't recall the exact time frame he specified but, whatever it was, it's a deeply worrying thing.</p> <p>CHAIR: I was just going to say you don't have to be a nuclear scientist to be concerned in the event of this assertion being correct. Could you please take on notice and find out whether that is the best evidence or advice available—that they have enough fissile material for at least two nuclear warheads, with a break-out time of three months.</p> <p>Ms Gorely: Certainly.</p>	Hansard	77
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	29	Eric Abetz	Mohammed El Halabi	<p>CHAIR: If I can move to Mr El Halabi, whom Senator Wong was asking about. Just bear with me; a number of the questions I was going to ask have been asked. In relation to the inquiry undertaken by World Vision, do we know the organisation that undertook that inquiry for World Vision?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: There were two inquiries, as I said. World Vision Australia undertook an inquiry, as did World Vision International. World Vision International—I believe the name of the organisation that did the due diligence inquiry was an organisation called Piper. I believe it's an international legal firm. If my memory serves me correctly, for World Vision Australia it was Ernst & Young.</p> <p>CHAIR: When was that publicly made available? Do you know?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I don't know whether either of them were publicly made available, but I will—</p> <p>CHAIR: In July of this year I was being informed—</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: Really?</p> <p>CHAIR: that it was neither the actual findings nor the name of the accounting firm were made public, leaving the issue unresolved. We are now being told that World Vision Australia engaged Ernst & Young.</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: That's my recollection.</p> <p>CHAIR: Take that on notice and just confirm, rather than delaying. Please also take on notice whether the actual findings were made public or whether World Vision just issued a media release saying there's been an inquiry and a clean bill of health.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: We'll take those on notice so we can give you more comprehensive answer.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you could.</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: The answer I gave you on the companies was correct, but we'll check the details of the disclosure.</p>	Hansard	78
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	30	Eric Abetz	World Vision - Gaza	<p>CHAIR: I've also been told that, once the money was sent to Gaza, the ability of World Vision officials to monitor its use was limited by the fact that the territory is under the control of the Hamas terror organisation and that outsiders have no independent sources of information. Would you agree with that assessment?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: In this context, we might be best to take it on notice.</p> <p>CHAIR: Alright. Take that on notice. Then I've been told that indeed nothing World Vision officials have offered suggests that the organisation had any source of information other than relying on the word of El Halabi and perhaps</p>	Hansard	79

				<p>others who worked with him.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I'm not sure we have that level of detail here at the moment. We'll take it on notice. ...</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes. On the questions that the money in effect becomes sort of fungible—if you make money available, let's say for education purposes, then Hamas doesn't have to spend their own money on that and can then use funds for digging tunnels, but I understand that some of the money was provided for building purposes and that some of that may have been for the building of tunnels. Do we have any insight into that?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I don't think we have any insight with us today. We'll take it on notice and see what we can provide.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	31	Timothy Ayres	IA-CEPA - Staffing	<p>Senator AYRES: I have a few questions about our last significant bilateral agreement, the Indonesia agreement. Is there somebody who is in a position to—</p> <p>Ms Campbell: This is the—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: IA-CEPA.</p> <p>Mr Langman: My colleague Elizabeth Bowes, who is in quarantine, will be on screen.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Ms Bowes, good evening.</p> <p>Ms Bowes: Good evening.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: When was IA-CEPA signed?</p> <p>Ms Bowes: It entered into force in July last year. It was signed in 2019 and it entered into force in mid-July last year, 2020.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: And from memory enabling legislation went through the parliament in late 2019?</p> <p>Ms Bowes: That's exactly right.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I'm curious about the extent to which there is follow-up. Indonesia is a very significant potential market for Australia. What is the staffing allocation? We have our embassy staff in Jakarta. What is the staffing allocation in terms of Canberra and Indonesia allocated to trade related issues with Indonesia?</p> <p>Ms Bowes: We work closely with the post. In my division, the Regional Trade Agreements Division, we have a number of staff who were previously very much engaged on the negotiations. As the agreement has entered into force, and has now been in force for some 16 months, we maintain an ongoing relationship with our Indonesian counterparts and with Defence to ensure the smooth implementation of the agreement. I can take on notice the exact breakdown of FTE to determine how many full-time equivalent staff [inaudible], but, at this time, our focus is on smooth implementation of the agreement as it has been in force for more than one year.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I suppose this is a question for Austrade as well. I assume, primarily, the department is engaged in government-to-government discussions. But I'm interested in understanding, from the Australian government's perspective, how much resources after the ribbon cutting around the agreement are allocated to supporting Australian exporters and potential exporters getting access to markets. If on notice you'd be able to provide that—and I know we've got Austrade later on this evening—but if we could have some cooperation to get some position across the entities, I'd like to know how many staff have been allocated to those roles in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 and if you can delineate them between the people who are working on government-to-government work and the people who are actually opening up real job opportunities for Australian workers and firms.</p>	Hansard	87
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	32	Timothy Ayres	Trade Minister correspondence	<p>Senator AYRES: Can I just come to the proposed EU-Australia FTA. What correspondence did the minister have with his French counterpart in the lead-up to the AUKUS announcement? Are you in a position, Secretary, to tell me about that?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Whether he engaged with his French counterpart before the announcement?</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: Minister Tehan did not engage with his counterpart before the announcement.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: What about following the announcement?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I think I just have to take that on notice. Minister Tehan has been in Europe and he has had some meetings and some engagement, but we'll take that on notice and get you a comprehensive answer.</p>	Hansard	89

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	33	Timothy Ayres	Trade Minister - meetings in Europe	<p>Senator AYRES: On the minister's trip to Europe, who did the minister meet with in Europe that's relevant to these negotiations?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I'm just checking whether anyone has that detail or whether or not that might be better for us to take on notice so we can give you a comprehensive answer.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I would be happy for it to be provided on notice, Secretary, but did he meet with any other EU member state or trade minister?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: He did. I'm just looking for the officers who were accompanying—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I'm really asking for a quick response, and then you could perhaps give me a more comprehensive response on notice.</p> <p>Mr Langman: He certainly met with the EU trade commissioner and he met with a significant number of other trade ministers. We certainly can provide those.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: At the ministerial level?</p> <p>Mr Langman: I think Mr Geering may have a full list.</p> <p>Mr Geering: Senator, it's a fairly long list and probably best provided on notice. To give you a flavour: German vice-minister for economic affairs, Netherlands minister for foreign trade, Spanish minister for industry, Czech deputy minister for foreign affairs, Croatian deputy prime minister, Norwegian foreign minister, and it goes on. There was a long list. But we can give you that list, on notice.</p>	Hansard	90
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	34	Anthony Sheldon	TRIPS waiver	<p>Mr Baxter: In addition to those large group meetings, Minister Tehan had a range of meetings bilaterally with his ministerial counterparts. Our ambassador in Geneva has had a range of meetings with his counterparts in Geneva. At working level, we've had a range of meetings bilaterally in small groups, as I mentioned, in these more formal contexts, such as the formal TRIPS Council in the WTO. We've been really pressing members in all of those formats to adopt an approach that will lead to an outcome by, as you mentioned, the General Council at the end of November, followed by the ministerial conference.</p> <p>Senator SHELDON: Are you able to give us—not right now, unless you've got it there and you're, conveniently, able to hand it up to us—a list of those countries that have been reached out to and those that have been at the various meetings, including the meeting that Minister Tehan was at?</p> <p>Mr Baxter: I think it probably is best to take that on notice. We can do that.</p>	Hansard	92
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	35	Timothy Ayres	JSCOT Report 193	<p>Senator AYRES: Another outcome from the Indonesia agreement was that the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties has just issued a report on treaty making. How close is the government to developing a response? Has the department provided advice to the minister about the government response?</p> <p>Mr Langman: I know this is work underway. At this stage, we haven't finalised that.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So you're not in a position and the minister's not in a position to tell me what recommendations the government will accept or reject?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I'm sorry, I missed which topic we were talking about in the JSCOT?</p> <p>Senator AYRES: This is the joint standing committee report 193, which was an inquiry into the treaty-making process.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: This is the broader treaty-making process that tried—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes, it was part of the agreement that the government reached with Labor to allow passage of the [inaudible] enabling legislation through the parliament. It's a very strong, cooperative report across the committee. It's quite an authoritative report, not due to any contribution from me, of course.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I'm afraid I think we've released the officers who have the detailed knowledge on that material, but we will take it on notice and provide you an answer on that.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Minister, are you in a position to tell me when the government's going to respond?</p> <p>Senator Duniam: I'd have to take that on notice, in all honesty.</p>	Hansard	93
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	36	Dorinda Cox	Indigenous inclusion - free trade agreements	<p>Senator COX: The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs recently recommended that all future free trade agreements contain Indigenous inclusions—that includes geographical inclusions—and that the government should support Indigenous access to foreign direct investment. Does this mean that the government will</p>	Hansard	94

				<p>actually have Indigenous inclusions in future free trade agreements?</p> <p>Ms Campbell: I think the two officers have indicated that there is exploration going on around this. I think we might need to take on notice the more definitive advice for you.</p> <p>Senator COX: I wasn't looking for exploration; I was looking for some certainty—that's all. If you could take it on notice and let me know, that'd be great.</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	37	Dorinda Cox	Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism	<p>Senator COX: My final question is on carbon border adjustment mechanisms. How many times have the DFAT led interdepartmental committee looked into carbon border adjustment mechanisms? How many times have they met?</p> <p>Mr Baxter: It's held two IDCs since the release of the carbon border adjustment mechanism policy by the EU, on 14 July—firstly, on 21 July and, secondly, on 9 September. ...</p> <p>Senator COX: Has the IDC provided advice to government?</p> <p>Mr Baxter: Various departments have provided advice to their ministers. We have not provided collective advice to the cabinet since the policy was released, on 14 July, in terms of the approach we should take to responding to that agreement.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: But the department has provided advice—</p> <p>Mr Baxter: Absolutely—</p> <p>Senator COX: So the departments that make up the IDC have provided advice? I'm just clarifying that.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: All I can say for sure is that the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade has provided advice to ministers. I couldn't speak on behalf of the other departments about what advice they've provided to their ministers.</p> <p>Mr Baxter: I should correct myself. My sense is we haven't provided advice to cabinet since 14 July. I just want to go and double-check that, so I'll take that one on notice, if I can. That would be the only collective advice that's been provided to the government, collectively.</p> <p>Senator COX: So there was no advice provided prior to COP26?</p> <p>Mr Baxter: No, there certainly was advice provided.</p> <p>Ms Campbell: There was definitely advice provided to our ministers before then. We would just need to check with the other departments. I am assuming they will have provided advice, but I don't want to talk on their behalf, so we will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	94
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	38	Janet Rice	Myanmar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What steps is Australia taking to help assist the newly appointed Special Envoy to Myanmar, Dato Erwan meet with groups other than the Tatmadaw, including Civil Society, women's and youth groups, professionals, especially health, trade unions as well as the NUG in Myanmar? • What is Australia's position on who should represent Myanmar in the UN General Assembly? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Has Australia communicated or made representations to any member of the UN Credentials Committee about who should represent Myanmar in the UN? • Does the Australian Government agree with the UN Fact-Finding Mission to Myanmar that "any engagement in any form" with the Myanmar military was "indefensible"? • Has the Department given advice to Barrett or to any other Australian companies about exports to Myanmar? • What advice has DFAT or Austrade provided to Australian companies working in Myanmar? How has this advice been communicated to these companies? • What results have been achieved by Australian embassy officials in monitoring the health and wellbeing of political prisoners? • What results have been achieved by Australian embassy officials advocating for access to political prisoners by the International Committee of the Red Cross? 	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	39	Janet Rice	Myanmar - development assistance	<p>1. In respect to the Minister for Foreign Affairs media release statement on 7 August 2021, 'Enhancing the ASEAN-Australia partnership', please provide details on the progress of the specific assistance pledged to Myanmar:</p> <p>a. What exactly has this assistance been? What type, cost and quantity of 'COVID-19 assistance' to Myanmar has been made since this August announcement?</p> <p>b. What type, cost and quantity of 'PPE equipment' has been provided to Myanmar? Who has it been provided to?</p>	Written	

				<p>c. How many technical experts have been or will be provided to the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA)?</p> <p>d. When were or will these experts be assigned and how long will they be assigned to assist AHA? Will their assignment be specifically to assist Myanmar? If not, what proportion of their time will be to assist in Myanmar's COVID-19 crisis?</p> <p>e. Have any vaccines provided by Australia been supplied through ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA)? If not, which agency were these vaccines supplied to and can the Minister confirm that they did not end up going to the military regime?</p> <p>f. What steps has the Australian Government taken to ensure that none of the \$6m of taxpayer's money pledged by the Minister in her August 7 statement, has gone into the hands of the Myanmar military regime, through its direct connection with ASEAN's AHA?</p> <p>i. Why wasn't funding channelled to the NUG's COVID-19 Task Force rather than via AHA?</p> <p>2. What human rights risk assessment of humanitarian and technical assistance has the government undertaken to ensure its foreign aid to Myanmar is not being diverted to the military junta who in turn could be weaponizing our humanitarian aid?</p> <p>3. How much of Australia's \$95.5 million in ODA for Myanmar over 2021/2022 has been allocated and for what activities?</p> <p>a. How does Australia's development assistance program to Myanmar support the work of CSOs, including those organisations promoting women's rights and the rights of LGBTIQ+ people?</p> <p>b. Can the Government rule out funding going via Australia's investments in multilateral banks such as the World Bank going to the military?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	40	Janet Rice	Ethiopia	<p>How much does the Australian government give in assistance to the Ethiopian government?</p> <p>What aid has the Australian government sent to those affected by the Tigray crisis?</p> <p>Has that included food to combat the risk of starvation? What steps are being taken to ensure aid reaches people on the ground?</p> <p>Has the Australian government examined taking the same step as the US, to impose travel restrictions targeting key individuals committing human rights abuses?</p> <p>What is Australia's position on the joint investigation into human rights violations, being conducted with the Ethiopian government?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	41	Janet Rice	India	<p>Australia has long made women's rights front and center in its foreign policy and this has been an important area of cooperation between the two countries. With violence against girls and women continuing to make headlines in India, has the Australian Government raised concerns over continuing barriers to justice for girls and women, and especially when they come from marginalized communities and perpetrators are powerful?</p> <p>Given the recent announcement by Foreign Minister Payne that Australia will be strengthening cyber cooperation with India, did the Foreign Minister raise concerns about digital surveillance and the Indian government's new Information Technology rules that will weaken encryption and undermine privacy and freedom of expression? What was the response?</p> <p>In July, the Indian news website The Wire, as part of the international collaborative Pegasus project, reported that there were at least 300 Indian phone numbers, including those of human rights defenders, journalists, lawyers, government officials, and opposition politicians, in the leaked global list of 50,000 numbers.</p> <p>o Was this raised with the Indian government?</p> <p>o What was the response?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	42	Janet Rice	United States	<p>Was the Minister aware before the date of Ambassador Sinodinos' meeting with Kurt Campbell in Washington on 30 April, alongside Office of National Intelligence director general Andrew Shearer who had flown in from Australia?</p> <p>o When did the Minister become aware?</p> <p>o What was the purpose of that meeting?</p>	Written	

				o Were Ambassador Sinodinos or Mr Shearer carrying a message on behalf of the Australian Government regarding submarine cooperation? Was Australia's request for help to acquire nuclear-propelled submarines discussed at that meeting?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	43	Janet Rice	ODA - mining	In the last financial year, how much of Australia's overseas development assistance went to fossil fuels, including mining, transportation and energy generation from coal, oil or gas?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	44	Janet Rice	Vaccine exports	After Australia fully vaccinates its eligible population against Covid-19, how many excess doses will be available by the end of 2021? How many donated vaccine doses is Australia set to deliver by the end of 2021?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	45	Janet Rice	Vaccinations for Australians overseas	Has the Australian government provided vaccines to Australians overseas? What steps are we taking to ensure vaccines are available to Australians overseas who need them, but can't access them in the country they're in? Is DFAT aware of any individuals who want to be vaccinated, but because of restrictions in the country they're in are not able to access vaccines (eg vaccines not provided to non-nationals), and therefore not able to fly home?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	46	Janet Rice	Overseas financial assistance program	Please provide the Committee with data on Overseas financial assistance program loans and grants, showing the number of applications granted and refused by month, by country, number of individuals, for both living expenses and travel costs, and the average and total values.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	47	Janet Rice	Afghanistan	The Australian government has evacuated more than 3,500 people from Afghanistan. Please provide a breakdown of the number of Afghan citizens – as opposed to Australian citizens – who have been evacuated. How many of the Afghans evacuated worked or have worked for the Australian government?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	48	Penny Wong	France	A) What is the current status of the Australia-France initiative (AFiniti)? b) How many DFAT staff have worked on this initiative since it was established on 2 May 2018? c) How much funding has been allocated to and expended on this initiative since it was established? d) According to the Department's submission to the Inquiry by the Senate FADT References Committee on Opportunities for strengthening Australia's relations with the Republic of France, in February 2019, Senator Payne met with French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Jean-Yves Le Drian, to finalise a joint report on AFiniti, which underlined progress made in strengthening the relationship (p. 2). Can you please provide a copy of this report?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	49	Penny Wong	Pacific Cyber Engagement	1. What assistance does Australia offer Pacific countries through the Pacific Cyber Security Operational Network (PaCSON)? 2. What resources or staffing has Australia provided to PaCSON? 3. Does Australia offer any assistance to protect the critical infrastructure of Pacific countries from cyber-attacks, other than Papua New Guinea? 4. Does Australia offer any Security Operations Centre-like monitoring services for PaCSON members? 5. Does Australia provide incident responders to Pacific countries in the event of a cyber incident? 6. In 2018 the Australian government entered a Memorandum of Understanding with Papua New Guinea on cyber security cooperation. a) Did Australia provide assistance to Papua New Guinea when its Department of Finance was the subject of a ransomware attack recently? If so, what assistance was provided? b) Was Australia aware of this attack prior to being notified by Papua New Guinea's government or through the media? c) Did Papua New Guinea's government request Australian assistance? d) Was the jointly funded Cyber Security Operations Centre involved in the detection or response to this ransomware attack? e) Was the jointly funded Papua New Guinea Computer Emergency Response Team deployed in response to this ransomware attack?	Written	

				<p>f) Were resources from CERT Australia deployed in response to this ransomware attack?</p> <p>7. What support does Australia provide to the Pacific and South East Asia region through APCERT?</p> <p>8. What resources or staffing has Australia provided to APCERT?</p> <p>9. What in-kind contributions has Australia provided to APCERT?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	50	Janet Rice	Turkey	<p>What is Australia's position on the imprisonment of jailed philanthropist Osman Kavala?</p> <p>Has Australia made any representations to the Turkish government in relation to his arrest?</p> <p>The embassies of a number of countries, including the US, New Zealand, and others, issued a joint statement in relation to Osman Kavala's case. Was Australia's ambassador approached in relation to this statement?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	51	Janet Rice	Data protection	<p>Following concerning reports of harmful data practices by the UNHCR, what data protection requirements are in place when the Australian government is funding projects carried out by the UNHCR, International Organization for Migration, World Food Program, and others?</p> <p>Does DFAT ask organizations carrying out data collection activities to conduct data protection impact assessments (DPIAs) prior to launching such projects and does it ask to see copies of those DPIAs?</p> <p>Does DFAT ask to see copies of the data-sharing agreements that UNHCR and other partners enter into with host governments in the countries where it is funding a large portion of their operations?</p> <p>How much does DFAT spend on data protection as part of its development contracts? Does DFAT fund data protection officers and capacity building to teach staff how to conduct data protection impact assessments (DPIAs) for smaller humanitarian partners?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	52	Mehreen Faruqi	Grand Bargain Commitment	<p>1. Did Australia meet its 2016 Grand Bargain commitment to providing 25% of humanitarian funding to local and national responses by 2020?</p> <p>a. If not, what steps is DFAT taking to deliver on this commitment?</p> <p>b. What are the barriers to delivering on this commitment, if any?</p> <p>c. Where is Australia's progress on this commitment reported?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	53	Mehreen Faruqi	Partnerships for Recovery	<p>The Partnerships for Recovery Strategy - Australia's COVID-19 Development Response states that DFAT will "place a strong focus on the localisation of our assistance through partner government systems and local organisations".</p> <p>a. What steps is DFAT taking to implement this?</p> <p>b. What requirements does DFAT have for its implementing partners in terms of ensuring the programs and services they provide support local priorities and contribute to local capacity and accountability?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	54	Mehreen Faruqi	Health	<p>3. How has the Vaccine Access and Health Security Initiative considered people with disabilities in the design and implementation of its work?</p> <p>4. How has the Vaccine Access and Health Security Initiative considered gender in the design and implementation of its work?</p> <p>5. When will the scheduled 2022 review of the Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security take place?</p> <p>a. Have the terms of reference for the review been developed?</p> <p>i. If yes, please provide the terms of reference.</p> <p>ii. If not, when will they be developed and released?</p> <p>b. Who will undertake the review?</p> <p>6. What key lessons for Australia's health systems work in the Pacific and Southeast Asia have emerged from the COVID-19 crisis?</p> <p>a. How are these lessons being incorporated into programming?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	55	Mehreen Faruqi	Global Freedoms	<p>Freedom House's recent Freedom in the World Report showed that 2021 is now the 15th consecutive year of decline in global freedom. Is the Australian Government addressing this trend through the Official Development Assistance Program?</p> <p>a. If yes, how?</p>	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	56	Mehreen Faruqi	AIFFP	<p>How many of the current Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP) grants or loans are being used to refinance other loans? Please provide details of these grants or loans.</p> <p>9. How does the AIFFP determine whether projects will receive a grant or loan?</p> <p>10. How does development effectiveness factor in decision-making on proposed AIFFP projects?</p> <p>11. The AIFFP has a goal to grow Australia's market share in Pacific infrastructure lending.</p> <p>a. Has it met this goal?</p> <p>b. What is the current market share?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	57	Mehreen Faruqi	Pacific Debt Levels	<p>1. What is the total amount of Australian bilateral lending to ODA-eligible countries? Please also identify:</p> <p>a. each country</p> <p>b. the amount allocated to each country</p> <p>13. What is the time frame for repayments to Australia for each country listed in 1(a)? Please also specify (for each country):</p> <p>a. the date repayments commence</p> <p>b. the rates of annual repayment.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	58	Mehreen Faruqi	Australian Aid	<p>14. Does DFAT plan to create and integrate indicators that would provide disaggregated data related to gender and age across the Australian Aid portfolio?</p> <p>a. If not, what are the barriers to doing this?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	59	Mehreen Faruqi	Climate Change Action Strategy	<p>1. Does DFAT plan to include girls' education as part of its Climate Change Action Strategy?</p> <p>17. Does DFAT plan to update its Climate Change Action Strategy to include new targets for projects where climate change action is a principal goal?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	60	Kimberley Kitching	India	<p>On 1 October Minister Tehan announced, alongside Mr Piyush Goyal, India's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs and Food, and Public Distribution and Textiles, the resumption of negotiations on the India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA). This followed a visit by trade envoy Tony Abbott to India in August.</p> <p>1. How many priority recommendations of the India Economic Strategy (Varghese Report) have now been implemented?</p> <p>a. How many recommendations overall have now been implemented?</p> <p>b. Are there plans to review or update the Strategy?</p> <p>c. What is the timeline for this review?</p> <p>d. How much will this review cost?</p> <p>e. Will the review be conducted internally or externally?</p> <p>f. Who is conducting the review?</p> <p>2. It cost \$19 000 to send Tony Abbott to India to reignite talks for the CECA</p> <p>a. Can you provide a breakdown of these costs?</p> <p>The meeting between Aus and India's Ministers for Trade canvassed "ensuring increased two-way trade".</p> <p>3. What is Australia's two-way trade with India in the year to 2021?</p> <p>a. How does this compare with the trading relationship at the time of publication of the India Economic Strategy?</p> <p>b. Why has it declined?</p> <p>c. What practical steps are being taken to address this decline?</p> <p>4. What is being done to address non-tariff barriers for Australian exporters in India?</p> <p>5. Will there be movement of people provisions in the proposed India CECA?</p> <p>a. Will there be waivers of labour market testing?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	62	Kimberley Kitching	Myanmar	<p>2. What advice has DFAT provided to Australian companies working in Myanmar?</p> <p>3. How has this advice been communicated to these companies?</p>	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	63	Mehreen Faruqi	Australian Aid	15. How is climate change being integrated into the Australian Aid education portfolio?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	64	Dorinda Cox	Meeting - ROK	What role did the embassy play in arranging the meeting between CEO of SK E&S Choo Hyung-wook and Minister Tehan? How did this meeting get arranged? Did the Minister or any other Government officials meet with any representatives of the Korean government about this?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	65	Janet Rice	TRIPS waiver	What specific measures has Australia taken at the WTO to ensure the passage of the TRIPS Waiver?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	66	Penny Wong	AUKUS - Cyber	1. Was the Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement group consulted about the AUKUS technology sharing provisions? a) If yes, what advice did the group provide the Minister on these provisions and when was this advice provided? 2. When was the Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement group first made aware of the AUKUS technology sharing provisions? 3. When was the Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement group first consulted about the AUKUS technology sharing provisions? 4. Did the Cyber and Critical Tech Engagement group consult with industry about the AUKUS technology sharing provisions? a) If yes, when did this first occur and what were the results of this consultation?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	67	Penny Wong	Cyber Sanctions	Please articulate the specific international norms of responsible state behaviour in cyber space violated in: a) The SolarWinds campaign attributed to Russian state actors b) The Microsoft Exchange vulnerability exploit attributed to China's Ministry of State Security.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	68	Penny Wong	New Colombo Plan	1. Can the Department please give an overview of how the program has been operating in the context of COVID and border closures? a) DFAT's Annual Report states that all remaining participants returned to Australia in 2020-21 – were any of these on DFAT facilitated flights? 2. The DFAT Annual Report 2020-21 rates the NCP performance measure as 'partially on track' due to covid-related travel restrictions. a) How many scholars have been funded since the onset of the pandemic? b) How many scholarships were awarded in 2020-21? c) How does this compare with 2019-20? 2018-19? 3. For those scholarship recipients that could not travel during the pandemic, how many were able to continue their studies virtually? a) For how long is the virtual model expected to continue? 4. What are the Department's expectations of how many scholarships will be funded in 2021-22 and how many scholars will be able to travel?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	69	Penny Wong	International Strategy on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery	1. In relation to the International Strategy on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery, can DFAT provide an update on Ministerial approval of the strategy and confirm a release date. 2. Has the strategy been provided to the Minister for approval? If yes, on what date was it provided to the Minister? 3. In launching Fiji's National Human Trafficking Strategy and National Action Plan in February 2021, Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Defence Manasa Lesuma said that Fiji will require support from partners to ensure effective implementation. What support is Australia providing to Fiji to tackle human trafficking? 4. What steps are DFAT taking to mitigate the risk of child labour and exploitation in the Australian Aid Program? a) Does the department have data on the numbers of children who may not return to education as a result of the pandemic disruptions in Southeast Asia and the Pacific? b) Is the aid program supporting regularisation of sectors prone to child labour and trafficking, such as the fishing and logging sectors in many Pacific Island countries?	Written	

				5. During Solomon Islands' Third Cycle Universal Periodic Review, Australia recommended that Solomon Islands "Ratify the first and second Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and address gaps in the Penal Code which leave children vulnerable to sexual exploitation". Solomon Islands accepted that recommendation. Has the Solomon Islands government asked for assistance with implementation of that recommendation? a) Will the Australian government provide assistance to support implementation? If yes, what form of assistance?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	70	Penny Wong	West Papua	1. Has the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights conducted a visit to West Papua in the last 12 Months? 2. Is the Australian government supportive of such a visit? a) If yes, What is Australia doing to enable the OHCHR visit to take place? 3. How has the Department responded to recent revelations regarding the Biak Massacre? 4. When in the last 12 months has the Department raised its concerns about the human rights situation in West Papua with the Indonesian authorities and at what level?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	71	Penny Wong	ODA measures	a) Has the Government adopted any new temporary, targeted and supplementary Official Development Assistance measures since the 2021-22 Budget was handed down? b) If yes, provide the details of the measures and the amounts budgeted to be spent in each year of the forward estimates.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	72	Penny Wong	Afghanistan humanitarian assistance	In relation to the speech by the Minister for Foreign Affairs on 13 September 2021 to the UN High-level Ministerial meeting on Afghanistan which says that the Australian Government will contribute \$100 million in humanitarian assistance for the people of Afghanistan: a) How much of this \$100 million is Official Development Assistance b) Is this \$100 million new funding or will it be drawn from existing funding c) If drawn from existing funding, what are the existing funding sources for the \$100 million d) How much is planned to be spent in each year of the forward estimates e) What is Australia's total planned bilateral ODA expenditure on programs in Afghanistan in each year of the forward estimates? In relation to the speech by the Minister for Foreign Affairs on 13 September 2021 to the UN High-level Ministerial meeting on Afghanistan which says: "Australia will contribute 100,000,000 Australian dollars in humanitarian assistance for Afghanistan. This includes \$65,000,000 in immediate life-saving assistance and support to displaced people and Afghan refugees. We have also committed at least \$35,000,000 in ongoing humanitarian assistance to 2024" – a) Which agencies will these funds be disbursed to in 2021-22 b) In each of 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24, what amount has the Australian Government committed to for its funding of at least \$35 million in ongoing humanitarian assistance c) How does the Australian Government's emphasis on women and girls inform and flow-on to the allocation of funding to Afghanistan?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	73	Penny Wong	Afghanistan - UN agencies	1. Are UN agencies and their staff subject to United Nations Security Council sanctions on the Taliban? 2. If yes: a) what is the status of Australian ODA funds remitted to the UN agencies in light of the United Nations Security Council sanctions? b) Are they compliant with United Nations Security Council sanctions?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	74	Penny Wong	ODA Budget	Provide the Committee with a table of actual ODA expenditure broken down by country/regional/sectoral/global programs for 2020-21.	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	75	Penny Wong	COVID-19 Vaccine doses by country	1. How many COVID-19 vaccine doses in has the Australian Government provided in total to countries in the Pacific and Southeast Asia? 2. How many COVID-19 vaccine doses has the Australian Government provided to each of the following countries:	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cook Islands b) Federated States of Micronesia c) Fiji d) French Polynesia e) Kiribati f) Nauru g) New Caledonia h) Niue i) Palau j) Papua New Guinea k) Republic of the Marshall Islands l) Samoa m) Solomon Islands n) Tonga o) Tuvalu p) Vanuatu q) Timor-Leste r) Indonesia s) Vietnam t) Other countries (please show how many vaccine doses provided for each other country)? <p>3. How many COVID-19 vaccine doses has the Australian Government shared with the GAVI COVAX Advance Market Commitment facility?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	76	Penny Wong	New Caledonia	<p>New Caledonia has had a severe COVID outbreak since early September 2021 with more than 10,800 cases and more than 260 deaths in a country with a population of around 280,000.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the Australian Government provided any assistance to New Caledonia with its surge in COVID cases? b) If no, why not? 	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	77	Penny Wong	ODA allocations	<p>The COVID-19 Pacific Response Package – support to the Pacific and Timor-Leste measure had funding of \$304.7 million over two years. At 2021-22 Budget estimates in June 2021 DFAT gave evidence that it had allocated the \$200 million for 2020-21 but had not allocated the \$100 million for 2021-22.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has the 2021-22 funding now been allocated between countries? b) If yes, what is the allocation by country of the \$100 million budgeted for 2021-22? 	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	78	Penny Wong	Sustainable development goals	<p>The Sustainable Development Goals included the goal of eradicating extreme poverty by 2030.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has DFAT carried out any analysis of whether the goal of eradicating extreme poverty by 2030 will be met? b) If yes, what are the conclusions of this analysis? 	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	79	Penny Wong	Ministerial statement	<p>In relation to the aid performance reporting changes adopted in May 2020 which included a commitment to an annual Ministerial statement on the performance of Australia's aid program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Was a Ministerial statement on the performance of the aid program delivered in 2020 b) If no, why not. c) Has a Ministerial statement of the performance of the aid program been delivered in 2021 d) If yes, when was the statement made and can the Department provide a copy to the Committee e) If no, why not f) Has DFAT drafted a Ministerial statement on the performance of the aid program in 2021 g) If yes, when did DFAT complete the draft statement? 	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	80	Penny Wong	Climate finance	<p>In relation to the Government's commitment to provide \$1.5 billion in climate finance through Australia's aid program over the period 2020 to 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How much has been provided in 2020-21 	Written	

				<p>b) What are the specific projects or programs supported in 2020-21</p> <p>c) What amounts have been allocated for 2021-22 and over the forward estimates</p> <p>d) What is the overall development strategy guiding allocation of this funding</p> <p>e) What proportion of this funding will be allocated to mitigation, adaptation and resilience?</p> <p>In relation to the Prime Minister's announcement on 1 November 2021 of an additional \$500 million in climate finance:</p> <p>a) How much of this additional \$500 million is Official Development Assistance</p> <p>b) Is this additional \$500 million for climate finance new funding or will it be drawn from existing funding</p> <p>c) If drawn from existing funding, what are the existing funding sources for the additional \$500 million?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	81	Penny Wong	World Food Programme	<p>In relation to the Minister for Foreign Affairs' announcement in June 2021 that the Australian Government would contribute a further \$34.7 million to the World Food Programme:</p> <p>a) Is this \$34.7 million Official Development Assistance</p> <p>b) Is this \$34.7 million new funding or will it be drawn from existing funding</p> <p>c) If drawn from existing funding, what are the existing funding sources for the \$34.7 million</p> <p>d) How much is planned to be spent in each year of the forward estimates</p> <p>e) What activities will the \$34.7 million support</p> <p>f) How much funding in total is the Australian Government providing to the World Food Programme in 2020-21 and in 2021-22?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	82	Penny Wong	Pacific Labour Mobility	<p>a) How many Pacific workers were in Australia under each of the Pacific Labour Scheme and the Seasonal Workers Program as of 6 August 2021?</p> <p>b) How many Pacific workers are now in Australia under each of the Pacific Labour Scheme and the Seasonal Workers Program?</p> <p>In relation to the reforms to the Seasonal Workers Program (SWP) and the Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS) announced by the Government in September 2021 and the measure included in those reforms increasing the validity period for labour market testing from 6 months to 12 months:</p> <p>a) Is the change to a 12-month validity period a temporary or a permanent change for the SWP and PLS</p> <p>b) Will the 12-month validity period apply only to employers seeking to use SWP and PLS workers or will it also apply to employers recruiting other categories of temporary migrant workers? If applicable to other temporary migrant workers what are those other categories of workers?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	83	Penny Wong	Pacific Partnerships Pathway	<p>In relation to the Minister for Foreign Affairs' comments on Radio 2GB on 19 October 2021 that the Prime Minister had written to the States and Territories proposing a Pacific partnership pathway:</p> <p>a) When did the Prime Minister write to the States and Territories</p> <p>b) What are the details of the Pacific partnership pathway</p> <p>c) Which States and Territories have agreed to participate in the Pacific partnership pathway?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	84	Penny Wong	Ag Visa	<p>a) Has DFAT or the Government conducted any modelling or analysis of how the new Australian Agricultural Visa may affect Australian employer demand for and/or Pacific worker take-up of places in the Pacific Labour Scheme or the Seasonal Worker Program?</p> <p>b) If yes, provide the Committee with the details of this modelling or analysis.</p> <p>c) If no, why not?</p> <p>Has DFAT received any official representations from Pacific countries expressing concern as to how the new Australian Agriculture Visa might affect these important schemes?</p> <p>In relation to discussions with ASEAN countries on the Australian Agriculture Visa:</p> <p>a) Which countries has DFAT commenced discussions with</p> <p>b) Which countries have indicated they wish to negotiate agreements to participate in the Australian Agriculture Visa</p> <p>c) Is it the case that the Malaysian Government has said it does not wish to participate in the Australian Agriculture</p>	Written	

				<p>Visa</p> <p>d) Have any other ASEAN governments indicated that they do not wish to participate in the Australian Agriculture Visa. If yes, which countries?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	85	Penny Wong	AIFFP	<p>In relation to the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific:</p> <p>a) How many of the current AIFFP grants or loans are being used to refinance other loans? If any, what are they?</p> <p>b) How does the AIFFP determine whether projects will receive a grant or a loan?</p> <p>c) How does development effectiveness feature in decision-making on an AIFFP project?</p> <p>d) Projects announced by the AIFFP to date are concentrated in energy and communications. Are there any other sectors that the AIFFP is focusing on?</p> <p>e) The AIFFP has a goal to grow Australia's market share in Pacific infrastructure lending. Has Australia's market share in Pacific infrastructure lending grown? If yes, by how much?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	86	Penny Wong	AIFFP - Fiji Airports Project	<p>1. In June 2021, the AIFFP signed a FJD 106 million loan to Airports Fiji Pte Ltd (AFL). FJD 96 million of this loan will be provided by ANZ Fiji (backed by a guarantee from AIFFP), with the remaining 10 million directly loaned by AIFFP.</p> <p>a) What are the terms of the AIFFP's direct loan to AFL, and ANZ's loan to AFL (backed by AIFFP)?</p> <p>b) Is the loan from ANZ to AFL on concessional terms?</p> <p>c) What proportion of this loan is helping to refinance existing debt, and which institution provided the loan that AIFFP is helping to refinance?</p> <p>2. Has an environmental impact statement been prepared for the proposed airport upgrades, and is this publicly available?</p> <p>3. How was this project chosen? Has modelling been done on the costs and benefits of this project in light of the tourism downturn caused by COVID-19, and any implications for Fiji's ability to repay the loan?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	87	Penny Wong	AIFFP - Timor-Leste	<p>a) In relation to the AIFFP's support for the Timor-Leste Front End Engineering Design study on the potential to build a telecommunications cable, is there an expectation that this is the first step in a larger project to fund the building of such a cable?</p> <p>b) If yes, what are the details of the larger project?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	88	Penny Wong	AIFFP - Palau	<p>1. What are the terms of the AIFFP's US\$9 million loan for the Palau PC2 Cable project?</p> <p>2. Why is this loan USD denominated?</p> <p>3. Has there been an environmental impact statement on the impacts of the proposed cable?</p> <p>4. If yes, is this publicly available?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	89	Penny Wong	AIFFP - Solomon Islands - Tina River Hydropower Plant	<p>1) A press release on 21 June 2021 noted that the AIFFP would contribute US\$22.7 million to the transmission system for this project.</p> <p>a) What is the total value of financing provided or committed by the Australian government for this project, and what component of that is being financed by AIFFP?</p> <p>b) Will AIFFP's entire contribution be provided via a loan or will part be provided as a grant?</p> <p>c) If this is a loan, what are the terms of the loan?</p> <p>2) Which step of the proposed construction process are Australian funds being used for?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	90	Penny Wong	AIFFP - Fiji - Nadi River Flooding Project	<p>a) On 27 October 2020 it was announced that the AIFFP would support Fiji in addressing flooding concerns in Nadi, offering up to \$5 million. What are the details of this project, including project partner, indicative size of the project, key infrastructure to be financed, and the impact such construction will have on communities living in Nadi?</p> <p>b) Is the \$5 million amount in Australian, Fijian or US dollars?</p> <p>c) What is the current status of this project?</p> <p>d) Is this project an extension of or related to the Nadi Airport upgrade project being financed by AIFFP?</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	91	Penny Wong	AIFFP - PNG - Markham Valley Solar Project	<p>1. In relation to the Markham Valley Solar Project listed on the AIFFP website, what however is the status of these negotiations, and how optimistic is AIFFP about the potential for collaboration on this project?</p> <p>2. News reports from May 2021 refer to a dispute between PNG Power and PNG Biomass relating to the Power Purchase Agreement in the Markham Valley project. Does this affect the viability of AIFFP's investment?</p>	Written	

				3. What total funding is being considered (over and above funding already committed for project preparation)? a) How will that funding be broken down between grants and loan financing?		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	92	Penny Wong	AIFFP - PNG	1. According to a 25 June 2021 press release on the AIFFP website, Australia and Papua New Guinea signed an MoU to support PNG ports and maritime infrastructure. What avenues to fulfil this MoU are currently being explored? 2. Is the intention to provide grant money or loan money? 3. What level of funding is being considered? a) How will that funding be broken down?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	93	Penny Wong	Export Finance Australia	Have Export Finance Australia's overseas infrastructure financing powers been reviewed and revised to meet Australia's commitment to the G20 Infrastructure Principles?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	94	Penny Wong	Pacific Infrastructure Branch	What were the conclusions of the Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu review of DFAT's Pacific Infrastructure Branch?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	95	Penny Wong	Humanitarian assistance	When does the Australian Government expect to reach its commitment of \$500 million for humanitarian assistance to support crises and conflicts as outlined in the 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	96	Penny Wong	Humanitarian Grand Bargain	In relation to Australia's 2016 Humanitarian Grand Bargain commitment to support at least five countries through multi-year funding and monitor and evaluate the outcomes of these responses: a) How is the Australian Government progressing against this commitment b) Which countries is Australia currently delivering multi-year funding packages in to assist with protracted crises c) What is the amount of funding in each of these responses d) What partners are being funded to implement the response e) What progress has been made?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	97	Penny Wong	Myanmar Aid Delivery	a) Provide a breakdown of the proportion of different partners (multilateral, contractors, NGOs) through which bilateral aid is being delivered in Myanmar since the February 2021 coup. b) How has this proportion changed since 2020?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	98	Penny Wong	Myanmar aid redirection	In relation to the statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs on 7 March 2021: "Australia's development program is also being re-directed to the immediate humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable and poor including the Rohingyas and other ethnic minorities. We will prioritise the most pressing humanitarian and emerging needs and seek to ensure our humanitarian engagement is with and through non-government organisations, not with government or government-related entities, as is currently the case in some parts of the program" – a) What is the total of redirected allocations made since March 2021 b) What are the amounts and details of redirected allocations made by the Australian Government since March 2021 for immediate humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable and poor, via which agencies c) What are the amounts and details of redirected allocations made by the Australian Government since March 2021 for Rohingyas and other ethnic minorities, via which agencies d) What are the amounts and details redirected allocations made by the Australian Government since March 2021 via non-government organisations?	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	99	Penny Wong	Ethiopia	1. Please provide a summary of all Australian aid to Ethiopia in 2020-21 and 2021-22. 2. What is the current capacity for international aid deliveries in Ethiopia? a) Is the Australian government working with the UN and likeminded partners to establish a humanitarian air-bridge in the conflict areas of Ethiopia? 3. Given the conflict in Tigray remains ongoing, has the Department considered implementing sanctions against any Ethiopian forces or entities? If not, why not? a) Please provide a summary of US, UK and EU targeted sanctions against Ethiopian officials since the onset of the conflict in November 2020.	Written	

				<p>4. What steps is the Department taking to support an independent, non-government United Nations-led investigation into allegations of human rights abuses in Ethiopia?</p> <p>5. What steps is the Department taking to ensure UNSC Resolution 1325 and 2417 are being upheld in Ethiopia?</p> <p>6. How many meetings has the department had with Ethiopian diaspora groups, including Tigrayans, in Australia since the Tigray conflict began? When did these meetings take place and at what level?</p> <p>7. Has the Foreign Minister's office had any meetings with members of the Ethiopian diaspora in Australia since the Tigray conflict began? If yes, when and at what level?</p>		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	100	Penny Wong	World Expo	<p>1. In relation to CN3807870 placed on AusTender, can the department confirm the amount paid to Deloitte for this contract was \$136,404?</p> <p>a) Can the Department confirm that the 'management advisory services' provided by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu under this contract was a cost assessment to inform Australia's participation in Osaka World Expo 2025?</p> <p>b) Please provide a copy of the cost assessment.</p> <p>c) Given there is an Australian Embassy in Tokyo and an Austrade Consulate in Osaka, why was it necessary to tender an in-country cost assessment?</p> <p>d) Please provide a list of all stakeholders that Deloitte has engaged in the course of providing this cost assessment?</p> <p>2. In regards to AusTender reference numbers CN3192162 and CN345949 -</p> <p>a) Please confirm that CN3192162 refers to \$77,000 paid to Deloitte Barton in June 2015 for the 'provision of research services'. What research services were provided and why could the work not be performed by the department?</p> <p>o Were these research services related to Expo Dubai 2020?</p> <p>o Please provide a copy of the research provided.</p> <p>b) Please confirm CN3459499 refers to \$79,530 paid to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in July-December 2017 for 'Business Administration Services'. What research services were provided and why could the work not be performed by the department?</p> <p>o Were these research services related to Expo Dubai 2020?</p> <p>o Please provide a copy of the research provided.</p> <p>o What outputs were received?</p> <p>3. Please provide an itemised summary of the total costs and expenditures associated with Australia's participation at Expo 2020 Dubai.</p>	Written	
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	101	Timothy Ayres	Conservative Friends of Australia event	<p>Senator AYRES: This Conservative Friends of Australia outfit says that its mission is to build closer ties between the conservative political parties of Australia and the United Kingdom. How is the use of taxpayers' funds to host events for this organisation consistent with the national interest?</p> <p>Senator Payne: We've taken a number of questions on notice and we'll respond to those.</p> <p>Senator WONG: As foreign minister, how is it appropriate? Senator Ayres has given you the purpose of the Conservative Friends of Australia. There's a lot of enthusiastic pictures on social media of people toasting each other with champagne or whatever. Senator Ayres' question to you as foreign minister is: how is it appropriate?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I want to understand the nature of the event before I respond. I think that's only appropriate.</p>	Hansard	39
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	102	Penny Wong	Applications for LEE certification	<p>Senator WONG: How many applications for LEE certification has DFAT received in total?</p> <p>Mr Cowan: The numbers I can give you are that over the life of the DFAT locally engaged employee program we have certified 134 individuals. Of those, those granted a visa are 104. Since the end of the evacuation phase, there have been a considerable number of further applications. I don't have the number to provide you today, but we can provide that later on.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	60
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	103	Jordon Steele-John	Nuclear submarines	<p>The Australian government has reaffirmed its commitment to not acquire nuclear weapons, despite moving to purchase nuclear-powered submarines. Why has the government not signed the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons?</p>	Written	

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	104	Eric Abetz	Great Britain China Centre	CHAIR: Are we thinking of setting up a centre such as the Great Britain-China Centre? Mr Hayhurst: I'm not sure, Senator, that we are directly are familiar with what that centre is. We have the national foundation. It's the Australian foundation, it's about Australia's interests as they relate to China and it has not that long been established, so that's our priority. But we might look into, Ms Lawson and I, what this Great Britain centre is and come back to you if there's anything unresolved there.	Hansard	83
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	105	Penny Wong	Advice to Foreign Minister Marsudi	Senator Payne: I'm not being difficult here; I actually don't have the Australian time zone, the west coast of the US time zone and the east coast of the US time zone in my head immediately. Senator WONG: I wonder if your office can work that out during this hearing and come back to us— Senator Payne: I'm sure they can. Senator WONG: and tell us when you spoke to Foreign Minister Marsudi.	Hansard	6
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	106	Rex Patrick	Contact with Chinese Ambassador	Senator PATRICK: Thank you. That's good. Foreign Minister, what about direct contact with the Chinese ambassador here in Australia? Senator Payne: He is about to depart, if he hasn't already departed. I spoke to the Chinese ambassador some time ago now. My office spoke with him last week, prior to his imminent departure. I know Deputy Secretary Hayhurst has also spoken to him. I will check on when I last saw him. Senator Payne: That's what I'm checking for you. Senator PATRICK: Thank you very much. When have you had direct contact—that is, face to face? Senator Payne: That's what I'm checking for you.	Hansard	26
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	107	Penny Wong	Kabul Embassy Security Guards	Senator WONG: How many visas were granted to embassy security guards and to their family members? First, how many embassy guards applied for either LEE, humanitarian or 449s and how many were granted? Senator Payne: I don't know if the numbers are broken down in that way. If they are, I will ask Mr Cowan to provide them. If they are not then we will provide you what we can on notice.	Hansard	61

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Australian Trade and Investment Commission	1	Don Farrell	COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program - withdrawal of applications	<p>Senator FARRELL: ... On 27 August, it was reported that you would be withdrawing 196 applications [COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program] from the system, which were waiting on information from applicants. How many of these were removed?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: I'm just having a look for the answer. I'm sure I've got that here. I'm just wondering whether Ms King might like to make some comments about the previous topic while I find it, if you don't mind me having a look.</p>	Hansard	102
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	2	Don Farrell	COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program - Survey of travel agents	<p>Ms Palmer: Of those we asked who hadn't been in CTSP, less than one per cent had said it was because they were closed or in hibernation. When those in round 1 were asked why they didn't pursue a grant in round 2, less than two per cent said their business was in hibernation or closed. Most of those people in this category—about 65 per cent—said they did not apply in round 2 because they reported and got a grant on the basis of TTV in round 1.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: That supports your earlier comments about some of those numbers. Did you get any general feedback on the program?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: We didn't ask for general feedback about the program, I don't think. But, if you don't mind, I'll take that on notice just to make sure.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	104
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	3	David Van	Export Market Development Grants Program	<p>Ms Palmer: There was work done by Swinburne as well that looked at a whole range of data to support that independent review. That was put to government, and government made a decision to accept the recommendations in principle and proceed to change the scheme to a forward-looking grants scheme and align it with the Commonwealth grant guidelines and to reduce the complexity of the scheme and also to support exporters spending less time on the process of reimbursement but also have more certainty up-front with how much money they're going to receive through the grant for multiple years so that they can plan with certainty what to spend rather than spending their money on eligible marketing expenses but not being sure about how much they will receive and having some time pass before they are able to receive it.</p> <p>Senator VAN: This scheme is capped in value terms, in the number of years you can apply and in markets you can apply in. So I'm not sure it ticks many of those boxes, if any.</p> <p>Ms Palmer: The value difference in the scheme reflects the averages of what people had been applying for in the past. So while you could apply for up to \$1.2 million under the reimbursement scheme, on average, people were not going anywhere that number. Fixing the amount and putting it into tiers that enable different amounts for different parts of the exporter journey enables the government investment to be placed in the right place and time to support those exporters as they go through their journey and might need different funding to expand or divest along the way.</p> <p>Senator VAN: But it doesn't seem to be able to do that. It's country based, not market based. If you have an existing market on the west coast of the US and you want to expand into the east coast, you can't do that.</p> <p>Ms Palmer: Actually, you can. That's one of the examples we used in one of our webinars recently.</p> <p>Senator VAN: Could you please put some detail around that on notice.</p>	Hansard	112-113

				<p>Ms Palmer: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Simonet: I can also ask Mr Beresford, in Sydney, to give more details about market expansion and diversification—</p> <p>Senator VAN: No, I'm happy to take it on notice; and I'm pleased to take Mr Beresford's input to that on notice as well. It's just that the feedback from exporters—and, as you know, I have been deeply involved in this over the years—is that this game is not working. I think it's time to sit back and think and at least engage with them some more, with which I'm very happy to assist.</p> <p>Ms Palmer: Thank you, Senator. We've added some new material to our website over the last month which will help explain and add additional information and frequently asked questions to assist people to understand. And there are more examples and case studies that also might be helpful. I'm happy to point to those on notice as well.</p> <p>Senator VAN: I'll take you up on that.</p>		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	4	Kimberley Kitching	Business Events Grants Program - events cancelled or postponed due to recent Delta outbreaks	<p>Senator KITCHING: Could I ask about the Business Events Grant program. Have the recent delta outbreaks caused any of the events to be cancelled?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: Yes, the recent lockdowns have had some impact on some events. I don't have the exact number or which events have been affected, but most event holders are very keen to postpone. In fact, I was explaining earlier to Senator Farrell that quite a number have postponed to 2022 and one has postponed to 2023.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Could you just take that on notice and give me some more detail on that.</p> <p>Ms Palmer: In relation to which events have been postponed or affected by delta?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes, cancelled or postponed.</p> <p>Ms Palmer: Is it just for ones that would have occurred during the period of delta lockdowns?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Palmer: Yes, I can do that.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you.</p>	Hansard	113
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	5	Kimberley Kitching	Business Events Grants Program - extension	<p>Senator KITCHING: Did the government's 11 March 2021 announcement that the Business Events Grant program would be extended by three months appear on the program guidelines?</p> <p>Ms Palmer: I'd have to have a look. I'm sorry; I'm not as familiar with that as perhaps I should be.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Take that on notice, thank you</p>	Hansard	113-114
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	6	Kimberley Kitching	Fintech	<p>On the 20th of October 2021, Minister Tehan stated that the Morrison Government is supporting jobs and opportunities in Fintech.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you outline what programs or assistance have been supplied by Austrade to Australian Fintech firms? 2. How much Austrade funding has been allocated to assisting Fintech firms in FY21/22? 3. How many Fintech firms has Austrade directly assisted in FY19/20? 4. Has Austrade met with any representatives of the Fintech sector? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	7	Kimberley Kitching	Business Events Grants Program	<p>On the 11th of March 2021, the Government announced changes to the Business Events Grant Program. These included the extension of the \$50 million Business Events Grants Program by three months. Despite the Government's announcement that the program would be extended by three months, the program closed on the 30th of March 2021. In August, the Government announced a further 6 million dollars in funding to fund eligible but unfunded applications received before the 30th of March closing date. Applicants who attempted to apply after the 30th of March, assuming that the program had been extended, were told to wait until a potential re-opening or apply for another grant.</p>	Written	

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the Government's 11th of March 2021 announcement that the Business Events Grant Program would be extended by three months appear on the program guidelines? If yes, when? If no, why not? 2. Why did the program close on the 30th of March 2021, when the Government announced a three-month extension on the 11th of March 2021? 3. What was the total cost of applications received and awarded by the program by the 11th of March 2021? 4. How many eligible applicants attempted to apply for the program after the 30th of March, and what would be the total estimated cost if they were accepted? 		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	8	Kimberley Kitching	Nation Brand logo	<p>In June 2020 the Government announced a new logo featuring an abstract depiction of wattle to replace the Australian Unlimited logo (two boomerangs in the shape of Australia). The Government then in August 2020 quietly shelved the new logo – controversial due to its likeness to the image of the coronavirus. The then Minister, Simon Birmingham, announced another logo would be designed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide an update on the new logo replacing the original abolished one last August? 2. Can you provide a current breakdown of costs? 3. Has the lack of logo impacted Australia's trade image? 4. When do you expect a new logo to be finalised? 5. Do you have projected costs for the complete creation of the new logo? 6. What is in place to prevent the new logo being abolished shortly after creation and the costs associated with that? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	9	Don Farrell	COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide a breakdown of the outstanding exceptional circumstances claims for the both round one and two to date including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Either the value of each claim, or if not possible a break down of claims under tier b) What date the claim was lodged c) Whether the application is for round one or round two 2. Please provide a breakdown of all exceptional circumstance review claims for both round one and two, including those which have been resolved. In addition, please include <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Either the value of each claim, or if not possible a break down of claims under tier b) What date the claim was lodged c) What date the claim was finalised d) Whether the application is for round one or round two 3. As at the 4th of November, how many applications for businesses with G1 figures over the \$500,000 threshold are waiting on a resolution? 4. How many applications for round two were declined? If possible, please provide a breakdown of the reasons for the decline as well as the amount the claims were for. 5. How much has been spent to date in round two? 6. How much was allocated for agencies with multiple outlets? 7. How much has been spent to date for agencies with multi outlets? 8. How much of an underspend is there in the program? 9. How many payments have been made to date in round two and what was the average payment? 10. Are there any claims outstanding in round two? 	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	10	Don Farrell	Supporting Australia's Exhibiting Zoos and Aquariums program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has been spent from the \$94m allocated to the Zoos and Aquarium Grant Program? 2. Are any more rounds planned? 	Written	

				<p>3. How much has been spent in each round?</p> <p>4. Please provide a list of organisations which received funding and how much they received</p> <p>5. With regards to the length of time taken to process payments, why was the goal of 90 per cent within three weeks not met? According to the 2020/21 Annual Report only 56% were issued during this time.</p> <p>6. It appears in the Jan to March quarter only 34 % were received within 3 weeks. Why was this period particularly bad?</p> <p>7. How many applications were received in round one?</p> <p>8. How many applications were received in round two?</p> <p>9. How many applications were received in round three?</p> <p>10. How many applications were received in round four?</p> <p>11. How many staff were working on this grant program within Austrade?</p>		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	11	Don Farrell	Recovery for Regional Tourism program	<p>1. Can you provide an update on what is happening with the Regional Tourism Recovery Program?</p> <p>2. What activity has been undertaken in Tasmania? - How much funding has been provided? - What has been delivered? - How many applications were received? - How much funding remains available?</p> <p>3. What activity has been undertaken in Western Australia? - How much funding has been provided? - What has been delivered? - How many applications were received? - How much funding remains available?</p> <p>4. What activity has been undertaken in the Gold Coast? - How much funding has been provided? - What has been delivered? - How many applications were received? - How much funding remains available? - Has any work been undertaken with the Gold Coast to encourage applications given none had been received as of the previous round of Questions on Notice.</p> <p>5. What activity has been undertaken in Kangaroo Island? - How much funding has been provided? - What has been delivered? - How many applications were received? - How much funding remains available?</p> <p>6. What activity has been undertaken in Lasseter and Alice Springs? - How much funding has been provided? - What has been delivered? - How many applications were received? - How much funding remains available?</p> <p>7. What activity has been undertaken on the North Coast of NSW? - How much funding has been provided? - What has been delivered? - How many applications were received? - How much funding remains available?</p> <p>8. What activity has been undertaken in the Phillip Island Region? - How much funding has been provided? - What has been delivered? - How many applications were received? - How much funding remains available?</p> <p>9. What activity has been undertaken in Tropical North Queensland? - How much funding has been provided? - What has been delivered? - How many applications were received? - How much funding remains available?</p> <p>10. What activity has been undertaken in the Whitsundays and Mackay Region? - How much funding has been provided? - What has been delivered? - How many applications were received? - How much funding remains available?</p> <p>11. Which regions have received their full allocation of the funding?</p>	Written	

Australian Trade and Investment Commission	12	Don Farrell	Reimagining the visitor economy	<p>1. Please provide an update on the activity undertaken as a part of the Reimagining the Visitor Economy Strategy</p> <p>2. When is the new strategy due?</p> <p>3. How much funding has been provided to this strategy?</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	13	Don Farrell	Publications - Tourism Research Australia	<p>1. Please provide a timeline for all publications in 2021 and 2022 including day and month if possible.</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	14	Don Farrell	Administration - Tourism Research Australia	<p>1. Can Tourism Research Australia please provide the following information in relation to Tourism Research Australia staffing numbers</p> <p>a. How many FTE</p> <p>b. A headcount</p> <p>c. A breakdown of APS salary bands and the number employed under each band</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	15	Don Farrell	Credit cards - Tourism Research Australia	<p>1. How many department issued credit cards does Tourism Research Australia have?</p> <p>2. How many department issued credit cards are allocated to staff within Tourism Research Australia?</p> <p>3. As of 1 October 2021, how many staff within Tourism Research Australia have been provided with department issued credit cards?</p> <p>a. Please provide a breakdown of the credit limits available on these cards</p> <p>4. Of those credit cards issued to staff, have there been any instances of credit card fraud detected in the past financial year? If yes, how many?</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	16	Don Farrell	International Travel - Tourism Research Australia	<p>1 Please detail any international travel completed by Tourism Research Australia staff in the last financial year</p> <p>a. How many individual staff travelled?</p> <p>b. What was the cost of this travel?</p> <p>c. Please provide as much detail as possible about the trips including outcomes</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	17	Don Farrell	Domestic Travel - Tourism Research Australia	<p>1 Please detail any domestic travel completed by Tourism Research Australia staff in the last financial year</p> <p>a. How many individual staff travelled?</p> <p>b. What was the cost of this travel?</p> <p>c. Please provide as much detail as possible about the trips including outcomes</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	18	Don Farrell	Travel - Tourism staff	<p>1 Please detail any international travel completed by tourism staff within Austrade in the last financial year</p> <p>a. How many individual staff travelled?</p> <p>b. What was the cost of this travel?</p> <p>c. Please provide as much detail as possible about the trips including outcomes</p> <p>2 Please detail any domestic travel completed by tourism staff within Austrade in the last financial year</p> <p>a. How many individual staff travelled?</p> <p>b. What was the cost of this travel?</p> <p>c. Please provide as much detail as possible about the trips including outcomes</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	19	Don Farrell	Staffing - Tourism	<p>1. How many dedicated tourism staff currently are employed within Austrade (separate from the Tourism Research Australia division)</p> <p>please provide both FTE and headcount</p>	Written	

Australian Trade and Investment Commission	20	Don Farrell	Records management	<p>1. Please provide an update on the progress to move Austrade to an electronic documents record management system</p> <p>i. What date will this be completed by?</p> <p>ii. Is this on schedule?</p> <p>iii. How much has been spent to date on this change?</p> <p>iv. What is the expected cost of the change?</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	21	Don Farrell	Tourism Icons Program	<p>Please provide an update in relation to the work being completed as a part of the funding provided to Rottneest Island under the Tourism Icons program, including</p> <p>a) Has planning work been finalised? If not, when will it be complete?</p> <p>b) Has work commenced, if not when will it commence?</p> <p>c) How much has been spent to date?</p> <p>d) How much remains unspent?</p> <p>e) What is the expected completion date?</p> <p>2. Please provide an update in relation to the work being completed as a part of the funding provided to Sovereign Hill under the Tourism Icons program, including</p> <p>a) Has planning work been finalised? If not, when will it be complete?</p> <p>b) Has work commenced, if not when will it commence?</p> <p>c) How much has been spent to date?</p> <p>d) How much remains unspent?</p> <p>e) What is the expected completion date?</p> <p>3. Please provide an update in relation to the work being completed as a part of the funding provided to the Wangetti Trail under the Tourism Icons program, including</p> <p>a) Has planning work been finalised? If not, when will it be complete?</p> <p>b) Has work commenced, if not when will it commence?</p> <p>c) How much has been spent to date?</p> <p>d) How much remains unspent?</p> <p>e) What is the expected completion date?</p> <p>4. Please provide an update in relation to the work being completed as a part of the funding provided to the Northern Rivers Rail Trail under the Tourism Icons program, including</p> <p>a) Has planning work been finalised? If not, when will it be complete?</p> <p>b) Has work commenced, if not when will it commence?</p> <p>c) How much has been spent to date?</p> <p>d) How much remains unspent?</p> <p>e) What is the expected completion date?</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	22	Don Farrell	Indigenous International Business Strategy	<p>1. Please detail the work being undertaken as a part of the indigenous international business strategy</p> <p>2. How long is the strategy for?</p> <p>3. How much money has been allocated to the strategy?</p> <p>4. How much has been spent to date?</p> <p>5. What other departments are involved?</p> <p>6. What is the KPI's or targets of this strategy?</p>	Written	
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	23	Don Farrell	Business Events Grants Program	<p>1. Please provide a breakdown of all events which received funding under this program including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of attendees to the event in total - Number of grant recipients - Amount of grant funding provided 	Written	

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What this funding was used for (as much detail as possible for example fees, flights, accommodation etc) 2. In relation to the survey Austrade conducted in August of grantees which attended events can you please advise - How many surveys were sent - How many were returned - What questions were asked (please provide a copy of the survey questions if possible) - What the feedback was from the survey 3. With regards to the survey, Austrade advised that 24 per cent of grantees spent funds from the grant in attending attractions as well as going to the event in question. How does this fit within the guidelines of the program? 4. Please provide a breakdown of the top five events within this program including the number of attendees, number of grantees and how much funding was contributed by Austrade toward the event 		
Australian Trade and Investment Commission	24	Kimberley Kitching	Closure of Austrade office in Yangon	1. Can you confirm that the Austrade office in the Yangon Embassy was closed after the military takeover?	Written	

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Export Finance Australia	1	Kimberley Kitching	Environmental and Social Review	<p>According to its website, Export Finance Australia has committed to “review its Environmental and Social Review Policy as and when necessary but will commence a review no later than five years from the Board review date”.</p> <p>The website also stated that this policy was last reviewed by EFA’s Board on 20 October 2021.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What changes, if any, were made to EFA’s Environmental and Social Review Policy? 2. Were any changes made to the policy that directly relate to climate change, and the climate change risks of projects? 3. The policy states that Export Finance Australia will periodically engage an independent environmental and social expert to examine its application of the Policy. Did EFA contract an independent expert as part of the most recent review? 4. Will a report into the outcomes of the review be published? 	Written	
Export Finance Australia	2	Kimberley Kitching	Environmental and Social Review	<p>According to its website, Export Finance Australia incorporates two globally recognised approaches to its Policy and Procedure for environmental and social review of transactions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) • The Equator Principles, a globally-recognised approach used by many financial institutions to manage environmental and social risk in projects. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does EFA’s incorporation of these “global approaches” compare with the incorporation by other Export Credit Agencies around the world in terms of <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Transparency? b) Consultation? 	Written	
Export Finance Australia	3	Kimberley Kitching	Export Capital Facility	<p>In April 2020, Minister Birmingham announced Australian exporters impacted by the COVID-19 crisis will have access to business-saving loans between \$250,000 and \$50 million under a \$500 million capital facility to be administered by Export Finance Australia. This ‘Export Capital Facility’ was created to target loans to established and previously profitable exporters who, due to COVID-19, were unable to gain finance from commercial sources.</p> <p>In EFA’s 2020-2021 Annual report, it states that “the 12-month COVID-19 Facility, made available on the Government’s NIA, enabled us to help 41 customers with \$88 million in finance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given the impact COVID 19 had on the tourism industry, why was only \$88 million of the \$500 million budgeted, utilised? 2. Do you believe all eligible SME’s in Australia- or at least the majority, were engaged with? 3. What could have been done better to ensure every eligible SME had the best opportunity to access financial assistance through the Export Capital Facility? 	Written	
Export Finance Australia	4	Dorinda Cox	Fossil Fuel Transactions	<p>When EFA is presented with a proposal for a transaction that has the potential to have high greenhouse gas emissions, does EFA conduct an analysis of the potential project emissions and what lower emission alternatives there might be? If so, did EFA undertake this analysis for its financing of the Senex Roma North gas field or its reported refinancing of the Ichthys LNG project? If so, does EFA only do this for projects or also for non-project transactions – for example, providing funding to a company that manufactures gas pipelines? If so, what information would they rely on for this analysis? Do they do their own research?</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	5	Dorinda Cox	Fossil Fuel Transactions	<p>Can you confirm whether Export Finance Australia contributed to the October 2018 refinancing of the Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal, or the June 2020 refinancing of the Ichthys LNG Project? If not, why is information on refinancing of these projects confidential when information on the initial investment in these two projects is publicly available?</p>	Written	
Export Finance Australia	6	Concetta Fierravanti-Wells	Indo-Pacific Mandate	<p>Mr Hopkins: Thank you for your question. In relation to when the power related to both the Pacific and the Indo-Pacific, it all happened at the same time. The statement of expectations actually emphasises the Pacific and Timor-Leste first but it also then includes language that states that the infrastructure power and related capital also can be used for the Indo-Pacific as well. So it all happened as part of the same package at the same time.</p> <p>Senator FIERRAVANTI-WELLS: Could you provide to me on notice, please, those documents? It seems that the announcement that was made in relation to the Step-up purely spoke about the Pacific, unless I missed something—and as a former minister I've kept a weather eye on this. I'd be very interested to see your documentation as to why the Indo-Pacific was the remit rather than just the Pacific. I'd be interested to have a look at those documents to see when all of a sudden it became the Indo-Pacific rather than just the Pacific—because it was sold as the Pacific. That's my clear recollection. This is not a reflexion on you; I'm just interested to have the clarification from you in relation to your documentation. Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Hopkins: I'm happy to provide that.</p>	Hansard	116

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Agency	Q No	Senator	BroadTopic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Page
Tourism Australia	1	Don Farrell	Stakeholder Satisfaction Drop	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the 2020/21 annual report, Tourism Australia reports a 1% drop in stakeholder satisfaction. Can you explain this drop? How is this metric determined? How many stakeholders were surveyed to determine this feedback and what is the drop in raw numbers? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	2	Don Farrell	Stakeholder Satisfaction NPS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the 2020/21 annual report, Tourism Australia also reported a 16 point drop in NPS. Can you explain this drop? How is this metric determined? How many stakeholders were surveyed to determine this feedback and what is the drop in raw numbers? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	3	Don Farrell	Staff Engagement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the 2020/21 annual report, Tourism Australia reported a drop of 20 per cent in staff engagement. Noting that Tourism Australia has changed the way you obtain this figure, can you detail how the old process differs from the new process and how you account for the reduction. 	Written	
Tourism Australia	4	Don Farrell	Tourism Australia Goals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> According to the 2020/21 annual report Tourism Australia has set a number of goals including <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Limit the fall in tourism expenditure Maintain positive brand health Restore event pipeline Lead aviation recovery How were these goals determined? Please provide the following information on each of the goals <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How goals are measured How TA is tracking to achieve the goal 	Written	
Tourism Australia	5	Don Farrell	Tourism 2030	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please detail how Tourism Australia will be participating in the Tourism 2030 process. According to the 2020/21 annual report, Tourism Australia will be closely involved in the process. What does this look like? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	6	Don Farrell	Travel Costs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please detail any international travel completed by Tourism Australia staff in the last financial year <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many individual staff travelled? What was the cost of this travel? Please provide as much detail as possible about the trips including outcomes Please detail any domestic travel completed by Tourism Australia staff in the last financial year <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many individual staff travelled? What was the cost of this travel? Please provide as much detail as possible about the trips including outcomes 	Written	
Tourism Australia	7	Don Farrell	Managing Director's Report – Annual Report	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In the Managing Director's Report as a part of the 2020/21 annual report, the following statement is made "This sentiment is also supported by our consumer research, which shows that Australia's relative distance to the rest of the world, previously our greatest challenge, has now become one of our greatest assets" Please detail the research which underpins this statement 	Written	
Tourism Australia	8	Don Farrell	Aviation Recovery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In 2020/21 Tourism Australia failed to meet its goal with regards to aviation recovery. In relation to total International seat capacity into Australia, the goal fell short by 2.3 million. Can you explain this drop? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What activities did Tourism Australia undertake to try and meet this goal? Likewise in terms of total domestic seat capacity in Australia, Tourism Australia was short by 1.2 million Can you explain this drop? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What activities did Tourism Australia undertake to try and meet this goal? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	9	Don Farrell	Domestic Aviation Network Support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please detail what work Tourism Australia did in relation to this program. According to the annual report Tourism Australia worked with the Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Communications and Austrade. What form did this work take? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	10	Don Farrell	Stakeholder Annual Survey	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many surveys were sent as a part of the Stakeholder Annual Survey? How many were returned? If possible, can you provide a copy of the survey which went out to stakeholders. If not, please summarise the type of questions which form this survey. Who are these surveys sent too? How many surveys were sent as a part of last years Stakeholder Annual Survey? How many were returned last year? 	Written	

Tourism Australia	11	Don Farrell	Facebook	1. According to the 2020/21 annual report, Tourism Australia lost 2 per cent of followers from Facebook. How many is that in raw numbers and how do you explain this drop?	Written	
Tourism Australia	12	Don Farrell	Bushfire Recovery Team	1. How many staff are involved in the Bushfire Recovery Team? Please provide a headcount and FTE 2. Is this their only responsibility or do they have other work to do as well? 3. What are the goals of the Bushfire Recovery Team? 4. What were their outcomes in the last financial year? 5. Does the team still exist?	Written	
Tourism Australia	13	Don Farrell	Audits	1. For each of the audits undertaken in the last financial year, please provide the following information a) The name of the audit b) When the audit was undertaken c) What were the recommendations d) Were there any risks identified e) What action has been taken as a result f) When will this work be completed	Written	
Tourism Australia	14	Don Farrell	Our Message to Paris	1. As a part of the 2020/21 Annual Report, Tourism Australia cites 'Our Message To Paris' as a significant event and activity. Please detail this activity including a) An overview of the activity b) What was the cost of this event? c) What date did this run? d) What were the targets / KPI's for this activity? Were they met? e) What was the Return On Investment f) Will this program run again? g) If possible, please provide a copy of any associated collateral (images, graphics, messaging) of the campaign.	Written	
Tourism Australia	15	Don Farrell	SE Asia Markets Webinars	1. As a part of the 2020/21 Annual Report, Tourism Australia highlights 'SE Asia Markets Webinar Series' as a significant event and activity. Please detail this activity including a) An overview of the activity b) What was the cost of this event? c) What date did this run? d) What were the targets / KPI's for this activity? Were they met? e) What was the Return On Investment f) Will this program run again?	Written	
Tourism Australia	16	Don Farrell	Lonely Planet Partnership	1. Please detail the partnership with Lonely Planet including a) An overview of the activity b) What the total cost of the partnership is c) Is this funding co-matched d) What is the date of this partnership? e) How long does the partnership last for? f) What are the KPI's? Were they met? g) What is the Return on Investment? h) are further partnerships with them being considered? i) If possible, please provide a copy of any associated collateral (images, graphics, messaging) of the campaign.	Written	
Tourism Australia	17	Don Farrell	Read Now Travel Later	1. As a part of the 2020/21 Annual Report, Tourism Australia cites 'Germany – Read Now Travel Later' as a significant event and activity. Please detail this activity including a) An overview of the activity b) What was the cost of this activity? c) What date did this run? d) What were the targets / KPI's for this activity? Were they met? e) What was the Return On Investment? f) Will this program run again? g) If possible, please provide a copy of any associated collateral (images, graphics, messaging) of the campaign.	Written	
Tourism Australia	18	Don Farrell	Campaigns	1. As a part of the 2020/21 Annual Report, Tourism Australia cites 'A message to the rest of the world' as a significant event and activity. a) What did this message look like? b) How was it distributed? c) Was there a cost related, if yes, what is it?	Written	

				d) What was the purpose of this message and how was it received? e) If possible, please provide a copy of any associated collateral (images, graphics, messaging) of the campaign.		
Tourism Australia	19	Don Farrell	Ministerial visit	1. What date did Minister Tehan visit the Tourism Australia office? 2. How long was he at the office for? 3. What activities did he undertake? 4. How many staff were present? 5. Was this the first time he had visited the Tourism Australia office since taking over the portfolio? 6. What was the purpose of the visit?	Written	
Tourism Australia	20	Don Farrell	Australia Innovates Campaign	1. As a part of the 2020/21 Annual Report, Tourism Australia cites 'Australia Innovates' as a significant event and activity. a) An overview of the activity b) What was the cost of this activity? c) What date did this run? d) What were the targets / KPI's for this activity? Were they met? e) What was the Return On Investment? f) Will this program run again? g) If possible, please provide a copy of any associated collateral (images, graphics, messaging) of the campaign.	Written	
Tourism Australia	21	Don Farrell	Festival Australia Campaign	1. What activity was undertaken as a part of the Festival Australia Campaign? a) What date did this run? b) What was the total cost? c) What was the KPI's? Were they met? d) What was the Return On Investment? e) If possible, please provide a copy of any associated collateral (images, graphics, messaging) of the campaign.	Written	
Tourism Australia	22	Don Farrell	Border Gavaskar Series Campaign	1. What activity was undertaken as a part of the Border Gavaskar Series? a) What date did this run? b) What was the total cost? c) What was the KPI's? Were they met? d) What was the Return On Investment? e) If possible, please provide a copy of any associated collateral (images, graphics, messaging) of the campaign.	Written	
Tourism Australia	23	Don Farrell	Conde Nast	1. What activity was undertaken as a part of the Conde Nast Campaign? a) What date did this run? b) What was the total cost? c) What was the KPI's? Were they met? d) What was the Return On Investment? e) If possible, please provide a copy of any associated collateral (images, graphics, messaging) of the campaign.	Written	
Tourism Australia	24	Don Farrell	Partnerships - Telegraph	1. What activity was undertaken as a part of the Content Partnership with the Telegraph? a) What date did this run? b) What was the total cost? c) What was the KPI's? Were they met? d) What was the Return On Investment? e) If possible, please provide a copy of any associated collateral (images, graphics, messaging) of the campaign.	Written	
Tourism Australia	25	Don Farrell	Partnership – Waitrose	1. What activity was undertaken as a part of the Waitrose Partnership? a) What date did this run? b) What was the total cost? c) What was the KPI's? Were they met? d) What was the Return On Investment? e) If possible, please provide a copy of any associated collateral (images, graphics, messaging) of the campaign.	Written	
Tourism Australia	26	Don Farrell	Advocacy – Friends of Australia Ambassadors	1. What is the total cost of the Friends of Australia Ambassador Program? 2. How are Ambassadors chosen? 3. What is the ROI on this program?	Written	
Tourism Australia	27	Don Farrell	Broadcast Program	1. Please detail the work undertaken as a part of the Broadcast Program including a) Total budget of the Broadcast Program b) How Tourism Australia provides support to these programs c) What the ROI is for the program d) What KPI's are built into each project and whether all projects met these KPIS? If they did not, please detail how they fell short and why	Written	

Tourism Australia	28	Don Farrell	Social Media Team	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide both a headcount and FTE of the number of staff in Tourism Australia's social media team. If there are multiple teams in different locations please also provide a breakdown of each location and the number of staff. 2. Is social media their only responsibility or do they have other work to do as well? 3. What are the goals of the social media team? 4. Did they meet these goals? If not, why not 	Written	
Tourism Australia	29	Don Farrell	TA UiD	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is TA UiD? 2. What was the cost of this platform? 3. Was this an off the shelf program or was it designed specifically for Tourism Australia? 4. If it was designed for Tourism Australia, who undertook this work? Please provide details on the contract 5. How was this program funded? Was it part of a budget bid or found within existing resources? 6. How can tourism organisations participate in the program? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	30	Don Farrell	Website Visitors	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the reason for the decline in visitation on the Australia.cn (down 31%) 2. What is the reason for the decline in visitation to Tourism.Australia.com (Down 40%) 3. What is being done to reverse these declines? <p>a) Any costs associated with this work?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	31	Don Farrell	Business Events Team	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff are involved in the Business Events Team? Please provide a headcount and FTE 2. Is this their only responsibility or do they have other work to do as well? 3. What are the goals of the Business Events Team? 4. Please detail the 15 trade media partners the team worked with and the cost of the partnerships 	Written	
Tourism Australia	32	Don Farrell	Bidfund	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much has Tourism Australia spent to date as a part of the Bidfund Program <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How much was spent in 2020/21 b) How much was spent in 2019/20 c) How much was spent in 2018/19 2. Was any additional funding provided when the program was extended by the government? If not, was this due to an underspend in the program as a result of COVID-19? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	33	Don Farrell	Industry Relations Team	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff are involved in the Industry Relations Team? Please provide a headcount and FTE 2. Is this their only responsibility or do they have other work to do as well? 3. What are the goals of the Industry Relations Team? 4. How many quarterly sentiment surveys have been undertaken over the past year? 5. How many responses were received (please break down by each quarter) 6. What happens to these surveys once they are received? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	34	Don Farrell	National Experience Content Initiative	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many businesses have received direct support from the National Experience Content Initiative? 2. How much has been spent to date? 3. When does the program end? 4. Is the program on track to use all funding provided? If not, what will happen with the underspend? 5. If possible, can you provide an example of the collateral designed for this initiative? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	35	Don Farrell	Domestic Marketing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did Tourism Australia spend in total in 2019/20 in domestic marketing? 2. How much did Tourism Australia spend in total in 2020/21 in domestic marketing? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	36	Don Farrell	International Marketing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How much did Tourism Australia spend in total in 2019/20 in international marketing? 2. How much did Tourism Australia spend in total in 2020/21 in international marketing? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	37	Don Farrell	Expenditure	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to the 2020/21 Annual Report Tourism Australia's expenditure on digital and technology increased to \$13.3m, up from \$11.8m in the previous year. What was the reason for this increase? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	38	Don Farrell	Redundancies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to the 2020/21 Annual Report Tourism Australia had an increase in redundancies in the last year, up from \$684,000 to \$1,989,000. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) What was the reason for this increase? b) Were redundancies voluntary or forced? c) How much is the average redundancy payment? d) What was the largest redundancy payment in the last financial year? 	Written	
Tourism Australia	39	Don Farrell	Executive Remuneration	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With regards to Andrew Hogg's remuneration in the last financial year, what is the \$349,372 which was paid in respect to 'Other Benefits/Allowances'? 2. In the previous financial year, his base salary was listed as \$103,897 with an additional \$104,002 in 'Other Benefits/Allowances'. This year his base salary increased by \$270,150, what was the reason for this? 3. In total, his salary between last year and this year increased by 287%, what is the reason for this? 	Written	

				4. In relation to bonuses paid to executives, can you please advise what criteria exists around the provision of KPI's and how the amounts are determined?		
Tourism Australia	40	Don Farrell	Market Research	<p>1. Please provide an overview of the work undertaken by the following market research bodies and how they were selected for the work</p> <p>a) Bastion Insights Pty Ltd - \$108,500 b) BDA Marketing Planning Pty Ltd - \$1,629,200 c) Fifty-Five Five Pty Ltd - \$567,380 d) Incite Marketing Planning Limited - \$18,418 e) Jump the Fence - \$61,500 f) Snapcracker Research and Strategy - \$273,621 g) System1 Research Pty Ltd - \$108,919 h) University of New South Wales - \$35,980</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	41	Don Farrell	Digital Ad Spend	<p>1. How much did Tourism Australia spend on digital adverts in the month of June 2021? 2. Please detail what activities were undertaken as a part of this spend? 3. What was the ROI? 4. This was a 260 per cent increase on the previous month, why was there such a sharp increase? 5. How much did Tourism Australia spent on digital advertisements in the month of July 2021? a) How much in August 2021? b) How much in September 2021? c) How much in October 2021? 6. What did Tourism Australia spend on Facebook in the last financial year? 7. What did Tourism Australia spend on Facebook in the last six months? 8. What did Tourism Australia spend on Twitter in the last financial year? 9. What did Tourism Australia spend on Twitter in the last six months? 10. What did Tourism Australia spend on Instagram in the last financial year? 11. What did Tourism Australia spend on Instagram in the last six months? 12. What did Tourism Australia spend on Weibo in the last financial year? 13. What did Tourism Australia spend on Weibo in the last six months? 14. What did Tourism Australia spend on WeChat in the last financial year? 15. What did Tourism Australia spend on WeChat in the last six months? 16. What did Tourism Australia spend on RED in the last financial year? 17. What did Tourism Australia spend on RED in the last six months? 18. What did Tourism Australia spend on Douyin in the last financial year? 19. What did Tourism Australia spend on Douyin in the last six months?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	42	Don Farrell	Domestic Campaigns	<p>1. How much is Tourism Australia's total contribution to Give the Gift of Travel? 2. How much is being contributed by partnerships? 3. How was Viva Holidays chosen to partner on the gift cards? a) What is the value of this contract? b) How long does it last for? c) What are the KPI's built into this contract? d) How can other businesses leverage this campaign who aren't a part of Viva Holidays? 4. Please detail the contract Tourism Australia has with Red Balloon and what work they are completing as a part of this work? a) What is the value of this contract? b) what is the length of the contract? c) What are the KPI's built into this contract? 5. In terms of the Wiggles partnership, what is the total cost of this campaign? 6. How much is Tourism Australia contributing? 7. How were the Wiggles selected? 8. When is the National Tour scheduled for? Has this been delayed at all with the recent resignation of one of the wiggles? 9. How will Tourism Australia's contribution to this tour be recognised? 10. How much funding is Tourism Australia contributing to the Wiggles National Tour? 11. As a part of the Wiggles partnership a book has been released called 'The Great Australian Wiggly Road Trip'. What involvement in this does Tourism Australia have? 12. Have any financial contribution been provided from Tourism Australia to the development or production of this book? 13. Does Tourism Australia receive any of the proceeds from the sale of this book? If yes, what percentage? How much has been received to date?</p>	Written	

				<p>14. What is the length of the contract with the wiggles?</p> <p>15. What KPI's are a part of this contract?</p> <p>16. What is the anticipated Return on Investment?</p> <p>17. In terms of the 'Its Our Best Shot' campaign, can you confirm the total cost of this campaign from Tourism Australia?</p> <p>18. Is this campaign still running?</p> <p>19. What activities were undertaken as a part of this campaign?</p> <p>20. How many downloads have there been of the materials provided as a part of this campaign?</p> <p>21. How many staff within Tourism Australia are allocated to domestic marketing? Please provide a headcount and FTE</p>		
Tourism Australia	43	Don Farrell	Modelling for Tourism Businesses	<p>1. Has Tourism Australia completed or commissioned any modelling on the impact to tourism businesses between now and the borders opening? Yes; What did this show? No; Why not?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	44	Don Farrell	International Perceptions	<p>1. Initially we heard repeatedly that Australia's handling of COVID-19 was giving us a boost in the international market as a safe destination, is this still the perception as the rest of the world opens up but we are still closed to international guests?</p> <p>2. Has any feedback been received which indicates confusion around our borders or quarantine requirements? If yes, what was the feedback and what action did Tourism Australia take in response?</p> <p>a) Was this issued raised with the Minister, if yes, what was the outcome?</p> <p>3. What advocacy has been undertaken by Tourism Australia or Ms Harrison in relation to Skills Shortages and their impact on the sector?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	45	Don Farrell	IPG Mediabrands Universal Contract	<p>1. What is the value of the IPG Mediabrands Universal McCann contract?</p> <p>2. What is the cost for the first three years?</p> <p>3. What is the cost of the year extensions?</p> <p>4. Did this contract go to tender?</p> <p>5. What were the outcomes of their previous contract with Tourism Australia?</p> <p>6. What was the total cost of their previous contract?</p> <p>7. Are there KPI's built into this contract? If yes; what are they?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	46	Don Farrell	Gridsum Contract	<p>1. What is the value of the Gridsum contract?</p> <p>2. What is the cost for the first three years?</p> <p>3. What is the cost of the year extensions?</p> <p>4. Did the Gridsum contract go to tender?</p> <p>5. What are the KPI's in the Gridsum contract?</p> <p>6. Does Gridsum only work in the China market?</p> <p>7. When did Tourism Australia first engage Gridsum?</p> <p>8. Was Tourism Australia using a different search engine marketer before this time?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	47	Don Farrell	NZ Bubble Advertisement	<p>1. Following the suspension of the NZ bubble, did Tourism Australia have to pause any marketing activities? If yes; How much did this cost? Will we be able to reuse the material developed?</p> <p>2. On the Tourism Australia website, the most recent international travel sentiment tracker was from May 2021, has work been completed since this date? Is there a reason it hasn't been updated?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	48	Don Farrell	Administration	<p>1. Can Tourism Australia please provide the following information in relation to staffing numbers</p> <p>a) How many FTE</p> <p>b) A headcount</p> <p>c) A breakdown of APS salary bands and the number employed under each band</p> <p>2. Please provide the same information for the 2020/21 financial year</p> <p>3. Please provide the locations of all staff based overseas</p> <p>4. Please provide the salary bands of those staff based overseas</p> <p>5. Please provide information on any redundancies provided in 2020/21 including the number and amount paid out per redundant employee and whether they were voluntary or involuntary</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	49	Don Farrell	Administration	<p>1. Is Tourism Australia running at a deficit in 21/20 and will it require additional funding from the Department of Finance to cover any shortfall?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	50	Don Farrell	Credit Cards	<p>1. How many department issued credit cards does Tourism Australia have?</p> <p>2. How many department issued credit cards are allocated to staff within Tourism Australia?</p> <p>3. As of 4 November 2021, how many staff within Tourism Australia have been provided with department issued credit cards?</p> <p>a) Please provide a breakdown of the credit limits available on these cards</p> <p>4. Of those credit cards issued to staff, have there been any instances of credit card fraud detected in the past financial year? If yes, how many?</p>	Written	
Tourism Australia	51	Don Farrell	Only in Australia Podcast	<p>1. In relation to the Only In Australia podcast, can you please provide an update on the amount of unique listens? If possible, provide listens by month</p>	Written	

Tourism Australia	52	Don Farrell	Digital Spend	<p>Senator FARRELL: Hear, hear to that! I understand your digital spend in the month of June 2021 was the highest it has been since January 2020. How much did you spend on digital in the month of June 2021?</p> <p>Ms Harrison: It depends on what you're asking me. Are you talking about digital marketing, or are you talking about us investing in our digital platforms, or—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Both.</p> <p>Ms Harrison: 'Digital' is quite a big, all-embracing word.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Well, I want you to embrace it all and tell me how much you've spent in what you consider to be your digital spend.</p> <p>Ms Harrison: I need to take that on notice if it's specifically just on what we spent in the digital space, because all of our marketing is a mixture of outdoor, broadcast television and digital marketing, and there's a whole range of things we do in terms of industry events. There's a whole range of activity that goes on in any one month, so I'd have to take that one on notice.</p>	Hansard	118
Tourism Australia	53	Don Farrell	Give the Gift of Travel	<p>Senator FARRELL: Okay. Let's do that and see what comes back on that one. Moving to domestic marketing, I understand Tourism Australia's next big campaign is 'Give the gift of travel'. How much is the total contribution from Tourism Australia towards this campaign?</p>	Hansard	118