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1.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator McAllister	'Stronger Economy, Secure Future' Plan	Australian Public Service Commission	<p>Senator McALLISTER: The Prime Minister announced on 29 January in Brisbane that, as part of the 'Stronger Economy. Secure Future' plan the government would create 1.25 million jobs over the next five years. How many of those jobs will be public sector jobs?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.25, 18 February 2019
2.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator McAllister	Wages Policy	Australian Public Service Commission	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Do you think the Commonwealth's wages policy has any macro effect in terms of overall demand in the economy?</p> <p>Mr Woolcott: Are you asking my opinion?</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I'm asking: have you sought advice about that as a matter of analysis?</p> <p>Mr Woolcott: No, I haven't.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: It's not an opinion. It's a question of economic—</p> <p>Mr Woolcott: No, I have not sought advice on that.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Your predecessor didn't seek advice on that either. Do you intend to seek advice?</p> <p>Mr Woolcott: I'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.26, 18 February 2019
3.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Dodson	Indigenous employment in the public service	Australian Public Service Commission	<p>Senator DODSON: That was my second question: what level in the APS are First Nations peoples employed, and has that changed over the time?</p> <p>Mr Woolcott: I don't have the figures to that degree of specificity. I could take that on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.27, 18 February 2019
4.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Medevac Bill- release of classified material	Government Division	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. I want to go to the discussion of the proposed medevac bill—for want of a better title—the legislation that passed the House and the Senate in relation to medical care of the existing cohort of asylum seekers. I don't propose to go through details of that with you, but I do want to ask you about the way in which security advice found its way into the media. So, just in terms of stepping out the chronology, the Prime Minister went on Mr Jones on 5 February. There was a discussion about this legislation. He said that the government would be ignoring it—that is, the bill—and it would get on with business. Then, I think a day or two after that, the front page of <i>The Australian</i> contained this: <i>'The Australian</i> understands that the briefing from the Department of Home Affairs, based on advice from ASIO and ABF,' and then went on to talk about the content of that. The next paragraph said, 'The classified briefing is understood to have provided detailed advice' et cetera. I don't propose to canvass any of the ostensible content of the advice in this forum, for obvious reasons. But you would agree, wouldn't you, Ms Foster, that—if this report is correct—the provision of classified material to a journalist and putting it into the public domain is a very serious matter?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Ms Foster, when did Dr Parkinson become aware of it?</p> <p>Ms Foster: I would have to ask Dr Parkinson that. I'm not aware of that. I can do so.</p>	FPA Proof, p.28–29, 18 February 2019

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5.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Australia's foreign policy in Israel	National Security Division	<p>Senator WONG: Ms Millar, there was also a report—again, I don't want to go to the content of this advice— on another matter, the proposed shift in Middle East policy. There was a report, I think in <i>The Guardian</i>, possibly in another news outlet, about advice provided by Australia's spy agency, in terms of—I'm trying to use a bland term—security implications overseas for the government's shift in policy. Do you recall what I'm talking about, Ms Millar?</p> <p>Ms Millar: Yes, I do.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did you become aware of that leak of what I assume is, again, classified information?</p> <p>Ms Millar: Just one moment, if you'll bear with me, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure.</p> <p>Ms Millar: I became aware of it when we saw it in the newspaper on 17 October, in <i>The Guardian</i>.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What action was taken, if any, as a result of that being made public?</p> <p>Ms Millar: I'd like to take that on notice. I can possibly come back to you later in the day—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure. I'd appreciate that.</p>	FPA Proof, p.33, 18 February 2019
6.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Medevac Bill- release of classified material	National Security Division	<p>Senator WONG: That's fine. Is it a concern to PM&C that sensitive documents, such as these, are being—</p> <p>Ms Millar: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Whilst you don't want to comment on the politics, it appears they are being utilised for political purposes. Is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Millar: As you said, Senator, I'm not going to comment on the politics.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But you are concerned that it appears that somebody—</p> <p>Ms Millar: We're always concerned about the leaks of classified information, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What action is being taken as a consequence of that, more broadly? I could go through a number of them—there have been a number of both national security and other leaks from the government. Is there any action being taken by the Public Service in relation to these?</p> <p>Ms Millar: Senator, as I mentioned a minute ago, I'd like to check on the process for that one. It will depend very much on the circumstances, the agencies involved, the nature of the information, and the way in which it was disclosed.</p>	FPA Proof, p.34, 18 February 2019
7.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Leyonhjelm	Accredited workplace- Domestic Violence (White	Office for Women	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Ms Foster, I'm not sure who is the appropriate person to deal with this, but perhaps, if it's not you, you can guide me. In response to a written question on notice from the last estimates, the department advised it had paid White Ribbon Australia \$29,700 to become an accredited White Ribbon workplace. Are you the right person to direct this</p>	FPA Proof, p.35, 18 February 2019

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			Ribbon Australia)		<p>question to?</p> <p>Ms Foster: Yes, but I'll get Ms Tressler, who is our chief operating officer, up to the table. She'll have some more detail.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Alright. While you're settling there, perhaps I could ask: does the minister endorse the use of taxpayers' funds to get a stamp of approval from a private advocacy group?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Sorry, could you say that again?</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: My question is: in the last estimates, the department advised, in response to a question on notice, that it had paid White Ribbon Australia \$29,700 to become an accredited White Ribbon—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I can't really hear you.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Sorry. At the last estimates, in response to a written question, the department advised it had paid White Ribbon Australia \$29,700 to become an accredited White Ribbon workplace. My first question is to you. Do you endorse the use of taxpayer funds to get a stamp of approval from a private advocacy group?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm unaware of the circumstances, so I might take that on notice and provide you a considered response.</p>	
8.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Leyonhjelm	Accredited workplace-Domestic Violence (White Ribbon Australia)	Corporate Division	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Was there any process undertaken to establish whether other organisations offer a stamp of approval regarding gender equality and whether White Ribbon Australia was the most cost-effective option?</p> <p>Ms Tressler: I'm not aware. I'd need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: You're not aware whether there was any process or whether there are any other organisations that might be an alternative to White Ribbon?</p> <p>Ms Tressler: Not to my knowledge, but I'll see if I can come back with that.</p> <p>Ms Foster: We will check, but the White Ribbon organisation has been really at the forefront of leading this activity in assisting organisations to respond appropriately to domestic violence.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Yes, indeed, but there are other organisations that advocate on behalf of victims of domestic violence, and there was a fairly substantial amount of taxpayers' funds involved. So what I'm asking is: what process was there in determining, firstly, whether—and you've already answered—to become accredited and, secondly, why White Ribbon was selected?</p> <p>Ms Foster: We've taken that on notice and we'll come back to you.</p>	FPA Proof, p.36, 18 February 2019
9.	Department	Senator	Medevac	Government	Senator WONG: When did you become aware of the government seeking constitutional	FPA Proof, p.39,

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	of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	Bill-constitutional advice	Division	<p>advice in relation to the medivac bill, for want of a better term? Mr Reid: I became aware when the advice was tabled in parliament. Senator WONG: When it was tabled in the parliament? So you weren't aware of it before that? Mr Reid: Not me personally, no. Senator WONG: Was PM&C aware of that? Mr Reid: Not that I'm aware. Senator WONG: Ms Foster? Ms Foster: No, not that I'm aware. Senator WONG: Was Dr Parkinson aware? Ms Foster: We can take that on notice. Senator WONG: Yes, take that on notice and come back to us.</p>	18 February 2019
10.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Nauru-US resettlement agreement	National Security Division	<p>Senator WONG: Of where the status is, all right. You, I think, might have been in the US. I can't remember when you were in Washington, Ms Millar. I'm sorry; I've forgotten time frames. I remember you were there. Can you track back for me to pre-2016 and Mr Turnbull's announcement to when the request or how the agreement came about? Was it first at a request from the Australian government—the Turnbull government? Ms Millar: I'd have to take that on notice. I'd have to go back and check records. Senator WONG: What do you remember? Ms Millar: I really would prefer to take that on notice. It's a few years ago, so I think it's better to get it correct for you. Senator WONG: Right. I can try and get an estimate spillover day on Friday, but I— Ms Millar: I think it would also be better to ask the Department of Home Affairs. Senator WONG: I'm interested in the sequence here. What's the problem? I just want to know: surely you remember if it was at our request? Ms Millar: Sorry, if you can repeat— Senator WONG: The agreement is announced November 2016. Mr Turnbull announces this resettlement agreement. I'm assuming that agreement was as a result of a request from Australia to the then administration. Ms Millar: As you probably know, we work very closely with the United States on a range of refugee issues and resettlement issues, and we help each other out, as we do with Canada. I would just like to track back and look at that again, but, really, I think it is a more appropriate matter for Home Affairs. Senator WONG: I'm going to come back to you because the Prime Minister announced it and I want to know what PM&C's involvement was and PM&C's involvement in, obviously, what was a leader-to-leader request.</p>	FPA Proof, p. 41, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Perhaps you could acquaint yourself with it. I would like to know: was the request made of the Obama administration and by whom? How was it transmitted. Ms Millar: We can check on that. I wasn't in PM&C at the time, but we can certainly check on the PM as well.</p>	
11.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Nauru-US resettlement agreement-negotiations	National Security Division	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. I'm actually going back to the history though. When you were at the embassy, were you involved in these discussions, Ms Millar? Ms Millar: I did have some involvement in them, but, as I said, the lead carriage was taken by the Department of Home Affairs. Senator WONG: What was your involvement? Ms Millar: I was the Deputy Head of Mission at the time. Senator WONG: Correct. You were aware and you were involved in discussions with the then administration about the terms of what the— Ms Millar: I was involved in some of the discussions, but there were lead colleagues from Canberra who came forward to work on those issues with the United States. Senator WONG: From Foreign Affairs and Trade and Home Affairs? Ms Millar: Primarily from Home Affairs. Senator WONG: Who were they? Who were the leads? Ms Millar: I think it's more appropriate to ask those questions of the Department of Home Affairs. Senator WONG: Come on. Seriously? You just told me there were leads. This is not a state secret. I'm just asking which public servants led that negotiation, Ms Millar? Ms Foster: I don't think it's unreasonable for Ms Millar to want to (a) refresh her memory and (b) not speak as a Foreign Affairs official in a PM&C estimates. Senator WONG: You can put that; it's up to the Senate what I ask her. Ms Foster: Yes, Senator. Senator WONG: At all times she is paid by the taxpayer. She's acting in accordance with directions from the executive government and she's acting in accordance with the APS values and legislations, so I am entitled to ask her questions. I just want to know, she said, 'People came forward to lead these negotiations.' I asked her 'Who?' Then she tried to flick me off to Home Affairs. CHAIR: If necessary, Ms Millar, maybe take it on notice. Ms Millar: I'm happy to take it on notice. Senator WONG: I'd like to also know: do you have knowledge of the terms of the request</p>	FPA Proof, p.41-42, 18 February 2019

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					<p>and who made it? Ms Millar: I was at the embassy at the time, and I am aware of many of the details of the request, but I would like to, as it was a few years ago, go back and refresh my memory and consult with colleagues. Senator WONG: Sure. We've got a lunch break shortly. You'll have an opportunity to at least commence that. I'm asking you who made the initial request? Was it Mr Turnbull? Ms Foster: And I think we are clear on the question. Ms Millar: We'll come back to you. Senator WONG: You don't know which minister made the request? I thought it was leader to leader. Is that not correct? Ms Millar: I really would prefer to check and give you an accurate answer than to just try and refresh my memory on something I haven't been working on for the last little while. Senator WONG: Surely, you would remember whether or not the Nauru deal with the United States was made Prime Minister to President or not? Ms Millar: Certainly there were discussions at leader level. Senator WONG: Thank you. And when were those, approximately? Ms Millar: As I have said, I would really prefer to check my notes. We'll get back to you.</p>	
12.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Nauru-US resettlement agreement-negotiations	National Security Division	<p>Senator WONG: Okay, but I'm still at the leader point. I get that, but this department supports the Prime Minister in international engagements. You have a coordinating, role, utilising advice from other agencies. Ms Foster: You're absolutely right. It would be the norm for PM&C to support the Prime Minister in such discussions, we can go back and find that out. Senator WONG: I would like that. I would like you, if you are able, to tell me. You can perhaps look at what notes we have, because there have been a number of things in the public arena about this agreement. Obviously a lot of focus has been on the subsequent election of Mr Trump and what it meant for the agreement, but I am interested in how it came about. Ms Foster: Sure.</p>	FPA Proof, p.42–43, 18 February 2019
13.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Senator Moore	Project Plan-expenditure of \$1.8m	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<p>Senator MOORE: Can we get on notice your plans for the expenditure of the \$8.1 million? I know you've been waiting for this a long time, so I'm quite sure you've already thought out how—but we'd like to get some kind of a project plan, with the dates you've already given us, about how that future money is to be expended so we can follow up at future estimates about how it's going. The other claim in the economic statement was to get more people involved in reporting, absolutely. It was also to make it more</p>	FPA Proof, p.45, 18 February 2019

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					<p>flexible. The direct quote from the document Women's Economic Security Statement says:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The upgrade will ... streamline the reporting process, reducing the time and cost to business of reporting to WGEA.</p> <p>How will that reporting process be streamlined? That's one of the issues you've been raising over the years: how you can work with your client base to streamline how they put their reports in.</p>	
14.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Senator Waters	Paid parental leave-departmental policies	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<p>Senator WATERS: That is something for us all to look at. In one of your answers to my previous questions on notice, I asked about the minimum standards that employers that have more than 500 staff are required to develop, and thank you for your answer. You noted at the end of that answer that employers are not required to submit copies of their policies to the agency. Can I just get you to expand on that? Is it the case that the agency doesn't have a quality check, if you like? Does the organisation merely have to say, yes, they've written one of these things? Do you not even get to read it and see whether it's adequate? What level of quality assurance—</p> <p>Ms Lyons: In excess of 10,000 employers report into us. We simply wouldn't have the resources to handle all of those policies and strategies, should we ask for them. When it comes to the minimum standards, we have had no-one in breach of the minimum standards.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: In that they have supplied them, but I'm interested in whether you have any oversight of the content of those.</p> <p>Ms Lyons: We don't. We just wouldn't have the resources to be able to do that.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: So 10,000 folk are doing the reporting. How many are doing the minimum standards? That's only for people with more than 500 staff, so that wouldn't be 10,000, I would have thought.</p> <p>Ms Lyons: We'd have to get back to you on the actual number of employers with over 500 staff.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: It might be a few thousand, perhaps—I'm not sure. How much extra capacity would the agency need to be able to do a check of those plans and policies? Are we talking a doubling? How big a task do you think that would be?</p> <p>Ms Lyons: I would have to take that question on notice. I couldn't even stab at an answer. It would depend on the number of employers that are in that plus-500 bracket. It's no mean feat—put it that way. To be able to review everybody's policies and strategies around particular things would be a huge task.</p>	FPA Proof, p.48, 18 February 2019
15.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Senator Leyonhjelm	Workplace safety gap-gender equality	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: I recently asked the Workplace Gender Equality Agency a written question on notice. I asked what the workplace safety gap was. You replied that the agency doesn't collect data on workplace safety. Do you recall that?</p> <p>Ms Lyons: Yes.</p>	FPA Proof, p.49;51, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: As I understand it, the agency's legislation requires it to promote and improve gender equality in employment and in the workplace. It would seem to me—and I'd ask you to confirm this—that whether or not people return home from work alive and well, and the fact that women return home from work alive and well far more reliably than men do, might be a gender equality issue in employment and in the workplace. Is that not the case?</p> <p>Ms Lyons: We collect data on six gender equality indicators that are prescribed by the act.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Does the act prevent you from collecting data on workplace safety in relation to gender equality?</p> <p>Ms Lyons: We collect data on the six gender equality indicators—I can read them out for you if you would like—and currently none of those cover safety. We collect data on the gender composition of the workforce; the gender composition of governing bodies or of relevant employers; equal remuneration between women and men; the availability and utility of employment terms, conditions and practices relating to flexible working arrangements for employees, to working arrangements supporting employees with family and caring responsibilities; we collect data on the consultation that employers do with employees on issues concerning gender equality in the workplace; and we collect data on sex based harassment and discrimination. They're the six gender equality indicators as stated under the act.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: All right. Good. To return to my previous question about workplace safety, you read out I think six areas in which the agency is tasked in the regulations. Can you cite the section that says that those are the six and only those six? You can take that on notice, if you prefer.</p> <p>Ms Lyons: I'll take that one on notice.</p>	
16.	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	Senator Leyonhjelm	Gender pay gap	Workplace Gender Equality Agency	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Alright. On another issue, what is the gender workplace hours gap? The agency reports a workplace gender pay gap comparing male full-time employees and female full-time employees. But male full-time employees work longer hours on average than female full-time employees, and the agency doesn't account for this when reporting the workplace gender pay gap. I don't need harassment, thank you, Senator Waters. I leave you alone when you ask your questions. Show me the same respect.</p> <p>Ms Lyons: Currently, using ABS data on employee earnings and hours, the gender pay gap as at May 2016 was 15.7 per cent. It is a survey of employees, that information from the ABS—it's not a census—and it's only conducted every two years. They only collect the data every two years. What we do is annualise our figure to full-time. So we look at all part-time employees and full-time employees that may have worked part of a 12-month period and we annualise that data to take into account part-time hours. Therefore, we're converting the part-</p>	FPA Proof, p.50–51, 18 February 2019

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					<p>time hours to full-time, if you like.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Why is it you don't look at hours worked? You don't collect it? But the ABS does. It's available.</p> <p>Ms Bredehoeft: The ABS does the survey, yes.</p> <p>Ms Lyons: Every two years. But, again, as I say, we collect census data; that is survey data. The other thing I would say at this stage is: just because somebody might be sitting at their desk for 12 hours a day doesn't mean you're getting 12 hours of productivity out of them and doesn't mean that they're working, in essence, any harder than someone who may sit at their desk for eight hours. So I don't think—</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: That's true, but they're getting paid for the 12, whether they are doing any work, or they're getting paid for however many hours they're sitting at their desk. The issue for your agency is that, if it's a male sitting at a desk, they're getting paid more than a female sitting at a desk. So, irrespective of the hours, the question is whether, for those hours for which they're getting paid, there is a difference between men and women.</p> <p>Ms Lyons: We don't collect information on hours.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: ABS does, so it's available. So, if we put in a question on notice, will you access the ABS data so you can answer that question?</p> <p>Ms Lyons: I did answer it earlier. I said that, under the ABS employee earnings and hours data, as at May 2016, the gender pay gap was 15.7 per cent.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: If I understood you correctly, that's referring to annualised salary. Is that right? What is the gap based on—per hourly rates or annual incomes or annualised incomes? What are we talking about here?</p> <p>Ms Lyons: The EEH data—that's the employee earnings and hours data—includes all employees regardless of employment status and reflects ordinary time cash earnings. The EEH survey produces hourly earnings for nonmanagers and can be used to produce a gender pay gap measure inclusive or exclusive of part-time employees. The EEH data can be configured in a variety of other ways that are useful to the gender pay gap estimates—for example, managerial versus non-managerial employees. The big drawback from where we sit is that EEH data is just done on a two-year cycle. And, again, it's survey data and not census data.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: Yes, it is survey data; I accept that. It's not census data. They do, however, collect both pay and hours. So I'm interested in this question. I don't think I can think of many men who would find it acceptable that a woman—irrespective of how many hours she's working in the day—if she's doing the same job as a man, was paid any less on the basis that she's a woman. I can't think of any men who would support that. And yet, because you're not looking at hours, we don't know whether that's occurring or not. Am I</p>	

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					<p>right there? Ms Lyons: I think at this stage, as I've said to you, we are unable to collect and analyse that data. There are other countries that do do that, and we'll— Senator LEYONHJELM: Not even every two years, with the ABS survey data. You could do it at least every two years. Ms Lyons: And I gave you the figure: 15.7 per cent, based on the calculation that we last did. Senator LEYONHJELM: What does the 15.7 reflect? Ms Lyons: What I was about to say is that I'm happy to take that question on notice and go back and look at that last calculation that we did and provide you with the workings on that. Senator LEYONHJELM: All right. Good.</p>	
17.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Economic Security Statement-expenditure	Office for Women	<p>Senator MOORE: Thank you for the update—including a number of issues that I would very much like to explore but won't have time to. The economic statement—thank you very much; we've asked many questions leading up to that. On notice, I want to get a forward plan about the economic expenditure on each of those particular commitments. I will let you know that. Ms Bergin: Yes. ... Senator MOORE: Okay. I asked for the funding statement across each of the commitments; can I also get an indication of which departments will be responsible? Ms Livingston: Yes, sure. Senator MOORE: The three you've given me are the three for which Office for Women will be the responsible department. Ms Livingston: That's right. Senator MOORE: With no partnerships in each of those, it's just— Ms Livingston: It's just Office for Women. Senator MOORE: Okay. On that frame, can I get the ones into the future? Ms Livingston: Yes.</p>	FPA Proof, p.52; 54, 18 February 2019
18.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Economic Security Statement-expenditure	Office for Women	<p>Senator MOORE: Regarding ones that require external funding, can you give me any indication about external funding? For instance, that last one had an external provider. Ms Livingston: Sorry, Senator, when you say 'external funding', do you mean funding coming in? Senator MOORE: From other agencies or going to a tender process—not being owned and operated by Office for Women. Ms Livingston: Your question is: where are other agencies up to with their procurement processes? Senator MOORE: Yes. What I'm trying to find out is the allocation of expenditure, in terms</p>	FPA Proof, p.54, 18 February 2019

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					<p>of how many have gone to a process where you've already allocated expenditure to external agencies? Ms Livingston: I'd have to take that one on notice. Senator MOORE: Do any of the commitments made as part of the Women's Economic Security Statement require legislative change? Ms Livingston: Yes. Some of them would require legislative change. ... Ms Livingston: I can give you one quick example. The Paid Parental Leave flexibility measure and the changes to the work test both require legislation. Senator MOORE: Can I get an indication also into the future about which require change? Ms Livingston: Yes. Senator MOORE: I totally understand that it's a decision for government as to when that change will happen. Minister, are you aware of whether any of the legislative change required is before parliament yet? Senator Payne: I don't have a timetable in front of me, but I'll take that on notice.</p>	
19.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Waters	Women's Economic Security Statement-legislation	Office for Women	<p>Senator WATERS: Just to pick up on Senator Moore's final question, would accessing super early also require legislative change? Ms Livingston: I think that it will, but I'll have to take that one on notice. Senator WATERS: I will put the same question either to you or to the minister: I haven't noticed that come onto the <i>Notice Paper</i> yet; have I missed something there? Ms Bergin: I'll add it to the response to Senator Moore. Senator WATERS: That statement was released in November? Ms Bergin: On 20 November. Senator WATERS: At least three legislative changes were required, but it sounds like there has not yet been progress in drafting. Perhaps I can ask it this way: has your office had any input into the drafting of those legislative changes? Ms Bergin: Not as yet. Senator WATERS: Would you normally have input into drafting changes like that? Ms Bergin: Yes. Senator WATERS: And you haven't yet started that work. Ms Bergin: No. Senator WATERS: So we can assume that that hasn't been progressed. Senator Payne: We shouldn't assume, Senator. I'll get the information and come back to the committee.</p>	FPA Proof, p.54, 18 February 2019
20.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Senator Waters	Women's Economic Security	Office for Women	<p>Senator WATERS: Okay. Thank you. Just sticking with the Women's Economic Security Statement, can I ask about the funding envelope. Can you just remind me how much the total amount was? I don't have that in front of me.</p>	FPA Proof, p.55, 18 February 2019

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	Cabinet		Statement-implementation on funding		<p>Ms Livingston: The total amount was announced in MYEFO just before the end of last year. It was a total value of \$119.17 million over four years.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I'd done some quick calculations at the time. I don't have my workings with me but I'd worked out that that was about 4c per woman. I'd love to be dissuaded from that calculation, but was that a ballpark estimation of how much that investment equated to?</p> <p>Ms Livingston: I haven't done that calculation.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: If you wouldn't mind, double-check my figures. I welcome the fact that we have an economic statement, and much of the content was positive, but my view was that 4c wasn't going to get anywhere near addressing the serious issues that women face. Do you ever make recommendations about the amount of funding that would be required to address the problems proposed, or is that purely a matter for government?</p> <p>Ms Bergin: Yes, that is a matter for government. We work to make sure that policy options are available, but the size and quantum and direction of the overall package is a matter for government.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Would your advice be sought to as to whether or not the amount of funding would be adequate to achieve the policy objectives?</p> <p>Ms Bergin: In terms of specifics, we put forward, as I say, a range of things under a number of the pillars, particularly of this package, and certainly we advised in terms of the quantum that was necessary to achieve some of those things. But in terms of the overall package, as I say, that would be just a matter for government.</p> <p>Senator Payne: There's no suggestion whatsoever that the Women's Economic Security Statement—the first ever Women's Economic Security Statement, I might add—is the totality of the Australian government's support for women in work, women in their families, women in education, or in any of the other range of activities to which government directs its attention. If I may say with enormous respect, to do a simple analysis of dividing the number of women in the country by \$119 million does not represent in any way, shape or form the totality of the government's commitment. If you would like us to take on notice the investments in child care, the advantages that the changes in tax provide for women, and the work we've done around low and inactive superannuation accounts, then we can put all of that together for you and I think you'll see there is a very significant investment—added to most recently on 11 February, by the minister's announcements in the context of the Prime Minister's national security address around protecting people from family and domestic violence.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I would love that, and that was going to be my next question. If you're saying that's just a sliver then, please, hit me with the full shebang, because I would hope that it's more than 4c per person.</p> <p>Senator Payne: Very happy to do that.</p>	

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21.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Waters	Women's Economic Security Statement-implementation funding	Office for Women	<p>Senator WATERS: In relation to the \$78 million that you've just referred to and that was announced, I think, on the 11th: did the Office of Women have any input into the adequacy of the quantum? Because \$60 million for women's shelters is not going to touch the sides when we've got so many women that are turned away from refuges. I know the state governments, primarily, are the first port of call, but, obviously, the federal government provides money to the states which flows on through to support the construction and the maintenance of those shelters. Again, I would love for there to be a whole lot more money that perhaps I don't know about—</p> <p>Senator Payne: It is part of a much broader approach by the Commonwealth, and we can put all of that together for you as well. Whether it comprises the Women's Safety Package, which I think commenced in 2015; support for 1800RESPECT; support for the Australian Human Rights Commission Inquiry into Sexual Harassment in Australian Workplaces; the work we're doing in cyberspace; the work we're doing with the states, as you also acknowledged, around the Let's Stop it at the Start campaign; the work that we're doing through the Housing and Homelessness Agreement; or a number of those initiatives—we can certainly compile all of those and put them in the one place for you. We are, of course, also in the process of developing the Fourth Action Plan of the national plan, and our stakeholder consultations from the end of last year, both around COAG and with the stakeholders themselves, will inform that. So the first initiative, the \$78 million that you've referred to, is the first step, not the last.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Just in relation to putting it all in the one place: that sounds like a great idea and I think there'd be many women across the country that would be interested in that. We sort of used to have that, though, with the women's budget impact statement, which was sadly dropped under the Abbott prime ministership. If it sounds like it's not too much trouble to pull that all together for me, has there been any thought given to re-establishing the women's budget impact statement so that women everywhere can see that information?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I personally am not aware, but I will take that up with the minister.</p>	FPA Proof, p.55–56, 18 February 2019
22.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Waters	Meetings between the Prime Minister and the Office for Women	Office for Women	<p>Senator WATERS: Okay; that's good to hear. Has the Prime Minister met with the Office for Women since he assumed the role?</p> <p>Ms Bergin: No.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Have previous Prime Ministers met with the Office for Women?</p> <p>Ms Bergin: I would have to take that on notice. I've been in the role for 18 months, so it's not in my time.</p>	FPA Proof, p.56, 18 February 2019
23.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Waters	Portfolio Placement of the Office for Women	Office for Women	<p>Ms Foster: But the Prime Minister has obviously affirmed his commitment by placing the Office for Women within his portfolio and cross-swearing the Minister for Women to his portfolio. That's a pretty strong statement of his commitment.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Wasn't the Office for Women always located in PM&C?</p>	FPA Proof, p.57, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Ms Foster: It has moved around.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: I see. I did have a short break, so it was not under PM&C for a while and now it's back?</p> <p>Ms Bergin: Yes. It returned to PM&C in 2014. I'd have to check, but I think it had spent four to five years in the social services portfolio.</p>	
24.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Nauru-US resettlement agreement-negotiations	National Security Division	<p>Senator WONG: No, I'm not asking about the public domain. I'm asking: do you know when that figure first became—</p> <p>Ms Millar: I don't recall.</p> <p>Senator WONG: At any point did we ask for a different number of asylum seekers to be taken?</p> <p>Ms Millar: I wasn't privy to all the negotiations in my previous capacity and I don't have the records in my current capacity. My job in Washington was very much to facilitate access for the delegation coming through with Washington based officials. I didn't play a leading role in those negotiations.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I didn't ask if you played a leading role; I didn't ask you about your records. I asked if there were requests for a different number to the number that had been agreed.</p> <p>Ms Millar: I don't recall, and the reason I mentioned those other factors is that they go to why I don't recall.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No—be very clear. Is your answer to the Senate estimates that you don't recall?</p> <p>Ms Millar: I don't recall.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So there would not be any documentation anywhere that you might have seen that would suggest there was a different number discussed?</p> <p>Ms Millar: Senator, I don't recall.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You don't recall what?</p> <p>Ms Millar: Whether or not there was a different number discussed.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On the figure of 1,250 which was in the American press, you'll take on notice whether or not it is the case that that is the number—is that what you're doing?</p> <p>Ms Foster: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: My recollection is that, at the time of the announcement, Mr Turnbull and Mr Dutton didn't give any number.</p> <p>Ms Foster: We're just seeing if we can get hold of what was released.</p> <p>Ms Millar: My colleague Ms Patterson just confirmed that a media statement by Mr Turnbull and Mr Dutton at the time did not mention a specific number.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But you're aware of the 1,250 which is on the public record from <i>The Washington Post</i> at least?</p>	FPA Proof, p.60;62, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Ms Millar: I'm aware of the 1,250 number being mentioned, yes. Senator WONG: What's your understanding of the number now? Ms Millar: I just have to check that. We're not directly working on this. ... Senator WONG: We think there's an agreement as between, signed between—you'll check over the break, but you think the agreement is at official level. Can you take on notice my question from earlier, whether or not the number of people, asylum seekers, that Australia was seeking the US take changed at any point? Ms Foster: We can take that on notice.</p>	
25.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Nauru-US resettlement agreement-negotiations	National Security Division	<p>Senator WONG: When did Mr Dutton get involved? Was he aware prior to Mr Turnbull raising it that this would be raised at leader level? Ms Millar: I don't know about the discussions between ministers at that time. I was in Washington. Senator WONG: Sure, so it's probably a little unfair. I'm trying to work out if there's an agreed discussion, that officials are aware that there's been a cross-portfolio discussion and the Prime Minister's going to raise this, or whether this is something the Prime Minister chooses to raise off his own bat. Ms Millar: I really don't know. Senator Cormann: I might be able to take that on notice. I'm sure there's information, in relation to these matters, available.</p>	FPA Proof, p.62, 18 February 2019
26.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Nauru-US resettlement agreement-negotiations	National Security Division	<p>Senator WONG: The records of these negotiations, including what the various offers would be—the various texts et cetera or communication about key aspects of it—do you have any records about that? Ms Millar: As I indicated at the beginning, I personally don't at this point. Whether or not they are held within the Prime Minister's department, we would have to check. We did do a quick check at lunchtime. As they were such closely-held documents, officers couldn't see them quickly. Senator WONG: Why are they so closely held? Ms Millar: It's quite common in sensitive negotiations to ensure there is a narrow distribution. Senator WONG: ASIO documents seem to get into the public arena pretty easily! Anyway. Sorry, you don't have to respond to that. Perhaps you can take that on notice and, if so, what documents. Then we can have a discussion about content. I'd like to know what documents are held by PM&C. Ms Foster: Certainly.</p>	FPA Proof, p.62, 18 February 2019
27.	Department of the Prime	Senator Wong	Medivac Bill-constitutional	Government Division	<p>Senator WONG: On notice, Mr Reid: I didn't take issue with it, but you made an assertion from the table about the effect of a loss on a substantive bill, which I have to say to you is</p>	FPA Proof, p.63, 18 February

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	Minister and Cabinet		advice		<p>pretty heavily contested amongst a range of parliamentary and constitutional scholars. But, rather than going through it, I wonder if, on notice, you can give me an answer to the question as to why what you said was correct. I'd like you to tell me, with relevant reference to precedents, why you made the assertion you made that a loss on the substantive legislation—what did you say? I can't actually remember the terms you used; I'll have to go back to <i>Hansard</i>—didn't constitute any lack of confidence in the government.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: That is a matter of constitutional fact.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, I'm asking him to just provide me with a more detailed response on notice as to the basis of that assertion.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: If I might just point you to—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm not going to go into this now.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Well, this is actually a pretty important point. In relation to a no confidence or lack of supply situation, in order to bring that about there is an established process in place, which you are well aware of. The government obviously believe—and we have no reason to believe otherwise—that we continue to enjoy confidence and supply in the House of Representatives.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It's a different question. It's not the question I asked.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: If the opposition had an alternative view, there are processes available to you to test your belief. I note that, to date, that has not happened.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Are you clear about the question, Mr Reid?</p> <p>Mr Reid: I can provide you with the sources and the background, certainly.</p>	2019
28.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Ministerial Statement in relation to AWU investigation	Prime Minister's Office	<p>Senator WONG: Can I ask when the Prime Minister first became aware that Minister Cash had declined to provide a witness statement to the AFP?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you know?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I don't. I've obviously got to ask him—I don't have personal knowledge of the Prime Minister's personal state of mind or state of knowledge.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What about Mr Keenan: are you aware that he has declined to provide a witness statement to the AFP?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The same answer applies. I was not aware of Mr Keenan's involvement in this process, other than what was reported in the media.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When was the Prime Minister aware that Mr Keenan declined?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.64, 18 February 2019
29.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Ministerial Statement in relation to AWU	Prime Minister's Office	<p>Senator Cormann: I'm advised that the AFP sent Minister Cash a letter asking if she could be interviewed and make a statement. Minister Cash—and you must know this because you've referred to it yourself—wrote a letter to the AFP providing them assistance, referring them to her comments in <i>Hansard</i> the days after the raids, and the AFP did not make any</p>	FPA Proof, p.65, 18 February 2019

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			investigation		<p>further contact subsequently. Again, I'm at a disadvantage because I'm not close to this process, but I can only surmise that the AFP would have been satisfied that they had all the information they required—from somebody, I hasten to add, who was not accused of anything and who is appearing as a witness, not as somebody who is the subject of these court proceedings.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Regarding these two letters—the letter from the AFP requesting that she be interviewed and make a statement and the response from Senator Cash which refers them to the <i>Hansard</i> of estimates—I'd like to know who in the Prime Minister's office was advised of the receipt of the AFP letter and when they were advised.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll take that on notice.</p>	
30.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Ministerial Statement in relation to AWU investigation	Prime Minister's Office	<p>Senator WONG: What about staff?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Same. I've got to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And is your evidence, Minister, that you didn't know about it until this became public?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: That's right.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was Minister Cash's decision which is evinced in the letter—that is, she doesn't agree to an interview, instead providing her <i>Hansard</i> from Senate estimates—something which was discussed with the Prime Minister or any member of the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'd have to take that on notice; I'm unaware.</p>	FPA Proof, p.65–66, 18 February 2019
31.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	AWU investigation	Prime Minister's Office	<p>Senator WONG: There are many things on which I disagree with you, but I think you do have some sense of the place of ministers of the Crown in our democracy, and of the importance of convention. You cannot seriously and with a straight face sit there and tell me you think it is appropriate for ministers to be asked to cooperate with the AFP on at least two occasions and for them to decline to do so. You cannot tell me that you think that is acceptable.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I can only tell you the advice that I've got in front of me. I've taken other matters on notice. The advice that I have in front of me is that the AFP did request Minister Cash to be interviewed and make a statement—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Twice—at least twice.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: and Minister Cash wrote a letter to the AFP providing them with assistance referring them to her comments in <i>Hansard</i> on the days after the raids, and that the AFP did not make any further contact subsequent to that. That is the advice I have. If you have different advice—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm reading from the public record. Your staff can get it for you: it's Senator Watt asking questions of the deputy commissioner, and it is that on at least two occasions to each office this request was made. My question remains: does the Prime</p>	FPA Proof, p.68, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Minister think that that is acceptable behaviour by his ministers? Senator Cormann: And the answer that I've given several times now is that the Prime Minister has full confidence in Ministers Cash and Keenan. Senator WONG: That is not my question. I did not ask if he had confidence in them. Does he think it is acceptable for coalition ministers to not help the AFP when asked? Senator Cormann: I don't accept your characterisation of that. Senator WONG: When did the Prime Minister become aware Minister Keenan had declined to assist the AFP? Senator Cormann: I've already taken that on notice. Senator WONG: When did you become aware? Senator Cormann: I am not aware of the precise circumstances, but I've obviously seen recent media reports. I'll take on notice when the Prime Minister became aware of what you are putting to me, and I'll check my record whether I had any prior knowledge, but I don't believe so.</p>	
32.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Waters	Lobbying Code of Conduct-Breaches	Government Division	<p>Senator WATERS: So what about the other eight allegations of those 11 that the ANAO identified? You said one wasn't proven, one asked to be removed, and one said, 'I'm sorry, I won't do it again'. Mr Reid: Sorry, I'm not sure what the numbers were in relation to that. They were the three reasons that no further action was taken in relation to the others. Senator WATERS: I see. Mr Reid: I think there may have been more than one where the lobbyist provided an assurance. Ms Foster: Those three reasons covered all of the 11 instances. Senator WATERS: Thank you; I understand now. Would you mind taking on notice, or perhaps you have it to hand there, which of those three reasons applied to each of those 11? So how many fit into each of those categories? Mr Reid: Yes. Senator WATERS: All right, but that doesn't change your response earlier, that no lobbyist has been removed other than by their own request. Mr Reid: That's right. Senator WATERS: Thank you.</p>	FPA Proof, p.70, 18 February 2019
33.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Waters	Lobbying Code of Conduct-Breaches	Government Division	<p>Mr Rush: The Lobbying Code of Conduct does prohibit registered lobbyists from being on executive committees of political parties. That is prohibited. If the department received credible allegations that a registered lobbyist was on a political party's executive then we would look into that and that could be a matter that would generate the exclusion from the register that Mr Reid's been discussing with you. Senator WATERS: How many times have you looked into it?</p>	FPA Proof, p.71, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Mr Rush: I couldn't give you a number off the top of my head, but from time to time some of the information that's brought to the department's attention goes to whether or not a lobbyist is on a political party executive. So there have been occasions when that's been the subject—</p> <p>Senator WATERS: There have been a lot of occasions, but I'm interested in how regularly you have acted upon those occasions to investigate and then take action?</p> <p>Mr Rush: All allegations are looked into and, as the Audit Office's report said in 2013, the 11 allegations that they identified were all investigated.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: How many times has it been drawn to the department's or the secretary's—whoever the relevant person is—attention that someone who is on the lobbyists register is also holding a position in a political party and, ergo, has a huge conflict of interest? How many times has that occurred?</p> <p>Mr Rush: To give you an exact number I'd have to take it on notice.</p>	
34.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Waters	Lobbying Code of Conduct-complaints	Government Division	<p>Senator WATERS: I've got here some FOI documents as to nine complaints that were received by the department as to people who are lobbyists and also hold positions in political parties. What did you or your department or whoever is in charge do about those complaints?</p> <p>Mr Rush: I don't have the details of those cases in front of me, but I can describe the general process. When a credible allegation is received by the department, we look into that. That would always involve some fairness procedures. So we would generally go to the registered lobbyist concerned to confirm any details that were brought to our attention.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Did you investigate those nine complaints? It was written up in <i>The Guardian</i> a few days ago. I'm sure you saw it. It is on the public record. It was on 9 February.</p> <p>Mr Rush: Yes, the department would have investigated each of those nine cases.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Are you saying that you found none of those to be credible?</p> <p>Mr Rush: No.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: If that is not the case, what was the action that flowed?</p> <p>Mr Rush: I couldn't answer completely on all nine. I think each case is looked at on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: And what happened? Did anything happen? Was anybody sanctioned?</p> <p>Mr Rush: I know that none of those nine cases resulted in removal from the register, with the secretary exercising that power under the code. I'd have to have a look at each of those cases to tell you whether or not each of the lobbyists concerned took any other action in relation to their registration.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: If you could, because it really goes to the utility of having a code, if it's not enforced or people flagrantly flout it, knowing full well that it's against the code to be both a lobbyist and a party exec.</p>	FPA Proof, p.72, 18 February 2019

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35.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Ministerial Statement in relation to AWU investigation	Prime Minister's Office	<p>Senator WONG: Has Minister Keenan provided an interview or a statement to the AFP?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will have to take on notice precisely what Minister Keenan provided.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You don't know?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I personally don't know what information Minister Keenan has provided. I indicated that I understand that Minister Cash wrote to the AFP, providing a copy of her statement to the Senate. In relation to Minister Keenan, I will have to take it on notice. I'm sure that he has been asked a question in the House of Representatives.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That's not what I asked.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.75, 18 February 2019
36.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	Ministry Lists	Government Division	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Under the Ministers of State Act, there can be 30 ministers and 12 parliamentary secretaries in office at any time. Does PM&C have a record of how many individuals have served as ministers since the 2013 election?</p> <p>Ms Foster: Again, we could calculate that, Senator, but I don't have it to hand.</p>	FPA Proof, p.81, 18 February 2019
37.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	Secretary meetings held in August	Government Division	<p>Ms Foster: The purpose was to make sure that we were sharing with secretaries what we understood to be in place at the time. For example, a number of ministers had resigned and there were a number of occasions on which there was potentially a gap, or there was a gap, between the minister offering their resignation and that being accepted. So we were making sure that we were all clear about what the status of ministers was during that period. Then, after Prime Minister Morrison became Prime Minister and put his new ministry in place, we were going through practical arrangements—for example, the cross-swearing of ministers to different portfolios. You may be aware that we made very few, if any, MOG changes as a result of that change. We managed that by cross-swearing ministers. That required us to make sure all departments understood how that mechanism would work. That was the sort of thing we discussed at those meetings.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: So these were extraordinary meetings; they weren't ordinary meetings that had otherwise been scheduled?</p> <p>Ms Foster: That's correct. We were calling meetings as we needed to.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: On how many occasions did Dr Parkinson convene these meetings?</p> <p>Ms Foster: I'd have to take that on notice to give you an exact number. There were a handful, in broad terms.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: If we could understand on how many occasions during the month of August Dr Parkinson convened those meetings, that would be helpful.</p> <p>Ms Foster: Sure.</p>	FPA Proof, p.81, 18 February 2019
38.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Senator Wong	Paladin contract	National Security Division	<p>Senator WONG: How did the department become aware of the fact of a contract with Paladin, which had been extended, bringing the total value of the contract to \$422 million over 22 months? That's a very significant outlay by the government. When and how did</p>	FPA Proof, p.83–84, 18 February 2019

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	Cabinet				<p>PM&C become aware of that fact? Ms Foster: We don't believe, and I've asked for people to check with our staff to see if anyone has any further information, that we had any involvement or any knowledge of this contract. Senator WONG: Prior to this becoming public—we should confirm this. Ms Foster: That's right. Senator WONG: Okay. So you'll check that. Perhaps you can confirm this for me—and, yes, obviously, we'll ask questions of Senator Cormann, with his finance hat on, and I think home affairs is being asked at the moment—in your experience, would it be usual for a contract of that size to be approved without any executive- level oversight? Ms Foster: I'm hesitating to answer, only because I don't have details of the contract and I don't know the context in which it was established. I would be answering from a basis of ignorance rather than informed. Senator WONG: Okay. And just to confirm, without wanting to divulge any consideration by cabinet, this was not a matter that went to cabinet, so PM&C didn't become aware of it through the usual cabinet processes. Is that correct? Ms Foster: 'I don't know' is the answer. I'm not sure how I could answer that question, because if it were to have been discussed at cabinet then my confirming that would be confirming considerations of cabinet. Senator WONG: Well, no. People can't have it both ways. They can't say, 'This was a cabinet decision'—I just want to know: was this a cabinet decision, or was this a departmental decision? I'll put it that way. Ms Foster: I don't know. That question would have to go to Home Affairs. Senator WONG: To your knowledge, was it a cabinet decision? Ms Foster: To my knowledge it was not. Sorry: I should say that I don't know whether or not it was a cabinet decision. That's more accurate. Senator WONG: Minister, was it a cabinet decision, or an ERC decision? Senator Cormann: Sorry—which decision is this? Senator WONG: This is the \$423 million contract to Paladin, to provide security for refugees in PNG and Manus Island— Senator Cormann: I'd have to take that on notice. We'd obviously have followed all the normal, proper processes. In terms of what precisely was involved and what we can assist you with, I'll provide that to you on notice. Senator WONG: Can you tell me whether there was any correspondence between the Prime Minister and the relevant ministers, or vice versa, in relation to this matter? Senator Cormann: I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	

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					<p>Senator WONG: Ms Foster?</p> <p>Ms Foster: Similarly, I'll have to take it on notice.</p>	
39.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Paladin contract	National Security Division	<p>Senator WONG: This matter has been the subject of quite a lot of media attention. As the central department, did anyone from PM&C ever make any contact with Home Affairs asking them what was going on or whether or not these issues were being dealt with?</p> <p>Ms Millar: Not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Ms Foster: And, again, we'll check with our staff to see whether anyone was aware, whether anyone made contact with the Department of Home Affairs over this.</p>	FPA Proof, p.85, 18 February 2019
40.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	Selection of a new Chair for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)	Industry, Infrastructure and Environment Division	<p>Senator McALLISTER: On the last occasion when the former chairperson, Mr Milne, was appointed, what steps did Prime Minister Turnbull take to consult with the Leader of the Opposition around that appointment?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I would assume that the process was the same as what it was under the previous government.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I'm not really asking for an assumption; I'm asking—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm happy to take on notice the specifics. I wasn't involved at the time.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Perhaps the department can assist.</p> <p>Mr Duggan: I can confirm, Senator, that the former consultation was a phone call between the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in advance of making the appointment, or progressing the appointment, with the Governor-General.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: What date did that phone call take place?</p> <p>Mr Duggan: I'll have to take that on notice, Senator.</p>	FPA Proof, p.88, 18 February 2019
41.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	Selection of a new Chair for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC)	Industry, Infrastructure and Environment Division	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Well, I don't think you have. What are the selection criteria for the ABC chairperson?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'd have to take that on notice. That's not in my portfolio area, so I can provide that for you on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.89, 18 February 2019
42.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Kitching	Ministerial Standards-Member for Moore	Prime Minister's Office	<p>Senator KITCHING: Senator Cormann, has the Prime Minister counselled Mr Goodenough about his behaviour?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm not aware of what interaction there was, if any, between the Prime Minister and Mr Goodenough, but I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you. Would you also take on notice: has the Prime Minister taken any action about Mr Goodenough's conduct and the confusion between his commercial interests and his parliamentary position?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Again, I understand that Mr Goodenough has made certain public statements himself. I would refer you to those statements and, beyond that, I'm happy to take these things on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.90, 18 February 2019

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43.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Kitching	Statement of Ministerial Standards-work expense arrangements – Senator McKenzie	Prime Minister's Office	<p>Senator KITCHING: What I want to know is: who enforces the <i>Statement of Ministerial Standards</i>?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Obviously the responsibility to make judgements in the context of the <i>Statement of Ministerial Standards</i> is the Prime Minister's. I'm not hearing you refer to anything that involves the improper use of work expense arrangements that are available to all members and senators and, indeed, all members of the executive.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: She is a minister. How is this enforced? The Prime Minister—we have had this discussion now over several estimates periods. Who enforces this? It never seems to be enforced.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I disagree with that characterisation. I would just say that, in relation to the use of special purpose aircraft, there is an approval process in place.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Who did approve that trip?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'd have to take that on notice. I assume it went through the normal process.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: If you could, that would be good. If you could tell me who particularly approved it, that would be useful.</p>	FPA Proof, p.92, 18 February 2019
44.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	VET Review-Consultancy	Social Policy Division	<p>Senator CAMERON: I see from the response the previous questions that \$378,000 was allocated to consultants for the review. Is that correct?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That includes Mr Joyce's remuneration?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: And Mr Joyce received \$218,500?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I'll just check that, but my understanding is that he received \$180,000—that the \$218,000 was for consultants more generally.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: The overall contract as listed on AusTender was the total that you referred to, \$218,500, and \$180,000 has been in that court for remuneration to Mr Joyce and the other part is around allowance for expenses.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So \$180,000 plus expenses?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: The expenses are things like covering travel et cetera. So, obviously, we are still part way through the review at this point.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Do you have a breakdown of Mr Joyce's consultancy fee? How it's allocated?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: Allocated in what way?</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: In terms of remuneration, in terms of how much is for overnight stays, how much for accommodation?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I think that's a question that we'd have to take on notice. What we can provide at the moment—the material we have—is that \$180,000 is for his consultancy fees and the</p>	FPA Proof, p.95–96, 18 February 2019

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					other amount that makes up the \$218,000 includes expenses, travel and those kind of things. For any greater breakdown of detail, we'd need to take that one on notice.	
45.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	VET Review-travel expenditure	Social Policy Division	<p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. There is \$120,000 allocated for travel and accommodation. How is this reconciled? Do receipts go into the department and get paid, or is it just \$120,000 allocated to the contract?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: That's the amount that has been allocated at the outset. Obviously, that's not the amount that has been spent to date. The booking of travel and accommodation, I understand, has occurred through the department—so through the task force—and final costs of travel related expenses for conducting the consultation I imagine will be reconciled at the end.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: In the usual processes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So then there'll be receipts and invoices for all travel, accommodation and expenses?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: So generally that would be the case for some elements, but most of the accommodation and travel would be booked centrally through PM&C through our booking processes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: That's fine. Can you provide details of all expenditure on travel, all expenditure on accommodation, any expenditure in relation to meals, and provide receipts?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: We can undertake to provide some of that on notice. Some we would have now; some would be reconciled within a period of time during or following the review, because people as you know are not required to—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide me with what the up-to-date reconciliations are?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: Of those elements which we would have access to, yes, but, as I just mentioned, some of them would be material—the receipts and those sorts of things—that would be provided in due course.</p> <p>Ms Foster: Dr Baxter has just said she doesn't have that detail with her. We can give that to you on notice as we know it now.</p>	FPA Proof, p.96–97, 18 February 2019
46.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	VET Review – Interim Report	Social Policy Division	<p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. Have any interim reports been provided to PM&C?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: There hasn't been any formal interim advice to date, but Mr Joyce has written to the Prime Minister, providing an update on the public consultations that he's undertaken to date.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Yes. So that's just like: this is where I've been and this is what I've done.</p> <p>Dr Baxter: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you table that document?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I'd need to take on notice whether that's something we're able to table, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You can take it on notice, and, if you need to make a public interest immunity claim, it should follow the appropriate process. The Senate will determine whether</p>	FPA Proof, p.97, 18 February 2019

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					or not it should be tabled. Ms Foster: That's correct, Senator. We'll take it on notice.	
47.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	VET Review - consultation	Social Policy Division	<p>Senator CAMERON: In the period during which Mr Joyce was the minister, there were declining enrolments, a lack of skills available and a massive skill shortage. This is Mr Joyce's 'eminent' contribution to New Zealand. Why would we then pick him to do this in Australia?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: His eminent contribution relates to the seven years during which Mr Joyce was New Zealand's Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment and also work that he's undertaken for the South Australian trade, tourism and investment department. That's the basis of his retention.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Does the Prime Minister have a personal relationship with Mr Joyce?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I don't know, Senator. Not that I'm aware of.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you take that on notice, Minister?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm happy to take that on notice. I'm not aware.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Was any Australian eminent expert considered for this job?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: There was a short list of candidates, who were reviewed by the Prime Minister and the government. There was a range of people who were offered on a short list.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: How many were on the short list?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.97, 18 February 2019
48.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	VET Review-consultation	Social Policy Division	<p>Senator CAMERON: On what date did the Prime Minister make the decision to engage Mr Joyce?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I don't know that I have the date of the decision. I do have the date of the announcement, which was 28 November 2018.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Okay. Can you, then, on notice provide details of when the decision was made to undertake this so-called review?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: Yes, I can take that on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.98, 18 February 2019
49.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	VET Review-consultation	Social Policy Division	<p>Senator CAMERON: Does Mr Joyce have to provide details of how many hours he spends on this review?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: As part of acquitting his consulting fees?</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Yes.</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I would have to take on notice what has been the mechanism for Mr Joyce invoicing us for his fees and that payment being provided. I don't have that intricate level of detail with me.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Up to today's date, how many days and how many hours has Mr Joyce put into this consultancy?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: We know it has been a very packed four months, Senator, but the exact detail of days we don't have with us. We can take that on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.99, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Senator CAMERON: So it has been packed.</p> <p>Dr Baxter: It has been a very busy consultation schedule, yes.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Who determined who should be consulted?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: Senator, the people that Mr Joyce is consulting with are a wide range of people across industry bodies, RTOs, others in the VET sector, state ministers and Commonwealth ministers—and I believe yourself, as well, he met with. The suggestions for people to meet with, particularly for the roundtables, have come from a variety of sources. The department of education and some state officials have made suggestions for industry RTO reps et cetera and also some others have made suggestions or have offered or indicated interest in meeting with Mr Joyce—</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Can you provide me details of any other overseas eminent persons that have conducted reviews for PM&C during the coalition government?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: We can certainly take that on notice, Senator.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Is the \$120,000 for travel and accommodation in addition to Mr Joyce's package?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: The travel and accommodation in that is largely that of the task force.</p> <p>Dr Baxter: But we can check that.</p> <p>Ms Furnell: But we can check how that is worked out.</p>	
50.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	VET Review-expenditure	Social Policy Division	<p>Senator CAMERON: For those on the task force, can you provide receipts of any expenditure they have incurred as part of their travel or engagement in this review?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: Yes, we can take that on notice, as I mentioned before, what has been incurred to date, which receipts have filtered through to date?</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: All receipts.</p>	FPA Proof, p.99, 18 February 2019
51.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	VET Review-consultation	Social Policy Division	<p>Senator CAMERON: To what level—written submissions, meetings—what?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: Written submissions from several, Mr Joyce's travelling to each state and territory and meeting with many state officials, RTOs, industry representatives.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: So can you provide copies of all written submissions?</p> <p>Ms Furnell: I could take that on notice. Some of the submissions, people do not wish to be released publicly. When we put out the submission process, we ask whether you wish to be quoted from or release the material publicly and several said no.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: Does that then mean that the department would be claiming public interest immunity on behalf of these individuals?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I think it's a protocol. When we ask for people to put submissions in, we ask them whether that's something that they would be comfortable to have released so, as a starting point, it's a protocol we generally follow.</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: But I'm not interested in general protocols; I'm interested in public expenditure and I'm interested in what information has been coming, what submissions have</p>	FPA Proof, p.99–100, 18 February 2019

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					<p>been coming through.</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I think Miss Furnell might have indicated we are happy to provide you with a list of the submissions that have been provided. We would like to check the content of some of those where we have been specifically asked to keep it confidential. It's obviously an important part of running these consultations that we are able to indicate to people if they can provide us with material in confidence that we will keep faith with that.</p>	
52.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking-briefings	Economic Division	<p>Senator WONG: You said you briefed the Prime Minister before and after. How many briefings have been provided to Mr Morrison on the banking royal commission since the report was provided to government?</p> <p>Mr Duggan: I don't have the precise number in front of me. I can tell you though that we provided a number of briefings to the Prime Minister between the receipt of the final report and the government issuing its response.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you take that on notice, please?</p> <p>Mr Duggan: I can, Senator. I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: How many of those were at his request and how many were initiated by the department?</p> <p>Mr Duggan: I'll take that on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.102, 18 February 2019
53.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking-briefings	PMO	<p>Senator WONG: How many meetings, if any, have the Prime Minister or the Prime Minister's office, to your knowledge, had with representatives from the four large banks or other members of the financial services industry since the report was provided to government?</p> <p>Mr Duggan: I don't know the answer to that, Senator. I can take it on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.102, 18 February 2019
54.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking-briefings	PMO	<p>Senator WONG: Have you provided any briefings for meetings with victims of poor practices or banking, I suppose, malpractice?</p> <p>Mr Duggan: Yes. The Prime Minister has had meetings with people who certainly found themselves victims of poor practice in the banking sector, and we have provided briefings.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Have you done that since the royal commission reported?</p> <p>Mr Duggan: Not to my recollection, Senator. I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But there have been meetings with members of the financial services industry since the royal commission handed its decision down?</p> <p>Mr Duggan: I'll have to take that on notice. I can't recall.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry, I thought that's what you said before, Mr Duggan. Maybe I misunderstood your evidence. I thought you said before that you had provided briefings in relation to meetings with members of the financial services industry since the royal commission report was handed down but you couldn't recall whom.</p>	FPA Proof, p.102–103, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Mr Duggan: To correct—sorry, Senator—we have provided briefings with respect to meetings that have taken place. What I can't confirm is whether or not there have been meetings that have taken place since the receipt of the final report.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. On notice, can I have—and this might be a question for the minister at the table—the number of meetings the Prime Minister has had with representatives from the large banks or the financial services industry since the report was provided, and a list of whom. Can I also have the number of meetings the Prime Minister has had with consumer groups or victims since the report was provided to government—although, in relation to that one, we're not seeking personal particulars.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm happy to take that on notice.</p>	
55.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Kitching	Ministerial Gifts	Protocol and International Visits	<p>Senator KITCHING: Okay. Has there been a flurry of declarations?</p> <p>Ms Foster: Not that I'm aware of.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Have there been any declarations?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We might take that on notice to provide you with an updated version of that table that we have been looking at today.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: As you'll recall, I did ask about Ms Bishop, the member for Curtin, having been gifted a pair of Jimmy Choo shoes. They retail for approximately \$25,000. Has there been any payment to the Collector of Public Monies in relation to that gift?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm at a disadvantage here. I'm not personally aware of what it is that you're referring to.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: She was gifted a pair of Jimmy Choo shoes. With the individual atelier work, another pair was about \$25,000. There was no payments made that we can see, but maybe it's in the update.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Minister, I should explain that the reason we're surprised that you didn't notice is that there were a number of media articles that included large colour photos of these shoes and Ms Bishop. There was quite a thing about the shoes.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I didn't notice any articles about the shoes, I'm sorry.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Jimmy Choo has passed you by!</p> <p>Senator Cormann: What period are you talking about?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: It was last year. I can get you a date. There was a lot of media about it.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Latika Bourke wrote a story about it on 23 October, but there was significant media prior to that.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Apparently this issue was raised in the foreign affairs estimates previously.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Correct.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: So you confirm that. I'm advised that the minister declared all gifts,</p>	FPA Proof, p.106–107, 18 February 2019

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					<p>consistent with the relevant requirements. Senator KITCHING: But we're going to get an update to see if that includes the shoes? Senator Cormann: I've taken on notice any declarations that have been made, consistent with the requirements to declare gifts. Obviously I've taken that on notice, so it will be tabled at the appropriate time, but I'm not personally aware of it. All I can say is that the response in foreign affairs estimates, I'm advised, was that the then minister made all of the relevant declarations, consistent with the relevant requirements.</p>	
56.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Kitching	Ministerial Gifts	Protocol and International Visits Division	<p>Senator KITCHING: Yes. What I'm asking is: have ministers or their offices gone to the department for advice, and has that happened, let's say, in the last 12 months? How many times has that happened? Ms Foster: I think I'm misunderstanding the question. They don't come to us for advice. They simply get a valuation. Senator KITCHING: Mr Fraser, did you just say that you can give support to minister's offices? That's what I'm asking about, Ms Foster. Mr Fraser: From time to time there are inquiries where we do provide support and perhaps advice about how to obtain a valuation. Senator KITCHING: How often has that occurred in the past 12 months? Mr Fraser: I'll have to take that on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.107–108, 18 February 2019
57.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Kitching	Ministerial Gifts	Protocol and International Visits	<p>Senator KITCHING: Can I confirm that, according to your department's records, Mr Dutton has made no contribution to the Collector of Public Monies for a caravan refurbishment of his mobile office he declared on his register of interests on 24 May 2017? It looks like it is a gift from Kedron Caravans. Ms Foster: As Minister Cormann said, this list covers only the period from 22 October forward, so we would have to take that on notice. This was a list prepared of gifts received.</p>	FPA Proof, p.108, 18 February 2019
58.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Australian Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem	International Division	<p>Senator WONG: I was going to turn to a couple of things for the international division. First is the embassy shift to Jerusalem—or the non-shift. We traversed this in detail on the last occasion. I don't want to go through everything again, but I did want to follow up a couple of things which have occurred since we last met. The Prime Minister announced in his address to the Sydney Institute on 15 December 2018 that the government would 'look forward to moving our embassy to West Jerusalem when practical, in support of and after final status determination'. Can I ask about the process leading up to that announcement and PM&C's involvement in it, please? ... Mr Hayhurst: There was work undertaken on the issues that the Prime Minister had identified as being the subject of the review. Senator WONG: By whom? Mr Hayhurst: By officials.</p>	FPA Proof, p.109–111, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Senator WONG: But which officials? Is this something you did, that you have personal knowledge of, or has someone told you this?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I have knowledge of some of it. Also being considered at that time was the precise form of aspects of the review, including which officers would be assembled within PM&C to support the further work of the leads of the review, the four departmental secretaries.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When was the decision made that the review would be led by the four departmental secretaries, and by whom was it made?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I'd have to take that on notice. I can't recall.</p>	
59.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Australian Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem	International Division	<p>Senator WONG: That's key to your evidence. Key to your evidence is, 'Actually, Senator, you shouldn't pay attention to the 19th date because there was a whole heap of work that was done before,' but you can't tell me—or can someone else at the table tell me: when was the decision made by government that secretaries would lead that work, from which we can infer the approximate commencement day?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Work to further support that work, because—</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, no, no, can we not do the 19—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: the government—</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm asking about before.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: The Prime Minister announced a review on 16 October. There were processes involving cabinet colleagues. I think he indicated at the time words to the effect that this would involve consultation with international partners—friends and partners—and, at some point, all of that had to be brought towards a structured conclusion in order to finalise the outcomes of the review, which was ultimately announced in—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay. Thank you for that!</p> <p>Senator Cormann: middle of December.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I don't know whether I'm on to something because people are just obfuscating—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: No, I'm not—</p> <p>Senator WONG: in which case we can stay and we will just—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: There are different phases and different processes—</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, it's a really simple question and it is entirely legitimate. Mr Hayhurst has given evidence that the review work commenced prior to this task force being stood up, and it was led by four secretaries, and I asked a very simple question: who made the decision that this review would be undertaken by the four secretaries, or the three secretaries identified, and when was that decision made?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p>	FPA Proof, p.111–112, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Senator WONG: I'm told in these estimates that four secretaries were tasked with it, and the task force was stood up, on 19 November. I just want to know the process by which those decisions were made and when work was commenced, and who made them.</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: Yes, and to get that right I'd have to take it on notice, because I don't have all the details and all the dates. Some of it was being handled by the secretaries, presumably, and I'm not privy to all the advice and the information.</p>	
60.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Australian Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem-report	International Division	<p>Senator WONG: Did the taskforce provide government with a written report?</p> <p>Ms Millar: Yes, it did.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When was that provided and to whom?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I don't have the exact date that the report was handed down, but it was part of a cabinet process. It was not long prior to the Prime Minister's announcement of the government's decision in relation to the outcome of the review.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So the report was considered by cabinet shortly before 15 December—correct?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was the report to the Prime Minister? I understand the indication that it went to cabinet—which is useful, because it's difficult for me to get a copy of it, right? But was the report to him?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I'd have to check the exact form and whether it was addressed to him or whether it was addressed to the wider cabinet and presented that way.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Was the request to Dr Parkinson to lead this review done in writing, or is there another document which sets out the terms of the question on which the government were seeking advice from the taskforce?</p> <p>Ms Millar: My recollection—and I would have to check this—is that there discussions amongst the secretaries and with the Prime Minister's office about the terms of the review and a document was drawn up as part of that consultation process setting it how it would proceed. That is my recollection.</p>	FPA Proof, p.113, 18 February 2019
61.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Australian Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem-report	International Division	<p>Senator WONG: Senator Cormann, was the decision of the Prime Minister consistent with any of the recommendations or outcomes of the review?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I take on notice whether there is anything that I can help you with in terms of the input and the output, but the output is of course what reflects the decision of the government, and the output is what the government is accountable for.</p> <p>Senator WONG: How long before the decision was the cabinet process that you referenced, Mr Hayhurst?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I don't have with me the exact amount of time in between the discussion between ministers and the decision. I recall it was not long.</p>	FPA Proof, p.113, 18 February 2019
62.	Department	Senator	Partnership	Industry,	Senator WONG: Is there any evidence that there's actually any partnership between any	FPA Proof,

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	of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Wong	consultations	Infrastructure and Environment Division	<p>commercial network and any Pacific nation?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: Not known to me. That policy proposal was developed by the Department of Communications and the Arts, probably in consultation with DFAT. The detail is really held by them; I'm not aware of anything myself.</p> <p>Ms Foster: And that was the construct that really went forward, with each department—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure, and I'll ask questions of them. But the Prime Minister did announce that Free TV's Australian chief executive said that the government approached the industry last year. Was that something done by PM&C or was this done by communications?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: To my knowledge, it was not done by PM&C.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay, perhaps you can take that on notice to confirm that?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I can do that.</p>	p.118, 18 February 2019
63.	Digital Transformation Agency	Senator McAllister	Auditor-Generals report- (Biometric Identification Service project) recommendations	Digital Transformation Agency	<p>Senator DEAN SMITH: Would you agree with the Auditor-General's report when it focuses a lot of its attention on the audit committee and its failings?</p> <p>Ms Hutchinson: Certainly. We would recommend—</p> <p>Senator DEAN SMITH: Not your audit committee, I might add.</p> <p>Ms Hutchinson: Thank you. We would recommend many of the lessons out of this report, particularly around governance; good principles across for the APS to adopt.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator McAllister.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: These issues were brought to the attention of the CEO, Mr Brugeaud?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: No, they weren't.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Did you raise them with the minister?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: No, I did not.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Why not?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: Because they weren't brought to my attention.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: My apologies; I misheard your answer. So you weren't in charge, Ms Hutchinson. Who was sitting in your seat?</p> <p>Ms Hutchinson: It would have been my predecessor or her predecessor.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: That was Dr Seebeck, was it?</p> <p>Ms Hutchinson: It could have been, or Ms Monkley.</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: Most likely Ms Monkley, who was on secondment from the Department of Human Services.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: How long was she with the DTA?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: I will need to check the dates. We'll take that on notice to get you the exact dates, but it was around 12 months. She performed a couple of different roles in the time that she was with the DTA.</p>	FPA Proof, p.125, 18 February 2019
64.	Digital	Senator	Auditor-	Digital	Senator McALLISTER: It says:	FPA Proof,

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	Transformation Agency	McAllister	Generals report- (Biometric Identification Service project) recommendations	Transformation Agency	<p>The DTA understands that ACIC gave the DTSPMC a 'verbal report' but DTA holds no details or records of this. Yet Mr Brugeaud said he did provide advice in advance of that meeting. How can there be no record of the advice that Mr Brugeaud provided?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: This project has been a pretty big disaster. It has been a comprehensive failure. The ANAO describes it, as I said earlier, as being 'deficient in almost every significant respect'. Was there a point at which you think, in retrospect, it may have been better had Minister Keenan been alerted to this?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: So 20/20 hindsight is a wonderful thing.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: Given the outcomes of the review of this and any other program that may not have gone particularly well, then we would have clearly provided advice. I do come back to the point that the DTA has limited capacity and jurisdiction over individual projects. There are many large projects being run across government. For us to have a forensic view of every project that's reporting amber at any reporting point is just impractical, even with a broader mandate.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: The ANAO discovered that the project's recordkeeping was so poor that it took more than a month for the ACIC to find the original 800-page contract and that, because it was not measured against milestones or deliverables at any stage, there was no way of knowing that the ACIC got what they paid for. There's a big gap between that and the self-reporting process, isn't there? There's really terrible project management underway. They self-reported to you that things were amber or red, which maybe should have raised a flag anyway. Why were you unaware of these gaping holes in the project management arrangements for the project?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: We have the visibility of the inputs that are provided through the self-assessments of the individual agencies involved, so if that wasn't made visible to us then we wouldn't have been aware of it.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Senator Seselja, are there any consequences for any of the public servants who were involved in this process—in particular, those public servants who regularly reported that the thing was off track and then reported they had confidence in it and then canned the project—being held accountable for what happened?</p> <p>Senator Seselja: Sorry, I don't have any specific information on that. I can take that on notice.</p>	p.127–128, 18 February 2019
65.	Digital Transformation Agency	Senator McAllister	Visit to the US by the Minister for	Digital Transformation Agency	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Yes, me too. I want to ask about Mr Keenan's visit to San Francisco last year. What was the purpose of the trip?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: It was an industry delegation with members of the Australian Information</p>	FPA Proof, p.128–129, 18 February 2019

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			Digital Transformation		<p>Industry Association. There were a couple of objectives in the visit. One was to showcase great Australian talent. It was to build relationships with industry, within Australia, in an environment that was innovative and very progressive in its mode of operation. It was also connecting with Australian companies in the US.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: What was the departure date and date of return?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: I'll need to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: What destinations were visited on the trip and for how long at each destination?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: We'll take this on notice. At a high level, the visit included San Francisco, New York and Washington DC.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: For each of those destinations, can you please provide a list of the meetings attended by the minister and on which day?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: Indeed.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Thank you. Did staff travel with the minister?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: Ministerial staff travelled with the minister, and a number of departmental staff from within the APS travelled with the minister. There were also myself and the then acting CIO of the Department of Human Services, Mr Charles McHardie, as well as administrative support staff.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: The ministerial staff were from Minister Keenan's own office.</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: Correct.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Were there any other ministerial staff?</p> <p>Mr Brugeaud: Not as far as I'm aware, but we'll confirm that and come back.</p>	
66.	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	Senator McAllister	Process for the selection of the next Governor-General	Office of the Official Secretary to the Governor-General	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Can the office confirm that it was the current Governor-General's previous intention to step down in March 2019, as he confirmed in an article in <i>The Australian</i> in September 2018?</p> <p>Mr Singer: When Governor-General Cosgrove took office he believed that he would be doing so for the notional term of five years. In the absence of any further update or request upon his time frame in terms of his own retirement from the office, he fully expected that his term would conclude in March 2019, which is the five-year mark.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I note that the opposition leader wrote to Mr Morrison to ask him to extend the current Governor-General's term. Did the office of the secretary of the Governor-General provide any advice in relation to that matter?</p> <p>Mr Singer: No, we were not aware of that until it was made public via media reporting.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Of course, a new Governor-General has now been announced. Can you just step us through, from a process prospective, what occurred on 16 December in 2018?</p> <p>Mr Singer: 2018, Senator?</p>	FPA Proof, p.132, 18 February 2019

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					<p>Senator McALLISTER: Correct. On the day of the announcement.</p> <p>Mr Singer: The appointment of a new Governor-General is very much within the purview of both the Prime Minister's office and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. My office has no responsibility for the transitional arrangements to a new Governor-General until such time as the Governor-General designate is sworn in. However, as a courtesy, Governor-General Cosgrove was informed that a Governor-General designate would be announced on 16 December.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: When was he informed of that?</p> <p>Mr Singer: I wouldn't be able to specify a specific date, but I know it was in the days leading up to the announcement, and that was in the context of Governor-General Cosgrove being asked to stay on for an extra few months.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Could I just confirm: when you say that you wouldn't be able to tell us the exact date, is that because you don't know?</p> <p>Mr Singer: That's right. It is not a question of I don't want to; it's a question of that I don't know when the Governor-General will have been informed. I know that he will have had a series of discussions with both the Prime Minister and Dr Parkinson from Prime Minister and Cabinet. Most of those would have related to the timing of his own departure from office, and in the context of those conversations he would have been informed as a courtesy that General Hurley was to be pointed Governor-General.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I see. Could you please take on notice when those discussions took place and at which of those discussions the Governor-General was informed of the pending announcement of General Hurley.</p> <p>Mr Singer: I'd be happy to take that on notice.</p>	
67.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Hinch	F&EM Medal	Government Division	<p>As I have mentioned before, overseas service by Fire and Emergency Personnel (F&EM) is not currently recognised within Australia's Honours System. Currently, F&M are only recognised with the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal where they provide emergency humanitarian service overseas in hazardous circumstances. I raised this issue in the Senate last November.</p> <p>Since then, has there been any consideration for creating a new Fire and Emergency Overseas Medal?</p>	Written, 20/02/2019
68.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women's Economic Statement	Office for Women	<p>For each of the new measures listed on pages 5 and 6 of the Women's Economic Statement, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A detailed update on progress implementing the measure b) The breakdown of funding over the forward estimates, plus details of any funding provided outside the forward years c) Whether the measure requires legislation d) Which department or agency is responsible for the 	Written, 22/02/2019

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					implementation/administration of the policy	
69.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Women’s Economic Statement-external funding	Office for Women	Which of the new measures included in the women’s economic statement involve delivering funding to or working with an external provider (such as Good Shepherd Microfinance)? For each of these measures: a) Have contracts been finalised? b) If yes - Has funding been delivered? c) If no – When will contracts be entered into?	Written, 22/02/2019
70.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Reducing Barriers to Work Forum	Office for Women	In relation to the Reducing Barriers to Work Forum: a) When will the first forum be held? b) Where will the forum be held? c) Please provide a list of participants in the forum. d) Which government departments and ministers will participate in the forum? e) How much funding has been allocated to hold the forum? What is the source of the funding? Will the forum receive funding from sources outside the Office for Women? Which measures will be implemented during the current term of parliament?	Written, 22/02/2019
71.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	BoardLinks database	Office for Women	How many women have registered on the BoardLinks database since restrictions on nominations were lifted in October last year? How many women were listed on the database prior to the change?	Written, 22/02/2019
72.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Boosting Female Founders program	Office for Women	In relation to the Boosting Female Founders program: a) When will this program be implemented? b) Which department will administer the competitive grants round? c) What size grants will be available? d) How will you determine eligibility for the grants? What sort of businesses are the grants targeted at? e) Where will “co-funding” be provided from? f) Which stakeholders were consulted in the development of this measure? g) What gap is this program designed to fill?	Written, 22/02/2019
73.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Organisational Chart	Office for Women	Please provide an updated version of the Office for Women’s organisational chart, including the number and level of staff working in each area.	Written, 22/02/2019
74.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Senator Moore	Office for Women ASL	Office for Women	What is the Office for Women’s current budgeted ASL? How many of these positions are currently filled?	Written, 22/02/2019

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75.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	National Women's Alliance	Office for Women – Minister's Office	Since taking on the portfolio, has the Minister for Women met formally with each of the National Women's Alliances? How many times?	Written, 22/02/2019
76.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Gender Analysis within the Budget	Office for Women	Will the Office be conducting gender analysis of changes to the tax and transfer system contained in this year's budget?	Written, 22/02/2019
77.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Departmental Grants	Office for Women	In relation to the grant rounds GO1764 and GO1984: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The 2017-18 WLDP grants round was open competitive – why was the decision made to move to a non-competitive process for these rounds? b) Why was GO run as a targeted grant round? Was this decision made by the department or the minister? c) Which organisations were invited to apply for the targeted grant round? d) Did all organisations that were invited to apply submit an application? e) How has the open grant round been publicised? f) What's the total funding pool available in each of GO1764 and GO1784? g) How many applications were received for each of the rounds? h) How many of the applications met the grant criteria? i) Have any grant agreements been entered into yet? j) Will funding for the multi-year grants be provided from the 2018-19 WLDP funding allocation or from the forward years? 	Written, 22/02/2019
78.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Gender Analysis	Office for Women	Please detail any work being done to strengthen the Office for Women's technical capacity to undertake gender analysis of the interaction of the tax and transfer system. Does the office have the capacity to undertake this sort of analysis?	Written, 22/02/2019
79.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Research Projects	Office for Women	What research projects is the Office for Women currently working on?	Written, 22/02/2019
80.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Moore	Policy measures	Office for Women	Last year, the statements on women's policy measures contained in the budget, produced by the Department of the Treasury, were published on the Office for Women's website – will the Office for Women be involved with the production of these documents for the 2019-20 Budget?	Written, 22/02/2019
81.	Department	Senator	Gender	Office for	Will the Office for Women be conducting gender impact analysis of proposed measures for	Written,

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	of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Moore	Impact Analysis	Women	the 2019-20 Budget?	22/02/2019
82.	Digital Transformation Agency	Senator Hume	Blockchain development	Digital Transformation Agency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In 2017, Data61 produced a report <i>Distributed Ledgers: Scenarios for the Australian economy over the coming decades</i>. What follow up work has been done to build upon the Data61 Report? Is there an identified roadmap for Australia to drive blockchain innovation leading to the positive outcomes described in the report? 2. Has there been any work done to benchmark Australia's plans to encourage blockchain innovation with competitor economies around the world? 3. What plans have been developed to engage with key industry sectors in the joint development of roadmaps for blockchain innovation in those sectors? 	Written, 28/02/2019
83.	Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation	Senator Paterson	Rate of return on investments	Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation	<p>CHAIR: That turnaround is very good news. It's very impressive. I want to come back to the bills that you mentioned in your opening statement and the changes that they have brought for your organisation. There were three bills which relate to your organisation. I won't bother reading them out. You know what they are; we all know what they are. As the minister acknowledged in his opening statement, they had the input of all parties and passed by agreement, which was a good thing. One of the things that stood out in that process is the past performance of your organisation. You mentioned that in your opening statement as well. For the last year that I'm advised about, in 2016-17 the \$2 billion of funds now under ILSC's management was returning just 2.9 per cent. Is that accurate?</p> <p>Mr Maher: I'd have to take the exact figure on notice but it does ring a bell. It was not under ILSC's management; it was the Land Account—</p> <p>CHAIR: Good point.</p> <p>CHAIR: A 2.9 per cent return compares to just putting money in the bank for 2.6 per cent.</p> <p>Mr Maher: It's the CPI or just a bit over.</p> <p>CHAIR: Exactly. That's a worryingly low return. Will the changes that have been made put you in a position to deliver much stronger commercial returns than that?</p> <p>Mr Maher: Yes, definitely. Going into being managed now by the Future Fund as the Land and Sea Future Fund will, we predict, provide returns of six to eight per cent.</p> <p>CHAIR: Wow. That's a spectacular turnaround.</p> <p>Mr Maher: That's the kind of run rate that the Future Fund's got</p> <p>CHAIR: I know you've got a commercial background. What's the cost of leaving funds of that magnitude in such low-performing management?</p> <p>Mr Maher: We estimated that it would have cost us—I will take this on notice—around \$600 million over a period of 10 years.</p>	FPA Proof, p.7–8, 22 February 2019
84.	Indigenous Business	Senator Dodson	Heat map-statistical	Indigenous Business	Senator DODSON: Do you have a map or a graph that demonstrates what the statistics point to across the various jurisdictions?	FPA Proof, p.10, 22 February

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	Australia		analysis	Australia	<p>Mr Viswanathan: Yes, I have a heat map which I'm happy to provide on notice. It shows the spread and reach of our work across the country.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: That would be very helpful from the point of view of whether equity is being achieved in these places.</p>	2019
85.	Indigenous Business Australia	Senator Dodson	Home ownership-amendments to the Northern Territory Land Rights Act	Indigenous Business Australia	<p>Senator DODSON: ... My other questions may not be within your bailiwick; I'm not sure. They go to section 19A of the Northern Territory Land Rights Act. The minister may have knowledge of this at his fingertips, as he normally does. How many homes have passed into traditional ownership since the introduction of the section 19A amendment to the land rights act in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>Mr Viswanathan: How many home loans have we done?</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Viswanathan: I don't have that figure to hand. I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Scullion: I think they're relatively static. I think in the Tiwi islands it was about 17. But I can take that on notice quite shortly. Another group will have those answers. But I can get that.</p>	FPA Proof, p.10, 22 February 2019
86.	Indigenous Business Australia	Senator Dodson	Home ownership-amendments to the Northern Territory Land Rights Act	Indigenous Business Australia	<p>Senator DODSON: Okay. How many, if any, under the same section of the land rights act, have passed to non-Indigenous persons?</p> <p>Senator Scullion: Given under section 19 to non-Indigenous entities?</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Yes: police stations, hospitals or whatever they are.</p> <p>Senator Scullion: It's a very large—</p> <p>Senator DODSON: If you could get that information, Minister, it would be—</p> <p>Senator Scullion: Certainly.</p>	FPA Proof, p.10, 22 February 2019
87.	Indigenous Business Australia	Senator Paterson	Indigenous Procurement Policy Contracts	Indigenous Business Australia	<p>CHAIR: I'm particularly interested to know about the business support program. We've talked about it a bit previously. I understand that the recent results of the government's Indigenous procurement policy have been released and they show that about 1,400 Indigenous businesses delivering about 1,900 contracts have received \$1.8 billion in contracts since July 2015. How many IBA clients are you aware of that are delivering Indigenous procurement policy contracts?</p> <p>Mr Viswanathan: I don't have the specific number but certainly we do see that among our customers. I think that reflects the huge demand we're having for our services. We did launch a specific product called a procurement loan. That was very much to come in off the back of that policy, for businesses that have won government contracts. So that policy certainly, as everyone's aware, has fuelled a leap in business activity. In our case our overall business finance to small businesses has topped \$50 million per year, which is about double or so what we were achieving a few years ago.</p> <p>CHAIR: That's really significant. Maybe take it on notice but I'd be interested in, if it's</p>	FPA Proof, p.10, 22 February 2019

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					possible to work out, what percentage of your clients are involved in delivering these contracts. Mr Viswanathan: We can do that.	
88.	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Senator Siewert	KPMG Consultation Process	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Can I go back to the KPMG consultation process. Mr Button, you referred to online processes. Can I double check that that wasn't the only consultation approach. Were there face-to-face consultation processes as well?</p> <p>Mr Button: There were workshops and consultations as part of the KPMG review report.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Can you perhaps take on notice the number and location of the consultations that were carried out. You don't need to tell me everybody that was consulted.</p> <p>Mr Button: Yes. We're happy to provide you with a list of where and when those KPMG review report consultations occurred. I'm happy to provide that back to you.</p>	FPA Proof, p.18, 22 February 2019
89.	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Senator Duniam	Investigation of Mr Mavrigiannakis	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	<p>Senator DUNIAM: I will just run through some of the issues that are in the public domain around Mr Mavrigiannakis's behaviour and conduct as a CEO of one of these corporations. They involve Mr Mavrigiannakis claiming thousands of dollars in accommodation expenses from the organisation when he was in fact living in a high-rise apartment on Adelaide Terrace owned by his mother. Another claim is that he paid for dozens of expensive meals at some of Perth's top restaurants on his business credit card provided by the organisation before claiming the same meal on expenses from the organisation. Then it was alleged that he had the corporation buy him a \$60,000 Lexus while he lived in Perth when he already had a \$65,000 Toyota Kluger at his home base in Tom Price. He was also allowed to claim unlimited air travel within WA and business class air travel anywhere at any time within Australia; unlimited cab charge rides; hiring of a car at any time; dry cleaning and laundry; the use of a company credit card to buy for meals for himself, guests and staff; and the use of unlimited fuel cards and a Coles card, presumably to buy groceries on top of his \$400,000 salary. It's understood that Gumala incurred losses of \$235,000 in travel and other expenses, while \$100,000 in credit card charges could not be accounted for, which is a rather significant rap sheet. Mr Mavrigiannakis, when confronted with these claims, said, 'The elders said to me, "Steve, get the money and spend it"', and then went on to say, 'I did everything within my power to spend the money', which is a pretty galling statement to make off the back of what—I would have thought the elders' intent was something very different to how he executed it. So I just—I mean, has ORIC had any dealings with Gumala on this particular—</p> <p>Mr Button: I am informed by my colleague that ORIC and BAHS registrars have done some investigations and looked into I guess Gumala as well as the person in question. What I would propose that we might be able to do particularly for you is take it on notice and provide a brief back to you specifically about where those investigations are at and what we may have found in the past about that individual.</p>	FPA Proof, p.19–20, 22 February 2019

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					<p>Senator DUNIAM: Okay—I appreciate that. Are you—I know you will take the detailed component of it on notice, but can you tell us at this point where things are at with that particular issue? Has it been resolved?</p> <p>Mr Button: The understanding that I have at this point in time is that there have been some investigations in the past. Those investigations haven't led to a prosecution, but certainly we'll get a more updated brief and provide that to you.</p> <p>Senator DUNIAM: That would be helpful.</p>	
90.	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Senator Duniam	Investigation of Mr Mavrigiannakis	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	<p>Senator DUNIAM: Can you just confirm for me whether one of the investigations concerning this individual includes Mr Mavrigiannakis's alleged bullying of a WA MP to whom apparently he provided a \$750 donation and then asked him to ignore allegations that he was recording his staff's telephone conversations and bullying employees? This MP, a Mr Stephens—and this is from some time ago—said that Mr Mavrigiannakis 'effectively threatened and menaced me' over issues relating to said conduct. Mr Mavrigiannakis had admitted in a letter written to a staff member who recorded phone conversations in which she was critical of him and he had asked her to explain why she should not be effectively dismissed. Then there was a second case where a Gumala staff member, as a result of this, had attended to commit suicide. I'm led to believe that staff members had complained to ORIC about this. Is this one of the investigations that you will provide information on?</p> <p>Mr Button: Yes, we will. We will get back and see—and find out the information and provide that directly.</p>	FPA Proof, p.20, 22 February 2019
91.					A question has not been allocated to this number	
92.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson/ Senator Siewert	Grant applications	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Senator DODSON: You said there are 40 that have been successfully recommended to the minister.</p> <p>Mr Denny: No. There are 40 current providers, right now.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Not as a consequence of your recent process?</p> <p>Mr Denny: No.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: How many of those from the current process have you got?</p> <p>Mr Denny: You mean, of the current providers, who is successful and who isn't?</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Denny: I don't have the analysis broken down by that in my pack, but I can get that for you.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Can you give me the overall number, then?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: The new ones.</p> <p>Mr Denny: For the new ones? No, I can't give you a final number. I don't mean to be difficult, but in some cases there may have been a couple of applicants who've been advised they've been successful and we've asked them to see how they can work together in a particular region. It might be that they come together to form a single entity, or it might be</p>	FPA Proof, p.23, 22 February 2019

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					<p>that they share the region in some way and we have two separate entities delivering in that particular region. Those discussions are happening as we speak.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: In the meantime, can you tell us how many got a letter saying they've been successful?</p> <p>Ms Lewis: Of the current group?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: No. When you wrote to all applicants—</p> <p>Senator DODSON: On 23 October.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: how many were told they were successful?</p> <p>Mr Denny: I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	
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94.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Consultation with Miwatj Employment & Participation	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Senator DODSON: Yes, I understand it's bigger than that, but thank you for pointing that out. I'm using very simple language so that we understand what the focus is. So that organisation, MEP, has been advised that they will not be the provider. Is that right?</p> <p>Senator Scullion: That's correct.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator DODSON: But were those discussed with MEP? They may have been discussed from a bureaucratic point of view, cost efficiency and all those things, but were they discussed with this little organisation out in Arnhem Land?</p> <p>Senator Dodson: I've had discussions with MEP about those matters and the process to coming to that conclusion.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: But none of the departmental people went out and said, 'You need to lift your game here, here and here; otherwise, you won't have a hope of getting anywhere near this contract?'</p> <p>Senator Scullion: I don't know what happened prior to that. Perhaps the department can provide advice.</p> <p>Mr Denny: Our regional staff have contact with providers all the time and provide regular feedback.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: I'm asking specifically who went to the board of MEP and discussed the criteria, the new thinking and the new challenges that were going to come with the letting of a new contract.</p> <p>Mr Denny: That was all part of the application pack.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: An application is a bit of paper to me. Who went there and spoke to these people?</p> <p>Mr Denny: I can take that on notice and if I can get details of who spoke to them and—</p>	FPA Proof, p.25–26, 22 February 2019
95.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Senator Dodson/ Senator	CDP Providers	Community and Economic	<p>Senator DODSON: Okay. Maybe, to clarify where I'm coming from with this, we can get a list of the current providers and those who have been successful. Which one of those are actually negotiating with the nine or whatever it is, and who are those nine? I think the period</p>	FPA Proof, p.26, 22 February 2019

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	Cabinet	McAllister		Development Division	<p>is pretty clear. You're going to offer them three-year contracts. Mr Griggs: We'll get that for you. Ms Lewis: We'll get that for you today. Senator DODSON: You'll get it for me today? Ms Lewis: Yes. Senator DODSON: Very good. Senator McALLISTER: For the Aboriginal organisations that have been successful in this process, how many have non-Indigenous parent companies? Mr Denny: I don't have that detail. Ms Lewis: We'll take that on notice. Mr Denny: I can take that on notice. Senator Scullion: Senator, I think it's useful to say that these are Indigenous companies that have to be now registered with—there's no parent company. These are all Supply Nation authorised Indigenous organisations. The term isn't just as it perhaps used to be; it's actually quite a specific term. I'm happy on notice to provide you with some detail of what that requires to be an Indigenous company.</p>	
96.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	CDP Providers-RISE	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Senator McALLISTER: I'm trying to understand whether a conflict arises in the view of the department and in the view of the minister, and whether that conflict has been appropriately managed. Your advice is that you've been told earlier—when did you first make inquiries about this question? Perhaps we can step through that. Senator Scullion: I first made inquiries when I read in the paper that Mr Mundine was standing for Gilmore. In any event, that's when I found out about it. I knew nothing else about it. I haven't had any correspondence or discussions with Mr Mundine about any of that. I just simply asked my department, 'Obvious question: what's happening with RISE?' because all of that had taken place because the notion of Mr Mundine standing for preselection or being the preselected candidate had happened well after those matters had taken place. As you've indicated, it was December. I made the decisions in December last year. That was all before the event. My question was just a question to the department. I'm just checking to see if we've had any official correspondence on that matter. I'll let you know as soon as I can find out. Senator McALLISTER: Okay. You read about this fact in January—this was announced on 21 January— Senator Scullion: I'll just clarify. I just got a note from my office. Whether it came to the department or my office, I can check, but, 'Mr Mundine has verbally indicated his intention to resign.' I'm assuming that's from the board of RISE. 'He is working through those processes.' I also understand he was not a member of the Liberal Party during the contract</p>	FPA Proof, p.27-28, 22 February 2019

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					<p>process. I was unaware of all those processes in any event. Senator McALLISTER: Alright. Senator Scullion: Sorry. Your question was, sorry, Senator? Senator McALLISTER: I just want to get clarity around how this all unfolded. So, you were making decisions in December, and your evidence here is that you were unaware that Mr Mundine was contemplating running for Gilmore and he was not a member of the Liberal Party at that time? Senator Scullion: Correct. I only found out on the day. Senator McALLISTER: On the day, which I think was 22 January. There were rumours on 21 January that he may be installed, and then on 22 January it's confirmed. On that same day, you asked the department what impact that would have? Senator Scullion: It would have been on that day. I asked my office. I said, 'What impact would that have?' and they went off to find out. I understood verbally—it would have been after that point; I really can't recall. In fact, I've really only got the clarification of the answer now, that he has indicated verbally that he would be resigning from that and be working through those processes. The date under which I received that information is probably today, but officially it may have been earlier. I'll check on that, Senator. Senator DODSON: What's the value of verbal advice? Senator Scullion: When I say to someone, 'Hey, mate, what's going on'— Senator DODSON: You and I might have a different view, but you're the minister. Senator Scullion: I checked to see if that advice was in writing, and we're still checking on that. He has verbally indicated that that's the case. I'm just sharing with you what I know, Senator.</p>	
97.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert/ Senator McAllister	CDP Providers-contact with RISE	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Could I ask a basic question: have you spoken to RISE since that time? Have you been in communication with RISE? Ms Lewis: I have not. Senator SIEWERT: Has the department? Ms Lewis: I don't know. Mr Denny: The department has. Senator SIEWERT: You have, but you haven't asked that fundamental question? Mr Denny: Not that I'm aware of, no. Senator SIEWERT: So you've had the opportunity to, because you've been in contact with them, but haven't asked— Mr Denny: Correct. Senator SIEWERT: or not that you're aware of. Senator Scullion: They may have been relying on the statement that he is divesting himself of all matters.</p>	FPA Proof, p.31–32, 22 February 2019

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					<p>Senator SIEWERT: You're still maintaining contact and pursuing the contract, without actually confirming whether that's the case, knowing that he's potentially still there and that there's an issue.</p> <p>Senator Scullion: We indicated clearly that we'll take all matters on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: It seems as though Ms Bird is receiving some additional advice from one of the officials, and I wonder if that might assist the committee.</p> <p>Mr Denny: No, it won't.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Sorry, Mr Denny, was that a no?</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Sounds like it's consistent!</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: So no contact with RISE?</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: There's contact, but none about this.</p> <p>Ms Lewis: Could I just clarify—I think Mr Denny said he has not made contact. We do not know, for example, if our regional managers have made contact, so I'm happy to take that on notice.</p>	
98.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	Grants to members of the Indigenous Advisory Council	Programme Office	<p>Senator McALLISTER: While we are speaking about Mr Mundine, I want to ask about reports that the government awarded a Commonwealth grant to Mr Mundine's business, Nyungga Black group, through a closed, non-competitive selection process. Mr Mundine was a member of the Indigenous Advisory Council—is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Could you just talk me through the time line of his membership of that organisation and roles?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I can. He was chair of the committee of the council from 25 September 2013 until 31 January 2017.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Were there any policies around awarding grants to members of the Indigenous Advisory Council?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I'm not aware of policies—there is conflict of interest policy for the council members, and it's actively managed in council meetings; I've been to three now and I've seen evidence of that. Mr Mundine made 16 interest declarations during the time that he was chair. So I think there is a pattern of regular declarations by Mr Mundine during that period.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Did other members of the Indigenous Advisory Council receive grants?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Are there any policies around awarding grants to former members of the Indigenous Advisory Council? Is there any kind of cooling-off period? Are there any issues around conflict-of-interest for someone who's no longer a member but nonetheless previously was and subsequently received a grant?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: I don't believe so, but I'll check and get back to you.</p>	FPA Proof, p.34, 22 February 2019

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99.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	Recommendations to the Indigenous Advisory Council	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Was there a recommendation provided by the Indigenous Advisory Council as part of the department's evaluation process?</p> <p>Ms Sharp: No. The contract actually fed into the work that we were doing to develop the Indigenous Business Sector Strategy. It was feeding into a stream of work that was different.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: So it wasn't the IAC business.</p> <p>Ms Sharp: Not it wasn't related to the IAC.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Thank you. That's helpful, Mr Griggs. Was it an open tender or a closed tender?</p> <p>Ms Sharp: It was a direct approach.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: It was a direct approach to Mr Mundine?</p> <p>Ms Sharp: Correct.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Who made the decision to establish the tender in that way?</p> <p>Ms Sharp: The department advised the minister that Mr Mundine should be selected on the basis of his high profile and his extensive business connections within the Indigenous business sector, because of the nature of the work we needed done, which was to have a strong Indigenous business leader represent us internationally. We were kicking off a study as part of the OECD into remote economic development, and we didn't have in house, in the department, someone who could perform the function that Mr Mundine did.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I see. Is there any documentation about the decision to approach Mr Mundine? Who actually made that decision? Was that the then secretary? Was it Dr Parkinson? Was it the associate secretary?</p> <p>Ms Sharp: As in who signed off on the brief to the minister recommending that Mr Mundine be approached?</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Sharp: That was the then First Assistant Secretary of Community and Economic Development Division.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Was that Mr Taylor?</p> <p>Ms Sharp: No. That would have been Ms Williams in that period of time.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: So Ms Williams provides a brief to the minister prior to 9 June. The minister signs off on it. When did the minister give approval for that?</p> <p>Ms Sharp: That was 9 June.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: The minister approves it on 9 June and the department initiates a discussion with Mr Mundine and is in a position to issue a contract by 4 July.</p> <p>Ms Sharp: Correct.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Is there an AusTender number for that contract?</p> <p>Ms Sharp: Yes. I don't have that in my notes, but I can provide it to you on notice.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Yes, please. Can I have a copy of the brief that was provided to the</p>	FPA Proof, p.35, 22 February 2019

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					minister recommending the approach? Ms Lewis: We'll take that on notice.	
100.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson/ Senator McAllister	Grants–RISE	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Senator DODSON: I understand that, but I'm trying to get at whether there was an assessment, because then there's a further grant, isn't there? There's a grant then.</p> <p>Ms Sharp: Yes.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: There's a further grant, and you've based it on something—what is it, the \$220,000? You've said this is successful. There's no objective analysis of the success here, and then there's another grant of \$220,000. Who gets away with that these days?</p> <p>Senator Scullion: Well, can we say that those funds were some 15 per cent of the production costs, so it was a contribution to production costs.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: Yes, but it's still a grant in support of an initiative that you've made no analysis of.</p> <p>Senator Scullion: Well yes—of a very successful program. And you can say, look, did we evaluate and did we do those sorts of things later?</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: How do you know it's successful?</p> <p>Senator DODSON: How did you measure the success?</p> <p>Senator Scullion: Well, it is a difficult question to answer, but we made that decision.</p> <p>Senator DODSON: I don't think I watched any of the program, so it didn't have any impact on me.</p> <p>CHAIR: Oh, you missed out, Senator Dodson—a very high-quality program!</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Perhaps I could ask the department to take this on notice. I don't expect that you'll be able to provide it now, but what is the total amount of funds that Mr Mundine and his company has received from this government in grants, either in his personal capacity or through companies of which he is a director?</p> <p>Mr Griggs: Companies of which he is a director and in his personal capacity—the IAC salary piece, and—</p> <p>Senator Scullion: I don't think that would be necessary. The AIC chairs all of them the same amount.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: The Remuneration Tribunal—but we can—</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: I don't expect you to know now, Mr Griggs. You can take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Griggs: We can do that.</p>	FPA Proof, p.38–39, 22 February 2019
101.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	Co-funding arrangements	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Senator McALLISTER: Can I go then to the \$200,000 that was provided for the second season. Incidentally, in terms of the cost associated with the co-funding arrangements, do you have an understanding of what the value of the Sky contribution was?</p> <p>Ms Sharp: I don't for season 1. I could find out.</p> <p>Senator McALLISTER: Okay. It would be good if you could.</p>	FPA Proof, p.35–36, 22 February 2019

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102.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	CDP Providers-Board Membership	Community and Economic Development Division	Senator DODSON: Because you are going to do some work for us over this break—and I appreciate that—can you check whether there's a company called Real Futures in Western Australia that has a CDP contract, whether Mr Mundine is a member of that board or not, and what position he may or may not hold. That would be useful. Ms Lewis: Yes, we'll come back to you.	FPA Proof, p.41, 22 February 2019
103.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Income Management	Regional Network	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the ongoing cost of Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory and measures continuing from the intervention? 2. Please provide a breakdown by year and whether the money comes out of funding for the Indigenous Advancement Strategy. 3. Does all the funding for Stronger Futures measures come from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet? 4. If not, what is funded and for how much by the Department of Social Services? 	Written, 27/02/2019
104.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	PAMA Futures	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities Division	<p>Is the Department aware of community concerns regarding the PAMA FUTURES proposal?</p> <p>What work is the Department doing with communities to address these concerns?</p>	Written, 27/02/2019
105.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	IAS	Programme Office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please outline how many grants for services under the IAS have been transitioned to Aboriginal controlled organisations. Please provide the total number and a breakdown into states and territories. 2. What notice was given to organisations that they were losing grants? 3. Was there transition plans in place for all grants? If not, why not? 4. Please outline how many services had transition plans? 5. Where there were no transition plans please outline if services are being provided by another organisation. 6. How did the department decide which grants to transition? 7. Did they consult with other organisations to ensure that there was capacity to take on the service? 	Written, 27/02/2019
106.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does the Department support transition of providers in the Facilitating Partner role where this could impact progress against other program objectives? 2. How does the Department determine which of these program priorities should have the greatest influence in decision making around the Facilitating Partner role? 	Written, 27/02/2019
107.	Department of the Prime Minister and	Senator Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children	Education, Community Safety and	The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet commissioned IPSOS/Winangali to conduct an evaluation of the Stronger Communities for Children Program in 2017. Utopia was a focus site for this evaluation. Did this evaluation identify any problems with service	Written, 27/02/2019

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	Cabinet			Health Division	provision by CAYLUS in Utopia or the need to change facilitating partners?	
108.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	In relation to QoN 139 (4) of Supplementary Budget Estimates 2018-19, please provide the following: a) When and where did this consultation happen? b) Was this consultation carried out by staff of the Department? c) Was the consultation conducted at a Local Community Board meeting? d) How many members of the Local Community Board were present? e) Was the Local Community Board ever convened and consulted by the Department prior to its decision in December 2017 to transition the Facilitating Partner role?	Written, 27/02/2019
109.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	Did any representative of the Department ever attend a meeting of the Utopia Local Community Board between July 2015 and Dec 2018 when CAYLUS was the facilitating partner for Utopia Stronger Communities for Children?	Written, 27/02/2019
110.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	Has there been more than one version of the Transition Plan for moving the facilitating partner from CAYLUS to Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation? If so, when was the plan changed and why?	Written, 27/02/2019
111.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	Was a funding agreement with Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation in place from January 1 to ensure seamless delivery? If not, is an agreement now in place and when did this happen?	Written, 27/02/2019
112.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	Have consultations been conducted and was a new Community Plan in place on January 1 in order that Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation could take over operating as the Facilitating Partner seamlessly? If not, is there now a community plan in place and when did this happen?	Written, 27/02/2019
113.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	How many local Aboriginal people were employed through Stronger Communities for Children in 2018 when it was run by CAYLUS? How many are currently employed through Stronger Communities for Children now run by Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation?	Written, 27/02/2019

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114.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children	Education, Community Safety and Health	What is the current status of the Language Support Services brokerage which employed local Alyawarr interpreters? Is it operating under the new Stronger Communities for Children?	Written, 27/02/2019
115.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Stronger Communities for Children	Education, Community Safety and Health	What is the current status of the Quick Response Brokerage? Is it operating under the new Stronger Communities for Children?	Written, 27/02/2019
116.					A question has not been allocated to this number.	
117.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Patrick	United States	PMO	After the cancellation of President Trump’s trip to APEC last year and an associated brief visit to Australia – Cairns; has the Government had any further exchanges with the US Government about the possibility of President Trump visiting Australia during the remainder of his current term as President?	Written, 7/03/2019
118.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Patrick	United States	PMO	Has the Government extended any further specific invitation to the President to visit, or has the Government has put off any discussion of such a possibility until after our federal election?	Written, 7/03/2019
119.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Patrick	United States	PMO	Since his initial telephone conversation with President Trump in August last year, how often has the Prime Minister spoken to Mr Trump? If so, what dates did any calls take place?	Written, 7/03/2019
120.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Community Legal Services	Education, Community Safety and Health	Thirteen of the fourteen FVPLSs haven’t had an increase in core funding since 2013-14 and no CPI. Will there be any, or is the Government considering, increases in funding for FVPLSs? If not, are they expected to continue the same level of service on 2013-14 levels of funding?	Written, 27/02/2019
121.	All Agencies	Senator Bilyk	Ministerial functions	All agencies Protocol and International Visits	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2018, please provide the following: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister’s family or personal staff; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; g) Any available photographs of the function; and h) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written, 28/02/2019

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122.	All Agencies	Senator Bilyk	Departmental Functions	All agencies Corporate Division	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc. hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio in calendar year 2018, please provide the following: a) List of functions; b) List of attendees; c) Function venue; d) Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive); e) Details of any food served; f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage; g) Any available photographs of the function; and h) Details of any entertainment provided.	Written, 28/02/2019
123.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Guidelines relating to Official Gifts Received	Protocol and International Visits	Please provide an itemised account of all payments made to the Collector of Public Monies by Government Ministers pursuant to the <i>Guidelines relating to Official Gifts Received</i> during the 45 th Parliament.	Written, 28/02/2019
124.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Executive office upgrades	Corporate	Were the furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries, upgraded in calendar year 2018? If so, please provide an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).	Written, 28/02/2019
125.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Staff travel	Corporate Division	What was the total cost of staff travel for departmental employees in calendar year 2018?	Written, 28/02/2019
126.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Media monitoring	Ministerial Support Division-Communications	(a) What was the Department's total expenditure on media monitoring in calendar year 2018? (b) Please provide an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all media monitoring contracts in that period.	Written, 28/02/2019
127.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Advertising and information campaigns	Corporate Division	(a) What was the Department's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in calendar year 2018? (b) What advertising and information campaigns did the Department run in the relevant period? (c) Please provide an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all	Written, 28/02/2019

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					advertising and information campaign contracts in that period.	
128.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Promotional merchandise	Corporate Division	<p>(a) What was the Department’s total expenditure on promotional merchandise in calendar year 2018?</p> <p>(b) Please provide an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period.</p> <p>(c) Please provide photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise.</p>	Written, 28/02/2019
129.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Bilyk	Social media influencers	Ministerial Support Division-Communications	<p>(a) What was the Department’s total expenditure on social media influencers during calendar year 2018?</p> <p>(b) What advertising or information campaigns did the Department use social media influencers to promote?</p> <p>(c) Please provide a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts.</p> <p>(d) Please provide an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts.</p>	Written, 28/02/2019
130.	All Agencies	Senator Bilyk	Ministerial overseas travel	All agencies Protocol and International Visits	<p>Please provide an itemised list of the costs of all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio in calendar year 2018.</p> <p>This list should include the costs of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel; b) Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials; c) Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed; d) Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided; and e) Any available photographs documenting the Minister’s travel should also be provided. 	Written, 28/02/2019

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131.					A question has not been allocated to this number.	
132.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Petrol Sniffing	Education, Community Safety and Health	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Can I go to petrol sniffing and volatile substances.</p> <p>Ms Edwards: Yes. I think we need our PM&C colleagues for petrol sniffing and substances.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Thank you for the answers to my last lot of questions—you took some on notice last time. I wanted to follow-up on some of the answers that you gave. In answer to the questions I'd asked about the increase in petrol sniffing—and during that discussion we were talking about volatile substances as well—you said that you're monitoring had identified small increases in Townsville, southern Queensland, the Goldfields and East Arnhem Land. I would like to know whether you're continuing to follow that up and whether (a) there are any updates on how that's been handled and (b) there's any more? Are you continuing to monitor it?</p> <p>Mr Arnaudo: That's correct. We continue to monitor, mainly through our regional network, the sporadic instances of volatile substance abuse and other forms of sniffing. We're not the first responders in a sense. Often the health authorities and local authorities on the ground, police or other youth services, will respond, and matters come to our attention mainly through our regional network. We haven't seen a significant change in the activity in that space, and there are a range of volatile substances that are often sniffed by young people in particular. I'm happy to take it on notice and ask whether we've got some more information from our regional network in recent times, but I can tell you, from the reports I see in my day-to-day work, that's really about where we're up to.</p>	FPA Proof, p.54-55, 22 February 2019
133.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Volatile substances in Alice Springs Supermarkets	Education, Community Safety and Health	<p>Senator SIEWERT: You said in your answer that you'd written to several major supermarket chains encouraging them to take steps to educate staff about the abuse of volatile substances and the need to secure them.</p> <p>Mr Arnaudo: That's correct. If I recall correctly, that was in relation to Alice Springs.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: That was just in Alice Springs?</p> <p>Mr Arnaudo: I think it was just in Alice Springs. Often we bring these matters to the attention of the local shops, supermarkets and those sorts of places where those sorts of substances are kept, basically.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Have you had a response?</p> <p>Mr Arnaudo: I'll have to take that on notice in relation to the stores that we wrote to. I'm not sure. It might be through our regional network presence in Alice Springs, for example.</p>	FPA Proof, p.55, 22 February 2019
134.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Volatile substances	Education, Community Safety and Health	<p>Senator SIEWERT: If you could take not only that on notice but also whether you did the same thing where there had been an increase. I ask that because what you articulated not only in your previous answer just then but also in your written answer is that it's often associated with supermarkets and easy access to volatile substances. I'm aware that CAYLUS has been working a lot with supermarkets in Alice Springs around securing volatile substances. I do understand there's a progression through various substances when one is secured.</p>	FPA Proof, p.55, 22 February 2019

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					Mr Arnaudo: Yes.	
135.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	Volatile substances	Education, Community Safety and Health	<p>Senator SIEWERT: It changes. But was the same thing done in those other areas where those incidents had been identified?</p> <p>Mr Arnaudo: I'd have to take that on notice just to make sure that I'm being accurate. Writing to supermarkets and shops is one way of doing it, but, as you said before, the example of CAYLUS working closely with other providers of youth services on the ground is really the key to making sure we're aware of those issues.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: You've got to take a comprehensive approach.</p> <p>Mr Arnaudo: You do, yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Could you take on notice what the current situation is in those areas and whether there was contact with whichever stores are selling?</p> <p>Mr Arnaudo: Yes.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: Where volatile substances are available and whether it was part of a comprehensive approach in terms of also working with the youth support services that are available.</p> <p>Mr Arnaudo: I will, Senator.</p>	FPA Proof, p.55, 22 February 2019
136.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McGrath	Official Gifts Register	Corporate Division	<p>(a) Are senior public servants (Executive Level 1 through to the Departmental Secretary) required to publicly disclose, and place on an official register, gifts or hospitality from official government sources or from a private person or non-Government body?</p> <p>(b) Is there a monetary/value threshold at which gifts or hospitality must be disclosed, and if so what is it?</p> <p>(c) Is this information published for view in the public domain?</p> <p>(d) If no, Why not?</p> <p>(e) If yes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) Where is this information available?</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(ii) How long has this Register for public servants existed for?</p>	Written, 1/03/2019
137.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McGrath	Official Gifts Register— Disclosure	Corporate Division	<p>(a) If senior public servants are not required to publicly disclose gifts or hospitality, why is this the case?</p> <p>(b) Noting that MPs and Senators are required to publicly disclose gifts or hospitality above a certain threshold, should similar requirements be imposed on public servants who hold sway over key Departmental policy decisions and Departmental funds?</p> <p>(c) If no, why not?</p>	Written, 1/03/2019
138.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McGrath	Official Gifts Register— Disclosure	Corporate Division	<p>(a) Why is there no whole-of-government guidance towards the Commonwealth public service accepting and publicly disclosing gifts or hospitality?</p> <p>(b) Is the Department working in liaison with the Australian Public Service Commission, or on its own, towards implementing a whole-of-government approach to accepting and publicly disclosing gifts or hospitality?</p>	Written, 1/03/2019

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					(c) If yes, when will this guidance be available?	
139.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McGrath	Official Gifts Register– Disclosure	Corporate Division	Given their responsibility and sway over Departmental decisions, does DPM&C consider that Departmental Secretaries should be required to publicly disclose gifts or hospitality?	Written, 1/03/2019
140.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	Mr Joyce	Social Policy Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is Mr Joyce commuting from New Zealand to undertake the review or has he been based in Australia over the period of the review? 2. How many trips to NZ has Mr Joyce undertaken since commencing the review? 3. Have any of Mr Joyce’s travel costs been paid for by the Commonwealth, in addition to Mr Joyce’s contract payment? 	Written, 1/03/2019
141.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	Payments to Consultancies- VET Review	Social Policy Division	Please provide details of payments made to other consultancies for the review, including the organisations, the services they have been contracted to provide, the amount they are being paid, and the commencement and end date of the associated contracts.	Written, 1/03/2019
142.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	Process of the review - VET Review	Social Policy Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you provide the Committee with Mr Joyce’s consultation schedule indicating who he has met and where and when? 2. How many submissions were received during the five week period for submission from 21 December 2018 to 25 January 2019 when they closed? 3. The PM&C website contains a notice dated 1 February 2019 advising that students “are encouraged to have their say on the future of the sector by completing a short survey”. The notice indicates that the survey closes on 4 February. Could you outline how students were made aware of this opportunity for them to contribute through this survey? How many students completed the survey in the 3-4 days it was open? 	Written, 1/03/2019
143.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	Staffing - VET Review	Social Policy Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide the details of the Departments each of the 20 staff working on the review have been seconded from. 2. How many people have been travelling with Mr Joyce as he conducts the review? What have been the associated costs for those staff? 	Written, 1/03/2019
144.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	Consultation of the review – VET Review	Social Policy Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who was consulted with about the review prior to the review being announced? 2. Who was responsible for developed the terms of reference? Who was consulted about the terms of reference? 3. When were the terms of reference for the review finalised? 	Written, 1/03/2019

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					4. Who had final sign off on the terms of reference for the review?	
145.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	ANAO Review of Closing the Gap	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The recently released ANAO report on Closing the Gap found that oversight of the implementation of the Closing the Gap framework has been limited. To what extent were the governance, oversight and monitoring arrangements of Closing the Gap considered as part of the Refresh consultations, including with the state and territory governments? b) Was there an independent evaluation conducted on these issues to help inform the Refresh? 	Written, 1/03/2019
146.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	ANAO Review of Closing the Gap	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The ANAO report highlights the removal of key oversight bodies and structures for monitoring and evaluating progress against Closing the Gap; to what extent were these issues considered in the Refresh and discussed with State and Territory Governments? b) To what extent does PMC believe that the lack of oversight bodies and structures, and lack of clear policy logic in Closing the Gap over the last 5 years impacted on the outcomes and progress towards Closing the Gap? c) How has PMC supported the oversight and policy logic over the last five years when key oversight bodies were abandoned? d) Was additional funding considered as part of the Refresh? 	Written, 1/03/2019
147.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	ANAO Review of Closing the Gap	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	The ANAO report highlights that investment in clearly linked Closing the Gap investments have decreased significantly over the last five years, to what extent does PMC consider this to have impacted on Closing the Gap progress and outcomes?	Written, 1/03/2019
148.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	ANAO Review of Closing the Gap	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	The ANAO found that: “Closing the Gap is not referenced in the original policy proposal for the IAS, the implementation plan or the current IAS grant guidelines”. Does the Department consider it satisfactory that this is the case?	Written, 1/03/2019
149.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	ANAO Review of Closing the Gap	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities	The ANAO examined 32 evaluations by PM&C from 2015-2018, found that 31 contained between zero and five substantive references to CTG. Has there been a revision to the evaluation framework to amend this oversight?	Written, 1/03/2019

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150.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	ANAO Review of Closing the Gap	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	ANAO audit made three recommendations with two that relate to PM&C's responsibilities. On what basis are they accepted with qualification? The Agency response refers to the appointment of the Indigenous Productivity Commissioner to establish an evaluation framework. How will this role work in practice with the Department?	Written, 1/03/2019
151.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	ANAO Review of Closing the Gap	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Following extensive lobbying by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Bodies, the Council of Australian Governments, on 12 December 2018, agreed to a formal partnership on Closing the Gap with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through their representatives. COAG further agreed that the formal partnership arrangements are to be settled by the end of February and are to include Joint Ministerial Council on Closing the Gap and an Indigenous led three yearly review. The Closing the Gap Refresh and any revised and new targets will then be settled through the new partnership arrangements and by the middle of the year. Can PMC please provide an update on the status of the negotiations to settle the partnership arrangements? b) Is there are draft agreement on the table? Who prepared this draft? Why did PMC not prepare the draft? 	Written, 1/03/2019
152.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	ANAO Review of Closing the Gap	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What funding has been provided to the Peaks to support their policy work (beyond travel costs), given that they prepared the draft agreement? b) What funding has been provided to Consultants for PM&C on CTG. Please list all payments, and the purpose of each consultancy 	Written, 1/03/2019
153.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	ANAO Review of Closing the Gap	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Since 12 December 2018, how many meetings have PMC convened with States and Territories to discuss the partnership arrangements, what was the dates and location of these meetings? b) Since 12 December 2018, how many meetings have PMC convened with States and Territories and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak bodies to discuss the partnership arrangements, what were the dates and locations of these meetings? 	Written, 1/03/2019
154.	Department	Senator	ANAO	Recognition,	a) Have PMC held bilateral discussions with various states and territories with a view	Written,

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	of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Dodson	Review of Closing the Gap	Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the Gap Division	to reaching agreement on the partnership arrangements by the end of February? How many meetings have been held between PMC and WA officials on the partnership arrangements? b) Is there a reason that PMC is not playing a more proactive role in negotiations? c) What will be agreed by the end of February? And when do you expect that agreement will be reached? d) Is PMC concerned that the stalled progress will hold up finalising any new Closing the Gap framework by the middle of the year? How does PMC intend to still meet this timeframe?	1/03/2019
155.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Mr Mundine	Community and Economic Development Division	a) Can the department provide a sum total, with a breakdown, of the total amount of funds awarded to the TV show <i>Mundine Means Business</i> ?	Written, 1/03/2019
156.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Mr Mundine	Community and Economic Development Division	In negotiating contracts and processing applications, did officials establish how much of the total production costs were contributed by the grants? If so, what were they? What was the total cost of the production of this show?	Written, 1/03/2019
157.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Mr Mundine	Recognition, Policy and Empowered Communities and Closing the gap	a) On 12 December 2018 in the Senate, Senator Dodson asked Minister Scullion whether the Department funded any communication or promotion activities for members on the Prime Minister’s Indigenous Advisory Committee. Minister Scullion’s response is as follows (q. 1144): i. “The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet does not fund any communication or promotional activities for members of the Prime Minister’s Indigenous Advisory Council.” ii. What is the rationale for this?	Written, 1/03/2019
158.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Mr Mundine	Legal, Employment, Environment and Evaluation Division	a) From grant reporting published online (https://www.pmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/grants-and-funding/ias-grant-reporting), it appears that Real Futures Pty Ltd received four grants of a total value of \$4,718,800.00 as a trustee for the Carbutt Family Trust. Another grant of the value of \$4,591,400.00 was awarded to Real Futures Pty Ltd as a trustee for the Carbutt Family Trust on 1 February 2018 (https://www.grants.gov.au/?event=public.GA.show&GAUUID=22B5E305-9B2F-4F6E-76636003287051B7), but this was varied in amount to \$4,984,100.00 and the recipient was changed to Real Futures Pty Ltd only. i. Is this trust arrangement appropriate for the department to award grants to?	Written, 1/03/2019

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					ii. In assessing the application and negotiating the grant contracts, did the Department ascertain who the direct recipients of the grants were? iii. Why did the grant variation occur?	
159.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Mr Mundine	Programme Office	a) Can the Department advise whether it has been in the last four years, or is currently in, the process of assessing applications or negotiating contracts with the following organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE • BERRINBAH CONSTRUCTION PTY LTD • BERRINBAH ELECTRICAL SERVICES PTY LTD • BERRINBAH GROUP PTY LTD • BERRINBAH MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT PTY LTD • BERRINBAH NO. 1 PTY LTD • BERRINBAH NO. 3 PTY LTD • BERRINBAH NO. 3 INVESTMENTS PTY LTD • BERRINBAH NO. 4 PTY LTD • BERRINBAH NO. 4 INVESTMENTS PTY LTD • JOBFIND CENTRES AUSTRALIA PTY LTD • MULTICOM RESOURCES LIMITED • NYUNGGGA BLACK GROUP PTY LTD • PATHWAYS TO PILBARA PTY LTD • REAL FUTURES PTY LTD • RISE-NGURRATJUTA PTY LTD • GUMMIGURRAH PTY LTD b) Please identify which of these companies are registered with Supply Nation. c) Please identify which of the companies of which Mr Mundine is a director or partner is registered with Supply Nation.	Written, 1/03/2019
160.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Mr Mundine	Programme Office	Did the Department make any inquiries as to whether Warren Mundine received any additional fees or payments from organisations that were awarded Commonwealth grants?	Written, 1/03/2019
161.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Mr Mundine	Programme Office	a) Can the Department advise whether Warren Mundine received any additional fees or payments from organisations that were awarded Commonwealth grants? Please list them, their purposes and the funds received. b) Please itemise and identify the total amount of all funding received by Mr Mundine, or companies in which he has a financial interest, from the Commonwealth over the last four years.	Written, 1/03/2019

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162.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Healing Foundation	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is it the case that the Healing Foundation's funding for its core operations ceases on 30 June 2019? b) Has the Minister decided not to continue to fund the Healing Foundation? c) If so, what are the reasons for the Minister making this decision? d) If not, as the Healing Foundation is funded from the IAS, and is not dependent on the Budget to fund its core operations, is there any reason why a decision has not been made to continue its funding next financial year from the IAS? e) Does the Minister or his Department have any concerns about the Healing Foundation's operations or performance and, if so, have they been conveyed to the Healing Foundation? f) Has any evaluation or review of the Healing Foundation been planned, commenced or completed in the last 5 years? 	Written, 1/03/2019
163.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	Consultation of the review – VET Review	PMO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did the Prime Minister meet with stakeholders about establishing the review? If so, who and when? 2. Was the Minister for Small and Family Business, Skills and Vocational Education consulted about the terms of reference for the review? When and where did that consultation take place? 	Written, 1/03/2019
164.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Indigenous Student Success Program	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Has there been an overall funding increase for the Indigenous Student Success program? On what basis were these changes made? b) Are the current and projected funding levels appropriate to service and support the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students entering tertiary education? 	Written, 1/03/2019
165.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Dodson	Indigenous Jobs in the Australian Public Service	Corporate Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How many Indigenous people are now employed in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet? b) Is it correct that 100 jobs in PMC have been cut from regional and metropolitan areas outside Canberra since June 2015? c) How many of those were Indigenous employees? d) I am informed that in the NT that there has been a drop of 40 Positions in PMC serving Aboriginal communities since 2015. Can you confirm those figures? e) Has any analysis been done on the impact of these cuts on the quality of services to First Nations Communities? 	Written, 1/03/2019
166.	Australian Public Service Commission	Senator Dodson	Indigenous Jobs in the Australian Public	Australian Public Service Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) How has the rate of Indigenous Employment changed over the term of the Abbott-Turnbull-Morrison Government? b) At what levels in the APS are they employed? Has that changed over time? 	Written, 1/03/2019

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167.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	Closing the Gap statement and higher education announcement	Education, Community Safety and Health Division	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How will the Minister for Education, the Special Envoy and Minister for Indigenous Affairs work with a small number of communities to improve attendance rates? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which communities will be eligible for this initiative? b. How is it planned to get more children into school in these communities? c. What resources will be allocated to this task? d. Which of Mr Abbott’s proposals recommended in his report will be utilised in this initiative? Have any been rejected? 2. The Prime Ministers statement on Closing the Gap stated “The Government will provide an extra \$200 million in support over the forward estimates for scholarships, academies and mentoring support.” In relation to this: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How will this be administered? b. Is this targeted at ‘remote’ or ‘very remote’ regions? c. Who will be eligible for these grants? d. Will it be administered through the Indigenous Youth Education Package? e. How many new Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander teachers will be funded through this package? f. Will any Australian languages be supported such as through bilingual education programs? 	Written, 5/03/2019
168.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	Evidence provided in relation to two payments to Mr Mundine’s company	Community and Economic Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence to the committee from Ms Sharp indicated that the idea to fund an TV program originated via email from the Minister’s office; specifically an email with a word document attached outlining the proposal. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. please table the email and attachment referred to by Ms Sharp b. In relation to the attachment noted in the evidence by Ms Sharp: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. On what date was the document forwarded to the department as described in the evidence? ii. What request was attached to the proposal by the Minister’s office when it was forwarded to the Department? c. Please list all correspondence between the Minister and the department in relation to the \$300,000 contract awarded in 2017, the subject of that correspondence, and the date correspondence was sent and received? d. Please table all correspondence between the Minister and the department in relation to the \$300,000 contract awarded in 2017? 	Written, 5/03/2019
169.	Department of the Prime	Senator McAllister	Evidence provided in	Minister Scullion’s	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Evidence to the committee from Ms Sharp indicated that the idea to fund an TV program originated via email from the Minister’s office; specifically an email with a 	Written, 5/03/2019

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	Minister and Cabinet		relation to two payments to Mr Mundine's company	office	<p>word document attached outlining the proposal.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In relation to the attachment noted in the evidence by Ms Sharp: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Who is the author of this document? ii. Was this document produced by a member of the Minister's staff, or some other person? iii. By what means did the document come to be in the possession of the Minister's office? Was it forwarded directly by Mr Mundine or a member of his business? Was the document provided to the Minister by another person, and if so, who? iv. On what date was the document first received or produced by the Minister's office? v. Was the Minister aware of the proposal prior to its forwarding to the Department? b. Did the minister communicate with any other parliamentarian at any time in relation to the proposal to fund Mr Mundine's company? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, with which parliamentarians did Minister Scullion discuss the proposal and on what dates? c. Did the Minister communicate with any staff member of the Liberal or National party in relation to the proposal to fund Mr Mundine's company? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, with which relevant person did Minister Scullion discuss the proposal and on what dates? d. Did the Minister's staff communicate with any other parliamentarian or their staff in relation to the proposal? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, with which parliamentarians or their staff did the Minister's staff discuss the idea and on what dates? e. The Minister gave evidence that he did not discuss the proposal with Mr Mundine. With the benefit of access to his records, can the Minister confirm that this evidence was correct? f. Did any member of the Minister's staff discuss the proposal with Mr Mundine? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, on what dates 	
170	Department of the Prime Minister and	Senator McAllister	Evidence provided in relation to	Community and Economic	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A subsequent grant of \$200,000 was awarded to Mr Mundine. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please list all correspondence between the Minister and the department in relation to the \$200,000 grant awarded in 2018, the subject of that 	Written, 5/03/2019

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	Cabinet		two payments to Mr Mundine's company	Division	correspondence, and the date the correspondence was sent and received? b. Please table all correspondence between the Minister and the department in relation to the \$200,000 grant awarded in 2018?	
171.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator McAllister	Evidence provided in relation to two payments to Mr Mundine's company	Minister Scullion's office	1. A subsequent grant of \$200,000 was awarded to Mr Mundine. a. Did the minister communicate with any other parliamentarian at any time in relation to the proposal to provide this grant to Mr Mundine's company? i. If yes, with which parliamentarians did Minister Scullion discuss the proposal and on what dates? ii. Did the minister communicate with any staff member of the Liberal or National party in relation to the proposal to provide this grant to Mr Mundine's company? iii. If yes, with which relevant person did Minister Scullion discuss the proposal and on what dates? b. Did the Minister's staff communicate with any other parliamentarian or their staff in relation to the proposal to provide a grant to Mr Mundine's company? i. If yes, with which parliamentarians or their staff did the Minister's staff discuss the proposal and on what dates? ii. Did the Minister or his staff discuss the proposal with Mr Mundine? If so, on what dates? c. Did the Minister or his staff discuss the grant with Mr Mundine after the decision had been made? If so, on what dates?	Written, 5/03/2019
172.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Carr	Migration Review	Social Policy Division	Please provide the terms of reference for the review	Written, 7/03/2019
173.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Carr	Migration Review	Social Policy Division	Please provide a list of stakeholders consulted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prior to the announcement of the review • during the review 	Written, 7/03/2019
174.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Carr	Migration Review	Social Policy Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide the dates on which the members of the review met • Please provide the dates on which the members of the review and the Minister for Immigration met. 	Written, 7/03/2019

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175.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Australia's foreign policy in Israel	Prime Minister's Office	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. I want to go to the discussion of the proposed medevac bill—for want of a better title—the legislation that passed the House and the Senate in relation to medical care of the existing cohort of asylum seekers. I don't propose to go through details of that with you, but I do want to ask you about the way in which security advice found its way into the media. So, just in terms of stepping out the chronology, the Prime Minister went on Mr Jones on 5 February. There was a discussion about this legislation. He said that the government would be ignoring it—that is, the bill—and it would get on with business. Then, I think a day or two after that, the front page of <i>The Australian</i> contained this: '<i>The Australian</i> understands that the briefing from the Department of Home Affairs, based on advice from ASIO and ABF,' and then went on to talk about the content of that. The next paragraph said, 'The classified briefing is understood to have provided detailed advice' et cetera. I don't propose to canvass any of the ostensible content of the advice in this forum, for obvious reasons. But you would agree, wouldn't you, Ms Foster, that—if this report is correct—the provision of classified material to a journalist and putting it into the public domain is a very serious matter?</p> <p>Ms Foster: Senator, as you say, if the report is correct then it is a serious matter for classified material to be released.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Senator Cormann, can you, on behalf of the Prime Minister, provide a categorical assurance that the leak of this information did not come from the Prime Minister's office?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I don't have any knowledge at all that would suggest the leak came out of the Prime Minister's office.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm asking you to get those instructions. I'm asking for—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I can only speak for myself. I don't have any knowledge.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I'm not asking you to speak for yourself. I don't think you would do it, Senator Cormann. But I don't share the confidence that the Prime Minister or Minister Dutton wouldn't do it. I'm asking you as the Prime Minister's representative to get instructions over the lunchbreak. I'm seeking a categorical assurance that no member of the Prime Minister's staff was the individual or individuals involved in the leaking of that information.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm happy to take it on notice, but I can only speak from the perspective of my own state of knowledge and I have no reason to believe that the leak came out of the Prime Minister's office.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Has the Prime Minister assured himself that the home affairs minister was</p>	FPA Proof, pp. 28; 33, 18 February 2019

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					<p>not party to, either by himself or via the office, the leaking of classified intelligence information to the media?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: In relation to questions about the interaction that the Prime Minister has with other ministers, I'd have to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: We've got ASIO information in the public arena. You've got an AFP referral. Has the Prime Minister or his chief of staff, or anyone from his office, assured themselves that there is no member of the coalition staffing contingent who has participated in leaking classified information?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I have taken that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Would you take on notice also when the fact of the Australian Federal Police investigation was communicated, when the Prime Minister became aware of that?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'm happy to take that on notice.</p>	
176.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Wong	Paladin Contract	Prime Minister's Office	<p>Senator WONG: Minister, when I was asking about whether this \$423 million contract, which is being questioned, went through a cabinet or ERC process, you said, and it may simply have been a throwaway line, that it—that is, the contract—followed all proper processes. Frankly, that is quite a big call given the questions around the process which are being raised publicly and explored now.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will get some more information on notice, as I've indicated, about what process was followed. I don't have direct visibility of this contract, as I'm advised the Prime Minister didn't have visibility either. I can only assume that, as is normally the case, this would have followed the normal process for this sort of contract, but I'm happy to provide further information on notice, as I undertook before that I would do.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you. Ms Foster, just to confirm, I think Ms Millar said—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Again, I'm at a disadvantage because I don't have any firsthand knowledge, but what I'm assuming is that, as would normally be the case with something like this, this would have followed all of the normal tender processes that would normally apply. But I'm getting that information for you on notice.</p>	FPA Proof, p.86, 18 February 2019
177.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Cameron	VET Review	Social Policy Division	<p>Senator CAMERON: Did Mr Joyce provide any documentation about his capacity to understand and his capabilities to understand the Australian VET system?</p> <p>Dr Baxter: Do you mean to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>Senator CAMERON: To the department or the Prime Minister personally.</p> <p>Dr Baxter: I'm not aware of material that he may have provided to the Prime Minister, and I can take on notice whether there was any material that he provided to the department. I don't</p>	FPA Proof, p.98, 18 February 2019

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178.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Siewert	RISE CDP Contracts	Community and Economic Development Division	<p>Senator Scullion: There is one other element, as I indicated to Senator McAllister. I understand that RISE—the department may correct me—has fewer contracts than before, because they were unsuccessful in partnering.</p> <p>Mr Denny: Sorry, that's under the current process.</p> <p>Senator SIEWERT: How many have they been offered under the new process?</p> <p>Mr Denny: I can get that for you, but that will come with other the information we provide.</p>	FPA Proof, p.30, 22 February 2019
179.	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Senator Brown	Disability Royal Commission	Government Division	Would it be possible to establish a Royal Commission without the agreement of the states?	Written, , 12/03/19