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F	Agency	Outcome/ Program	Senator who asked	Broad Topic	Question	Type of Question: Hansard Page & Hearing Date <i>or</i> Written
F001	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Engagement with Professor Winter	Senator WONG: Have you had any engagement recently with either the panel or Professor Winter? Mr Whiley: We've had a number of engagements over the years with Professor Winter and with the board. I can't remember the last time I was engaged, so maybe I will take that question on notice and provide you with an answer.	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 11
F002	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Firefighting and degaussing projects	Senator WONG: Okay. You told me on the last occasion that firefighting and degaussing projects were no longer part of the life of type extension scope. Do you remember that? Mr Whiley: That's correct. Senator WONG: Can you explain why? Mr Whiley: That's a decision that was made by Defence. I have no visibility of their rationale for that. That's a question you will have to ask of Defence. Senator WONG: Have they explained to you what their rationale was? Mr Whiley: No, not me personally. Senator WONG: Have they explained to ASC? Mr Whiley: I can take the question on notice and find out. Senator WONG: Okay. I would like to know what has been communicated to you about why those work packages were removed. Mr Whiley: Yes.	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 11-12
F003	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Wong	Feasibility proposal – LOTE capability upgrades	Mr Whiley: I think so, yes, Senator WONG: So that was provided to Defence at the end of 2020? Mr Whiley: Yes. Senator WONG: November 2020? Mr Whiley: Yes. Senator WONG: Has it been sent back to you for any further work? Mr Whiley: I believe that Defence have everything they need from us to be able to proceed on the analysis. Senator WONG: Have you been advised of when their analysis will be completed? Mr Whiley: Again, Q2 this year. There's a formal process. I don't know the date of it inside Defence, but again that's a question for Defence. It's Q2 this year. Senator WONG: Quarter 2? Mr Whiley: Yes. Sometime after next month. Senator WONG: Sorry. Quarter 2 in the financial year or the calendar year? Mr Whiley: April, May or June—sometime in that period. Senator Birmingham: I think calendar year. Senator WONG: He means calendar year. Okay, Q2 calendar year. That's been indicated to you as the approximate time frame? Mr Whiley: Yes. We have funding to see us through to the end of that period. Senator WONG: On notice, can you provide me with the next steps and time frames for these work packages, please? Mr Whiley: Yes. I can take it on notice.	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 12
F004	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Patrick	Frequency of meetings - Submarine Enterprise Board	Senator PATRICK: Okay. Let's go to Submarine Enterprise Board then. That board was formed as a result of the Coles review, from my recollection. Mr Whiley: That's correct, yes. Senator PATRICK: ... Why is September 2019 the last time you met? It seems extraordinary. Mr Whiley: I'm not sure it was the last time the Submarine Enterprise Board met. We certainly may have met in September 2019. Whether it was the last time, I can't recall. We haven't met recently, that's for sure. I have had conversations with Greg Sammut about convening that. I know it is on his radar to convene another one very shortly. Senator PATRICK: I will read your answer to question No. 6: 'The most recent meeting of the Submarine Enterprise Board attended by ASC was 10 September 2019.' Mr Whiley: If that's what I said— Senator PATRICK: There is a nuance in there that maybe there have been meetings where you have not been invited or not attended.	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 13

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F005	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Patrick	Concept phase - LOTE	Senator PATRICK: You've been through a concept phase with LOTE, haven't you? Mr Whiley: Yes. Senator PATRICK: That's concluded? Mr Whiley: Yes. Senator PATRICK: How much was ASC paid for that portion? Mr Whiley: Can I take that question on notice? Senator PATRICK: Yes, you can.	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 14
F006	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Patrick	Schedule – LOTE design work	Senator PATRICK: Sure. Do you have a schedule that's laid out for the LOTE design work? Mr Whiley: We have a full schedule that takes us through design, supply and what have you. Senator PATRICK: Can you provide a top-level schedule of what your LOTE activities are, from—well, obviously we've finished the concept, but from the design phase through to the implementation stage as you currently see it? You said 2026 is the first LOTE FCD. Mr Whiley: Yes.	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 15
F007	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Patrick	LOTE Current Design Contract	Senator PATRICK: Can you tell me the value of the current design contract, on notice? Mr Whiley: Again, I'll take those questions on notice.	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 17
F008	ANI Pty Ltd	General	Patrick	Osborne North milestone plan	Senator PATRICK: ... I presume you have a Gantt chart somewhere that goes down to infinite levels of detail. I'm not after that. But, certainly, to the extent that we know what buildings are being built and what the schedule is, that makes it much easier for us to work through a conversation with you. Also, from an accountability perspective, rather than just saying, 'I'm on schedule,' you can point to the Gantt chart and we can reference what the plan was. I really would appreciate a Gantt chart—it doesn't have to go to the nth degree—laying out what the schedule was and, importantly, the point at which you engaged or contracted Laing O'Rourke. So it's not the schedule now; I want to see the schedule as it was at the point in time when the contract was signed. Mr Seaton: That last part is difficult, in that we signed the contract with Laing O'Rourke and they then started the design of the yard. So you're putting the horse before the cart. Senator PATRICK: Alright—at some point when it had firmed up. We see all the time people say, 'It's on schedule.' That's because there's been a schedule extension or there's been an increase in the budget allocated, so everyone's back on budget again. It's important for us to baseline what the schedule was and to have some level of detail as to the schedule so that we can do our job properly. Can I ask that you commit to providing the committee with a Gantt chart. Mr Seaton: Yes.	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Pages 22-23
F009	ANI Pty Ltd	General	Patrick	ASC North - Lease	Senator PATRICK: Thank you. I want to go to ASC North. You might have heard me talking to Mr Whiley. I understand that, in one of your answers, you said it was licensed to ASC. I think you'll agree that might have been a mistake in words. Is it leased? Mr Seaton: It's actually more complicated than that, Senator. Senator PATRICK: Okay. Mr Seaton: ANI leases the facility to the Commonwealth, and the Commonwealth licences the facility to ASC. Senator PATRICK: Which entity do you lease it to—the Department of Finance, the Department of Defence? Mr Seaton: To the Commonwealth. I don't know that it's to a specific entity. Senator PATRICK: Ms Huxtable is looking around trying to find some help. Mr Seaton: It's whoever is party to the ISSC Ms Huxtable: The Department of Defence is my understanding. Senator PATRICK: Can we have that confirmed on notice?	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 23
F010	ANI Pty Ltd	General	Patrick	Osborne South shipyard	Senator PATRICK: ...Moving to the Osborne South shipyard, you previously advised the yard was being built to the functional requirements specified to it by the Commonwealth. That's correct, isn't it? Mr Seaton: That's right. Senator PATRICK: When was that functional specification finalised? Mr Seaton: ANI was given a design in October 2017. Senator PATRICK: It is possible to provide the committee with that functional specification? Mr Seaton: I'll take that on notice.	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 24

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F011	ANI Pty Ltd	General	Patrick	Hunter class vessel weight	<p>Senator PATRICK: Sure. I understand the principle. I'm just trying to work out: have you been given a weight for the Hunter class vessel?</p> <p>Mr Seaton: Yes, we have.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: What's the weight that's been given to you?</p> <p>Mr Seaton: I think I'll take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 24
F012	ANI Pty Ltd	General	Patrick	Ship lift capacity	<p>Senator PATRICK: ... In some sense, I'm looking at the ship lift capacity, because there are some concerns that weight is being added to the Hunter class vessel, and that's the reasoning for my line of questioning.</p> <p>Mr Seaton: My understanding is the ship lift is sufficient for putting the vessel into the water. For taking the vessel out of the water, we will need to modify the ship lift and we have plans to do that.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: That means it's heavier than the Air Warfare Destroyer?</p> <p>Mr Seaton: It's a different configuration. When the ship lift was constructed by the South Australian government more than a decade ago, as a cost-saving measure, they left off two main transverse beams and four winches. We have plans to go back and put those four winches on and the main beams.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Can you, on notice, provide some details as to what's happening in relation to the ship lift? As these things pan out, regarding the ice-breaker for the Antarctic Division, it appears they're going through a process now of trying to work out whether it does or doesn't fit underneath the Tasman Bridge, which is a pretty critical element that one would have thought—I mean, they think it will, but they're actually investigating that now, after the ship has been built. I have a few more questions, Chair. I've asked on several occasions about duplicate facilities between Osborne South and Osborne North. In response to asking you about what facilities are duplicated, twice I've received an answer that says you're avoiding duplication. I understand you might be avoiding it. I want to understand: what is the duplication in capability? I understand that duplication is not necessarily a bad thing. Can you please answer on notice, not that you're avoiding duplication but what is the duplication between the two sides, in terms of capabilities?</p> <p>Mr Seaton: Okay.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 24
F013	Future Fund Management Agency	General	McKim	Adani Ports	<p>Senator McKIM: Was the acquisition in Adani Ports made before or after the establishment of Bowen Rail as a subsidiary of Adani Ports?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: I'm not sure of the dates of the decisions, but, as I said, I think it was around 2011 that we made that investment.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Could I ask you to take that on notice, please?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: Sure.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 26
F014	Future Fund Management Agency	General	McKim	ORTEC	<p>Senator McKIM: ... Did your external provider give you a report on that body of work that was done for you by them? How did they communicate their conclusions back to you?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: We worked with them across a series of meetings in terms of their assumptions and their scenarios and the findings of their analysis, in terms of things like heat maps across the portfolio and that type of thing.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: And that was contained in a report?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: I can't recall if there was a finalised report or if it was series of conversations and information sharing.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Can you take on notice whether there was a final report provided, and, if so, to the extent that you're able, can you share that report with the committee?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: Sure.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 29
F015	Future Fund Management Agency	General	McKim	Myanmar coup	<p>Senator McKIM: ... in light of the recent military coup in Myanmar, has the Future Fund reassessed its investment in a subsidiary of Adani Ports?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator McKIM: That doesn't just relate to Australian issues; that also would relate, potentially, to international issues, like the Myanmar coup?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: It could do—yes.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Could I ask you to take on notice whether those conversations have specifically included issues around the recent coup in Myanmar?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: I can seek feedback from our manager on that. Typically, they would have those conversations prior to significant corporate governance events, such as an ability for shareholders to vote or elect directors, so they wouldn't necessarily occur between periods. But I can report back.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: So, you'll report back on notice on that?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: Yes.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 30

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F016	Finance	1/1.1	Gallagher	Real time monitoring	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, that's right. You were specifically monitoring certain expenditure programs in the context of COVID-19. Can you provide us with an update? What is your monitoring? Can you talk me through that? What have you found to date, in terms of that monitoring?</p> <p>Mr Yannopoulos: Whilst we're continuing to do that work, we're not producing any documents for the minister, since late last year.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: You're not producing anything for it?</p> <p>Mr Yannopoulos: We're not. We're still receiving information, but I don't have a summary answer of what we are seeing or discerning. Because we are now in the budget process for 2021-22, most of my team is in the process of dealing with budget proposals from portfolios. I'm happy to take it on notice and provide an update of the tracking that we were doing that we spoke about last year, but I've not done a contemporary update this calendar year of those numbers.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: The explanation said 'implementing better real-time monitoring of expenditure' is part of it. How long would it take you to get the committee an update of expenditure to date—or to the end of last week or whatever—on those 14 measures? Could you do that today?</p> <p>Mr Yannopoulos: I don't think I could do it today, because I wouldn't have capacity to QA it.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So it's not real-time monitoring?</p> <p>Mr Yannopoulos: No, that's a slightly different thing. I could ask the team to produce it, but before I tabled it for the Senate I'd want to have a look at it, understand what it was saying, potentially provide a briefing to my minister. The process to produce a set of aggregated numbers is relatively quick. The analysis that goes with those, of what they are saying and telling, will take a few days.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I'd like you to be as up to date as you can be about the 14 measures you said you're monitoring in real time and I'd like it before 30 days. I'd actually like it in real time, but if we can't have real time, I'll take the ministerial standard of 'in a couple of days'.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Thank you, Senator. We'll do our best.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Pages 32, 35, 36
F017	Finance	1/1.1	Gallagher	Resourcing – October 2021 budget	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: The extra resourcing came in the October budget.</p> <p>Mr Yannopoulos: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: But your answer just before was that you had been providing reports against expenditure in COVID-related matters last year—</p> <p>Mr Yannopoulos: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: but since the budget process started for this year you haven't been doing it.</p> <p>Mr Yannopoulos: That's right.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: You didn't get the money until October?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: The October budget reflects, and reflected, a number of decisions that had been made by government.</p> <p>Mr Yannopoulos: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I wasn't the finance minister at the time of the October budget, so I don't have the knowledge of when this particular decision was taken, Senator Gallagher. Just because something was only reported in the October budget doesn't necessarily mean that the decision to provide for it was not taken earlier, potentially significantly earlier.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: It was provided in October but it was basically backdating payment—money spent by Finance to do that work in the meantime?</p> <p>Mr Yannopoulos: Largely, they're full financial year estimates. If you look at the profile—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Did you employ people in that time, between July and October?</p> <p>Mr Yannopoulos: I wouldn't want to mislead you. I will have to go and check. I don't have that. I don't know whether my team is there and whether we went up. I think we did. I'm happy to come back on notice and give you the absolute specifics of the number of people.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 33
F018	Finance	2/2.5	Patrick	Workshops - Australian Owned Contractors	<p>Senator PATRICK: That's good. I wonder if you could perhaps go back and table the agendas of the workshops or the meetings that you've had thus far and any action items that might have come out of those meetings, so that we could have a further discussion at the next estimates.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: I will take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 42
F019	Finance	1/1.1	Patrick	US Executive Order	<p>Senator PATRICK: and this goes to the minister. The President of the United States issued an executive order on 25 January. I won't read the entire order to you, but the crux of it says: The United States Government should, whenever possible, procure goods, products, materials, and services from sources that will help American businesses compete in strategic industries and help America's workers thrive.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 43

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					<p>Where's our version of that? You've pushed free trade—and I understand trade is important—but it's clear, in the case of China, that you've got an authoritarian regime that doesn't operate in the same way that we do. Our key ally—and I'm not being disparaging of them; they're doing what's in their national interest—now have an executive order that, in effect, fetters Australian industry in the United States, if I read the way in which this works. How is the Australian government responding to this? Are we looking at this through a trade remedy perspective? Or do we sit idly and watch the United States do this and just take it?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I'm happy to take on notice any analysis which would be informed by the trade law branch of DFAT, really, in terms of the nature of the executive order, its application and its consistency with the Australia-US FTA obligations and commitments and US commitments more generally that have been made. There are some very significant Australian companies operating in the US nowadays, providing supply in a range of different contracting circumstances to US companies and, no doubt, to US governments. The work of Visy and the work of BlueScope spring to mind in terms of operations of scale that are Australian owned and have that presence and scale overseas. Meanwhile, I know that Australian producers, like GFG, secured some significant orders for export to the United States last year and have been successfully delivering against that. As to whether there's an impact of any new executive orders on Australian industry and their role in supply chains, particularly in procurement decisions, I'm very happy us to look more closely.</p>	
F020	Finance	General	Gallagher	Labour hire - Department of Finance	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: The answer from Finance was that you had 257 labour hire employed at the Department of Finance. Does that remain the figure, or is there an update?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I will just grab the latest figures. At the moment, for the 2021 year, on an ASL basis, we're around 175.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Are those figures directly comparable to the one you gave me for 257?</p> <p>Mr Scott: I will just double-check.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: That might not have been ASL. The 257 is a headcount.</p> <p>Mr Scott: Yes. On a headcount basis, as at the same date, it's 292.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So you've had an increase of 35. Could you tell me where they are located.</p> <p>Mr Scott: In terms of the specifics of where we've had an increase, I will have to take it on notice. But I will check to see if we can get you an answer during the session.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Sure.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Sorry, are you asking in respect of the 35 or in respect of the 257?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I'll take either.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: In respect of the 257, in the QON, it says that they're predominantly working on the Parliamentary Expenses Management System and in the Service Delivery Office.</p> <p>Mr Scott: Our use of contractors as a general rule is through work in our Service Delivery Office or in our IT operations, and that hasn't changed.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Why are they used in the Service Delivery Office?</p> <p>Mr Scott: That will be around things like surge, where we have specific work that needs to be done that is more short-term in nature. I can check. I would imagine it would be things like managing machinery-of-government changes and what have you.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: If you could, that would be good.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Okay. In relation to the latest increase, could you take on notice where those contractors are.</p> <p>Mr Scott: Yes.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 44
F021	Finance	General	Gallagher	Average length of labour hire contract	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Would you be able to tell me what the longest labour hire contract you have in place would be?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We would have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Scott: Yes. I don't have that sort of information available, but we can certainly look at it.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 44
F022	Finance	General	Gallagher	Labour hire usage 2013-14	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I accept that functions have changed. But you've got 200 fewer permanent staff. Do you know what your labour hire usage would have been in 2013-14? I'm sure you haven't come prepared with that answer, but—</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Well, no—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Where would I find that? Would it be easy to find?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I don't know that it would be. We could certainly have a look and see what information we have available. It certainly wouldn't have been routinely reported on then, but we may have information available. We can certainly look—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Could you take it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Absolutely.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 45
F023	Finance	3/3.1	Ayres	Discussions on Mr Zumbo	<p>Senator AYRES: Was that before or after the referral?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Remind me again of the date of the referral?</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 98

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F024	Finance	2/2.5	O’Sullivan	e-invoicing	<p>Senator O’SULLIVAN: Is there support for your suppliers to embrace e-invoicing?</p> <p>Mr Danks: I'll have to take that on notice. Sorry.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 62
F025	Finance	2/2.5	O’Sullivan	Payment times	<p>Senator O’SULLIVAN: Is the intention here for the Commonwealth to be an exemplar when it comes to payment times? Are we seeing the private sector take this up at all? Do you know?</p> <p>Mr Danks: We are. I've got some information on that. Just give me a moment.</p> <p>Mr Jagers: ... I will say that certainly we do want to be an exemplar in terms of our payment, particularly for small and medium enterprises. It's been very important during COVID to be paying quickly. We have been paying—not just in the Department of Finance but in other agencies—very quickly. This policy just supports that practice of fast payments so that industry—particularly small and medium enterprises—can rely on the fact that, when they've done the work for a Commonwealth agency, they're going to be paid straightaway. If they're not, as Mr Danks has said, there's interest or a penalty for those agencies who aren't able to pay on time. So we think that the policy has been moving in the right direction. I don't have a lot of information about payment times in the private sector as a comparator, but that's something we could think about and take on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Pages 62-63
F026	Finance	1/1.1	Ayres	Jobseeker	<p>Senator AYRES: I understand. I'm interested in when Finance was first approached with costings and when Finance finally agreed to costings. I appreciate there's some backwards and forwards in that process, and I probably won't get to see too much into that, but it's those two elements that I'm interested in. Like the last matter we discussed, it comes with a headline price tag, but it doesn't have a breakdown of costs for individual elements. As I understand it, the individual elements included increasing the base rate of JobSeeker. Can you tell me what cost is attached to that?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We'd have to take that on notice, and, to be honest, I'm not sure that we can break down the cost in that way—...</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Sorry—increasing the rate of the JobSeeker. As I understand it, these are the elements of the program that was announced: increasing the base rate of JobSeeker \$50 a fortnight, increasing the income-free earnings amount, extending the waiver of the ordinary waiting period, extending eligibility for JobSeeker and youth allowance (other) for those required to self-isolate or caring for others who are required to self-isolate and some changes to the mutual obligations scheme and the employer reporting line. Those were the elements of the announcement?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Some of those will be separate or may be separate line items that might be able to be disaggregated. Others such as, in particular, the first couple that you mentioned—the \$50 increase to the base rate and the change to the income-free threshold area—are assumptions put into the model of how JobSeeker is costed, and they are integrated costings that come out, not separate line items in that sense. So they contribute to the cost of JobSeeker.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: How do you arrive at \$9 billion, though? That is more a question for Mr Graham.</p> <p>Mr Graham: We use a microsimulation model developed by DSS to cost big social security changes like this. All of the parameter changes get fed into the model, and then it's re-run with the new parameters. That produces the headline figure. If you want to then disaggregate individual elements, you have to basically hold other parts of the model constant and just run for that one element. So it isn't something that naturally happens as part of the costing, because you've changed all the parameters to get the cost.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: And that wouldn't add up to the total, because you'll have interactive effects. At some point when you run the whole model, the elements are going to interact. It's a very complex model. As I said, we can take it on notice and see what's possible. To be really honest with you, this is probably a question better directed to DSS as they own the model and are much more familiar with it, but we can certainly take it on notice and look at it. I would just overlay it with that complication that, because this has been announced but will not be reported until the budget, at which point in time parameters will have changed, the published amount will inevitably vary because of the underlying changes in parameters. If it were happening outside the budget cycle, then that would just be dealt with through an estimates variation. It would not be visible. But, because it's going to be published for the first time in budget, it will be a more visible item.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: There's a cost in 2020-21 and there's a cost in 2021-22. Some of that \$9 billion falls—</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: The \$9 billion is an estimate over the forwards.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: It's over the forward estimates, yes.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes, but some of it occurs in the budget this year.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Yes, that's right. It occurs from the end of this month.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: But the point I'm making is about the underlying assumptions about the number of recipients going forward.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 63, 64, 65

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					<p>Senator AYRES: I understand the modelling point, but surely somebody in the Prime Minister's Office or somewhere is asking for some assurance from Finance about how that \$9 billion package breaks up. Now, I understand there's a qualification that is that the underlying fundamentals might change—that is, unemployment might go up and down—and then there is a relationship between the elements of the package. There must be a figure that's allocated to each of those elements.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: As I said, Senator Ayres, in terms of what it means for the cost of JobSeeker, that is a function of the modelling that I think the officials at the table have spoken of, and that modelling is impacted by the assumptions as to how that model operates around what different things you do mean for participation or other factors that will impact on the cost of the JobSeeker changes. There are some other things that you mentioned there as they might relate to aspects of the mutual obligation criteria, which of course do have impacts on what is spent on JobSeeker, but some of those measures also potentially have their own separate implementation costs or the like that would relate to other aspects—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I do want to come to one of those issues before we go to the break. You'll come back to me, best endeavours, on a breakdown for the \$9 billion.</p>	
F027	Finance	2/2.2	Gallagher	GovERP – 42 entities	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Is everybody involved? Is this whole of government?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: For this particular part of GovERP and this technical solution, the 42 entities that use that are involved, and we have governance structures. They started at a departmental level because there are some smaller agencies, but then—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can I get a list of those 42 entities?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Yes, certainly.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 66
F028	Finance	2/2.2	Gallagher	Funding - GovERP	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Ms Huxtable might have to answer this. You received that money in addition to the \$25.5 million that was allocated to Finance for the shared and common services hub. I think that was in the 2017-18 budget. You can take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Yes, we might have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I'm just trying to align the figures. It's not easily reconciled. Could you take on notice what you've had out of the modernisation fund and whether project closure reports have been done?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Sure.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 67
F029	Finance	2/2.2	Gallagher	Contractors - GovERP	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: ...There seems to be, when you go onto AusTender, a lot of contracts that would relate, I think, to this project. Is most of the work being done by consultants? Is that the nature of the work that's being done?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Following the discussion that you had earlier around this and the numbers that are in Finance, yes. A lot of this is project based work. It's very technical, so it's not a skill set that we would have in-house, because it's needed for particular times. That's why there's a large number of contractors and consultancies involved.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: It is hard to put it all together, but can you tell me, out of the \$66 million, how much would have gone on consultants and contractors? Is there a way to break that down?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I'd take that on notice and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I've tried to print off as much as I can and there are certainly multimillion-dollar contracts for this going all over the place to a number of different contractors. It would be useful if you could provide me that.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 67
F030	Finance	General	Gallagher	Service Delivery Office alleged fraud	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I don't really want to go anywhere further with it other than to understand if you had to let more than 50 contractors go from the service delivery office because of what is related to the matters before the court. That's all I want to know; I don't want to know anything else.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: Those numbers that you quote don't sound familiar to me, so I'd feel much more comfortable trying to better understand the numbers that you're referencing and give you a more accurate response on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Alright. It has been put to me that there were more than 50 contracting staff who were dismissed in June 2020 as a result of you not being able to ascertain whether they were affected by the fraud that occurred in the service delivery office.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I really would need to come back to you on that, Senator.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 67, 68
F031	Finance	2/2.2	Gallagher	KPMG health check recommendations	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: So KPMG didn't do the review. They didn't do a gateway review. Did they do any other review of the project? How many reviews are we talking about?</p> <p>Ms Veneros: Early on in the project, we had KPMG working with us. They did just a health check about where we were up to in terms of the rollout of the project, yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Okay. And what did that health check say?</p> <p>Ms Veneros: It made a number of recommendations to us about strengthening governance arrangements. I can get you the exact findings if you like, or a general idea of them.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, I wouldn't mind. Have they been implemented?</p> <p>Ms Veneros: Yes, we've been working on those as part of the work that we did over the last few months.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 68

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F032	Finance	3/3.1	Gallagher	Termination dates	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: I think the language you used was 'caution' with questions that you do answer. Is that right? You said you were advised not to answer questions about the day—</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: About the events of 23 March, nor engagement we may have had in the days following.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: 'Days following' is to when? How long does that go—to now?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: As I said, if you want to ask questions, we're happy to take those on notice and to consult, to ensure that we are not compromising an investigation.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Was the alleged perpetrator sacked, and on what day?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I think what's probably useful to articulate is really what Finance's role is, and it relates to employment matters. Rather than going to the specifics—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I want the specifics, though.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: Our role is not to decide or otherwise the dismissal of a staff member.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Maybe it's not a question for you, Ms Walsh. It might be a question to the Special Minister of State.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: My understanding is that, as Senator Reynolds has informed the Senate, the employment of the individual in question was terminated.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: On what date?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: We don't have that to hand.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: We can take it on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Pages 71-72
F033	Finance	3/3.1	Gallagher	Prior warnings	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: What you are saying is that there was basically a strike against this person that had been documented already?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: That's what I am advised.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Was there any penalty for that?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I'd have to take on notice as to whether or what engagement had occurred in terms of prior warnings.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Then the security breach on the night was being in an office out of normal working hours. Is that right?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: In terms of the particulars of that security breach, I'd need to take that on notice.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Are the police investigating the termination of this employee?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I want to be very cautious about any of the matters captured in the police investigation advice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: This is where the blanket kind of—</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Cover-up?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, essentially the blanket cover-up becomes a problem. You can't answer questions about what happened on the day or the days following, so we're now in the next week, asking about the termination of this employee, unrelated to the specific events of the alleged offence on the night of the 23rd, and you're not going to answer questions about that because they're—</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I'm taking that on notice, Senator Gallagher, consistent with the statement Ms Huxtable's made about making sure that, if details are to be provided, they are details that the police are happy to have provided.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Are you aware of any documents that may have been inappropriately handled on the night of the 23rd?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I've taken, in relation to security breaches on that night, any questions on notice in terms of detailing what they may be.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So you're alleging a security breach on the night, but there was already a security breach sometime before relating to handling of documents?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: That's as I understand it.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So what was the security breach on the night?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: That takes us into the zone of matters that would be of interest to the police investigation, potentially, and we have taken that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 72, 86

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F034	Finance	3/3.1	Gallagher Hanson- Young	Reason for termination	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: On the form, when you terminate an employee, my understanding is you have a box to tick. Can someone say what box was ticked—tell me what it was? What were they dismissed for?</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: There's a bunch of options there. You had to tick one of them.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Does anyone know?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I'd have to take on notice whether we have that information.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Pages 73-74
F035	Finance	3/3.1	Paterson	Privacy of staff	<p>Senator PATERSON: Chair, can I clarify the question here. There have been reports in the media in the last few months about other staff leaving the employment of members and senators following allegations of inappropriate behaviour towards their colleagues. In answering the questions asked by Labor and Greens senators—which are entirely appropriate—can I ask you to, if you do choose to answer them and provide that information, let the committee know going forward what the criteria are for making an exception to the general rule that the privacy of staff is not breached through this process. I think other inappropriate behaviour that's occurred in this building could equally, appropriately, be pursued, if we are opening that door.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator PATERSON: It's not, actually. I am genuinely interested in what the standard will be going forward for officials about how they answer these questions, because it has been reported that other staff have left the employment of members and senators for mistreating women, Senator Farrell.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: The standard is very simple. You don't release this information. The problem, in this case, is the Prime Minister has released information about it. The minister has released information about it.</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Farrell, I think we're starting to debate the point here. I understand that there have been precedents at this committee previously, as the officials have discussed, around the privacy implications of bringing these issues to the committee. I direct the officials to answer the question from Senator Paterson. You might have to take it on notice. But it would be good to clarify the criteria by which we might be broaching those principles in future.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I'd be very happy to take that on notice. I think it's an important issue for us to consider—what the principle base would be.</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you, Ms Walsh.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 75, 76
F036	Finance	3/3.1	Waters	Security breach	<p>Senator WATERS: I think, Minister, you were on radio this morning and you mentioned that it was the fact that the pair had attended the office while intoxicated that was the security breach, although I notice you haven't repeated that here this session. My question nonetheless is: how did the department know that Ms Higgins and her alleged rapist were intoxicated? Was there any sort of report received from security to that effect? How did they know? Did they watch the CCTV footage? On what basis was that conclusion drawn?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I think that goes very squarely to the statement that I made in respect of the events of that evening. I'm happy to take that question on notice and consider what advice we can provide, but the finance department does not have a 24/7 presence in Parliament House, so clearly that would be a question to direct at DPS.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 76
F037	Finance	3/3.1	Waters	Office cleaning	<p>Senator WATERS: The cleaning of the office and the fact that that was brought forward by a day—can Finance answer any of that?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I think that's one of the areas that it is very difficult for us to answer, for the reasons set out in my statement. Probably if you tell me exactly what your question is, I may be able to assist you.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Why was it brought forward by a day? Were any special instructions given to the cleaners? How often are the offices usually cleaned?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: Can we take that on notice? The question of how often the offices are usually cleaned is not a matter for Finance. The cleaning of the offices is a Department of Parliamentary Services matter. I think the other two questions we should take on notice, and we'll look to what we can provide you.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 77
F038	Finance	3/3.1	Waters	Ministerial staffing appointments	<p>Senator WATERS: I have a question about the sign-off process for ministerial staffing appointments. The Prime Minister referenced in his press conference this morning that PMO have a role in overseeing those appointments. I'm interested in what process is undertaken before sign-off, and what role Finance plays in that process. I did ask PM&C this yesterday, and they didn't answer my question. So I have tried to ask the right people! I'm now asking what role—</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Finance doesn't play any role in that. We get advised when an employee is engaged and we process the paperwork and the employment contract in accordance with that advice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: At any time, is Finance's advice about, say, the employment history of the staff member—in particular, whether any complaints have been made about them in the past? Would you be the repository of that information?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: We would hold information regarding previous employment. I'm happy to take it on notice as to whether we've ever been asked that, but I don't believe so.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 77

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F039	Finance	3/3.1	Waters	Gender pay gap – MOPS Act	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. In relation to the gender pay gap, what data collection is done regarding the gender breakdown of each of the relevant pay grades for staff under the MOPS Act?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Again, in the context of bargaining—</p> <p>Senator WATERS: This is in a separate context now, but by all means—</p> <p>Mr De Silva: That's fine, but, in the context of bargaining, there was a request for information regarding gender breakdown of MOPS employees and the classifications, and we actually provided that during bargaining.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Great. So you've got that available and you can provide that to me as well.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I don't have it available, but I'm happy to take that on notice and provide that.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you very much. What data collection is normally done? Did you collate it because you were asked for it in that bargaining process?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Is there any systemic process that you'll now adopt to keep that information current and up to date?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I don't believe there is a standard process, but we can do it when we're asked to.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: And in this instance you were asked to by the employees?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: The bargaining representatives, yes.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Do you not feel like you should probably update that of your own volition rather than waiting to be asked by the staff?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I think you're asking me to venture an opinion there, but I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. In terms of what that data revealed—noting that you'll provide it to me on notice—as a general statement, are men overrepresented in the higher brackets and women overrepresented in the lower brackets?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'll have to take it on notice in terms of what it showed.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 78
F040	Finance	3/3.1	Waters	EAP support services	<p>Senator WATERS: Is it your department's responsibility to make sure that the counsellors who staff that EAP service are themselves supported, and what does the department do to ensure their welfare? ...</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We manage the contract. In relation to the helpline, our help desk, certainly we have responsibility and ensure the wellbeing of those people on the help desk, who do get a range of calls that cover a broad range of issues. That is something that we take—</p> <p>Mr De Silva: We have put in additional supports for the help desk and the team that deals with these kinds of matters.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: On notice, could you provide me details of those additional supports?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Happy to.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 80
F041	Finance	3/3.1	Gallagher	Media	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Ms Huxtable, you say, 'I note we've already responded to media inquiries on some issues and those responses have been reported.' They do go to matters around that time. I've just been reading some of the reported comments from Department of Finance. 'Finance advised the then Special Minister of State's office that there had been a potential security breach involving after-hours access, because the SMOS has shared responsibility with the presiding officers regarding control and management of the ministerial wing of Parliament House, the department said in response to <i>The Saturday Paper's</i> questions.' Why were you able to answer a media question, but you're not prepared to answer questions here? Or you say that you can't answer questions from 23 March?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We have responded to media questions since Ms Higgins appeared on <i>The Project</i>. At a point in time the AFP or the police investigation recommenced, I guess—I'm not sure of the exact terminology. Some of what has been reported in the media relates to a period prior to the AFP investigation recommencing. So we have responded to media inquiries over time. There is a time question. I also note the advice yesterday—</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can I pause you there and ask, when did you respond to those media questions from <i>The Saturday Paper</i>? This was reported on 13 March.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I'd have to take that on notice. My recollection is that at least one of these was responded to well prior.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 81
F042	Finance	3/3.1	Gallagher	Ministerial wing	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: How many staff are responsible for Finance's management of the ministerial wing?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: From memory, it's three. I will double-check that.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: How do you manage the relationship with DPS? Is there an MOU or any other agreement that delineates those responsibilities that you have just talked about?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: In relation to the min wing?</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: There's a document signed back in 1988 between the Presiding Officers and the then Minister for Finance and Administration—I will double-check what the exact title was.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 69

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F043	Finance	3/3.1	Gallagher	After-hours access	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: ...Do you advise on every after-hours access to a minister's office?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I don't know the answer to that.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: You don't know?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I think it's unlikely, given the hours.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: I think it's extremely unlikely, or you'd never be able to do anything.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I would need to take on notice what that threshold might be.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 83
F044	Finance	3/3.1	Hanson-Young	Contact with the Special Minister of State	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: No, who was it who contacted the Special Minister of State? Was that you?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'll have to take it on notice, only because I—</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: You don't know whether it was you?</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Hanson-Young, the witness is explaining why they are taking the question on notice. Please listen.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'll need to check my notes as to whether it was me or someone else. I will have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: You can't remember?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I honestly don't.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 85
F045	Finance	3/3.1	Ayres	Termination form	<p>Senator AYRES: ...I know Senator Gallagher put a question to you that you've elected to take on notice about the reason for termination. I want to see the page of the termination form and which boxes were ticked. I want to see a copy of that page of the termination form; I don't need to see the rest of it. That will be on notice as well, I assume, unless you've got it in your file there and want to provide it.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I don't have it on file. I'll take it on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 88
F046	Finance	3/3.1	Hanson-Young	Submission – Minister Wyatt's office	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: ... I'm going to ask some questions in relation to a submission and a finding that has come from the Information Commissioner in relation to Finance and Ms Johnson who used to work in Minister Wyatt's office. I imagine you're aware of this?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Yes.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: How much time has been spent within the department refusing to have the information that Ms Johnson and other members of staff have been trying to access released under FOI? Do you know how many hours have been spent on this within your department?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I wouldn't know. I would have to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 90
F047	Finance	3/3.1	Hanson-Young	Bullying – Minister Wyatt's office	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: What was the outcome of the complaint? Was there bullying found in Mr Wyatt's office or not?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I'm not going to speak to an individual matter. I can't do that.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We can take that on notice and seek whether we can provide any information, but I would suggest that we would have to consider a public interest immunity claim in respect of those matters, for the very reasons that the officers have gone to around maintaining—</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 92
F048	Finance	3/3.1	Hanson-Young	Termination form – Ms Johnson	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Have you seen the termination form for Ms Johnson?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: No, I haven't.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you find it for me, please. I'd like to know what box was ticked there.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: My response is the same as in the conversation that we've already had: that the accepted practice has been that we don't provide information of a personal nature or about individual cases. I've taken it on notice already in relation to a separate incident.</p> <p>CHAIR: You are entitled to take that question from Senator Hanson-Young on notice.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I will take that on notice. First, I don't have the information.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Could you take it on notice, please.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Pages 92-93
F049	Finance	3/3.1	Hanson-Young	Finance submission – Information Commissioner	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: ...Who wrote the finance department's submission to the Information Commissioner? Was that done within the department, or did the Solicitor-General or somebody in the Solicitor-General's office write the submission?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: It would be the FOI area in conjunction with the decision-maker.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: In the department—the FOI area in the department.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: You didn't seek any external advice from the Solicitor-General in relation to the submission?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'll take it on notice, but I don't believe so.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 95
F050	Finance	3/3.1	Ayres	Complaints against Mr Zumbo	<p>Senator AYRES: Okay. Had complaints been made in relation to Mr Zumbo prior to the Prime Minister's referral?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Again, with respect to the longstanding practise, we tend not to provide information in relation to individual—</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 97

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F051	Finance	3/3.1	Ayres	Allegations reported in media	<p>Senator AYRES: ...Was the department aware of allegations which were reported in the <i>St George Shire Standard</i> in July of 2020?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I think we were aware that there was media in 2020.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Were any steps undertaken?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Again, as a matter of practice, if issues are in the public domain, our normal practice is a work health and safety officer will get in touch with any office which is in the media just to do a welfare check.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So what happened?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Again, I'll refer to my previous answer, in terms of going into the details around individuals, whether it's a parliamentarian or an individual MOP staff employee.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Because this wasn't just a report about an allegation; it was: Controversial government backbencher Craig Kelly's right-hand man has fronted court accused of harassing young female co-workers...</p> <p>So it was at a point where there was litigation. Had the department been approached about the litigation?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I don't believe so, but I'm happy to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 97
F052	Finance	3/3.1	Ayres	Number of complaints	<p>Senator AYRES: ... can you tell me how many complaints of inappropriate behaviour in relation to Mr Zumbo or Mr Kelly's office the department has received?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Again, I'll repeat my previous answer that it generally would not be appropriate for me to comment on a particular parliamentarian or an employee staffer, but I'm happy to take it on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 98
F053	Finance	3/3.1	Ayres	Misuse of parliamentary offices	<p>Senator AYRES:we know that last year the department outsourced an investigation into the misuse of parliamentary offices by Mr Sukkar and Mr Andrews to Mr Sukkar's previous employer. That investigation was conducted by Ashurst and it didn't include any interviews with current or former staff. Will the department instruct the investigator to interview current and former staff?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: As I said at the start, it's been a longstanding practice for Finance not to comment on individual parliamentarians or matters which are being considered under the bullying and harassment policy. I'm happy to take it on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 100
F054	Finance	3/3.1	Ayres	Facebook – Craig Kelly	<p>Senator AYRES: This is a question for the department. Mr Kelly was banned by Facebook for a week for posting disinformation about COVID vaccines and treatments. His posts have been widely condemned as fake news and as undermining the government's objectives. Has the department approved the expenditure of Commonwealth funds on those Facebook ads?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'd need to take it on notice; if we have or not, I'm not sure.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I think most of them are posted between 1 am and 3 am; that's the experience we had in a previous committee. But could you come back to us on notice about that. I assume you're going to ask to take this on notice as well: has the department approved expenditure for any other material which includes similar COVID treatment or vaccine misinformation?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I doubt we would, but I'm happy to take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Without seeing the particular publication, it's really hard to give it in the abstract. It would largely go to: 'Does it fall within everyday parliamentary business? Is it value for money?' et cetera.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Can you review those Facebook posts that were the reason for Mr Kelly's removal from Facebook for a week and tell us, on notice, if they were funded and whether they fall within legitimate parliamentary business?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'm happy to do so.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 101
F055	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Inquiry into allegations	<p>Senator FARRELL: I refer to media reports regarding two separate complaints that a Miss Rachelle Miller has lodged with the Department of Finance, one which is related to workplace bullying by Minister Tudge and one which is related to what is described as a 'fake redundancy process' in Minister Cash's office. When learning of these complaints in November, Minister Birmingham said:</p> <p>Any staff complaints received by the Department are investigated thoroughly and in a manner entirely independent of Government.</p> <p>The complaints are now the subject of legal action. Is the department continuing with its own inquiries of Miss Miller's allegations?</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Pages 101-102

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					<p>Mr De Silva: I can confirm that Ms Miller has made public that she made a complaint to Finance. I can confirm we've actioned it in accordance with the policy. The matter is ongoing and so it wouldn't be appropriate for me to comment further. I'm not aware of any legal action that has been brought at this stage.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: So you're unaware of the legal action and so, as a result, you're continuing with the inquiry?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: The process is ongoing right now.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Ongoing?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Correct.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: How would you describe the status of those inquiries at the moment?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I generally wouldn't go into talking about the individual aspects of a complaint or where it's up to.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Why wouldn't you tell us where it's up to? Is there a reason—</p> <p>Mr De Silva: It's ongoing.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: It's ongoing, so I'm not sure what you—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: When do you think you might have resolved the issues? When do you think your ongoing inquiry will end and you'll have the result of those inquiries?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Given that it is ongoing, it probably wouldn't be appropriate for me to comment on a particular time frame—and I probably have to stop there. But I'm happy to take it on notice, in terms of what additional information we can provide.</p>	
F056	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	EAP usage	<p>Senator FARRELL: Have you seen an increase in the usage numbers of the Employee Assistance Program in recent months?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: There was an increase between last financial year and this financial year. It was largely with respect to COVID. So the period between March and probably October, it was much higher. I said in response to a question prior that the levels have probably dropped back to about where they were pre COVID, and we haven't seen any significant increase. As I said, though, EAP does cover a very broad range of issues.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: How often do you get the stats on that?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'd need to double-check, but I think we get stats on a monthly basis.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Can you tell us what the take-up of those on-site counselling services have been?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'll need to take that on notice in terms of the actual numbers of appointments that have been made.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 103, 104
F057	IPEA	General	Farrell	Prime Minister's expenditure reports	<p>Senator FARRELL: Why are you footing the bill for those? Why wouldn't DFAT foot the bill?</p> <p>Ms Grant: They're travel related costs that fall under the PBR, another responsibility of IPEA. They might be organised by DFAT, but they will flow through to IPEA for payment and reporting. Those are the costs that would appear in the relevant expenditure report and be attributed to the parliamentarian.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: You've obviously got a report there. Are we able to get a copy of that—not straightaway but in due course? Is that possible?</p> <p>Ms Grant: All of these costs would be reported in the Prime Minister's expenditure report, which will be published shortly, so all of the costs will be publicly available. You wouldn't need to ask separately for them, but we can provide that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 106
F058	IPEA	General	Farrell	National Party – Melbourne Cup 2019	<p>Senator FARRELL: ... I'd like to ask about two reviews in that document, listed as 'work in progress'. One of those reviews is of the travel by parliamentarians to Melbourne at around the time of the 2019 Melbourne Cup, and the other review is of the National Party's meeting, held at Nagambie, just outside Melbourne, which was scheduled around the 2019 Melbourne Cup. Can you please provide us with the status of those reviews?</p> <p>Ms Godwin: I don't have that FOI log with me. It's not something I brought with me. But my colleague—this is his first time at estimates—may be able to give us an update on the status of those two particular reviews.</p> <p>Mr Roberts: Those two reviews are ongoing.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: When did they start?</p> <p>Mr Roberts: I don't have that information with me in this brief, but we have been looking at them for some time.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: When do you think the reviews might be completed?</p> <p>Mr Roberts: They're drawing towards completion. We have sought information in relation to those reviews and we're waiting for information to come back, so it's in the process.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: On that particular point, have all parliamentarians that you've requested further information from provided that requested information?</p> <p>Mr Roberts: Unfortunately I don't have that information with me.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Are you able to find that out for me?</p> <p>Mr Roberts: I am.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: And you will let me know?</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Pages 106-107

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					Mr Roberts: I will.	
F059	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	Current advertising campaigns	<p>Senator AYRES: Do you have a list of current advertising campaigns that are underway?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I think there are currently—are there 11 campaigns?</p> <p>Ms Johnston: There are 11 campaigns that have ICC compliance letters in this current financial year.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Would you be able to provide us, on notice, the cost up to 31 December, I assume, of each of those campaigns?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We can take that on notice, yes</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Pages 109-110
F060	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	Stop It At The Start campaign	<p>Senator AYRES: The Department of Social Services has got a contract for advertising services on the AusTender website which is worth \$21 million: CN3673260. Which campaign is that contract for? The only campaign that you took me to that's for the Department of Social Services was the domestic and family violence—</p> <p>Ms Johnston: The Stop it at the Start campaign.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Is \$21 million the figure that's been put to you for that campaign?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We'd need to take that on notice and discuss it with the Department of Social Services, or you can ask them on Thursday.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: It's a very large sum. You're in a position on that comeback campaign to tell me that it was \$15 million. I suppose that was after a question on notice on that.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: And we spoke to Treasury. We'd need to speak to Social Services on this one as well.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 111
F061	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	COVID-19 Vaccine campaign	<p>Senator AYRES: The COVID-19 vaccine campaign: what's the approved budget for that campaign?</p> <p>Ms Johnston: I'm sorry, I don't know that.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We can take that on notice for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: You can't tell me how much has been spent to date.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: No, we'd need to take that on notice. The Department of Health would be able to answer both of those questions.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 112
F062	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	Campaign Advertising Supplier Register	<p>Senator AYRES: The Campaign Advertising Supplier Register has been closed to new applications. Who made that decision?</p> <p>Ms Johnston: The Department of Finance.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: When was that decision made?</p> <p>Ms Johnston: As part of a review of procurement arrangements for campaigns there was a decision to close the register. It actually closed on 15 March.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: But it has been replaced by the Government Communications Campaign Panel. As Ms Johnston said, there was a review of the arrangements, and a new panel arrangement has been put in place.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: What's the total cost of the new arrangements?</p> <p>Ms Johnston: Do you mean in the establishment of the arrangement or the ongoing cost?</p> <p>Senator AYRES: The establishment of the arrangement.</p> <p>Ms Johnston: Those costs aren't finalised at this point in time. I might have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We'll take that on notice and come back to you.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, Page 113
F063	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Farrell	Polling place technology funding and contracts	<p>Senator FARRELL: Alright. Are you able to provide a breakdown of the funding over four years on how much is allocated for electronic certified lists and how much is allocated for polling place technology and complimentary solutions?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: We are able to provide that breakdown. I might take that on notice though. We do have that information.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Who has been granted the contracts for providing these services?</p> <p>Mr Pope: Senator, I'm not sure we're quite at that point yet, but we'll take that on notice, if that's okay.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, pages 118
F064	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	O'Sullivan	Pre-poll voting – Daily statistics	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: But, in regard to pre-poll voting and that increased number—and I certainly witnessed that myself in Western Australia at the last state election—I noticed that, while it was open for 2½ weeks, the bulk of those numbers really came through in the last two or three days. Have you got data on that in terms of the numbers for each day? Obviously what we get reported is the aggregate in terms of the number of people at the polling places over the full period.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: We do have those numbers. Senator, you're right—federally, as well. It's certainly not empty in the early part of that, but there is an uptick, and the biggest day is the final day before the event. So, traditionally, that's where the big crush occurs, and people use those services close to the event. We do have that day-by-day figure. We don't have it here tonight, but we can certainly provide that to you.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, page 121

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F065	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Pre-poll centre security	<p>Senator ROBERTS: What percentage of pre-poll centres have monitored back-to-base alarms and monitored surveillance cameras covering the location of the stored paper ballots?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: We'd have to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, page 122
F066	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Sampling of ballot paper counts	<p>Senator ROBERTS: The Senate first preference votes are counted in the polling place to get a rough count and then transported to the Senate scrutiny centre to be recounted—is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Do you compare the polling place count and the machine count?</p> <p>Ms White: We do.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: What sort of frequency and what sort of sampling?</p> <p>Ms White: The whole time. We manage those numbers all the way through. There are two parts to your question. We always compare to the first count and we always see what we have done throughout the thing. I think what you're asking there is: how much sampling is there?</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Correct.</p> <p>Ms White: We do a portion of sampling throughout to make sure that it's consistent.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: What portion roughly?</p> <p>Ms White: I don't have that with me. I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, page 122
F067	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Senate ballot paper transportation timeline	<p>Senator ROBERTS: In 2016 it took 29 days to transport the completed ballots to the Senate scrutiny centre. You allowed, apparently, 18 days, and it took 29 days. How long did it take in 2019 to get the ballots to the Senate scrutiny centre, and what is your projection for 2022?</p> <p>Ms White: I'll have to take that on notice and probably ask you to expand a little bit on that.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, page 124
F068	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Senate Scrutiny Centre software	<p>Senator ROBERTS: I understand your software was approved by IBM in 2017 as having a likely error rate below 0.5 per cent. Is that correct? What was your error rate in 2019?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I might have to take that one on notice, Senator.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: What audit has been conducted on the software used in the Senate scrutiny centre, including comparison of the accuracy of the scanned file against the original paper record and the accuracy of the routine used to allocate preferences?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, page 124
F069	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Green	Torres Strait language materials	<p>Mr Pope: We are continuing to work on a range of additional resources for a range of Indigenous communities in a number of different languages in preparation for the next election.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: Would you take on notice when the written materials in those languages will be available?</p> <p>Mr Pope: Specifically for those two languages?</p> <p>Senator GREEN: Yes, for the Torres Strait languages.</p> <p>Mr Pope: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: You might need to take this on notice as well: I notice that the fact sheets that are available on the website aren't actually in language. Do you have any fact sheets available in traditional languages?</p> <p>Mr Pope: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I think the answer is actually yes. We do translate material into a whole range of different languages, including Indigenous languages.</p> <p>Mr Pope: There are 15 Indigenous languages that we generally translate into.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: Okay. But, last time we checked, none of them were the Torres Strait languages.</p> <p>Mr Pope: I'll take that on notice for those two particular languages.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, pages 125
F070	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Green	Communication of non-voting reasons – Sorry business	<p>Senator GREEN: There are a lot of fact sheets that explain what you need to do when you vote, why voting's important and all that sort of stuff. But, when it talks about not voting, the English version that's available on your website says that you might get fined if you don't vote—this is the advice you'd give to anyone—but there's no explanation on your fact sheets about the relationship with sorry business and not fining people. I know the Queensland Electoral Commission does include some information about that and how that would be taken into consideration as a reason why someone might not be able to vote.</p> <p>Mr Pope: Our divisional returning officers have discretion to assess the reasons as to why someone was not able to vote, and that may well be one of the reasons that they would take into account for not issuing a fine.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: It's not included on any of the information.</p> <p>Mr Pope: We can have a look. I'm not familiar with the Queensland legislation, though.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, pages 125, 126

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					<p>Mr Rogers: Our legislation actually provides that power. It's not something we can just write off. There's a practice that we have in place that we're obviously very amenable to those sorts of issues.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: It might well be that their legislation is very different, but we'll have a look at it.</p> <p>Senator GREEN: It's not the legislation; it's the way you explain it to people. I think what it's about, rather than saying, 'If you can't vote, you won't be fined,' is possibly giving people an example or examples of what type of reasonable excuses would be applicable and using examples that would actually fit these communities. One of them is sorry business, and there is no discussion in those materials about sorry business.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: We'll take it on notice</p>	
F071	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Waters	Kooyong 200 Club	<p>Senator WATERS: I have some specific questions about a private fundraising entity, the Kooyong 200 Club. It works like all fundraising groups in that the source of donations is disguised. Donations are made to the third-party entity anonymously, and the third-party entity then donates and discloses bulk amounts to the political party. During the last election, the Treasurer's private fundraising vehicle, this Kooyong 200 Club, raised \$621,000 and spent \$1.1 million to ensure the Treasurer kept his seat. Does the AEC have any way to peer behind and see where that \$621,000 came from originally? Not a cent of it needs to be disclosed, given that it's treated as an associated entity.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'd have to think about that. I'm not, off the top of my head, aware of the Kooyong 200 group. I may well have read about that. As you know, there's a lot of entities—</p> <p>...Senator WATERS: Yes, look, I acknowledge that. I'm not asking about that tonight. I've got two minutes to go, so I'm sorry to cut you off, but can you find out where that money came from, in this particular instance of it being an associated entity?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Would you allow us to take that on notice, please?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Sure. Thank you.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Have you done a compliance review of the Kooyong 200 Club?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: That I'd have to take on notice.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, page 127
F072	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Waters	Associated entities	<p>Senator WATERS: Has there been an increase in the use of these sorts of bodies to funnel donations over the past few years?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'd have to look at that.</p>	Proof Hansard, 23 March 2021, page 127
F073	Finance	3/3.1	Rice	COMCAR Trial of electric vehicles	<p>In relation to the Comcar trial of electric vehicles (including a Tesla 3 and Hyundai Ioniq EV)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many vehicles are included? 2. What bookings data does the Department have on the EV's usage? How does this compare to other vehicles in the Comcar fleet? 3. What infrastructure has been installed to support these vehicles? 4. How is the Department evaluating the performance of electric vehicles? How is the Department assessing the cost of ownership and use of these vehicles? 	Written
F074	Finance	3/3.1	Steele-Jon	COMCAR purchases	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many ComCar drivers do you employ in Canberra and Nationally? 2. How many are executive drivers? 3. The ComCar fleet has recently completed a transition to a new range of vehicles, including camery's, BMW's and a selection of other vehicles. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. During the trials for the new fleet, what was the consultation with drivers? b. In deciding what the new fleet should be, who decided on the colour they would be? c. What kind of occupational health and safety assessment (OH&S) was done to account for the 5-6degree increase in temperature in black cars? d. What kind of OH&S assessment was done to ensure these vehicles were comfortable for drivers who spend many hours in them? e. Given that black cars take a lot more work to clean, what considerations were made for the duties of ComCar drivers who are required to clean them? 	Written

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F075	Finance Portfolio	General	Gallagher	Staffing profile	<p>1. Please provide a staffing profile for the agency as at 1 January 2021 and 01 April 2021 by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> APS ongoing: headcount and ASL; APS non-ongoing: headcount and ASL; Labour hire staff; headcount and FTE; and Other contractors.; headcount and FTE <p>2. Please provide the percentage of staff engaged through labour hire arrangements as a percentage of total headcount.</p> <p>3. Please provide the total value of labour-hire contracts entered into between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2020.</p>	Written
F076	Finance Portfolio	General	Gallagher	Work from home requests	<p>1. How many requests to work from home on an ongoing basis has your agency received from staff since the Australian Public Service Commission published ‘Circular 2020/9: Returning to Usual Workplaces’ on 29 September 2020?</p> <p>2. How many of these requests have been rejected and approved? Please outline the reasons that requests were rejected.</p>	Written
F077	Finance	2/2.1	Carr	ANSTO scoping study	<p>On p60 of the 2020-21 Budget Measures – Part 2: Payment Measures it is stated that the Department of Finance is said to be undertaking “a scoping study with ANSTO on its governance and commercial arrangements. The expenditure for this element is not for publication due to commercial sensitivities”.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Has the scoping study been completed? If not, when is it expected to be completed? Will the undisclosed amount allocated to the study be published when the study is completed? If not, why not? Will the study’s report and findings be published? If not, why not? Is the scoping study considering the privatisation or potential privatisation of any ANSTO asset or assets? Or of ANSTO in its entirety? 	Written
F078	Finance	2/2.5	Carr	Copy paper	<p>For each Australian Government Department and agency, can the Department provide a breakdown of the origins of copy paper, including the percentage of Australian-made copy paper, purchased by that department or agency:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the 2018-19 financial year? In the 2019-20 financial year? In the 2020-21 financial year to date? <p>For each financial year, could you include details of volumes, countries of origin, suppliers, and the percentage of recycled content.</p> <p>Has paper purchased through the Whole of Australia Government Stationery and Office Supplies arrangement ever been subject to Anti-Dumping Measures or investigations by the Anti-Dumping Commission?</p>	Written
F079	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Scytl software purchase and use of scytl software	<p>1. Has the AEC ever purchased software from Scytl or a related company? If so, when was the purchase and how much was paid including for updates?</p> <p>2. If Question 1 is in the affirmative which election(s) was the Software used?</p>	Written
F080	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Scytl based software	<p>Did the software used in the Senate Scrutiny Centre in 2016 or 2019 elections include code purchased from Scytl, in whole or in part? http://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/legis/cth/consol_act/ca1968133/s36.html</p>	Written
F081	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Senate Scrutiny Centre software (Code copyright)	<p>Has the code used by the AEC which you advised was not Scytl software been assessed for uniqueness, pursuant to Section 36 of the Australian Copyright Act as compared to the Scytl software? If so please provide that proof.</p>	Written
F082	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Senate Scrutiny Centre software (Software cost)	<p>Please advise the cost of the development of your bespoke software solution, and indicate in your financial statements for the relevant years where that was shown.</p>	Written

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F083	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Senate Scrutiny Centre software (Code audit)	In the Testimony of Mr Rogers it was stated that the software used by the AEC in the Senate Scrutiny Centre had been audited and checked. This comment was followed by a reference to the Australian Signals Directorate and the Australian Cyber Security Centre who are indeed well placed to conduct that audit. I subsequently asked those agencies if they had audited the software used at the SSC and they replied in the negative. My question then is who did audit your software? Please provide a copy of that audit.	Written
F084	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Senate Scrutiny Centre software (Accuracy)	I understand from your testimony that there is a comparison made as part of your standard systems between the paper count and the electronic/scanned count. Please identify any variance you have found in the 2019 election between the hand count and the scanned count and identify a cause and the measures to correct that variance.	Written
F085	AEC	AEC Outcome 1	Roberts	Identity checks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What identity checks are made of voters at booths? 2. Is photo ID required before voting? 3. Without showing photographic identity is it possible for identity fraud to occur? 4. Has that happened in Australia in the past? 5. To what extent? 6. Is the requirement for photo ID being contemplated for reintroduction? 	Written
F086	Finance	General	McKenzie	Finance - Work from home statistics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff does the Department have working in capital cities, including Canberra? 2. Are any Department staff based in rural or regional locations? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many? b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff? 3. How many staff worked-from-home each month from the Department for the period October 2020 to March 2021? 4. In response to question 2, the Department stated 82 per cent of respondents to a staff survey believed they had maintained or increased their productivity. Can the Department conclude whether productivity increased, remained static or declined during the COVID period compared to the same period during 2018-19? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If productivity remained static or increased, how will the Department work to maintain increased productivity, or if productivity declined, improve productivity? b. What opportunity exists for the Department to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID? 5. For question 3, Department data shows a 36.8 per cent decrease in the number of sick days of taken between March to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How will the Department work to maintain the reduction in personal/sick leave taken? b. If the Department has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of sick leave taken for these staff compared to city-based staff? 	Written
F087	AEC	General	McKenzie	AEC – Work from home statistics	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many staff does the agency have working in capital cities, including Canberra? 2. Are any agency staff based in rural or regional locations? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many? b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff? 3. How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021? 4. Responding to question 2, the AEC stated that it continued to deliver its outcomes and staff survey responses indicated productivity remained high. How does the agency measure and monitor productivity? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overall, would the agency conclude productivity increased, remained static or declined during the COVID period compared to the same period during 2018-19? 	Written

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F088	Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority	General	McKenzie	IPEA – Work from home statistics	<p>1. How many staff does the agency have working in capital cities, including Canberra?</p> <p>2. Are any agency staff based in rural or regional locations?</p> <p>a. How many?</p> <p>b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?</p> <p>3. How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021?</p> <p>4. In response to question 2, the agency responded it continued to meet its KPI's and service level standards. Can the agency conclude whether this means productivity remained static?</p> <p>a. How does the agency usually measure productivity?</p> <p>b. How will the agency work to maintain or increase productivity when staff return to their office?</p> <p>c. What opportunity exists for the agency to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?</p> <p>5. For question 3, agency data shows a 0.4 per cent increase in the number of sick days of taken between March to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. Are there reasons for personal/sick leave taken remaining relatively constant between these periods?</p> <p>a. How will the agency work to maintain this consistency or reduce personal/sick leave taken?</p> <p>b. If the agency has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of sick leave taken for these staff compared to city-based staff?</p>	Written
F089	Future Fund Management Agency	General	McKenzie	FFMA – Work from home statistics	<p>1. How many staff does the agency have working in capital cities, including Canberra?</p> <p>2. Are any agency staff based in rural or regional locations?</p> <p>a. How many?</p> <p>b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?</p> <p>3. How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021?</p> <p>4. In response to question 2, the agency concluded productivity has been maintained across the organisation. How does the agency usually measure productivity?</p> <p>a. How will the agency work to maintain or increase productivity when staff return to their office?</p> <p>b. What opportunity exists for the agency to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?</p> <p>5. For question 3, agency data shows a 54.2 per cent decrease in the number of sick days of taken between March to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave?</p> <p>a. How will the agency work to maintain the reduction in personal/sick leave taken?</p> <p>b. If the agency has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of sick leave taken for these staff compared to city-based staff?</p>	Written

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F090	Commonwealth Superannuation Corporation	General	McKenzie	CSC – Work from home statistics	<p>1. How many staff does the agency have working in capital cities, including Canberra?</p> <p>2. Are any agency staff based in rural or regional locations?</p> <p>a. How many?</p> <p>b. What percentage do capital city based-staff make-up of your workforce compared to rural- and regional-based staff?</p> <p>3. How many staff worked-from-home each month from the agency for the period October 2020 to March 2021?</p> <p>4. In response to question 2, the agency indicated productivity remained static. How does the agency usually measure productivity?</p> <p>a. How will the agency work to maintain or increase productivity, or if when staff return to their office?</p> <p>b. What opportunity exists for the agency to decentralise from city locations given staff have been able to work from home during COVID?</p> <p>5. For question 3, agency data shows a 10.6 per cent decrease in the number of sick days of taken between March to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. What are the reasons for this decrease in personal/sick leave?</p> <p>a. How will the agency work to maintain the reduction in personal/sick leave taken?</p> <p>b. If the agency has staff based in rural/regional areas, is there a comparison of sick leave taken for these staff compared to city-based staff?</p>	Written
F091	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	PEMS	<p>1. What are the usage statistics for the Parliamentary Expenses Management System (PEMS) for each month since 1 November 2020 to 31 March 2021 inclusive? Please provide data in the same format as provided in response to Question on Notice F083 from October 2020 Budget Estimates and include:</p> <p>a. the number of individual claims lodged in each month</p> <p>b. the number of staff who have lodged claims in each month</p> <p>c. the number of parliamentarians who have lodged claims in each month</p> <p>d. the number of offices which have lodged claims in each month</p> <p>e. the percentage of office expense claims which were lodged via PEMS in each month</p> <p>f. the percentage of travel expense claims which were lodged via PEMS in each month</p> <p>2. 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 November 2020?</p> <p>3. On what date is the incorporation of human resources and payroll functionality scheduled to be incorporated into PEMS?</p> <p>4. On what date will full implementation of PEMS be complete?</p> <p>5. Has additional funding for PEMS than was initially budgeted been provided?</p> <p>a. If yes, how much additional funding has been provided?</p> <p>6. What is the total spend on PEMS as at 31 March 2021?</p> <p>7. What is the total spend on the Comcar CARS system as at 31 March 2021?</p> <p>8. When was the last time the User Acceptance Testing Group met?</p> <p>9. When is the next scheduled meeting of the User Acceptance Testing Group?</p>	Written
F092	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Members of Parliament Staff Payroll System	<p>1. As at 31 March 2021 how many individuals are on the Members of Parliament Staff Payroll System?</p> <p>2. For each month from 1 November 2020 to 31 March 2021 how many staff payments were not paid by the relevant pay day when forms were submitted by the pay cut-off date? Please provide data in the same format as provided in response to question 7 of Question on Notice F084 from October 2020 Budget Estimates.</p>	Written
F093	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Ministerial & Parliamentary	<p>1. By FTE and headcount, what is the total number of staff who work in Ministerial & Parliamentary Services? For this and all following questions please provide data in the same format as provided in response to Question on Notice F085 from</p>	Written

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				Services Staffing Profile	<p>October 2020 Budget Estimates.</p> <p>2. By FTE and headcount, please provide the number of staff allocated to each section or division of M&PS as at 31 March 2021.</p> <p>3. Please provide a breakdown of staff as at 31 March 2021 as follows:</p> <ul 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? <p>4. Of the staff employed in the Advice & Support Branch, how many staff (by FTE and headcount) are employed on the help desk?</p> <p>5. Please provide a breakdown of staff within each section of the Advice and Support Branch.</p> <p>6. Please provide a breakdown of APS salary bands within Ministerial & Parliamentary Services and the number employed under each band.</p> <p>7. As at 31 March 2021, how many staff (by FTE and headcount) worked in each of the state and territory offices of Ministerial & Parliamentary Services?</p>	
F094	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Response rate to enquiries	<p>1. How many enquiries were sent to mpshelp@finance.gov.au each month between 1 November 2020 and 31 March 2021? For this and all following questions please provide data in the same format as the response to Question on Notice F086 from October 2020 Budget Estimates.</p> <p>a. How many of these enquiries were resolved within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. 24 hours ii. 48 hours iii. 7 days iv. 14 days v. 28 days <p>b. How many of these enquiries were not resolved within 28 days?</p> <p>2. How many telephone call enquiries were received by the Parliamentarians' helpdesk each month between 1 November 2020 and 31 March 2021?</p> <ul 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 were not resolved within 28 days? <p>3. How many telephone call enquiries were received by the Staff helpdesk between 1 November 2020 and 31 March 2021?</p> <ul 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 were not resolved within 28 days? <p>4. What percentage of enquiries received in each month between 1 November 2020 and 31 March 2021 have related to PEMS?</p>	Written
F095	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Claims processing times	<p>1. How many expense claims (requests for payment and reimbursement) by parliamentarians and staff were received each month between 1 November 2020 and 31 March 2021? Please include claims which were submitted via email either to the</p>	Written

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					<p>mpsservicecentre@finance.gov.au email address, or to the various State M&PS offices, and claims submitted via PEMS. Please provide data in the same format as the response to Question on Notice F087 from October 2020 Budget Estimates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many of these claims were processed within 7 days? How many of these claims were processed within 14 days? How many of these claims were processed within 21 days? How many of these claims were processed within 28 days? How many of these claims were not processed within 30 days? <p>2. For the 6 month period to 31 December 2021 what percentage of claims were processed within M&PS' processing target timeframes of 30 days?</p>	
F096	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Ministerial & Parliamentary Services Website Redevelopment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the planned commencement date for the new website? As at 31 March 2021 what is total cost expended on the website redevelopment? 	Written
F097	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Members of Parliament Staffing Enterprise Bargaining Agreement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> When voting opened for the Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2020-23 on 18 December 2021, how many eligible voters were there? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How many eligible voters voted? Please provide a gender breakdown of voters who cast eligible votes. Please provide a full classification breakdown as per pages 52-55 of the Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2016-2019 of voters who cast eligible votes. 	Written
F098	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Employee Assistance Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> For each month from 1 March 2020 to 31 March 2021: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> how many employees accessed the Employee Assistance Program? how many individual counselling sessions were provided under the Employee Assistance Program? how many female staff accessed the Employee Assistance Program? how many male staff accessed the Employee Assistance Program? For each month from 1 March 2020 to 31 March 2021 please provide usage statistics by classification of staff who accessed the Employee Assistance Program as per pages 52-55 of the Commonwealth Members of Parliament Staff Enterprise Agreement 2016-2019. For each month from 1 March 2020 to 31 March 2021 please provide usage statistics by state and territory of staff who accessed the Employee Assistance Program. 	Written
F099	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Preventing Workplace Bullying & Harassment Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> For each month from 1 May 2019 to 31 March 2021: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> how many MOP(S) Act staff completed the Skytrust online training module 'Preventing Workplace Bullying and Harassment Part 1'? how many MOP(S) Act staff completed the Skytrust online training module 'Preventing Workplace Bullying and Harassment Part 2 for MOP(S) Act Employees'? how many Parliamentarians completed the Skytrust online training module 'Preventing Workplace Bullying and Harassment Part 1'? how many Parliamentarians completed the Skytrust online training module 'Preventing Workplace Bullying and Harassment Part 2 for Parliamentarians'? How many times and on what dates has the availability of the Department of Finance's workplace bullying and harassment training been advertised or communicated to MOP(S) Act staff and parliamentarians: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> During the term of the 46th Parliament During the term of the 45th Parliament Since 1 July 2020? 	Written
F100	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Investigation into offices of Alan Tudge and Michaelia Cash	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Referring to evidence given at the Additional Estimates hearing on Tuesday 23 March 2021 in relation to investigations into complaints made by Ms Rachelle Miller regarding her employment by Mr Alan Tudge MP and Senator Cash: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the value of the contract for the investigations being conducted by Sparke Helmore? Has the contract value increased since it was initially awarded? What is the AusTender contract notice ID? 	Written

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					<p>d) When will the investigations be complete?</p> <p>e) Will the complainant receive a copy of the investigation report?</p>	
F101	Finance	3/3.1	Farrell	Resources provided to former PM Tony Abbott	Has the Department of Finance conducted any inquiries regarding misuse of Commonwealth non-travel related resources by former Prime Minister Tony Abbott in his role as Adviser to the UK Board of Trade?	Written
F102	IPEA	General	Farrell	Resources provided to former PM Tony Abbott	Has IPEA received any referrals from the Department of Finance regarding misuse of Commonwealth non-travel related resources by former Prime Minister Tony Abbott in his role as Adviser to the UK Board of Trade?	Written
F103	IPEA	General	Farrell	Debt management services	<p>1. Referring to contract notice CN 3737538 published on the AusTender website on 16 December 2020:</p> <p>a) The contract had a commencement date of 1 May 2019 and should have been published by 12 June 2019. What caused the delay in publication?</p> <p>b) Has the value of the contract increased since it was initially awarded?</p> <p>c) Did the contract include the provision of services to pursue the outstanding debts of:</p> <p>i) Clive Palmer</p> <p>ii) Fraser Anning</p> <p>iii) David Leyonhjelm; or</p> <p>iv) Craig Kelly?</p> <p>d) What is the status of the debts of the Parliamentarians or former Parliamentarians outlined in (c)?</p> <p>e) Does IPEA have a current contract for debt collection services?</p> <p>i) If yes, what is the value of the contract?</p> <p>ii) Please provide the AusTender contract notice number.</p>	Written
F104	IPEA	General	Farrell	Contract for Computer Services	<p>In reference to contract number CN3751390 published on the AusTender website on 26 February 2021, with the description ‘develope (sic) dashboard and provide training for Audit and Assurance branch’ at a cost of \$30,624:</p> <p>a) Please provide details of the dashboard.</p> <p>b) Has the value of the contract increased since it was awarded?</p> <p>c) Is the dashboard for internal use or will it be available for public use on the IPEA website?</p> <p>d) How many tenders were received for the contract?</p> <p>e) Why was the provider, GMT Canberra, chosen?</p>	
F105	IPEA	General	Farrell	Contract for Education and Training Services	<p>In reference to contract number CN3751427 published on the AusTender website on 26 February 2021 with the description ‘Work level assessments for TEA branch 4 roles’:</p> <p>a) Please provide a description of the work level assessments.</p> <p>b) Why were the work level assessments required?</p> <p>c) How many suppliers tendered for the contract?</p> <p>d) Why was the successful supplier chosen?</p>	Written
F106	IPEA	General	Farrell	IPEA Staffing Levels	<p>1. As at 31 March 2021, how many staff (by headcount and FTE) work in the Authority? For this and following questions please provide data in the same format as the response to Question on Notice F091 from October 2020 Budget Estimates.</p> <p>2. How many of the Authority’s staff headcount are full time?</p> <p>3. How many of the Authority’s staff headcount are part time?</p> <p>4. How many of the Authority’s staff headcount are casual?</p> <p>5. Using FTEs, please provide the number of staff allocated to each section, division or branch in the Authority.</p> <p>6. Please provide a breakdown of staff as follows:</p> <p>a. How many full-time staff are employed in each section, division or branch?</p> <p>b. How many part-time staff are employed in each section, division or branch?</p> <p>c. How many casual staff are employed in each section, division or branch?</p> <p>d. How many ongoing staff are employed in each section, division or branch?</p> <p>e. How many non-ongoing staff are employed in each section, division or branch?</p> <p>7. Please provide a breakdown of APS salary bands and the number of staff employed under each band.</p> <p>8. How many of the Authority’s staff have been redeployed to other agencies since 1 November 2020?</p> <p>9. How many of the Authority’s staff have been made redundant since 1 November 2020?</p>	Written

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F107	IPEA	General	Farrell	IPEA Enquiries and payments	1. How many enquiries in each month has the Authority received since 1 November 2020? Please provide data in the same format as the response to Question on Notice F092 from October 2020 Budget Estimates. 2. How many payments in each month has the Authority processed since 1 November 2020? 3. What percentage of enquiries received in each month since 1 November 2020 have related to PEMS?	Written
F108	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	Whole of government travel	Further to the answer provided to F100 from the 2020-21 Budget Estimates, provide an update for the 2020 calendar year and the 2020-21 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
F109	Finance	1/1.1	Ayres	Unlegislated expenditure savings measures	Further to the answer provided to F101 from the 2020-21 Budget Estimates, provide a list of all currently unlegislated expenditure savings measures, including financial implications profile over the forward estimates, in underlying cash balance terms.	Written
F110	Finance	General	Ayres	Number of staff	Further to the answer provided to F102 from the 2020-21 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
F111	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines – para 4.12 requirements	For grants awarded in the 2020 calendar year and the 2021 calendar year to date, 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. Which Ministers were they?	
F112	Finance	General	Ayres	Finance 2020-21 Portfolio Additional Estimates Statements	1. What is the \$516,000 in 2020-21 and \$768,000 in 2021-22 in ‘other variations’ for, as listed on page 15 of the 2020-21 PAES? 2. What is the reason for the \$31.2 million reduction in non-appropriation receipts as shown in the resource statement on page 11 of the 2020-21 PAES? 3. What is the reason for the increase of \$147.1 million in non-appropriation receipts for special accounts as shown on page 13 of the 2020-21 PAES? 4. On page 42 of the 2020-21 PAES it says that Finance is now budgeting for a \$35.9 million deficit in 2020-21, caused by an increase in insurance claims. a. What has caused the increase in the insurance claims? b. Will Finance be required to seek approval for an operating loss in 2020-21? 5. ‘Contracts with customers’ as shown on page 43 of the 2020-21 PAES has increased to \$82.4 million (from \$70.7 million in the 2020-21 PBS). What has caused this increase? 6. On Page 47 of the 2020-21 PAES, proceeds from sales of property, plant and equipment decreased from \$53.7 million in the 2020-21 PBS to \$41.4 million. What is the reason for this decrease?	Written
F113	Finance	General	Ayres	Finance contract CN3736797-A1	In relation to CN3736797-A1: 1. What was the business case advisor working on? 2. What was the reason for increased scope of work causing the \$181,800 revision to the original contract?	Written
F114	Finance	General	Ayres	Finance contract CN3745370	In relation to CN3745370: 1. What ‘strategic planning consultation services’ were provided from this contract? 2. Why was there the need for specialised or professional skills?	Written
F115	Finance	General	Ayres	Finance contract CN3736801	In relation to CN3736801: 1. What ‘strategic planning consultation services’ were provided from this contract? 2. Why was there the need for specialised or professional skills?	Written

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F116	Finance	General	Ayres	Finance contract CN3729324	In relation to CN3729324 what was the Commonwealth loan subject to the legal advice sought through this contract?	Written
F117	Finance	General	Ayres	Finance contract CN3724961	In relation to CN3724961 what was the nature of the ‘workplace investigation’ subject to this contract?	Written
F118	Finance	1/1.1	Ayres	JobSeeker variation in the contingency reserve	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why was the parameter variation for JobSeeker placed in the contingency reserve for the 2020-21 MYEFO, particularly when it was not put there for either the July update or the 2020 Budget? 2. What other parameter variations were placed in the contingency reserve for the 2020-21 MYEFO? 3. Is it the normal practice to put estimates variations into the contingency reserve? Is this covered off by the dot point on page 182 of the 2020-21 MYEFO that the contingency reserve can also include ‘provisions for other specific events and policy changes that may impact the budget estimates’? 	Written
F119	Finance	1/1.1	Ayres	Payment parameter variations in the 2020-21 MYEFO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payments relating to the Student Payments program increased by \$790.8 million over the forward estimates, ‘largely reflecting higher-than-expected recipient numbers’ - what were those recipient numbers, and which specific payments are involved? 2. Payments relating to the Parents Income Support program increased by \$743.8 million over the forward estimates, ‘largely reflecting higher-than-expected recipient numbers’ - what were those recipient numbers, and which specific payments are involved? 3. Payments relating to the Income Support for Seniors program increased by \$542.5 million over the forward estimates, ‘largely reflecting a higher rate of indexation due to an improvement in the economic outlook’ - which payments are involved, and what indexation factor is involved? 	Written
F120	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	Paper procurement – follow-up to F082 from 2020-21 Budget Estimates	<p>In relation to the answer provided to F082 from the 2020-21 Budget Estimates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who makes the choice as to the country of origin of the paper used? 2. It is reported that the Department has said that: “A supplier temporarily substituted Australian made paper with Indonesian sourced paper because of COVID-19related local production and distribution problems” and that “State border restrictions significantly disrupted the production and supply of copy paper to Commonwealth agencies”. What supplier was this? 3. When did that supplier advise Finance of this issue? Were other departments and agencies across the Commonwealth made aware of the issue with the paper? 4. Has the Department tested the veracity of the supplier’s claims as to why it had to substitute the Australian made paper? 5. These figures were for usage through to the end of September 2020, can you provide an update to that question on notice for usage through to March 2021? 6. Is the Minister or the Department aware of the letter that the Minister for Veterans Affairs, Darren Chester, has written to all Ministers about encouraging them and their departments to buy Australian paper? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Have you responded to that correspondence? b. What was the nature of that response? c. Was there any direction to Finance staff about increased use of Australian-made paper? 	Written
F121	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	Ethical procurement	According to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, procurements should use public resources in an efficient, effective, economical and ethical manner, and 6.5 of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules state that ‘ethical’ in this context means relates to honesty, integrity, probity, diligence, fairness and consistency, and 6.7 states that Relevant entities must not seek to benefit from supplier practices that may be dishonest, unethical or unsafe. What are the types of supplier practices, apart from the example given about judicial decisions, that would be considered to be ‘dishonest, unethical or unsafe’ for the purposes of 6.7 of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules?	Written

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F122	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	Procurement rules and WGEA non-compliant organisations list	If a company is listed on the Workplace Gender Equality Authority’s non-compliant organisations list, is it contrary to the Commonwealth Procurement Rules for contracts to be awarded to those companies?	Written
F123	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	Grants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does your department administer any grants programs or funds? If so, what are they? Do all of the grants programs have grant guidelines that are readily available to the public? Who is the decision-maker for these grants or funds? How is the decision-maker assisted in making their decisions – departmental advice, an advisory group, some other independent body? Were there any new grants programs or funds established in the 2020-21 MYEFO that your department is responsible for? If so, what are they, and how much funding was provided? For the new grants programs, have grant guidelines been developed? Where are they up to at the moment? Will you be consulting with the Department of Finance on these guidelines? For the new grants programs, who will be the decision-maker for the grants? How will the decision-maker be assisted in making their decisions, will it be departmental advice? An advisory group? Some other independent body? For the new funds, how will funding be distributed? For the new funds, who will be the decision-maker for the funding? How will the decision-maker be assisted in making their decisions, will it be departmental advice? An advisory group? Some other independent body? How will the decision making process ensure grants go to projects based on merit, and not whether they are in a marginal or target Liberal seat? Will the Department be having regard to the sports rorts scandal to ensure that is not repeated? What assurance can you give that this will not be another sports rorts scandal – and that projects will be funded based on their merit and not where they fall on a Prime Minister’s colour coded spreadsheet? Were there any grants programs or funds that you administer that were provided with additional funding in the 2020-21 MYEFO? If so, what were they, and how much funding was provided? 	Written
F124	Finance	1/1.1	Ayres	Monthly Financial Statements	<p>In relation to payments being \$12.3 billion lower than the 2020-21 MYEFO profile in the February 2021 Monthly Financial Statements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What specific Government expenditure programs are contributing to the \$12.3 billion figure? What was the expected expenditure for those programs, and what was the actual expenditure for those programs for February 2021? For the programs identified in (1) above, please allocate them to the relevant cash payment category as shown in the Australian Government general sector cash flow statement in the February 2021 Monthly Financial Statements. 	Written
F125	Finance Portfolio	General	Kitching	Engagement with Services Australia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Did the department/agency engage with Services Australia in any capacity in the 2019-20 financial year? If yes, please provide full particulars. Has the department/agency engaged with Services Australia in any capacity in the current financial year to 31 March 2021? If yes, please provide full particulars. In the 2019-20 financial year, did the department/agency supply services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars. In the current financial year to 31 March 2021, has the department/agency supplied services or information to Services Australia? If yes, please provide full particulars. Does the department/agency employ technology or apps for users to access its services? If yes, did/does Services Australia have any involvement in the creation, development or ongoing maintenance of that technology or those apps? Please provide full particulars. Does the department/agency receive data, statistics or research information from Services Australia? If yes, please 	Written

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					provide full particulars.	
F126	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Future locations	<p>a. What preparation has ASC undertaken between September 2020 and now for an announcement regarding the future location of FCD work? For example, have there been media releases drafted?</p> <p>b. If no preparation has been done, has ASC done work on the cost involved in transitioning FCD to Western Australia or continuing FCD at a new site in South Australia? If so, what are those costs?</p> <p>c. Can you confirm that ASC has undertaken no preparations or done any work whatsoever for an announcement since September?</p>	Written
F127	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Workforce levels	<p>a. In response to Question on Notice F001 from 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 now departed from this group since April 2019?</p> <p>b. Have there been any new hirings in these positions and how has the Collins program work been affected by these staff changes?</p> <p>c. What about the ‘critical’ cohort – have any of those 297 workers departed ASC since October 2019?</p> <p>d. Over the past 12 months, how many workers from each of the ‘critical’ and ‘core’ cohorts have left ASC and how many have been replaced?</p>	Written
F128	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Core and Critical model	<p>a. In response to Question on Notice F002 from Senate Estimates in March 2020, ASC advised that it is “currently reviewing the Core and Critical model as part of its annual workforce planning process”. What is the status of that review?</p> <p>b. Why is the existing model being reviewed after only 2 years?</p> <p>c. Will ASC be utilising a new model to categorise its workforce? If so, what is it and why is it the preferred model?</p>	Written
F129	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Workforce projections	<p>a. What are your current projections of your workforce for 2022, 2024 and 2026?</p> <p>b. What is the current overall ASC staff attrition rate?</p> <p>c. What are the current rates of attrition for ‘core’ and ‘critical’ engineers and trade staff?</p>	Written
F130	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Engineers	With reference to Senate Budget Estimates in March 2020, during which Mr Whiley stated that ASC had: “... lost 45 engineers since 2018 and, on average, we have about 10.4 years of experience per employee, so that would be probably about 500 years of experience”. What is the update as to how many engineers have left the organisation since January 2018 and how many valuable years of experience have been lost as a result?	Written
F131	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Workforce numbers	Has the overall workforce number increased or decreased since mid-2018?	Written
F132	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Employees – Submarine program	In April 2019, Mr Whiley said ASC was planning to keep “1,355 or 1,356” employees in the submarine program over the next few years based on ASC’s understanding of the workload. Is that still the case?	Written
F133	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Recruiting skilled employees	At the March 2020 Estimates when asked whether there were any issues in recruiting skilled employees to replace those who have left, ASC’s response in Question on Notice F100 was that: “High demand in the defence industry, and limited availability of skilled and experience personnel, has increased competitiveness	Written

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					in recruitment”. Is this still the case and has that competitiveness increased or decreased since then?	
F134	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Workforce figures and redundancies	<p>a. At Estimates in April 2019, Mr Whiley said the planning assumptions for the workforce figures in the financial statements were based on an assumed attrition rate of “about eight or nine percent”. What is the assumed rate currently for planning assumptions for the workforce figures in the financial statements? Is management working towards a targeted rate of attrition?</p> <p>b. How many employees were made redundant in the last financial year?</p> <p>c. How many do you anticipate will be made redundant by the close of 2020-21?</p> <p>d. What is the estimated cost to the organisation as a result of redundancies in the 2019-20 Financial Year?</p> <p>e. Does any cost estimate include costs associated with training and/or retraining of redundant workers?</p>	Written
F135	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	International recruitment	<p>a. In response to Question on Notice F105 from Estimates in March 2020, ASC advised it “... was planning an international recruitment initiative for mid-2020, but has put this activity on hold due to the impact of the global COVID-19 crisis. The number of new employees to be recruited is yet to be finalised and the initiative is to focus on the Engineering capability.” Please provide an update on this initiative and whether the number of new employees to be recruited has been finalised?</p> <p>b. What impact has the delay in this recruitment initiative had on the organisation?</p> <p>c. How is ASC meeting its skill needs without being able to recruit internationally?</p>	Written
F136	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Working visas	How many of ASC Pty Ltd’s current workers are on working visas?	Written
F137	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Labour hire	<p>d. At Estimates in March 2020, Mr Whiley advised that 103 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?</p> <p>e. 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 have been made redundant?</p> <p>f. What consultation and with whom is ASC Pty Ltd consulting with when introducing contract workers into the shipbuilding site?</p> <p>g. 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?</p> <p>h. How many contractors are currently working on the Collins class full cycle docking program?</p>	Written
F138	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Training costs	In terms of investment and training in people at ASC across the organisation, how much did ASC spend in 2019-20 and so far in 2020-21? Can you break those figures down across the component parts of the organisation?	Written
F139	ASC Pty Ltd	General	Ayres	Offshore patrol Vessel	In relation to the ongoing build of the Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs), will the permanent staff from ASC Pty Ltd currently working on this build remain engaged during the WA build?	Written

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F140	AEC	General	Farrell	AEC staffing numbers	1. As at 31 March 2021 how many FTE staff worked in: a. the national office b. each state and territory office c. each divisional office? (please provide data in the same format as provided in response to Question on Notice F094 from October 2020 Budget Estimates). 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
F141	AEC	General	Farrell	Indigenous Electoral Participation Program	1. How many community visits have taken place under the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program (IEPP) since 1 November 2020? 2. What were the locations of the IEPP community visits since 1 November 2020? 3. As at 31 March 2021 please list the partnerships with local and other bodies which are used to improve electoral participation by Indigenous Australians.	Written
F142	AEC	General	Farrell	Contracts for temporary personnel services	1. With reference to contract notice CN3758262 published on the AusTender website on 31 March 2021 for the provision of temporary personnel services with the description ‘Junior ProjectManager’ and a value of \$310,445.52: a) How many positions are being recruited? b) What is the project that the position(s) will be responsible for? c) What are the contract start and end dates for the position(s)? d) What employment classification will the position(s) be engaged on? e) In which branch of the AEC will the position(s) be based? 2. With reference to contract notice CN3733101 published on the AusTender website on 27 November 2020 for the provision of temporary personnel services with the description ‘Business Intelligence and Analytics Team Leader’ and a value of \$186,407.76: a) How many positions were recruited? b) What are the contract start and end dates for the position(s)? c) What employment classification were the position(s) engaged on? d) In which branch of the AEC are the position(s) based? 3. With reference to contract notices CN3745593, CN3680784, CN3655372-A1, CN3665483, CN3665482 for the provision of temporary personnel services and the descriptions ‘Organisational Change Officer’ and ‘Change Managers’ and a total value of \$921,908.35: a) How many positions were recruited? b) What are the contract start and end dates for the position(s)? c) What employment classification were the position(s) engaged on? d) In which branch of the AEC are the position(s) based? e) Why were four different suppliers used for the five contracts?	Written
F143	AEC	General	Farrell	Contract for plastic bags	1. With reference to contract numbers CN3748589 and CN3748602 published on the AusTender website on 15 February 2021 with a total value of \$350,000: a) How many plastic bags were provided under each contract? b) What is the purpose of the plastic bags? c) Why were two separate contracts with two separate suppliers entered into?	Written
F144	AEC	General	Farrell	Contract for public relation services	1. With reference to contract number CN3732652 published on the AusTender website on 26 November 2020 with a value of \$20,000: a. What was the purpose of contracting for public relation services? b. Which Division of the AEC required the services? 2. What is the total amount budgeted for public relation services in 2020/2021? 3. What is the total amount budgeted for public relation services in 2021/2022? 4. What is the total value of contracts for public relation services entered into from 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2021? 5. Please provide the AusTender Contract Notice numbers for all contracts entered into for public relation services from 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2021.	Written
F145	AEC	General	Farrell	Contract for creative development for federal election	1. With reference to contract number CN3746766 published on the AusTender website on 3 February 2021 with a value of \$250,000 and a description of ‘Creative development for federal election campaign’: a) What is the planned content of the advertising? b) Where will the advertising be placed?	Written

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				campaign	2. What is the total amount budgeted for advertising for the next general election?	
F146	AEC	General	Farrell	Unbranded cardboard voting screens and ballot boxes	1. In reference to new unbranded cardboard voting screens, ballot boxes and queue control equipment which was used in the Groom by-election: a. What is the cost of the new equipment? b. What has happened to the old branded equipment? c. What is the life expectancy of the new equipment? d. If the equipment is being shared with state and local governments, is there a cost-sharing arrangement in place?	Written
F147	Finance	2/2.5	Ayres	Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines – para 4.12 requirements – Approval of grants	Please provide all reports that were provided to the Finance Minister containing all instances where Ministers have decided to approve a particular grant which the relevant official has recommended be rejected as per paragraph 4.12(a) of the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines.	Written
F148	Finance	General	Farrell	Contracts for Temporary Personnel Services	1. With reference to contract notice CN3759570 published on the AusTender website on 6 April 2021 for the provision of temporary personnel services with the description ‘Business Analyst’ and a value of \$397,920.60: a) How many positions are being recruited? b) What are the contract start and end dates for the position(s)? c) What employment classification will the position(s) be engaged on? d) In which branch of the AEC will the position(s) be based? 2. With reference to contract notice CN3761013 published on the AusTender website on 12 April 2021 for the provision of temporary personnel services with the description ‘Project Support Officer’ and a value of \$215,171.88: e) How many positions are being recruited? f) What is the project that the position(s) will be assigned to? g) What are the contract start and end dates for the position(s)? h) What employment classification will the position(s) be engaged on? i) In which branch of the AEC will the position(s) be based?	Written
F149	Future Fund Management Agency	General	Keneally	Contract notice CN3757001	With reference to contract notice CN3757001 published on Austender on 31 March 2021: What “transformation and uplift services” is ArcBlue Consulting providing in the period 15 March to 15 July 2021 at a cost of \$199,650. Please outline each stage of the open tender process. Which officer approved the contract.	Written
F150	Finance	General	Keneally	Secretarial travel	1. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 be provided including: 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. 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. c. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. d. 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.	Written

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F151	Finance	General	Keneally	FOI	<p>Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests (‘FOI requests’) received by the Department for the following years:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2013-14; 2014-15; 2015-16; 2016-17; 2018-19; 2019-20, and; 2020-21 to date. <p>For each year above, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act. <p>For each year above, please also provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request). <p>For each year above, please also provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The number of times the Department’s FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department’s decision to refuse access to material. <p>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 each of the following years:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2013-14; 2014-15; 2015-16; 2016-17; 2018-19; 2019-20, and; 2020-21 to date <ol style="list-style-type: none"> For each of the years above, please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department. 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. Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister’s office. 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. Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: 	Written
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					<p>a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and</p> <p>b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.</p> <p>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).</p>	
F152	Finance	General	Keneally	Acting Minister Arrangements	<p>1. Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister from 24 August 2018 to date.</p> <p>2. Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.</p>	Written
F153	Finance	General	Keneally	Ministerial overseas travel	<p>1. 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 for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided including:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister’s travel should also be provided.</p>	Written
F154	Finance	General	Keneally	Ministerial domestic travel	<p>1. Can an itemised list of the costs met by the department or agency for all domestic travel undertaken by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 please be provided including:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister’s travel should also be provided.</p>	Written
F155	Finance Portfolio	General	Keneally	Departmental equipment	What was the estimated value of all Departmental equipment that was lost, damaged, stolen or written off during each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written
F156	Finance Portfolio	General	Keneally	Appointments – briefs prepared	<p>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.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <p>a. The former member.</p> <p>b. The board or entity.</p>	Written

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					<p>c. Whether the request originated from the Minister’s office.</p> <p>d. Whether the appointment was made.</p>	
F157	Finance	General	Keneally	Stationery	How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written
F158	Finance	General	Keneally	Departmental staff in Minister's office	<p>1. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including:</p> <p>a. Duration of secondment.</p> <p>b. APS level.</p> <p>2. Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.</p>	Written
F159	Finance Portfolio	General	Keneally	Staffing	<p>1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at each of 30 June 2019 and 30 June 2020 and 10 November 2020.</p> <p>2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.</p> <p>3. How many redundancies have occurred in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. How many were:</p> <p>a. voluntary</p> <p>b. involuntary.</p> <p>4. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.</p> <p>5. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.</p> <p>6. How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in each of the 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>7. How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 to date.</p>	Written
F160	Finance Portfolio	General	Keneally	Executive Management	<p>1. In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020:</p> <p>a. The total number of executive management positions</p> <p>b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p> <p>c. The change in the number of executive manager positions.</p> <p>d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.</p>	Written
F161	Finance Portfolio	General	Keneally	Ministerial Functions	<p>1. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p>	Written

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					h. Details of any entertainment provided.	
F162	Finance Portfolio	General	Keneally	Ministerial meals	<p>1. In relation to any breakfasts, luncheons, dinners or other meals hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of dates and types of meals.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). Details of any food served.</p> <p>e. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>f. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>g. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written
F163	Finance	General	Keneally	Departmental Functions	<p>1. In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, can the following be provided:</p> <p>a. List of functions.</p> <p>b. List of all attendees.</p> <p>c. Function venue.</p> <p>d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>e. Details of any food served.</p> <p>f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.</p> <p>g. Any available photographs of the function.</p> <p>h. Details of any entertainment provided.</p>	Written
F164		General	Keneally	Executive Office Upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written
F165		General	Keneally	Facilities Upgrades	<p>1. Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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.</p> <p>2. If so, can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).</p> <p>3. If so, can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.</p>	Written
F166		General	Keneally	Staff Travel	1. What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 September 2020.	Written
F167		General	Keneally	Legal Costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.	Written

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F168		General	Keneally	Briefings	Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives. 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
F169		General	Keneally	Departmental staff allowances	1. Can a list of Departmental/agency allowances and reimbursements available to employees be provided.	Written
F170		General	Keneally	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 of: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 d. Contract date period 3. Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister	Written
F171		General	Keneally	Advertising and information campaigns	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 2. What advertising and information campaigns did the Department/agency run in each relevant period. 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
F172		General	Keneally	Promotional Merchandise	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 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
F173		General	Keneally	Collateral material	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on collateral materials, including banners, publications, maps, charts and high visibility or protective clothing for events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits, including Ministerial events, functions, conferences, meetings, press conferences and site visits for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 2. For each event or function where the Department/agency expended funds on collateral materials, provide details of the event, including the date and location of each event, and details of the types of materials.	Written
F174		General	Keneally	Social media influencers	1. What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020 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
F175		General	Keneally	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020; 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: a. Date commissioned.	Written

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F176		General	Keneally	Board Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members. 2. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio 3. Please detail any board appointments made from 30 June 2020 to date. 4. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid. 5. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors. 6. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors. 	Written
F177		General	Keneally	Media monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the FY 2020-21. 2. What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which agency or agencies provided these services. b. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided c. What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2020-21. 	Written
F178		General	Keneally	Communications staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: 2. By Department or agency: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location. b. How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. c. How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location. d. How many are graphic designers. e. How many are media managers. f. How many organise events. 3. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, why. b. When was it established. c. What is the set up cost. d. What is the ongoing cost. e. How many staff work there and what are their classifications. 	Written
F179		General	Keneally	CDDA Payments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 December 2020. 2. How many claims were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Accepted. 	Written

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. <p>3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made c. The decision maker. 	
F180		General	Keneally	Congestion busting	<p>1. Can the Department/agency advise how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.</p> <p>2. Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department.</p>	Written
F181		General	Keneally	Recruitment	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written
F182		General	Keneally	Comcare	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 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.</p> <p>2. Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 December 2020.</p>	Written
F183		General	Keneally	Fair Work Commission	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.</p>	Written
F184		General	Keneally	Fair Work Ombudsman	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.</p>	Written
F185		General	Keneally	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.</p>	Written
F186		General	Keneally	Public Interest Disclosures	<p>1. For each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020 and 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, how many public interest disclosures have been received.</p>	Written
F187		General	Keneally	Travel and expense claim policy	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all travel and expense claim policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of all claim forms. If the forms are digital, please provide a screen shot of each section, including all dropdown options.</p>	Written
F188		General	Keneally	Declarations of interest	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of interest as at 10 November 2020.</p>	Written
F189		General	Keneally	Declarations of gifts and hospitality	<p>1. Please produce a copy of all relevant policies.</p> <p>2. Please produce a copy of the register of declarations of gifts as at 10 November 2020.</p>	Written