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| F001 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Marielle Smith | Workforce Levels | Senator MARIELLE SMITH: ... What is the functional breakdown, blue collar versus white collar, of the Collins sustainment workforce in South Australia and the number of workers in each group? Mr Whiley: As to the actual blue collar/white collar—I haven't got that broken down in front of me here; I'll take that question on notice. | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 4 |
| F002 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Marielle Smith | Core and Critical Employees | Senator MARIELLE SMITH: So 'core' is 'need to keep' and 'critical' is 'really important to Collins'? Mr Whiley: Yes. Senator MARIELLE SMITH: In response to the same question on notice from Senate budget estimates in October 2019, ASC advised that, since April 2019, there had been 20 employees depart from the core group of Collins personnel. How many have departed from this group since October 2019? And have there been any new hirings in these positions? Mr Whiley: Again, I don't have that—I haven't broken that analysis down—in front of me. So I haven't got that. Senator MARIELLE SMITH: You don't have that information in front of you? Mr Whiley: No. Senator Cormann: We might provide it to you on notice. ... Senator MARIELLE SMITH: What about the critical cohort? Have any of those 297 workers departed ASC since October 2019? Mr Whiley: Again, I don't have that information in front of me. Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Over the past 12 months, how many workers from each of the critical and core cohorts have left ASC? How many have been replaced? Mr Whiley: You quoted the figures I gave you in the responses to questions on notice. Again, I don't have any information on that in front of me. Senator MARIELLE SMITH: So you'll take these questions on notice? Mr Whiley: I'll take all those questions on notice. | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 4 and 5 |
| F003 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Marielle Smith | Workers on Working Visas | Senator MARIELLE SMITH: How many of your current workers are on working visas? Mr Whiley: I have to take that question on notice, but I think it is very, very few. Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Can you take that on notice, please? Mr Whiley: Yes, I will. | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 7 |
| F004 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Marielle Smith | Contractors - Full Cycle Docking Program | Senator MARIELLE SMITH: And how many contractors are currently working on the Collins class full-cycle docking program? Mr Whiley: We haven't got that broken down. We've got approximately 103 in the Collins program, both WA and SA. I would hazard a guess it's very low on full-cycle docking at the moment, because we're in the set-to-work phase of the activity. When we're doing that it's basically a permanent workforce, so I would think the numbers are very low at this point in time. Senator MARIELLE SMITH: I'm sure you can appreciate that doesn't really help me: 'very low'. Low is a relative term. Mr Whiley: Maybe I will have to take the question on notice. Where we are in the cycle of the delivery of HMAS <i>Waller</i> is it's not a peak-demand period. It's a low-demand period. And we use, primarily, a high-skilled ASC workforce to do this kind of work whilst it's in the set-to-work phase. The demand would be very low. I don't have that breakdown but I'll take it on notice to provide you with it. | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 8 |
| F005 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Marielle Smith | NSC Meeting – Adelaide: 9 December 2019 | Senator MARIELLE SMITH: It's a very specific question. Can you confirm that the NSC met in Adelaide on 9 December 2019? Senator Cormann: I'm not going to go into NSC meetings and NSC locations. I'm happy to take the question on notice, to consider whether on notice we can provide further information, but I'm not going to go into the details of cabinet meetings. | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 8 |
| F006 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Marielle Smith | Media Ad Placements | Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Were any media ad placements booked in preparation for an announcement? Mr Whiley: I don't know. I don't think so. Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Would you take that on notice, please? Mr Whiley: Yes, I will. Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Were any booking fees paid for any media placements? Mr Whiley: Again, I don't know. I'll have to take that on notice. | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 8 |
| F007 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Press Releases | Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Were any draft press releases written in preparation for an announcement that week? Mr Whiley: We had some drafts, some press releases. ... Senator KITCHING: Chair, could I ask Mr Whiley if we could have the press releases, just on notice, if that's possible? | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 9 |

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| F008 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Patrick | Naval Shipbuilding Program Commitment | <p>Senator PATRICK: Minister, you mentioned a \$90 billion program in your answer to Senator Smith.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Yes.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Noting that Defence has taken the submarine number from 50 billion to 80 billion out-turn, can you provide some clarity as to what that 90 billion is? It is clearly not out-turned.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Obviously, the \$90 billion figure is the commitment when we made the relevant announcement. If you want me to provide you with an updated breakdown, I am happy to provide you with that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Yes. Perhaps in out-turned dollars would be good.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Sure.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 10, 11 |
| F009 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Patrick | Full Cycle Docking Location Study | <p>Senator PATRICK: In that study you have ROM costs associated with the moves to WA in terms of the infrastructure required and the capability development. What were the numbers you came to in terms of rough orders of magnitude?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I actually can't remember. I don't have a copy of the study in front of me. I think you've got the study; do you want to tell me?</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: No, in actual fact they were redacted. They're redacted using an exemption under FOI that doesn't apply in the Senate, which is why I'm asking the question here. I note that the table indicates there is one option that involves millions and one that involves billions, just by the labelling of the axis. Can you provide on notice what those ROM costs were for WA infrastructure and indeed also for capability development?</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 13 |
| F010 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Patrick | Fly in, Fly Out Workers (WA-SA) | <p>Senator PATRICK: I note that you mention in your study, because of this expertise, that you fly people in and out of Perth—so when Perth needs support, with the deep knowledge that you have in Adelaide, you fly workers to Perth to support them. How often do you do that, and what is the cost of doing that?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Is it on a weekly basis?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: It can be weekly or daily. It can then go for periods where there is no-one, depending on what the work scope and demand is. It also reflects that we generally support the operational maintenance. Where we have to fly people to overseas destinations to support submarines, then we may have to backfill from Collins.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Sure. I am just interested in the support for WA. Could you provide on notice over the last 12 months—</p> <p>Mr Whiley: The average number of deployments?</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Yes. I don't want to know what they are doing, just some idea of how often people are flying across and what the total cost of that is to ASC.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 14 |
| F011 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Patrick | MYEFO Announcement | <p>At MYEFO in 2018, there was an announcement for \$21.2 million to be spent dealing with the valley of death. Is that money still being transferred to ASC or has that been somewhat cut because of the transfer of ownership of the shipbuilding side of the business?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Was it \$29.4 million?</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: There was \$27 million announced at MYEFO 2018. I am wondering whether the change of ownership has carved that number in half or—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: It hasn't, because the decision was made in context. What I will do, to be helpful, rather than give you numbers off the top of my head, is give you that information on notice in terms of how that was broken down and how it was or was not affected by the break-up.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: And how much has actually been passed to ASC.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We will provide an update on that.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 14 |
| F012 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Patrick | Level of Experience | <p>Senator PATRICK: You said that about 10 per cent of the workforce is amenable to a shift to WA. Working on a workforce of 700 to 900—and I think you said the level of experience of workers was around 11 years—</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I think I said the average tenure of employment is about 10½ years.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: That is something like 6½ thousand years of experience that will not shift to WA, that we will lose from the system.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I am prepared to say that my number is rough. But maybe, Mr Whiley, on notice, you could provide a more informed view as to the loss of experience in respect of man-years were the shift to occur and lay out your assumptions.</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I think it is a hypothetical question. It is really hard for me to answer that question.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I've got a document here about a location study that is hypothetical as well. It's called planning. It's a normal function of business to plan. It's a normal function of government to examine what is going to happen in the future. In that sense, it's not a hypothetical. There is an option on the table to shift to WA. I would have thought that would be something on which you would have advised the government in terms of the loss of experience, noting that the taxpayer paid for all of that and it does impact on national security. Can I ask you to take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: Okay.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 16, 17 |

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| F013 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Patrick | Physical Integration Facility | <p>Senator PATRICK: For question on notice F007 you advised \$14.2 million had been spent on phase 1 works for the PIF and for the LBTF. Where does the \$79 million fit into that?</p> <p>Mr Knox: The \$79 million includes the work we've done on the CSPIF, which is to design it, and then we've started piling it. We've finished piling it, in fact. It includes all the design work on both the CSPIF and the Platform Land Based Test Facility and also on the main works, for the main submarine. It includes the fact that we've now built the site in order to run a five-year project. If you come, you'll see we've got a quality site. We've done the piling contract, and we've also awarded the contract for and done a lot of the initial earthworks. So that's what we've spent \$79 million on.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Can you, on notice, provide a breakdown of the \$79 million.</p> <p>Mr Knox: Yes.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 20 |
| F014 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Patrick | Full Cycle Docking - Future Locations | <p>Senator PATRICK: I'll ask it in a more forensic way. If I call the option that does not have full cycle dockings in South Australia option 1 and the one that does have full cycle dockings at Osborne option 2, can you provide me with the amount of money that has been spent on option 1 and the amount of money that has been spent on—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We'll take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 22 |
| F015 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Patrick | Milestones Gantt Chart: Future Submarine Yard | <p>Senator PATRICK: You will have some time line in respect of works to be done. When you first started this process, there would have been a Gantt chart of some sort developed. Can I ask you to provide the committee with that Gantt chart that shows the milestones associated with the Future Submarine yard? That would include, at the start of this process, when you expected to commence work on the main shipyard.</p> <p>Mr Knox: Yes, we can do that.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I just want to understand what your baseline schedule was.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We'll look at what we can provide on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 22 |
| F016 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Patrick | Work Underway Submarine Yard Development | <p>Senator PATRICK: My understanding is that previous advice that had been provided was that you would finish the end of the phase 2 design planning somewhere between Q2 of 2019 and Q2 of 2020.</p> <p>Mr Knox: I will take that on notice when I come back to you with the original target dates as to exactly what they were and what they are now.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Okay. Can you also, on notice, give a description of the work that you have done on the main submarine shipyard to date and how much money has been spent on—</p> <p>Mr Knox: Yes, I can certainly do that.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: work that is not design work—so real work.</p> <p>Mr Knox: Yes, that's in site set-up.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Can you just assure me at this point in time that none of the physical work that has been done prevents either option going ahead?</p> <p>Mr Knox: I can do that, yes.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: You are doing that now? Are you assuring me now?</p> <p>Mr Knox: I can provide that to you, but I can also assure you that none of the money has been spent which effectively would not be used depending upon whether you're at option 1 or option 2.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 22 |
| F017 | Future Fund Management Agency | General | Steele-John | Future Fund Investments | <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I might direct these to you, Dr Arndt, but, if they're for somebody else, please let me know. Does the Future Fund still have investments with Lockheed Martin? Are you able to give me some information on your investments?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: I can't answer that question. If the question is about which companies we exclude, the board has made a decision to exploit certain companies in the armament space associated with companies that undertake economic activities in breach of treaties that the Australian government signed, and we publish the list of those exclusions.</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: No, it's not an exclusion question. It's actually the reverse; it's an inclusion question. Are you able to tell me whether or not you have investments with Lockheed Martin?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Could you similarly tell me whether you have investments with Thales of France?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: Again, I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: Can you also take on notice for me whether the fund has invested in Honeywell of USA and BAE Systems of the UK?</p> <p>Mr Price: Yes.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 27 |
| F018 | Future Fund Management Agency | General | Gallagher | Future Fund CEO: Recruitment Contract | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Who can answer the question as to whether there is a recruitment contract for this, and how much it would cost?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: What we may best do here, because neither Mr Price nor Dr Helgeby can give you answers to that level of detail, is take those questions on notice and provide answers on notice in the usual way.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 28, 29 |

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| F019 | Finance | 1/1.1 | Scarr | Budget Repair Measures | <p>Senator SCARR: ... I wonder if you could provide some context in relation to the state of the budget as we're sitting here today. In particular, I refer to the MYEFO report 2019-20 page 34, which says the government has implemented around \$70 billion of budget repair measures since the 2016 election. Could you or, perhaps, the officials explain what was included in that \$70 billion of budget repair measures?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: As to the figure on page 34 that you've referenced—the \$70 billion of budget repair measures—basically that identifies the value of measures passed since the 2016 election as at the point of this report, with reference to the relevant forward estimate period at the time the measure was implemented. I think your question also went to what has occurred since that time. In terms of what comprises that \$70 billion, I think we'd have to take that on notice. It's a fairly long list when you break down all of the individual measures.</p> <p>Senator SCARR: Even a high-level, global breakdown in categories, if that's possible. But I'm happy for you to take it on notice, if it's easier.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: What I was going to go on to say, which is relevant, is that since the MYEFO document was published a major budget repair measure has passed the parliament, which is 'Changing the Social Security Income Assessment Model'. I believe that passed the parliament yesterday, through the House. That adds another \$2.3 billion to the \$70 billion which is recorded in MYEFO, so the aggregate amount now is \$72 billion of budget repair measures which have been implemented since the 2016 election.</p> <p>Senator SCARR: So that's already implemented, the \$72 billion. But the \$2.3 billion is over the forward estimates, in terms of the saving?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes, because what we are counting in developing that calculation is the impact over the forward estimates of each of those measures. As the measures are passed, we count the forward estimate impact of the save. So they're going to be over different forward estimate periods, depending on when they were implemented, effectively.</p> <p>As to the key measures, I can advise that, since the 2019 election, around \$10.5 billion of previously unlegislated budget repair measures have been implemented through the passage of legislation, including 'Changing the Social Security Income Assessment Model'—which I just mentioned—the 2019-20 budget measure 'Tax Integrity—extension and expansion of the ATO Tax Avoidance Taskforce on Large Corporates, Multinationals and High Wealth Individuals' and the 2019-20 MYEFO Efficiency Dividend Extension measure, which was an election commitment. There are some quite large ones there.</p> <p>Senator SCARR: So they're additional measures being implemented since the last election, since the 2019 election?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: That's right; that's as of this date. That does include that \$2 billion that I referred to. But we can take on notice the longer list. Normally we draw the line at an amount, because it becomes a very, very long list otherwise, but it will be a sensible amount to give you a sense of the spread of measures.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 37, 38 |
| F020 | Finance | 1/1.1 | Gallagher | Budget Submission Due Date to Finance | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you tell me when submissions for the budget were due to Finance—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Here we go, 'Senator Katy Gallagher, question reference No. F164,' which we sent back at the appropriate time, because I have answered all my questions in the appropriate time: The Budget Process Operational Rules were released to entities on 9 September 2019.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Does my excellent question go on to ask about when the submissions for the budget were due to Finance?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: This question on notice didn't deal with that, but I'm happy to take that question on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 47 |
| F021 | Finance | 1/1.1 | Gallagher | Agreed Spending Measures: National Bushfire Recovery Agency | <p>Senator Cormann: By the Bushfire Recovery Agency. I can provide you on notice a list of the spending measures that have been agreed to come out of the \$2 billion Bushfire Recovery Fund up until 3 March. You'll find that, in the 2020-21 budget, there will be a formal reconciliation of what has been expensed, and it will be clear how much is still available to be committed over the remaining period that the fund is expected to be in operation.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you provide that now? You've got a table.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We can do it to 14 February. If you want it to 3 March, we will do it on notice. If you want it to 14 February—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Give it to us from 14 February if you can. That would be great.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Sure.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you give us at a high level the committed versus uncommitted funds? I'm not asking for what they are, just the top figures.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 50 |

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| F022 | Finance | 1/1.1 | Gallagher | National Bushfire Recovery Agency Staffing Profile | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Has the National Bushfire Recovery Agency been exempt from the staffing cap? How are they getting their staffing resources?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Cormann: If you want me to provide you with a profile of the National Bushfire Recovery Agency, I can take that on notice. It's not strictly a matter for Finance—the Bushfire Recovery Agency is part of the—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: It was more about their staffing cap. That's why I was asking how are you dealing with it with your ASL—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I was answering. The National Bushfire Recovery Agency is within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. I can provide you, on notice, the staffing profile of that agency. But, to make the obvious point again, an ASL offset rule cannot be applied to an agency that did not exist; it can only be applied prospectively, when there is the opportunity for reprioritisation of existing ASL resources.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So new staff?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I will provide you with the profile of the agency. There is at least one new staff member, who is the head of the National Bushfire Recovery Agency. I will provide you the detail in relation to the make-up of the agency otherwise, and where they came from, on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 51 |
| F023 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Gallagher | Agencies within Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet | <p>Senator AYRES: Are there any other agencies within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I'll take that on notice. I think that, from memory, the Digital Transformation Agency started as an agency within the Prime Minister's department—</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 51 |
| F024 | Finance | 1/1.1 | Gallagher | Net Debt Commitment | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: In 2019 there was a commitment from the government that net debt would be eliminated by the end of the decade. What changed between the April budget and MYEFO in relation to that commitment around net debt?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: ... So there was an accounting standard driven change. We applied the accounting standards and the accounting standards had a significant impact on net debt.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Were they the main cause?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: I think the minister pointed to that as a significant driver. Obviously, in every set of budget numbers all sorts of parameters move through.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: What were the other drivers then?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: All the other variations that are shown in the various reconciliation tables.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: If you want us to break that down for you, I'm happy to take that on notice. It is reported in the MYEFO document, but if you want us to put that down for you in a single document, I'm happy to do that.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 53, 54 |
| F025 | Finance | 2/2.5 | Patrick | Procurement and Audits by the Auditor-General | <p>Senator PATRICK: ...What I am concerned about is the Auditor-General might be assessing his value for money and giving government departments a low score in relation to value for money simply because they haven't been putting some of these economic benefit requirements into the assessment criteria.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: It's certainly important for entities to be clear, before they enter a procurement, about what they want and what the outcomes are. I wouldn't be in a position to comment on those particular procurements and Auditor-General findings.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Maybe if you take on notice, just to go and have look at that link from making the procurement to how that sets the value for money assessment for the Auditor-General, just to make sure that there's consistency right across the chain.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: Certainly we can take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 61, 62 |
| F026 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Gallagher | Grants Hub | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: It was more around the global expenditure that the secretary referred to—the \$10 billion. How much of that \$10 billion is administered through the grants hubs?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: The amounts the secretary was quoting were those grant programs and amounts that are either currently going through the grants hubs or in the process of transitioning to go through the grants hubs.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, but I'm trying to find out what's currently there and what's transitioning?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We can take that on notice. The point I was making was—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: It's a lot of money.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: That this is the value of grants in scope for the grants hubs.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, massive. Do you have a list of those 328 grants programs? I went to your grants hub—before I get sent to your website—and couldn't get a list. You have to nominate a grant that comes up and then you can see it. Frankly, to do 328 of them would take forever. Is there somewhere you can find a list?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I just want to know what they all are and I couldn't find a list.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: We'll take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 64 |

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| F027 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Gallagher | Grant Programs under the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: ... In terms of your Commonwealth grants rules and guidelines, is it the 2017 ones that are in place now?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Do all of those 328 grants programs fall under these guidelines? If no, how many of the grants programs fall under these guidelines?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: There's a distinction between those people who apply the grants guidelines because they must and those people who apply the grants guidelines because they choose to. I would have to take on notice the exact breakup of that 328 as to which fit into which category.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 64, 65 |
| F028 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Gallagher | Auditor-General's Recommendation - Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: That's right. Can I just ask about that? In the audit report I think it says that Finance notes—I don't have the audit report with me—that recommendation.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Because it's a policy decision for government. Finance was not in a position to agree, but the government—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I haven't got there yet, but—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: When you say Finance notes, what I'm hearing you say is: why didn't Finance just agree? And the reason Finance didn't just agree is that Finance is not in a position to make a policy decision. That was a matter for the government, but the government has decided to implement that recommendation and the department is now working to support the government in making that happen And that will require a legislative change.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So when was the decision taken to agree to that recommendation?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Prior to the Prime Minister's press conference when he announced the resignation of Senator McKenzie as the Minister for Sport—sorry, the Minister for Agriculture.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Sorry?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: She resigned as Minister for Agriculture; she was no longer the Minister for Sport then.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you take on notice when you found—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: It's not when I found out. We made a decision together through the normal process of government, but I can take on notice—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: When Finance found out?</p> <p>Senator Cormann: Ah, when Finance found out. I'll take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 65 |
| F029 | Finance | 2/2.5 | Farrell | Government Advertising | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On what date was advice, reports or briefings provided to the Minister for Finance, the Assistant Minister for Finance, or any other Government minister, regarding the recommendations of the Australian National Audit Office in the Auditor-General Report No. 7 2019-20 Performance Audit - Government Advertising: June 2015-April 2019 (the Report)? 2. Did the Department of Finance recommend to the Minister for Finance, the Assistant Minister for Finance, or any other Government Minister, that it implement recommendation no. 1 of the Report? 3. Did the Department of Finance recommend to the Minister for Finance, the Assistant Minister for Finance, or any other Government Minister, that it implement recommendation no. 2 of the Report? 4. Did the Department of Finance recommend to the Minister for Finance, the Assistant Minister for Finance, or any other Government Minister, that it implement recommendation no. 3(b) of the Report? 5. Did the Department of Finance recommend to the Minister for Finance, the Assistant Minister for Finance, or any other Government Minister, that it implement recommendation no. 4 of the Report? 6. Did the Department of Finance recommend to the Minister for Finance, the Assistant Minister for Finance, or any other Government Minister, that it implement recommendation no. 6 of the Report? 7. Will the Government implement recommendation no. 1 of the Report? 8. Will the Government implement recommendation no. 2 of the Report? 9. Will the Government implement recommendation no. 3(b) of the Report? 10. Will the Government implement recommendation no. 4 of the Report? 11. Will the Government implement recommendation no. 6 of the Report? 12. Can all advice, briefings or reports which have been provided by the Department to the Minister for Finance, the Assistant Minister for Finance, or any other Government minister, regarding the recommendations of the Report please be provided? 13. What is the total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns in the current financial year to date? 14. Can an itemised list of all advertising and information campaigns run by the Department for the current financial year, and expenditure on each campaign, please be provided? 15. Can the department please detail the advertising and information campaigns the Department has planned for the rest of the 2019/20 year, including the content of those campaigns, estimated expenditure and detail on ad-buys and placements? 16. Can the department provide an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in the current financial year? | Written |

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| F030 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Gallagher | Programs under the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, so I understand that it didn't fall under these ones. My question—and I can separate it out—is: does the Urban Congestion Fund fall under these guidelines?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Senator, I don't have any detailed information on that particular program, so I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: And it's not a program under this portfolio, either.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I know, but this guideline covers a range of programs and grants across a whole range of—</p> <p>Senator Cormann: We'll see whether we can assist you on notice.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Senator, if you provide us with the ones you're interested in we can take those on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I'd go with the Regional Jobs and Investment Packages, the Urban Congestion Fund, the Environment Restoration Fund and the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream program. That should be enough. If you could tell me whether those fall under these guidelines, that would be good.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We'll take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 68, 69 |
| F031 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Gallagher | Discretionary and Administered Grants Programs and Grants Hubs | <p>Dr Helgeby: There is a policy which applies particularly to non-corporate Commonwealth entities that says there are 12 entities which are in scope for delivery through the grants hubs. It is possible to have exemptions, and in particular cases it's not relevant to use the grants hubs because it's not the right thing to do to use the grants hubs. But for the 12 in-scope entities, the presumption is that grants hubs will be used or at least consulted in the process of determining how to deliver something.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Thank you. So it's not a directive, it's a policy?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Have any of those agencies sought exemptions?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Exemptions are sought from time to time, but I think we'll probably have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: You have to take the exemptions on notice?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: If you want to know—sorry, I thought you were asking if we could say what exemptions had been provided. I think we'll have to take on notice exactly what exemptions have been provided and over what time frame.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, I would be interested in that.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 69, 70 |
| F032 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Ayres | Leave Provisions MOPS Enterprise Agreement | <p>Senator AYRES: I note that paid domestic violence leave and paid parental leave do not form part of the agreement at the moment. I think domestic violence leave is part of people's sick leave debit. Is there any new thinking from the department on that?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'll need to confirm where that's up to. I'm not sure if we can make a comment on that point at this stage.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Could you come back to me on notice about your position on that.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'm happy to do that.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 74 |
| F033 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Ayres | Voting Software Provider: MOPS Enterprise Agreement | <p>Senator AYRES: Perhaps on notice as well: has a software provider been contracted for voting? And what safeguards are being put in place to make sure that people—</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I happy to take that on notice as well.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 74 |
| F034 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Sequence of Events - Helpdesk Responses | <p>Senator FARRELL: An issue has arisen, and I'm happy that the name of this office be given outside of the committee hearing, but I'd just like to go through the sequence of events that occurred and just see what your response might be. There was a request for several claims for reimbursement that were sent on 23 December. On 24 December, MaPS replied to say it would process all but one of the requests and provided a reason as to why one of the claims wouldn't be paid. On 20 January, after the Christmas leave break, the office emailed more information to MaPS as to why the outstanding claim was eligible for reimbursement. On 30 January, after hearing nothing, the office again emailed MaPS. After still hearing nothing, the office resubmitted its claim on 7 February. The office again followed up 10 days later with a phone call, in which they were promised an update. That was on 17 February, and the office has still not heard anything. So the question is: when, in those circumstances, did MaPS liaise with the client about the agreed time frames?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'm happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Yes. Okay.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: There is a fair amount of information there. I'm assuming that there were a whole range of claims that were actually just dealt with immediately, but there was one claim—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Outstanding.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: which was outstanding.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Yes. And that seems to have been the issue, and there just doesn't seem to be appropriate communication. As I said, I'm happy to provide you with the details—</p> <p>Mr De Silva: If you could, I will make sure that we have a look into that.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 76 |

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| F035 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Helpdesk Acknowledgements | <p>Senator FARRELL: Again, last week my own office sent an inquiry to the MaPS help email address on Monday, and another separate inquiry on Wednesday, and we still haven't received an acknowledgement, let alone a response or any communication agreeing a response time frame. Why would that be?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Again, I'm happy to take it on notice. As I said, it is at 98 per cent, so we'll have a look at—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Do you think we're just unlucky?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I would hope not, but I'm happy to look into that.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 76 |
| F036 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Number of Inquiries Outstanding | <p>Senator FARRELL: Could you please provide on notice the number of inquiries that are: firstly, more than seven days outstanding, including inquiries that had an initial response but where further issues were raised and not resolved; secondly, more than 14 days outstanding; thirdly, more than 30 days outstanding; and, finally, more than 60 days outstanding.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'm happy to do that.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 77 |
| F037 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | PEMS Usage | <p>Senator FARRELL: Are you able to provide us with a month-by-month usage statistic for each parliamentary office since May, at last year's election?</p> <p>Ms Jones: I'd need to take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 77 |
| F038 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Software Costs: Senator Patrick | <p>Senator FARRELL: ... I have some more questions about that system but I will put those ones on notice. I have some questions about Senator Patrick's most recent software build of \$50,000. I note from media reports that in the July to September 2019 quarter Senator Patrick spent \$49,600 on software, which was \$40,000 more than others nearest MPs. What software was this expense for?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: I have some questions. If you choose not to answer them that's up to you, but I would like to at least put those questions on notice. What tests have been applied to ensure that the expense was for the senator's parliamentary business? Do you consider that the expenses meet the value for the money test as required by regulations? That's a question for IPEA. Was Senator Patrick asked to provide any evidence of value for money for this purchase?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Happy to take those all on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 77, 78 |
| F039 | IPEA | General | Farrell | Commonwealth Debt: Clive Palmer MP | <p>Senator FARRELL: ... I've got a couple of questions about the former MP Clive Palmer and his failure to pay his debt to the Commonwealth despite being able to spend \$83 million on his election campaign.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Frost: You are correct; the debt is still outstanding with IPEA from Mr Palmer. The debt relates to previous arrangements with electorate staff travel.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: What attempts have you made to recover the debt?</p> <p>Mr Frost: We go through a pretty normal debt recovery process, which is that we raise the debts in an invoice or a letter or an email accompanying. We'll do a reminder after a week or two, then another at 30 days, then another at 90 days and then another at 120 days.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: He seems to have ignored all of those so far.</p> <p>Mr Frost: Then we have a process where we refer that to a debt collection agency.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Is that the point it has got to at the moment?</p> <p>Mr Frost: We have followed our debt recovery process, yes.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Have you ever received a response from Mr Palmer?</p> <p>Mr Frost: I would have to take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Pages 78, 79 |
| F040 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Rice | Comcar Procurement | <p>Senator RICE: So it was five-star ANCAP rating, fit-for-purpose, value for money and environmental considerations. Can you tell me where those two Teslas didn't stack up against those criteria?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I would need to take that on notice as to the precise details. There may be commercial-in-confidence issues that arise there, but I am happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Commercial-in-confidence from whom?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: In terms of price.</p> <p>Senator Cormann: I think the officer has been very helpful, and we are taking it on notice in order to ensure we can make a considered judgement on how much further information we can provide without breaching the commercial interests of the companies involved.</p> <p>Senator RICE: Thanks, Minister. I understand there may be commercial in terms of the cost of them. What I want to know is: was it cost, was it size or was it fit-for-purpose? What were the criteria that meant they missed out?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Happy to take it on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 80 |

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| F041 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Rice | Assessment Process: Comcar Procurement | <p>Senator RICE: How do you weight the environmental performance, for example, against the other factors—fit for purpose, value for money, safety ratings?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: It would be a factor that is taken into account, but I'm not saying that each one was given a particular weighting.</p> <p>Senator RICE: What's the assessment process then, if they're not given a particular weighting?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: It would be going through each of the cars to assess them for fitness of purpose—what space they have, capacity, leg room et cetera; for value for money, total lease costs. In terms of the environment, it would look at things like the fuel efficiency but also emissions.</p> <p>Senator RICE: I understand that. You've got this whole range of factors, so, if one car is scoring highly on a couple of factors but not as highly on the others vis-a-vis other ones that have scored highly on some factors and not the others, how do you make the judgement? Are some considered more important than others so that, if they score particularly highly on value for money, for example, that's an overriding factor? Are they weighted differently or are each of those four factors weighted the same?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'll take that on notice in terms of the exact—</p> <p>Senator RICE: If you could take on notice what criteria are used in making that consideration, that would be very useful for me.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Sure.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 81 |
| F042 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Staffing Figures | <p>Senator FARRELL: My questions relate to the documentation provided at the start of this section. I note that the staffing figures relate to 1 February 2020. That predates, obviously, two very significant changes of personnel—</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Yes.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: in that Senator McKenzie resigned and Senator Canavan resigned. I note that this time last year, when estimates were on 4 April, we got a report up to 1 April. Is it possible that we could get an updated figure up to 1 March 2020—in other words, the most recent figures? Would we be able to get that?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'd be happy to take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 84 |
| F043 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Breakdown of Staff Paid Above the Band | <p>Senator FARRELL: ... I refer to the answer to question on notice No. 23 from the estimates hearing in April 2019 in which a breakdown of the then 42 staff paid above the band was provided. The breakdown showed how many classifications staff were paid above their substantive classification. Can you please provide the same breakdown for the current staff paid above the band?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'd be happy to take that on notice as well.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 84 |
| F044 | Finance | 2/2.5 | Ayres | Commonwealth Procurement Rules | <p>Senator AYRES: So there is a little bit of work to do to backfill the gap between the work that has been done. The announcement is sort of there. There is a bit of work to do, is it fair to say, to give effect to the announcement and draft the amendments to the guidelines or are the amendments to the guidelines already ready to go?</p> <p>Mr Hunt: The Commonwealth procurement rules, which we are responsible for, are an instrument issued by the minister under the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act. So there is a process to go through for that instrument to be prepared and tabled. We do not do it lightly and there are a range of other minor changes we are looking at to the procurement rules and we would roll those in together and do it in one go.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So you're not in a position, on notice at this stage, to table a schedule of what those changes will be? I do not want to ask you to do something you cannot do.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We can take it on notice and by the time the questions on notice are due to be tabled, we may well be in a position to provide you with the information, so we will do best efforts to have that available for the committee.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 88 |
| F045 | Finance | 2/2.2 | Gallagher | Reconciliation of the APS Modernisation Fund | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is there some reconciliation of that \$500 million somewhere? I know there have been updates of this through questions on notice.</p> <p>Ms Bruinsma: We will be doing a final reconciliation over the next few months, as projects finish up. The last reporting we did was the last quarter of last year, which is probably not up-to-date. We actually have a request out at the moment for the next round of reporting.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: When will those reconciliation or project closure reports be finalised or due?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: For most of the projects the funding ceases on 30 June, so it will be after that.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Do they come back to Finance?</p> <p>Ms Bruinsma: We get a report.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: You'll get the report. Do you set the deadline for that?</p> <p>Ms Bruinsma: We do set the deadlines for reporting. I can't remember off the top of my head when we've asked for the latest reports back. I will have to take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 91 |

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| F046 | Finance | 2/2.2 | Gallagher | APS Modernisation Fund | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is there a reconciliation of what agencies lost and then what they got back through the modernisation fund?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I don't think that's the right way to frame it, in a sense. So there were decisions taken in respect of the efficiency dividend and then there was a reinvestment through the modernisation fund, but it wasn't an agency-on-agency decision. Ms Bruinsma is right, certainly in respect of the \$350 million. It was about how an amount of funding could support broader whole-of-government objectives. For example, I think the two biggest allocations, from memory, from the innovation fund, were investing in shared services and the data—</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: The DIPA.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: The DIPA, the Data Integration Partnership for Australia. They were the two key things in the innovation stream, and there was a process, which I'm sure we've gone through before in this place. There was a steering committee that was basically established that the former Secretary of PM&C chaired. It went through all the applications and came up with the recommended projects. So the focus was very much on transformative investment in the public sector.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I understand that. Could I, at least, have a reconciliation of what agencies received through the modernisation fund? I accept that you don't want to go and link it to the efficiency dividend, but what I'm asking is: who got what out of the \$500 million?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I think we have provided a list of projects. We can direct you to where that's provided.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: If you have, that's fine. I've missed a couple of estimates.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 93 |
| F047 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Gallagher | Gateway Review | <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Ms Huxtable, you mentioned the gateway reviews that you do. Do any of those ever get published?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: No.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Did they used to? I seem to have a memory of some of them being published.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: No. The purpose of the gateway review is to provide advice to the senior responsible officer for a project. ...</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Then there is a process of alerting the secretary of the agency, to ensure they are aware that that has occurred, and providing them with the recommendations of the gateway review report.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So that goes to the secretary?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes. That's right, isn't it?</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Yes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you tell me how many times you've had to write to secretaries?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I'd have to take that on notice. I've certainly written a few times, but it's not a huge number.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Could you take that on notice—just for the last 12 months; I don't want a lot—and also, if it has escalated, how many times it has escalated to requiring an action plan. Is there anything that comes after the action plan?</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 97 |
| F048 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Gallagher | Gateway Review Action Plan | <p>Dr Helgeby: There are three levels. I think we've talked about the first two. One is the notification from the finance secretary to the accountable authority—that's the first level. The second level is: the finance secretary notifies the entity, accountable authority, that the issues remain and the action plan needs to be developed, and then there may also be an additional step put in there. There is a third level; this is three sequential red or four sequential amber or amber/red ratings. In that case the finance secretary notifies the accountable authority that very significant issues continue and that an independent review will need to be undertaken to recommend remedial action. If you like, at that third level, it steps out of the—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: The gateway.</p> <p>Dr Helgeby: Well, out of gateway into something else.</p> <p>...</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Gallagher, we are right on the—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: My question is—and you can take it on notice—if you could answer how many times in the last 12 months you've had to go through those three steps.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Sure. I'll take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, Page 98 |
| F049 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Farrell | GetUp | <p>Senator FARRELL: So you conducted those inquiries [into GetUp Limited]. How did those inquiries start?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: The inquiry that finished in 2019 commenced as a result of questions at the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters that might have even been at the end of 2017, from memory. I'd have to check my records on that. As to the 2010 and 2005 inquiries, I'm not sure. I'd have to take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, page 102 |

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| F050 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Abetz | Disclosure Investigations | <p>Senator ABETZ: I refer to the story in 'Rear Window' talking about one Alex Turnbull. ... Are you aware of that report?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'm not. I think some of my staff are.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: To those that are aware of it: does a story such as that trigger an investigation to ensure that proper disclosure has in fact taken place?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: It is certainly—just for the record, by the way, I don't have a Twitter account.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Very wise!</p> <p>Mr Rogers: It would certainly be information that we would use as part of compliance reviews. It is absolutely the sort of publicly available information we would use to consider whether to do a compliance review on an entity or a candidate's return or a donor return.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Can we ask if this matter has excited some interest other than just having it read?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I might take that on notice because I am not aware of the details of that at the moment. If I can get that information I will provide it to you.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Good. Thank you. It is always the case that those that demand transparency from everybody else seemed to delight at being able to hide behind obfuscation and gaming the system for themselves. If you can take that on notice—</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I certainly will, Senator.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: and let me know how that is going to be progressed, I would be much obliged. Thank you.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, page 103 |
| F051 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Ayres | Disclosure Return Amendments | <p>Senator AYRES: ... Before I ask any more questions about Mr Palmer's operation, are there any other notices like that, or any findings that you've made in relation to Mr Palmer's political operation, the UAP, or his donors, where you've directed him to amend something? I appreciate I'm asking a question that might need to be taken on notice. But are there other examples of the Electoral Commission requiring compliance of Mr Palmer?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I would have to take that on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, page 104 |
| F052 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Ayres | Disclosure Returns | <p>Senator AYRES: ... The Palmer Coolum Resort amended return lists donations of \$103,495, including each individual donation even when they are below the disclosure threshold. Counting only the donations which were required by law to be disclosed, these amount to \$50,072, yet the UAP's disclosure lists Palmer Coolum Resort as having donated \$53,576. Do you know which of those figures is correct? Are you in a position to say this evening?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I don't have that in front of me, Senator. I'd have to take that on notice and have a look at that.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, page 104 |
| F053 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Ayres | Party Return – United Australia Party | <p>Senator AYRES: The United Australia Party lodged its party return by the due date, 18 October 2019. That return lists single donations by Mineralogy Pty Ltd, Waratah Coal, Queensland Nickel Sales and Palmer Coolum Resort Pty Ltd. Is it a requirement that a party's annual return details each individual donation made above the disclosure threshold?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: It is absolutely a requirement for them to list individual donations above the disclosure threshold.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: There's no amendment to that return that has been published on the AEC's transparency register. Are you aware whether an amended return has been lodged?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'm feeling slightly nervous answering these questions without the detail in front of me. I obviously don't have all the party returns. It's a fairly large issue.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Perhaps you could take that question on notice. The first question, which I think you've answered, is: is it a requirement that the annual return detail each individual donation? The answer, I think, was absolutely yes.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Above the disclosure threshold.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: And you will come back to me about whether or not there have been amended returns. If they're not on the AEC's transparency register, in the event that amended returns have been provided, I'd like to hear more about that. These are very substantial individual donations.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, page 105 |
| F054 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Ayres | Election Funding – Pauline Hanson's One Nation | <p>Senator AYRES: Have they submitted an amended claim or tried to provide any additional evidence?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: The party had until 17 November to lodge a final claim for election funding. I'm not sure they resubmitted the disallowed claims.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: That would be 17 November 2020.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I don't think they submitted the disallowed claims.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: They had until 17 November last year to do it.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Have they done that?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: They submitted a final claim, but I'm not sure they resubmitted a claim for the disallowed. In fact, we'll take that on notice. I'm pretty sure they didn't, but we will take that bit on notice.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, page 107-108 |
| F055 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Canavan | Referrals to Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission | <p>Senator CANAVAN: ... Again, charities can't have the purpose—I think it is the primary purpose test—of opposing a political candidate. I realise you are not the charities register but clearly you have insight into whether organisations are promoting or opposing a political party or candidate. Do you ever refer examples that have nature to the ACNC?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I would have to take that on notice whether we have ever done that. It is not something that would come to our attention normally. It would be a matter for the charities commission to examine.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, page 110 |

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| F056 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Scarr | Foreign Donations | <p>Senator SCARR: ... On the issues Senator Canavan raised in relation to foreign donations, I note the GetUp political campaigner disclosure return for the financial year 2018-19 discloses in part 2 amounts of more than \$13,800 received, and one of those amounts is from an organisation called European Climate Foundation, which has a postal address in the Netherlands.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'm presuming, if that is the case for that particular financial year, that that donation would have been received before the cut-off date, 1 January 2019. It is to be reported in that financial year but it would have been before the cut-off date, so it was still legal at that point.</p> <p>Senator SCARR: Do you know that for sure?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I don't off the top of my head. I am making a presumption there.</p> <p>Senator SCARR: Is that something you can take on notice?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Sure.</p> | Proof Hansard, 3 March 2020, page 111 |
| F057 | Finance | General | Farrell | Personal Employee Positions | Referring to the Personal Employee Positions tabled document no. 11 during the Additional Estimates Hearing on 3 March 2020, can an updated document please be provided with information as at 1 March 2020? | Written |
| F058 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | MOP(S) Act Staff Salaries - Above the Band Appointments | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Of those MOP(S) Act staff currently being paid above the top increment of their classification, what is the gender breakdown? How many individual MOP(S) Act staff have been approved to be paid above the top increment of their classification during the 46th Parliament? How many individual above the band appointments have been approved by Mr Scott Morrison since he became Prime Minister? | Written |
| F059 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Parliamentary Expenses Management System | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What are the usage statistics for the Parliamentary Expenses Management System (PEMS) for each month since 1 July 2019? Please include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the number of individual claims lodged in each month the number of staff who have lodged claims in each month the number of parliamentarians who have lodged claims in each month. the number of offices which have lodged claims in each month How many offices have lodged claims via PEMS in each and every month (i.e. how many offices are regular users of PEMS) since 1 July 2019? When is the incorporation of human resources and payroll functionality scheduled to be incorporated into PEMS? Will the full implementation of PEMS be complete by the scheduled date of 1 July 2020 Once PEMS is fully functional, will claims still be able to be lodged by email? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, is there an end date for lodgement by email? If yes, what is the end date? What is the total spend on PEMS as at 29 February 2020? Has the Department sought additional funding for this project than was initially budgeted? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, how much additional funding has been sought? How many enquiries received by the Parliamentarians and Staff Help Desks since 18 May 2019 have related to PEMS? As at 13 March 2020, how many PEMS-related enquiries have concerned two factor authentication by SMS? | Written |
| F060 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Ministerial & Parliamentary Services Staffing Profile | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Using FTEs, please provide the number of staff allocated to each section or division of M&PS as at 29 February 2020. Please provide a breakdown of staff as at 29 February 2020 as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many full-time staff are employed in each section or division? How many part-time staff are employed in each section or division? How many casual staff are employed in each section or division? How many ongoing staff are employed in each section or division? How many non-ongoing staff are employed in each section or division? Of the staff employed in the Advice & Support Branch, how many FTE staff are employed on the Parliamentarians' help desk? Of the staff employed in the Advice & Support Branch, how many FTE staff are employed on the staff help desk? Please provide a breakdown of staff within each section of the Advice and Support Branch. Please provide a breakdown of APS salary bands within Ministerial & Parliamentary Services and the number employed under each band. | Written |

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| F061 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Staffing in Ministerial & Parliamentary Services State Offices | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using FTEs, please provide the number of staff allocated to each section or division of M&PS as at 29 February 2020. 2. Please provide a breakdown of staff as at 29 February 2020 as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many full-time staff are employed in each section or division? b. How many part-time staff are employed in each section or division? c. How many casual staff are employed in each section or division? d. How many ongoing staff are employed in each section or division? e. How many non-ongoing staff are employed in each section or division? 3. Of the staff employed in the Advice & Support Branch, how many FTE staff are employed on the Parliamentarians' help desk? 4. Of the staff employed in the Advice & Support Branch, how many FTE staff are employed on the staff help desk? 5. Please provide a breakdown of staff within each section of the Advice and Support Branch. 6. Please provide a breakdown of APS salary bands within Ministerial & Parliamentary Services and the number employed under each band. | Written |
| F062 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Response Rate to Enquiries | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many enquiries were sent to mpshelp@finance.gov.au between 1 December 2019 and 29 February 2020? 2. How many acknowledgement emails, to emails that were sent to mpshelp@finance.gov.au, were sent between 1 December 2019 and 29 February 2020, excluding the 'auto-reply' email that is delivered upon receipt of the initial enquiry? 3. How many telephone call enquiries were received by the Parliamentarian's helpdesk between 1 December 2019 and 29 February 2020? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 24 hours? b. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 48 hours? c. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 7 days? d. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 14 days? e. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 28 days? f. How many of these enquiries remain outstanding? 4. How many telephone call enquiries were received by the Staff helpdesk between 1 December 2019 and 29 February 2020? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 24 hours? b. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 48 hours? c. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 7 days? d. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 14 days? e. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 28 days? f. How many of these enquiries remain outstanding? 5. In response to QON No. F035 from Supplementary Budget Estimates on 22 October 2019, the Department stated that 'All enquiries are tracked to ensure that a response is provided to clients'. Please describe the method in which enquiries are tracked. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If a computer software system is used to track enquiries, what is the name of the system? | Written |
| F063 | Finance | 3/3.1 | Farrell | Claims Processing Times | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many expense claims (requests for payment and reimbursement) by parliamentarians and staff were received between 1 December 2019 and 29 February 2020? Please include claims which were submitted via email either to the mpsservicecentre@finance.gov.au email address, or to the various State M&PS offices, and claims submitted via PEMS. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many of these claims were processed within 7 days? b. How many of these claims were processed within 14 days? c. How many of these claims were processed within 21 days? d. How many of these claims were processed within 28 days? e. How many of these claims are still outstanding? 2. Please describe the method in which claims are tracked to ensure that they are paid. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If a computer software system is used to track claims, what is the name of the system? 3. What are Ministerial & Parliamentary Services' claims processing targets? 4. What percentage of claims are processed within M&PS processing target timeframes? | Written |

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| F064 | IPEA | General | Farrell | Parliamentarians' Outstanding Debts | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What costs have been incurred to date in pursuing the outstanding debts of former parliamentarians: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clive Palmer b. William (Fraser) Anning? 2. Will the Authority pursue legal action to recover the outstanding debts of former parliamentarians: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clive Palmer? b. William (Fraser) Anning? 3. Has the authority budgeted for legal action to recover the outstanding debts of former parliamentarians: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clive Palmer? b. William (Fraser) Anning? 4. If yes, how much has been budgeted for legal action to recover the outstanding debts of former parliamentarians: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Clive Palmer? b. William (Fraser) Anning? 5. Will Clive Palmer or William (Fraser) Anning be pursued for the costs of any legal action? | Written |
| F065 | IPEA | General | Farrell | Staffing Levels - IPEA | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As at 1 March 2020, what is the staff headcount in the Authority? 2. What is the full time equivalent number of staff in the Authority? 3. How many of the Authority's staff headcount are full time? 4. How many of the Authority's staff headcount are part time? 5. How many of the Authority's staff headcount are casual? 6. Using FTEs, please provide the number of staff allocated to each section, division or branch in the Authority. 7. Please provide a breakdown of staff as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many full-time staff are employed in each section, division or branch? b. How many part-time staff are employed in each section, division or branch? c. How many casual staff are employed in each section, division or branch? d. How many ongoing staff are employed in each section, division or branch? e. How many non-ongoing staff are employed in each section, division or branch? 8. Please provide a breakdown of APS salary bands and the number of staff employed under each band. | Written |
| F066 | IPEA | General | Farrell | Enquiries Received | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many enquiries have been received by the Authority since 18 May 2019? 2. How many enquiries received by the Authority since 18 May 2019 have related to the Parliamentary Expenses Management System (PEMS)? 3. As at 13 March 2020, how many PEMS-related enquiries have concerned two factor authentication by SMS? | Written |
| F067 | Finance | 2/2.5 | Gallagher | Whole of Government Travel | Further to the answer provided to F166 from the 2019-20 Supplementary Budget Estimates, provide an update for the 2019 calendar year and the 2019-20 financial year to date for Department travel across all Australian Government departments, agencies and offices. Please include a total cost plus a breakdown that include airfares (and type of airfare), accommodation, meals and other travel expenses (such as incidentals). | Written |
| F068 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Gallagher | Waiver of Debts | Further to the answer provided to F167 from the 2019-20 Supplementary Budget Estimates, provide an update for the 2019-20 financial year to date on the total number of debt waivers that have been approved by the Finance Minister, or the appropriate delegate, and the total dollar value of debts waived. | Written |
| F069 | Finance | 1/1.1 | Gallagher | Unlegislated Expenditure Savings Measures | Further to the answer provided to F167 from the 2019-20 Supplementary Budget Estimates, provide an update for the 2019-20 financial year to date on the total number of debt waivers that have been approved by the Finance Minister, or the appropriate delegate, and the total dollar value of debts waived. | Written |
| F070 | Finance | General | Gallagher | Number of Staff - Finance | Further to the answer provided to F203 from the 2019-20 Supplementary Budget Estimates, provide the numbers of staff in each of the branches (or if there are no branches, whatever identified group) that are identified in the Finance organisational chart. | Written |
| F071 | Finance | 2/2.2 | Gallagher | Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines - Para 4.12 Requirements | For grants awarded in the 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 calendar years, how many times have Ministers had to report to the Finance Minister as per the requirements of paragraph 4.12 of the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines (and any other comparative rules and guidelines preceding these Rules and Guidelines). | Written |
| F072 | Finance | General | Gallagher | Follow up to Senate Question on Notice 1094 | <p>With reference to the answer provided to Senate Question on Notice number 1094, did the Department prepare this answer on behalf of the Minister.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, on what date did the department provide its draft answer to the Minister. b. Did the Minister's office make any changes to the draft answer provided by the Department | Written |

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| F073 | Finance | 2/2.5 | Gallagher | External Contractors - Standard Definition | Is there a standard definition for 'contractors' across the APS. a. If yes, what is it. b. If no, why not. How does the Department define contractors for reporting purposes. | Written |
| F074 | Finance | 2/2.5 | Gallagher | External Contractors - Annual Reporting | Does every APS agency report its spending on contractors in its annual report, if so, where should this figure be found? | Written |
| F075 | Finance | 2/2.5 | Gallagher | External Contractors - Defence Reporting | Has Finance worked with Defence on how its reports on contractor and temporary service provider expenditure? If so, is the approach that Defence takes consistent with the rest of the public service? | Written |
| F076 | Finance | General | Gallagher | Follow up to Senate Question on Notice 1091 | Explain the difference between the figure provided by the Department for spending on 'all external contractors' for 2018-19 in the answer to Senate Question on Notice 1091 (\$16.8 million) and the figure provided in its annual financial statements for 2018-19 (\$30.5 million). | Written |
| F077 | Finance | 1/1.1 | Gallagher | 2019-20 MYEFO Part 7 | What is the reason for separations and redundancies as shown in Note 7 increasing from \$55 million this financial year to \$72 million in 2021-22? | Written |
| F078 | Finance | 1/1.1 | Gallagher | Average Staffing Level Offset Rule | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the Government's current policy position on the size of the APS and the operation of the ASL offset rule. 2. Since the last round of estimates in October, has the Government made any changes to the operation of the ASL offset rule. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, what are those changes. 3. Did any agencies receive an exemption to the ASL Offset Rule for measures forming part of the Bushfire Response Package, and if so what were they. 4. Did the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) require an exemption to the ASL Offset rule to cover the staff needed for the National Bushfire Recovery Agency (NBRA). 5. Has PM&C received any ongoing exemption to the ASL Offset Rule in relation to proposals put forward on behalf of the NBRA. | Written |
| F079 | Finance | 2/2.1 | Gallagher | Superannuation Calculation Issues with Rent-free Accommodation | <p>With respect to the issue of whether rent free accommodation provided to public servants as part their conditions of service has received proper treatment for superannuation purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has the Department of Finance undertaken any work to assess the scale of potential financial costs involved in addressing and rectifying any underpayments from this issue. 2. What redress is available to staff already retired, if rent free accommodation provided to them as part their conditions of service was not treated as salary for superannuation purposes when it should have been. 3. What avenues of redress are available to staff still working in the public service, if rent free accommodation provided to them as part their conditions of service was not treated as salary for superannuation purposes when it should have been. 4. How many cases of confirmed underpayment is the Department aware of. 5. Have any payments been made to current or former employees resulting from the mistreatment of rent-free accommodation for superannuation purposes. 6. How many cases before the courts has the Commonwealth settled in relation to this issue. 7. When does the Department anticipate that the agencies affected will have resolved the issue. | Written |
| F080 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Farrell | Staffing numbers | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the current financial year and each of the last five financial years, how many FTE staff work in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the national office b. each state and territory office c. each divisional office? 2. For the national office, each state and territory office, and each divisional office, please provide a breakdown of APS salary bands and the number of staff employed under each band. | Written |
| F081 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Farrell | Remote Area Mobile Polling | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff (by FTE and headcount) worked in the 21 Remote Area Mobile Polling Teams which visited the Northern Territory in 2019? 2. How many of the staff working in the Remote Area Mobile Polling Teams are Indigenous? 3. What were the 207 locations visited by Remote Area Mobile Polling Teams in the Northern Territory during 2019? | Written |
| F082 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Farrell | Indigenous Electoral Participation Program | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referring to the answer to question on notice no. F133 from the Supplementary Budget Estimates hearing held on 22 October 2019, what were the locations of the 91 community visits which took place under the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program during 2018/19? 2. Please list the partnerships with local and other bodies which are used to improve electoral participation by Indigenous Australians. | Written |

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| F083 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Gallagher | External contractors | I refer to Question on Notice F157 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019 on external contractors: 1. Are the figures provided for management and business professionals and administrative services the same as the figures for all external contractors. 2. If no to (1), please provide the figures for all external contractors for each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19. | Written |
| F084 | Department of Finance | Outcome 1 | Waters | Election funding entitlements | 1. At the JSCEM hearing on 6 December 2019, I asked about election funding entitlements where parties run on a joint ticket and the risk of double-dipping. You undertook to look into it and your subsequent response was that all parties had complied with legislative requirements and were within their entitlements. a. Can you clarify whether the entitlements allowed for double-dipping? b. If so, can you estimate the additional cost to taxpayers of this double-dipping? c. Are there any plans to amend the legislation to address this? | Written |
| F085 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Waters | Compliance reviews | 1. At the JSCEM hearing on 6 December 2019, Mr Rogers emphasised that the annual compliance reviews are audits, rather than investigations. The AEC website lists several “Investigations”, including investigations into GetUp in 2019 and One Nation in 2018. a. Can you clarify the difference between audits and investigations? b. What’s the decision making process behind initiating a compliance review or an investigation? c. Are there any current investigations or audits in relation to political campaigners or third-parties? If so, please provide details of the organisation under investigation and the basis for the investigation. | Written |
| F086 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Waters | Electoral expenditure | 1. There are a number of examples of organisations who recorded significant election expenditure in 2017-2018, but none in 2018-2019 (despite 18-19 being an actual election year): o Minerals Council of Australia spent \$1,274,162 in 17-18, \$0 in 18-19 o Mindaroo Foundation spent nearly \$1M in 17-18, \$0 in 18-19 o Coal21 spent \$3,932,719 in 17-18, \$0 in 18-19 a. Do such anomalies trigger investigations by the AEC? b. Has any investigation been undertaken in relation to these donors? | Written |
| F087 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Waters | Annual return – Australian Christian Lobby | At the JSCEM hearing on 6 December 2019, I raised the discrepancy between the Australian Christian Lobby’s figures in its AEC return (declaring \$60,528 in electoral expenditure) and its annual report lodged with the ACNC (declared \$4.1M in election spending). Mr Rogers undertook to look into the discrepancy. Has the matter been investigated? What is the status of any investigation? | Written |
| F088 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Waters | Authorisations | 1. How many complaints regarding inadequate or absent electoral authorisation did the AEC receive in 2019? 2. What is the breakdown for the kinds of materials that were the subject of complaints (eg printed materials, TV ads, radio ads, social media etc)? 3. How many complaints were investigated? How many were not? 4. What is the process by which the AEC decides whether or not to investigate such complaints? 5. How many complaints were upheld? 6. How many materials did the AEC require to be withdrawn pending proper authorisation? How many social media accounts were suspended pending proper authorisation? 7. What is the penalty for failing to properly authorise election material? 8. How often has this been enforced? 9. Does the AEC regard itself as adequately resourced to ensure that election material, including on social media, is properly authorised? | Written |
| F089 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Waters | Third party return | In the 18-19 third party returns, released in February 2020, a John Crawford disclosed \$129,545 in electoral expenditure. The return also discloses that \$45,000 was received in gifts - \$25,000 from Sugolena Pty Ltd and \$20,000 from Ognis Pty Ltd. Sugolena’s donor returns indicate that the gift was given to the Liberal Party (not to John Crawford). There is no donor return for Ognis Pty Ltd. The balance of Mr Crawford’s expenditure (\$84,545) is not listed as a donation or gift in kind to the Liberal Party. Has the AEC investigated these discrepancies? If not, is any investigation planned? | Written |

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| F090 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Waters | Accessibility of polling | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please clarify the scope and role of the fully accessible pre-poll pilot at the 2019 Federal election. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many locations were included in the pilot? How many locations were available on election day? How many ballots were cast at each pilot location? Did all pilot locations have AUSLAN interpreters? What options were provided to blind and low vision voters at pilot locations? Were How to Vote materials able to be distributed at each of these pilot locations? Were any restrictions placed on how HTV materials were distributed at pilot locations? Does the AEC intend to use Disability Service Providers as Accessible Pre-polling and polling booths in the future? Does the AEC have plans to expand access for low vision voters? Are any alternatives or alterations to the telephone voting system being considered ahead of future elections? Does the AEC ICT strategic plan consider how the AEC can better engage with disabled voters, scrutineers, candidates and AEC officers? | Written |
| F091 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Waters | Central Senate Scrutiny | <p>In response to questions on notice from the previous Senate estimates, AEC stated that where a discrepancy was identified on a ballot paper, the ballot paper “is escalated for checking by a senior AEC operator” (see response 9 in letter of 28 January 2020).</p> <p>Can you confirm whether all discrepancies between the initial two stages of data capture (Data recognition software or manual entry/full blind data entry) during Central Senate Scrutiny checked by a senior AEC operator?</p> | Written |
| F092 | AEC | Outcome 1 | Waters | Procurement – scanning solution | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In responses to questions put to the AEC at the JSCEM hearing on 6 December 2019, the AEC stated that it was “in the process of making a decision on the scanning solutions to be provided for the next federal election”. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> When did the AEC begin consideration for the procurement of scanning solutions for beyond the 2019 election? Which person or group within the AEC is responsible for procurement of future scanning solutions? When are further procurements in this area likely to be finalised? By what means of tender is the AEC intending to conduct further procurements for future scanning solutions? Are any suppliers other than Fuji Xerox Document Management Solutions being considered? Is the use of full colour images being considered as part of future scanning solutions? Will consultation with external data experts occur before a decision of future scanning procurement is made? | Written |
| F093 | Finance | | Kitching | ASC Sale | <p>In response to Question on Notice F006 from Estimates in October 2019, the Department of Finance advised that BAE is required to sell back ASC Shipbuilding to the Commonwealth on “<i>the completion of the ninth Hunter Class Frigate is expected in the early 2040s.</i>” In response to Question on Notice 460 from an Estimates hearing in November 2019, the Department of Defence provided a nominal Vessel Acceptance Date of Q3 2044 for the ninth Future Frigate. The Department also advised that “<i>Once the Performance Management Baseline is set ASC Shipbuilding is not able to reschedule any of the key milestones as per the Design & Productionisation contract without a Contract Change Proposal.</i>”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How will the Performance Management Baseline be set and when do you expect this to occur? Is Finance now expecting to purchase ASC Shipbuilding in the mid to late 2040s? | Written |
| F094 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | South Australia Breakdown | What is the functional breakdown (including a breakdown of blue collar v white collar) of the Collins sustainment workforce in South Australia and the number of workers in each group? | Written |
| F095 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Western Australia Breakdown | What is the functional breakdown (including a breakdown of blue collar v white collar) of the Collins sustainment workforce in Western Australia and the number of workers in each group? | Written |
| F096 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Departures and Onboarding | In response to Question on Notice F001 from Senate Budget Estimates in October 2019, ASC advised that since April 2019 there had been 20 employees depart from the ‘core’ group of Collins personnel. How many have departed from this group since October 2019? Have there been any new hirings in these positions? | Written |
| F097 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Collins Program Employees | Can ASC Pty Ltd provide an update on the current number of Collins program employees in both ‘core’ and ‘critical’ categories in each of the Groups – i.e. Operations, Engineering, Supply Chain, Program Management and Support? | Written |
| F098 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Workforce Levels | Could ASC Pty Ltd provide a breakdown of the workforce levels for each of these cohorts over the past two years since mid-2018 in a similar format to the table provided in response to Question on Notice F001 from Senate Budget Estimates in October 2019? | Written |
| F099 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Overall Workforce Number | With reference to Senate Budget Estimates on 9 April 2019, during which Mr Whiley stated that “... we’ve seen a significant rise in attrition of our resources” and that ASC’s overall workforce numbers “have been pretty static” but that “...we’ve seen higher levels of attrition inside the engineering areas. So, we’ve managed to retain numbers, total numbers, but we’ve lost skills and capability.”: Has the overall workforce number increased or decreased since mid-2018? | Written |

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| F100 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Submarine Program Staffing | In April 2019, Mr Whiley said ASC was planning to keep “1355 or 1356” employees in the submarine program over the next few years based on ASC’s understanding of the workload. 1. Is that still the case? 2. Are there any issues in recruiting skilled employees to replace those who have left? 3. What is the average time taken to fill a vacancy for engineers and for other workers? | Written |
| F101 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Staff Retention Program | Can ASC Pty Ltd provide an update on the staff retention program and how successful it has been in retaining core ASC employees. | Written |
| F102 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Loss of Staff | Mr Whiley said at the April 2019 estimates hearing that ASC is “losing a large proportion of the engineers and professionals to other defence-related companies” but also to mining and other markets. Does this remain the case and have you seen an uptick in this trend? | Written |
| F103 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Employee Feedback | At Estimates in October 2019, in response to a question about the nature of the employee feedback received by ASC via its staff consultation process, Mr Whiley said “there is some concern about ASC’s future, uncertainty, inside the workforce.” Is ASC tracking this level of concern? | Written |
| F104 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Engagement | How many workers from ASC Shipbuilding who have been made redundant or whose jobs were “at risk” have been engaged by ASC Pty Ltd and when were these workers engaged? In what projects and what capacity have these workers been engaged? Are there plans to engage ASC Shipbuilding workers ? If so, how many and in which projects and capacity will they be engaged? | Written |
| F105 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Overseas Recruitment | Please provide details about planned overseas recruitment exercises: 1. How many employees do you hope to recruit and for what skills? 2. Where will the recruitment drives take place and how much will they cost? 3. Will you conduct similar recruitment drives in Australia? 4. What labour market testing have you conducted to satisfy yourself that there are no suitable employees in Australia? | Written |
| F106 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Labour Hire Policy | At the last round of Estimates, Mr Whiley advised that 197 labour hire workers were utilised in the Collins program. What is the policy framework that applies to the decision-making process to use labour hire workers rather than the ASC Shipbuilding workforce on the submarine full cycle docking program at ASC Pty Ltd? | Written |
| F107 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Contract Labour | Why is ASC Pty Ltd utilising a high level of contract labour both in respect to its workforce at the submarine site and the shipbuilding site when ASC Shipbuilding workers are being made redundant? | Written |
| F108 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Mitigating Loss of Jobs | What process is being employed to ensure there is consideration given to mitigating the loss of jobs on the shipbuilding site by ASC Pty Ltd? | Written |
| F109 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Job Security | Is ASC Pty Ltd aware that the introduction of contractors onto the shipbuilding site is having a significant effect on the job security of the permanent shipbuilding workforce and no consultation is occurring on this issue leading to industrial disputation on site? | Written |
| F110 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Collins Class Contractors | How many contractors are currently working on the Collins class full cycle docking program? | Written |
| F111 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Staff Training | In terms of investment and training in people at ASC Pty Ltd across the organisation, how much did ASC spend so far this Financial Year. Please provide a breakdown of that figure down across the component parts of the organisation. | Written |
| F112 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Feasibility Proposal | Regarding the sustainment of the Collins class submarines and the Life of Type Extension (LOTE) program; at Estimates in October 2019, Mr Whiley said: “We’re currently preparing a costed feasibility proposal that will go to Defence in March next year, and that will then go into the gate 2 process. That is for a number of life-of-type capability upgrades inside of Collins” – is that feasibility proposal in relation to main motor, diesel and control equipment packages of work on track to go to (or did it go to) Defence in March 2020? If not, why not? | Written |
| F113 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Work on Feasibility Proposal | When will ASC Pty Ltd start work on the feasibility proposal on the degaussing and firefighting work packages and when does ASC Pty Ltd expect to submit it to Defence? | Written |
| F114 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Work Packages | Will the re-phasing of the work packages that Mr Whiley referred to at the last round of Estimates result in a delay to the: 1. Commencement of the detailed design phase? 2. Commencement of the implementation phase? 3. Overall LOTE program? | Written |
| F115 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | LOTE Concept Development Phase | When does ASC Pty Ltd expect the LOTE concept development phase to be concluded? | Written |

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| F116 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | LOTE Team Staffing | How many people are currently in the LOTE team? | Written |
| F117 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Increase in LOTE Team Staff | At the April 2019 estimates hearing, Mr Whiley referred to ramping up the LOTE team to around 200 people once the detailed design phase commences, but it was unclear whether this could be done from within the existing ASC workforce or require new hires. In October 2019 Mr Whiley said <i>“it’s dependent on the phasing and timing of the work packages and when they come in”</i> . Does ASC have a better understanding of this workforce requirement now and how it will be met? | Written |
| F118 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | LOTE Implementation Phase | In regard to the implementation phase of LOTE, Mr Whiley indicated that ASC would need to “grow our capability” and would “need to go to market” to acquire additional skilled staff. In October 2019, Mr Whiley said <i>“Obviously the various phases require different types of skills. As part of this concept phase we’re looking at what those packages were and what those skill sets are. Yes, we do have a better understanding. That’s part of the costed proposal we’re going to put in in March.”</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has ASC Pty Ltd now got a clearer sense of what this implementation phase workforce requirement might be and how and when it will start to acquire these additional skilled staff? Does ASC Pty Ltd have any concerns around getting these numbers? Where will ASC Pty Ltd recruit them from? | Written |
| F119 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Staff Costs | In October 2019, Mr Whiley said that in relation to staff costs <i>“that will all form the detailed work scope going forward”</i> . Has ASC Pty Ltd worked out what the staff costs will be? If so, please provide the Committee with details. | Written |
| F120 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | LOTE Staffing Risk Assessment | Given the rate of staff attrition within ASC and the resultant diminution in skills and capability, please provide an update on ASC’s assessment of the risk that it will not have the people it needs to conduct the LOTE work. | Written |
| F121 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Full Cycle Docking | In October 2019, Mr Whiley said in the context of a question about Full Cycle Docking, <i>“there has been consideration of staff retention in the decision to either move or stay. It’s been one of the considerations.”</i> At Defence Estimates on 29 November 2019, Minister Reynolds said that a decision on Full Cycle Docking would be made by the end of 2019. Has the delay in making this decision had the effect of delaying work that ASC needs to undertake to prepare for future FCDs and LOTE? | Written |
| F122 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Relocation Planning | On 19 February, the Prime Minister was asked where submarine maintenance jobs were going to end up and his response was <i>“the decision relates to what we’re doing with full-cycle docking in 2026”</i> and that he was <i>“not one to rush these important decisions”</i> What are the implications for ASC of the ongoing delay in the decision on the location of FCD/LOTE and what are the risks associated with further delay? At Estimates on 3 March 2020 Mr Whiley was asked whether ASC Pty Ltd had started any preparatory planning work in relation to the option related to the relocation of the workforce for 2026 . His response was <i>“We are looking at planning on all options”</i> and <i>“We had to look at potential scenarios of either decision, so planning is related to contingency for either scenario.”</i> Please detail which ASC staff or parties external to ASC have been involved in this planning work? What has been the cost to ASC Pty Ltd of this planning work? Has this contingency planning work concluded and if not, when is it expected to conclude? Has a report been prepared by ASC as a result of this planning work and if so, to whom has it been provided? | Written |
| F123 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | LOTE Program Additional Charge | In October 2019, Mr Whiley was asked whether ASC and Defence had worked out how much additional charge there will be for the LOTE program, given the contract is with Defence. Mr Whiley responded that this was <i>“the work we’re currently doing, to be delivered in March – that costed proposal”</i> . Can ASC Pty Ltd now advise what the additional charge will be? | Written |
| F124 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | LOTE First Phase | When asked in March 2020 about arrangements between the Government and ASC in relation to LOTE, Mr Whiley answered <i>“The first phase of LOTE gets delivered by ASC at the end of March. There are two parts—end of March and end of April.”</i> Can ASC Pty Ltd elaborate on this answer and provide an explanation of the two parts of LOTE work referred to by Mr Whiley? Is ASC on track to deliver the first phase of LOTE by the end of March 2020? What is the next step in the process after that? | Written |
| F125 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Upgrades Fleet Base West | Question on Notice F097 from Estimates in October 2019 asked whether upgrades at Fleet Base West to facilitate ASC submarine maintenance on base were still on track to be occupied by late 2020 and when the upgrades were due to be completed. ASC’s response was: <i>“A concept design for a new multi-user submarine maintenance building for Fleet Base West has been delivered by ASC and this is being considered by the Commonwealth of Australia”</i> . <ol style="list-style-type: none"> When was the concept design provided to the Commonwealth? Has the Commonwealth responded to ASC? If not, when does ASC expect a response? What is ASC’s estimate as to when the upgrade is expected to be completed? | Written |

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| F126 | ASC Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Offshore Patrol Vessels | Regarding the ongoing build of the Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs), at Estimates in October 2019 Mr Whiley said there were about 10 permanent staff from ASC Pty Ltd currently working on this build: 1. Is that still the case? 2. If not, how many staff are involved? | Written |
| F127 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Equipment | Regarding the Osborne North Development Project for the Future Submarines: 1. The recent Auditor-General's report into this project said that some of the hull parts will be fabricated in France. At the Senate Economics References Hearing on 24 February 2020, Naval Group was asked what are these parts, and why are they to be fabricated in France rather than in Australia? Mr Davis said "There are some parts of the submarine which require very specialist and very accurate forming to take place. Generally, it's cold forming. Our intention for those items is to use France as a training centre for the first of class". What specialised equipment is required for the "very specialist and very accurate forming to take place" in relation to the submarine hull? How long does this equipment take to be installed? 2. Can you confirm this specialised equipment will be in place and operational when construction of the first future submarine commences? | Written |
| F128 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Combat System Physical Integration Facility | In response to Question on Notice F107 from the last round of Estimates, ANI advised that in relation to Osborne North "Civil works for the broader site set up have commenced and piling for the CS-PIF is due to commence in November 2019" Is targeted completion for the Combat System Physical Integration Facility (CS-PIF) still on track for July 2021 as advised at the last round of Estimates (Question on Notice F108)? | Written |
| F129 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Platform Land-Based Test Facility | In relation to the Platform Land-Based Test Facility, at the last round of Estimates ANI advised that it "expects the design of this facility to progress to the 90% design milestone by Q1 2020. At that time, a target delivery schedule will be finalised including establishment of a target completion date" Is ANI on track to meet the Q1 2020 design milestone? Have the target delivery schedule and target completion date been finalised? If so what are they? | Written |
| F130 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Anticipated Timeframes | With respect to the submarine yard, please provide anticipated timeframes for: 1. Finalisation of functional requirements by Naval Group? 2. Expected timeframe for approval of functional requirements by the Commonwealth? 3. ANI work to design to the approved functional requirements? 4. ANI seeking ministerial and shareholder support for committing funds for the build? | Written |
| F131 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Infrastructure Work at Osborne North | At the last round of Estimates ANI advised that the next phases of infrastructure work at Osborne North "encompasses work elements on the western side of Mersey Road to house key production and support facilities for the new submarine yard". Is this still the case and is it still the case that "the target is for the design to substantially progress to 90% by Q4 2020"? | Written |
| F132 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Design of the Osborne North Project | Page 3 of the December 2019 issue of <i>The Morse</i> (the Osborne Naval Shipyard Project Newsletter) states that in relation to Osborne North, "Phase 2 – the Main Works – is in the planning and design stage". Please provide an update on the design of the Osborne North project, when this planning and design stage is expected to conclude and when construction of Phase 2 is due to commence? Does the plan and design incorporate provisions for FCD to continue to occur at Osborne after completion of the works? | Written |
| F133 | ANI Pty Ltd | General | Kitching | Complex Hull Parts Fabrication | With respect to the decision to fabricate some Complex Hull Parts (CHP) in France: 1. How does this decision to move CHP Fabrication to France ensure the specialised equipment is in place within the Australian Submarine Construction Yard? 2. What specialised equipment is required for CHP fabrication? 3. How long does this equipment take to be installed? 4. What was the original timeline for the installation of this specialised equipment into the Australian Submarine Construction Yard? 5. What is the revised timeline for the installation of this specialised equipment into the Australian Submarine Construction Yard? | Written |

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| F134 | Future Fund Management Agency | General | Steele-John | Future Fund Investments | <p>In 2013 during a senate estimates hearing you provided information which listed companies which the Future Fund invests in, these companies are nuclear weapons manufacturers. These included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aecom (USA) • Aerojet Rocketdyne (USA) • Airbus (The Netherlands) • BAE Systems (United Kingdom) • Bechtel (USA) • Boeing (USA) • BWX Technologies (USA) • Fluor (USA) • General Dynamics (USA) • Honeywell International (USA) • Huntington Ingalls Industries (USA) • Jacobs Engineering (USA) • Larsen & Toubro (India) • Lockheed Martin (USA) • Northrop Grumman (USA) • Safran (France) • Serco (United Kingdom) • Thales (France) • Babcock International Group • European Aeronautic Defence & Space • Rockwell Collins • Rolls Royce Holdings • SAIC Inc • Thyssenkrupp <p>1. Can you please provide an update as to whether the Future Fund continues to invest in the above companies? 2. Can you also provide any additional names of weapons manufacturing companies that the Future Fund invests in as well as any names of companies which specialise in nuclear technology? 3. Can you provide the value of these investments in total and, if possible, broken down by each company?</p> | Written |
| F135 | CSC | General | Gallagher | External Contractors - CSC | <p>I refer to Question on Notice F157 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2019 on external contractors:</p> <p>1. Are the figures provided for management and business professionals and administrative services the same as the figures for all external contractors. 2. If no to (1), please provide the figures for all external contractors for each of the financial years from 2013-14 to 2018-19.</p> | Written |
| F136 | Finance | General | Kitching | Executive Office Upgrades | <p>Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).</p> | Written |
| F137 | Finance | General | Kitching | Secretarial Travel | <p>Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including:</p> <p>a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.</p> | Written |
| F138 | Finance | General | Kitching | Acting Minister Arrangements | <p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. 2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p> | Written |

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| F139 | Finance | General | Kitching | Ministerial Overseas Travel | Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all international travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio please be provided from the of date the last answer for the Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister’s personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided. e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister’s travel should also be provided. | Written |
| F140 | Finance | General | Kitching | Appointments - Briefs Prepared | 1. How many times has the Department prepared a brief for statutory authorities, executive agencies, advisory boards, government business enterprises or any other Commonwealth body which includes a reference to a former Liberal or National member of parliament at a state, territory or federal level, since the answer was provided for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. 2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise: a. The former member. b. The board or entity. c. Whether the request originated from the Minister’s office. d. Whether the appointment was made. | Written |
| F141 | Finance | General | Kitching | Stationery | How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in financial year 2019-20 to date. | Written |
| F142 | Finance | General | Kitching | Departmental Staff in Minister's Office | 1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment. b. APS level. 2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level. | Written |
| F143 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Departmental Functions | In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided | Written |
| F144 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Ministerial Functions | In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided. | Written |
| F145 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Promotional Merchandise | 1. What is the Department/agency’s total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided. 3. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided | Written |

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| F146 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Briefings | Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can the following be provided: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position | Written |
| F147 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Market Research | 1. Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. 2. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred. | Written |
| F148 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Advertising and Information Campaigns | 1. What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. What advertising and information campaigns has the Department/agency run in this time. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline. 3. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided. | Written |
| F149 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Commissioned Reports and Reviews | 1. Since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost. 3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel. 4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel 5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review. 6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level. 7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so. | Written |
| F150 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Facilities Upgrade | 1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies subsequent to the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. 2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive) . 3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided. | Written |
| F151 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Staff Travel | What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date. | Written |
| F152 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | CDDA Payments | 10. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. 11. How many claims were: a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. 12. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker. | Written |

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| F153 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Legal Costs | What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date. | Written |
| F154 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | FOI | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. 3. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). 4. For 2019-20 to date, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material. 5. Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for 2019-20 to date. 6. Please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 7. In the past 12 months, has the Department seconded additional resources to processing Freedom of Information requests? If so, please detail those resources by APS level. 8. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office. 9. Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently overdue in response. 10. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister. 11. Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request). | Written |
| F155 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Social Media Influencers | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote. 3. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided. 4. Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided. | Written |
| F156 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Board Appointments | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates Round 2019-20. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio 3. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid. 4. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors. 5. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors. | Written |
| F157 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Executive Management | <p>In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions | Written |

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| F158 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Media Monitoring | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which agency or agencies provided these services. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which agency or agencies provided these services. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20. | Written |
| F159 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Communications Staff | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or agency: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. How many are graphic designers. How many are media managers. How many organise events. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, why. When was it established. What is the set up cost. What is the ongoing cost. How many staff work there and what are their classifications. | Written |
| F160 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Recruitment | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided. | Written |
| F161 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Staffing | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 March 2020. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing. How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> voluntary involuntary. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date. | Written |
| F162 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Comcare | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For financial year 2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date. | Written |
| F163 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Congestion Busting | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Can the Department/agency provide an update on how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department since an answer was provided for the Supplementary Estimates round 2019-20. | Written |
| F164 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Fair Work Commission | For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency. | Written |
| F165 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Fair Work Ombudsman | For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency. | Written |
| F166 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner | For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency. | Written |

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| F167 | Portfolio | General | Kitching | Public Interest Disclosures | For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received. | Written |
| F168 | Portfolio | General | Carr | Photo Copy Paper | From which country does the department and it's agencies source A4 photo copy paper? If from multiple countries please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms. | Written |
| F169 | Finance | General | Carr | Photo Copy Paper - Ministers Office | From which country does the Minister's Office source A4 photo copy paper? If from multiple countries please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms. | Written |