

Opening Statement

Additional Budget Estimates – February 2022

- Thankyou Chair.
- I am Stephanie Foster, Deputy Secretary Governance and Head of APS Reform in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- The members of PM&C's Executive in attendance at Parliament House for this session to answer your questions are:
 - Ms Alison Frame, Deputy Secretary, Social Policy
 - Mr Simon Duggan, Deputy Secretary, Economy, Industry and G20 Sherpa
 - Mr Tom Gilmartin, Chief Operating Officer
 - Rod Brazier, Acting Deputy Secretary National Security and International Policy
- Mr Scott Dewar, Deputy Secretary Quad, AUKUS and Naval Shipbuilding is overseas and is available online.
 - In recognition of his location and time difference with the UK, we would be appreciative if Mr Dewar is able to receive questions early in the hearings if this can be accommodated.
- The Department has ensured key senior officials are physically present here at APH to assist the Committee.
- There are also a number of senior officials attending virtually and are available to answer questions.
- There may be a slight delay for those witnesses attending virtually as they join the session.
 - A detailed list of witnesses attending has been provided to the Committee secretariat.
- Since the last Estimates, changes to the Executive are:

- Mr Scott Dewar commenced as Deputy Secretary, National Security and International Policy on 29 November 2021.
- On 7 February 2022, a new Deputy Secretary position, Deputy Secretary Quad, AUKUS and Naval Shipbuilding was established within the National Security and International Policy Group.
- Mr Scott Dewar has taken on this new Deputy Secretary position and Mr Rod Brazier will be Acting Deputy Secretary National Security and International Policy in the interim.
- I have PM&C's current organisation chart here for the Committee.