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1	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F001	Wong	Life-of-type extensions	<p>Senator WONG: Is there anywhere in the world in the submarine industry with experience of more than one life-of-type extension for a class?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I would have to take that question on notice. Life-of-type extensions are fairly common activities for submarine fleets. Whether a submarine fleet has had more than one, I'm not sure. I will take that question on notice and come back to you.</p>	Hansard	8	10/12/2021
2	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F002	Patrick	Supply chain	<p>Senator PATRICK: We're trying to increase, or at least maximise, the amount of local content. An obvious place to go to find people with naval experience would be to ASC and talk to you about your supply chain. My question is, has BAE approached ASC seeking information about your supply chain and how that might be appropriate for their program?</p> <p>Mr Whiley: I believe not, but, in an abundance of caution, I will take that question on notice and check that it hasn't occurred at a lower level inside the organisation.</p>	Hansard	14	10/12/2021
3	Finance	26/10/2021	F003	Patrick	Spend to date - Attack Class program	<p>Senator PATRICK: He talked about \$16.8 million in infrastructure. Mr Sammut did mention ANI cost. That may well have been some payment internally in his team or perhaps by way of payment recovery. I'm just going off the numbers that have been provided. I'm trying to get to what the real cost of the submarine project is to date. I don't know whether you can perhaps take that on notice, noting it's coming across multiple portfolios. I don't want to have to guess how these things are tangled together.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I understand that, Senator Patrick. I'm very happy for us to take on notice, specifically from an ANI perspective, in relation to their costs. Mr Seaton has been fairly transparent. He's also been clear there are some parts that he expects to be able to repurpose or use in the future. But there are decisions that will have to be made around that. It's not all a sunk cost, if you like, in that regard at this point in time.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I'm just trying to get to a total number.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I'm also happy, from a Finance portfolio perspective, so far as we can to try to provide an update on that that addresses the issue that you're trying to avoid.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Thanks, that's very helpful.</p>	Hansard	21	10/12/2021
4	Finance	26/10/2021	F004	Patrick	Schedule	<p>Senator PATRICK: It's actually only one question I'm interested in. Mr Seaton, I asked you to provide the committee with a schedule. You didn't answer the question in time. Now you've, effectively, come back and said: 'Well, it's no use to the committee because the program has changed.' I actually want a copy of the schedule, and I don't think that's an unreasonable thing to do, and you've just blown away the answer. I'm just trying to understand why you did not provide the schedule, as you committed to do at the last estimates.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Senator Wong and Senator Patrick, I'll happily look into that question that you raise, Senator Patrick.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Let's have it today.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Obviously, since the time the question was answered, circumstances have changed, in that the schedule is no longer the schedule that ANI is pursuing—</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: And that's appreciated.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: but if you're still after that old schedule, then we can look into it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Okay—you sat on it because you knew things were changing. That's what has happened. You should make him give it to you, Senator Patrick.</p>	Hansard	23, 24	10/12/2021

5	ANI Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F005	Patrick	Building status	Senator PATRICK: I'll put another question on notice then, please, Mr Seaton. I'd like to understand, for each of the buildings at ASC North, what is the status of each and every building with respect to construction? Just so we have a baseline to work from. And can you provide a list of all the long-lead items that have been procured by ANI in respect of this program?	Hansard	24	10/12/2021
6	ANI Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F006	Wong	Value of terminated contracts	Senator WONG: Are you able to give us any sense of the outstanding value of those contracts? ... Mr Seaton: Yes, I can. We have spent \$371 million to date— Senator WONG: No, sorry. I'm actually asking the value of the contracts that were remaining that have had to be terminated. Mr Seaton: Yes. The total commitments that ANI had made were \$526 million. Of that, \$371 million has been spent to date, so there was \$150 million committed. Some of that work will be completed. As I said, the combat systems facility is still ongoing. We have various make-good demobilisation costs, equipment that is going to be delivered to site that we are yet to pay for and so on. Senator WONG: So what proportion of the \$150 million is the combat systems? Mr Seaton: I'd need to take that one on notice. Senator WONG: You're saying that \$150 million is the value of the contracts now terminated, but you're saying to me, 'No, Senator, that's not the value of all the contracts terminated because there will be a bit more paid for combat systems and make-good.' I'm trying to get a sense of how much money has been lost—that is, how much money contracted for work that will not be done	Hansard	24, 25	10/12/2021
7	Finance	26/10/2021	F007	Patrick	Modification of questions on notice	Senator PATRICK: Were there any other questions that were censored by the department in the last round? Take this on notice: how many questions on notice were modified by the Department of Finance prior to providing them to the committee?	Hansard	25	10/12/2021
8	Finance	26/10/2021	F008	Gallagher	Net zero budget implications	Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, but you're trying to push out being accountable now by 29 years. What are the costs now? What are the fiscal impacts of the deal that's been reached by the cabinet to have a net zero target by 2050? I'm sure there are some in the forward estimates period. Senator Birmingham: If you're wanting to know what the costs of achieving net zero are, I'm happy for us to take it on notice and do the same sort of work that we indicated we'd do for Senator Patrick around the closure of the Attack class program.	Hansard	27	10/12/2021

9	Finance	26/10/2021	F009	Gallagher	Public investment - New energy technologies	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: ...In your interview this morning you quoted a figure of \$80 billion of combined public and private sector investment necessary across Australia between now and 2030. What's the public component of that \$80 billion figure?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: I think the projections on that are around 20, from memory, without the plan in front of me right now.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: That is \$20 billion in terms of public investment. Over what time period is that? It ends in 2030, but when you start counting that 20 billion?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: In terms of the precise sequencing or profiling, I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Ms Huxtable, do you have that? It's a figure that senior government ministers use, so presumably it's been briefed from somewhere.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I don't have that framed in that way, so I might have to take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Of that \$20 billion figure that is used, you are not sure when that starts from, but it goes until 2030. Is that right? You can take on notice when that figure, the profile of that figure and also—isn't it Finance's job to</p>	Hansard	28, 29	10/12/2021
10	Finance	26/10/2021	F010	O'Sullivan	COVID Health and Economic support	<p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Have you got state-by-state jurisdiction breakdowns? I'd be interested in getting an update with regard to the support that has gone into my home state of Western Australia. I'm happy to put that on notice if that would be more helpful to you.</p> <p>Ms Patterson: Yes, I think we'd be able to do that by state. Are you looking for both economic support and health support, as best as we can break some of those down by state and territory?</p> <p>Senator O'SULLIVAN: Yes.</p>	Hansard	32	10/12/2021
11	Finance	26/10/2021	F011	Ayres	Total value of current campaigns	<p>Senator AYRES: Can you tell me, firstly, the total value of the current advertising campaigns?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I think we'd have to take that on notice, sorry, Senator. I don't think we've got that information here today.</p>	Hansard	52	10/12/2021
12	Finance	26/10/2021	F012	Ayres	Campaign budgets	<p>Senator AYRES: I think we've had this discussion before, Mr Williamson. You don't approve a budget for each of the campaigns when they go through the approval process?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Finance doesn't approve a budget—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: You're not provided with a budget?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: On some proposals, yes, the government certainly approves budgets. They could be budgets 'up to'. We have to wait until we go through those campaigns and see where the placements—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: What is the total budget for those campaigns then?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Again, we'd have to take that on notice because we wouldn't have that information. I certainly don't have that information to hand today.</p>	Hansard	53	10/12/2021
13	Finance	26/10/2021	F013	Ayres	Spread Freedom campaign	<p>Senator AYRES: For the Spread Freedom campaign, when was compliance advice considered by the ICC for the campaign?</p> <p>Ms Harris: I have to take that on notice. It was potentially rolled up in the 13 September meeting.</p>	Hansard	56	10/12/2021

14	Finance	26/10/2021	F014	Ayres	Infrastructure Building our Future campaign	<p>Senator AYRES: Well, it is the infrastructure department and there will be questions for them on that point. What I want to know is, at the ICC meeting, did anybody ask whether the campaign complied with item 29 of the guidelines. Are you able to come back to me on that?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: I understand you were not there. Ms Harris was not with the department.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: We will take it on notice. All I can say is that the ICC ultimately issued a certificate saying that, in their view, they believe it complied with all principles, including 29.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: We all know that because it was published. It was published. What I want to know is: was that question asked in the ICC itself? I assume that's the purpose of the compliance check, isn't it—to run the ruler over all those issues that are in the guidelines and establish whether or not the campaign is capable of complying with the guidelines?</p>	Hansard	58	10/12/2021
15	Finance	26/10/2021	F015	Waters	Non-competitive grants	<p>Senator WATERS: Sticking with those non-competitive grants, to what extent are they subject to ministerial discretion as opposed to independently assessed selection criteria?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Are you asking about those particular ones I just referenced?</p> <p>Senator WATERS: No, not so much the COVID ones, but more the remainder of the grants that the ANAO looked at.</p> <p>Mr Williamson: It would depend on the specific grant, as to whether it was one that had a ministerial determination involved or whether it was done at officials level.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Yes. Do you have any sense of the rough proportion of ministerial discretion versus independently assessed criteria?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: I certainly don't have that to hand.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Would you mind taking it on notice, please?</p> <p>Mr Williamson: Certainly.</p>	Hansard	60	10/12/2021
16	Finance	26/10/2021	F016	Waters	CPRs and offshore tax havens	<p>Senator WATERS: Thank you. Can I interrupt and ask: does that mean that companies who use offshore tax havens could not apply for a tender?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Danks: The Black Economy PCP relates to Australian based tax history.</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Okay. The answer is: the offshore tax haven is not a relevant consideration.</p> <p>Mr Danks: There are other parts of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules dealing with ethical behaviour that would pick up those matters.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WATERS: Yes. Does that include offshore tax havens or not?</p> <p>Mr Danks: It includes a whole range of matters, Senator. I'm happy to take on notice to elaborate on the answer.</p>	Hansard	62	10/12/2021

17	Finance	26/10/2021	F017	Gallagher	Tagging consultancies on AusTender	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: ...Can I go briefly to the issue of consultancies, and tagging consultancies on AusTender, which I know we have discussed here a number of times. I've started on my questions on notice, including another question about when consultancies that look like consultancies aren't tagged as consultancies ...</p> <p>Since asking that question, I've had a number of questions answered where the agency has accepted they are actually a consultancy and it was an administrative error or a clerical error that went to the reason why. These are not insignificant amounts of money—\$21 million overall, over three contracts. What can we do about this? Is there any compliance on this, or is it going to take me putting questions on notice and pressing them—'It looks like a consultancy, but you're not tagging it as a consultancy'—for them to come back and go, 'Actually, it was a consultancy.' Is there any compliance? What happens?</p> <p>...</p> <p>Mr Danks: Through our Senior Procurement Officials Reference Group, we keep on coming back to ensure that the consultancy tab on AusTender is used appropriately. I think Mr Williamson talked about some new analytical</p>	Hansard	67, 68	10/12/2021
18	Finance	26/10/2021	F018	Gallagher	CPRs 42 day rule	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Do they have to apply to Finance because you oversee the CPRs? Do other agencies let you know they're going to be late? Do you monitor that? What happens when you don't meet that? Those audiovisual and legal services ones—that's 269 days and 166 days.</p> <p>Mr Danks: I can speak more generally. It's up to individual accountable authorities to ensure they comply with the CPRs, so that's a matter for each agency to address. For the two contracts you are talking about—</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: We could take that on notice and have a look at those.</p>	Hansard	68	10/12/2021
19	Finance	26/10/2021	F019	Ayres	Defence spending	<p>Senator AYRES: Can you tell me whether defence spending this year is more than or less than two per cent of GDP?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: The projection is for defence spending to be greater than two per cent of GDP—2.1 per cent of GDP.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: For this year.</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: In 2021-22.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you extrapolate that over the medium term—or over the forwards, if you can?</p> <p>Ms Huxtable: I'll take it on notice and see what makes sense in that regard.</p>	Hansard	70	10/12/2021
20	Future Fund Management Agency	26/10/2021	F020	McKim	Level of exposure to fossil fuels	<p>Senator MCKIM: So you've done some work that satisfies you that the risk is, I think you said, manageable, Dr Arndt—please correct me if I'm misquoting you. Surely that gives you at least a rough idea of your level of investment or your level of exposure to fossil fuels. If you have a rough idea, could you share that with the committee, please?</p> <p>Dr Arndt: I can't give you that number off the top of my head, but I'd be happy to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	73	10/12/2021

21	Finance	26/10/2021	F021	Gallagher	Cancellation of security clearance	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: There is some IT system where you put in a note that it is to be cancelled? Mr De Silva: Correct.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Can you say from what date? How does it happen?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: In terms of this one, it was from the date that we were told because the email said, 'Please cancel it as of this date.'</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Was that the 29th?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: It was the 29th.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So cancel it as of 29 March?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Yes.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: And you did that on the 29th?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I can double-check that, but I think the answer would be yes.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes, but I think Mr De Silva said that is automatic. If you put in the system that this person is to lose their security clearance, it's not open for discussion. That's what happens. It's an automatic cancellation then, isn't it?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: In terms of how the AGSVA IT systems works, we would put a note in there and AGSVA would act.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: So that happened on 29 March, but this person's employment wasn't</p>	Hansard	75, 78	10/12/2021
22	Finance	26/10/2021	F022	Gallagher	Reason for termination	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: Alright. So was the reason for termination discussed at that meeting? It could be a yes or no answer and we leave it at that. It was a termination of employment meeting, so I'm guessing—</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I think we've already confirmed that. I'll check the reference in Hansard, but I think at our last hearing we advised that the meeting was with respect to employment matters.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: In QON F052, where you asked that question—I'm just reading the answer we gave. We provided specific advice around the termination process in respect of the individual.</p> <p>Senator GALLAGHER: Yes. It's a slightly different question I'm asking this time, but I accept if you need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	77	10/12/2021
23	Finance	26/10/2021	F023	Gallagher	Witness statements	<p>Senator GALLAGHER: ...has anyone from the Department of Finance been asked to provide a witness statement? I'm not asking who, I'm just asking whether they have. Have all potential witnesses cooperated with the investigation? Was any information or documentation requested, and was it provided? Again, these are all matters that DPS answered on Monday. Did the department provide any advice to ministers or staff on matters related to the AFP investigation? Have there been any costs incurred in relation to the investigation, including any legal advice or financial assistance?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I'm very happy to take those questions on notice.</p>	Hansard	79	10/12/2021
24	Finance	26/10/2021	F024	Farrell	Staff payments	<p>Senator FARRELL: I'd like to ask some questions about the PEMS and the problems that it's having, particularly the way in which it was implemented in the changeover in the middle of the year, which I think many staff would not view as a smooth transition. Can you tell us how many staff didn't get paid on the first payday after the rollover?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I might need to take it on notice in terms of actual numbers.</p>	Hansard	80	10/12/2021
25	Finance	26/10/2021	F025	Farrell	Special pay runs	<p>Senator FARRELL: In that first changeover, do you know how many staff had to be paid in special pay runs?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I can take it on notice, but I think it would be probably less than one per cent in any pay run. As I said, it was largely for new casual employees.</p>	Hansard	81-82	10/12/2021

26	Finance	26/10/2021	F026	Farrell	Complaints	<p>Senator FARRELL: How many complaints did the help desk receive about the contracts not being processed or staff not being paid correctly? That's obviously a percentage of that 250 per cent increase. Can you find out?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'd need to take it on notice in terms of what the nature was of the queries that came in and what proportion of those may have been complaints.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I will check the actual data, but I imagine a lot of the queries we would get would just be from people asking for clarification about how the new provisions in the EA actually work for them as an individual, as opposed to being complaints as such. It's just really asking questions.</p>	Hansard	82	10/12/2021
27	Finance	26/10/2021	F027	Farrell	Incorrect payments broken down by Party	<p>Senator FARRELL: Are you able to break down by party those people who weren't paid correctly or weren't paid at all? Do you have those figures?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: In terms of the—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Political party—Liberal, Labor. How many Labor people weren't paid correctly? How many Liberal Party?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'm happy to take it on notice in terms of what the number or percentage was of people who didn't get paid by the pay date and see if we can do a breakdown based on party.</p>	Hansard	82	10/12/2021
28	Finance	26/10/2021	F028	Farrell	Processing of contracts	<p>Senator FARRELL: How many contracts since the start of the financial year, submitted before the pay cut-off date, have not been processed in time to be paid the following pay day? Are you saying that that's zero?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I'll take that on notice in terms of what the number is.</p>	Hansard	82	10/12/2021
29	Finance	26/10/2021	F029	Farrell	Payment makeup	<p>Senator FARRELL: For those casual employees their base pay would be their ordinary pay. There is nothing else that they would be entitled to, is there?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: For ongoing staff?</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: No, for the casuals. Casuals would have their base rate—</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Yes, it would just be their rate of pay. We wanted to make sure that they got their base pay.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: That is their only pay, isn't it? Is there something else that a casual would get beyond their rate plus their loading?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: Do you mean if they had leave, HDA or anything like that? Or are you asking a different question?</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Do they get those entitlements?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: They wouldn't get leave. If for a period of time they acted, that's a possibility.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: I agree with that.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I can have a look at all of the data—I have a sense of the kind of information you're looking for—and see how we can break that down for you.</p>	Hansard	84	10/12/2021
30	Finance	26/10/2021	F030	Farrell	Payroll team numbers	<p>Senator FARRELL: Okay. How many people are on the payroll team?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: I do not have that information. There are probably about 25—but I can double-check that—and I augmented that with another eight or nine staff for the three-month period. But I'll take it on notice to confirm those numbers.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Will you?</p> <p>Mr De Silva: Yes.</p>	Hansard	85	10/12/2021

31	Finance	26/10/2021	F031	Smith, Marielle	Safe and respectful workplace training	<p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: When was the contract awarded?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I'll come back with that information; I do have it here.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: It was awarded on 20 September.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: On the same day that the training was scheduled to commence?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: Senator MARIELLE SMITH: When was the contract awarded?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I'll come back with that information; I do have it here.</p> <p>Mr De Silva: It was awarded on 20 September.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: On the same day that the training was scheduled to commence?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: That would have been when we signed the contract in terms of a decision and me as the delegate having signed it off; I can check those dates.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Do you have those dates in front of you?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I'll check them. I'll see if I can come back before the end of the session with that.</p> <p>would have been when we signed the contract in terms of a decision and me as the delegate having signed it off; I can check those dates.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Do you have those dates in front of you?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I'll check them. I'll see if I can come</p>	Hansard	87	10/12/2021
32	Finance	26/10/2021	F032	Smith, Marielle	Breakdown of training participants	<p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: In terms of the people who have participated in the training to this date, I'd like to know how many of them are members of parliament—MPs or senators; how many of them hold the position of chief of staff; and how many electorate officers have participated in that training.</p>	Hansard	88	10/12/2021
33	Finance	26/10/2021	F033	Waters	Identification of systemic issues	<p>Senator WATERS: Okay. How many of those systemic issues have been identified to date, in the last 10 years or so? Is this a regular occurrence or a very rare thing? What's the process for when there is a repeat problem in an office? So you can use it. Have you done so at any time in the last 10 years or so?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I don't have that kind of information available here at the hearing. I'm happy to take on notice what I can provide.</p>	Hansard	90	10/12/2021
34	Finance	26/10/2021	F034	Waters	Responsibilities org chart	<p>Senator WATERS: Okay. ... Are you able to provide me on notice with some kind of chart that indicates who's responsible for what in this new unfolding regime? I have been waiting for hours to ask these questions and now I find that they are not in the right place. That's obviously not anyone's fault, but it's also very frustrating to not be able to ask the questions of the relevant personnel. Last time we were here, it was here that I asked these questions. It's now a different place, but thank you for taking on notice and providing to me what the new organisational chart, if you like, is like for workplace sexual harassment and other workplace bullying issues. That will help us into the future.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	90	10/12/2021
35	Finance	26/10/2021	F035	Farrell	PEMS availability	<p>Senator FARRELL: ...There have been a few problems of late with the system and with PEMS being unavailable when payroll processing was occurring. I've been told that in the last pay period, PEMS was out of action for a day and a half while payroll processing occurred, and others had been told by Finance staff that it was out for half of the week. Casual staff can't access PEMS on the day that they're not rostered, so they can't submit travel claims or view their payslips to check they've been correctly paid. Is that correct?</p> <p>Ms Godwin: I'm not aware of that detail.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: Minister, do you know if that's correct?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: The detail would have best been asked of the Department of Finance. I'll take it on notice for you.</p>	Hansard	97	10/12/2021

36	Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority	26/10/2021	F036	Ayres	Claims	<p>Senator AYRES: For a member of parliament to claim party duties for the dominant purpose of their travel, Ms Godwin, does the parliamentarian need to be a member of a party?</p> <p>Ms Godwin: I might have to defer to a colleague who deals with that on a more day-to-day basis. It's not a straightforward question, as I'm sure you're aware.</p> <p>Ms Grant: I think we might need to take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	98	10/12/2021
37	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F037	Farrell	Federal election consequences for the South Australian election	<p>Senator FARRELL: On that: there's an election due in March in South Australia. If the Prime Minister chose a date in March for the federal election, what are the consequences for the South Australian—</p> <p>....</p> <p>Mr Pope: From my discussions with the election commissioner of South Australia, and I stand to be corrected, my understanding is they can only delay it by up to three weeks.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I think it's a matter for the governor, given it's a writ issue—there's writ law at play here as well. But we could find out a little bit about that for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: I think it would be handy.</p>	Hansard	104-105	10/12/2021
38	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F038	Ayres	Multiple voting calculation	<p>Senator AYRES: I've listened to the discussion about this. I have a couple of questions for you, Commissioner, and for you, Minister. I'd like to know, on notice, the calculation from the Electoral Commission of what proportion are multiple votes. With respect, I'd like that over the next couple of days because I don't think it's a difficult calculation. I know the on-notice requirements will require it to be with you for a couple of days, but it is many thousandths of a per cent and I'd like to see the exact calculation.</p>	Hansard	111	10/12/2021
39	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F039	Ayres	Voter identification legislation	<p>Senator AYRES: When, Commissioner, were you advised that the government was considering these laws?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'd have to take that on notice. I'm not obscuring, but when any government is in power we're asked for advice—</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator AYRES: The evidence in American elections is that voter turnout is suppressed by seven per cent in areas where voter ID happens. For African-American voters and Asian-American voters, that is where the impact is felt. It's not other American voters who don't turn out. It's a particular kind of voter whose votes are suppressed by this kind of process.</p> <p>Commissioner, I'd like to know, specifically in terms of this legislation, when were you advised by the government that that legislation was being proposed.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: I'll provide that on notice. As I said to Senator Farrell before, we do not have a policy on this issue because it is such a political issue—</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Yes, and I'm not asking you for a view.</p> <p>Mr Rogers: with such a polarised view. I will point out, without either criticising or supporting the legislation, that this is a matter for parliament. We provide advice on a regular basis to</p>	Hansard	112	10/12/2021

40	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F040	Smith, Marielle	Polling place technology MYEFO measure	<p>Dr Gleeson: For this federal election we will deploy over 5,000 electronic certified lists. That is an increase on the 2019 election. We will have some enhanced functionality as part of the certified lists. That has been driven by internal improvements. As I mentioned, we'll further enhance the solution as part of the MYEFO funding for the 2024-25 event and increase the deployment to 10,000 devices.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Can I just confirm that you said there is a budget in MYEFO of \$24.4 million for that?</p> <p>Dr Gleeson: That's correct. There is \$24.4 million allocated over four years.</p> <p>....</p> <p>Dr Gleeson: The MYEFO measure also includes funding to develop a digital officer in charge of return, and a secure communication tool to connect officers in charge in a polling place back to AEC headquarters essentially.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Can you give me the breakdown?</p> <p>Dr Gleeson: Of the dollar figure attached to that? I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Okay, so give us the breakdown of those three elements within that measure. What process does the AEC undertake to check that this technology or to—I'll rephrase</p>	Hansard	114	10/12/2021
41	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F041	Smith, Marielle	Stop and Consider campaign	<p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Interesting. How much have you budgeted for the Stop and Consider campaign for this upcoming election?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: Let's take that on notice—</p> <p>....</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: I appreciate that it might be hard to measure the success of that program in a quantitative sense, but you could use qualitative measures—</p> <p>Mr Rogers: And we did do that, with the analysis of the program that we did after the event.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: What did you do? Was it focus-group type of research? What did it look like?</p> <p>Mr Rogers: If we could take that on notice, I could explain exactly what we did and the methodology we used. That might be helpful.</p>	Hansard	116-117	10/12/2021
42	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F042	Keneally	Electoral Roll - 'British Subject' status	<p>1. Please provide a breakdown of voters on the electoral roll with 'British Subject' status by:</p> <p>a. Electorate</p> <p>b. Proportion of electorate with British subject status</p> <p>c. Age</p> <p>d. State</p>	Written		10/12/2021
43	Finance	26/10/2021	F043	Carr	Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)	<p>1. The Department of Finance website states that an Australian Industry Participation (AIP) plan applies to procurements or projects receiving Australian Government funding of \$20 million or more. Does this also apply to entities such as the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) which reports to the Minister for Finance?</p> <p>2. Is the Department aware of a media release by the Minister for Energy of 21 October 2021 headed "Government supporting Australia's biggest electric bus fleet" which announced that the Commonwealth is putting \$29.5 million into an EV bus pilot in Sydney, with this funding involving \$24.5 million from the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC)?</p> <p>3. Does the Department know whether the CEFC ensured that this project was covered by an AIP?</p> <p>4. If the project was not considered for an AIP by the CEFC, can the Department explain why not?</p> <p>5. Was the Department aware of reports that</p>	Written		10/12/2021

44	ANI Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F044	Smith, Marielle	Engagement of South Australian and Australian businesses	<p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: On the Osborne North Development Project, which was underway, how many people were employed?</p> <p>Mr Seaton: All up, there were between 550 and 600 people working on the project prior to the announcement.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: How many businesses are contracted on the project?</p> <p>Mr Seaton: Approximately 50 had been contracted, but there were approximately 35 working on the project at the time of the announcement.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: How many of these businesses are local, in terms of being either South Australian businesses or Australian businesses?</p> <p>Mr Seaton: The vast majority of them.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Are which—South Australian or Australian?</p> <p>Mr Seaton: The vast majority were South Australian businesses. I'd need to look at the exact breakdown.</p> <p>Senator MARIELLE SMITH: Can you provide that to the committee, please: how many of the businesses are South Australian and how many were Australian?</p> <p>Mr Seaton: Yes.</p>	Hansard	18-19	10/12/2021
45	Future Fund Management Agency	26/10/2021	F045	Rennick	Investment in Pfizer	I note that the Future Fund has around \$180 million invested in Pfizer shares. Isn't this a conflict of interest?	Written		10/12/2021
46	Finance	26/10/2021	F046	Ayres	Inquiries - misuse of entitlements	<p>In relation to the inquiries carried out by the Department of Finance in 2020 into allegations that the Assistant Treasurer, Mr Michael Sukkar MP, and Kevin Andrews MP misused entitlements by employing, or directing the employment of, taxpayer-funded electorate office staff to carry out branch-stacking and other party political work, as reported by The Sydney Morning Herald and The Age and by the 60 Minutes program in August 2020:</p> <p>1. Did the Department of Finance engage the law firm Ashurst to act as what it described as the 'independent reviewer' into the inquiries into both Mr Sukkar and Mr Andrews?</p> <p>2. Was the Department of Finance aware that Mr Sukkar is a former employee of Ashurst at the time it engaged them to act as the 'independent reviewer' of his conduct?</p> <p>3. If the answer to question 2 is yes, why did the Department of Finance consider it appropriate to proceed to use a law firm with which Mr Sukkar had a close personal association as a former employee?</p> <p>3(a) If the answer to question 2 is no, did Ashurst inform the Department of Finance that Mr Sukkar</p>	Written		10/12/2021
47	Finance	26/10/2021	F047	Rennick	Future Fund shares in pharmaceutical companies	Does the Future Fund hold shares in Pfizer, AstraZeneca or any other drug companies selling vaccines?	Written		10/12/2021
48	Finance	26/10/2021	F048	Waters	Use of consultants and contractors	In his submission to the Senate Inquiry into capabilities of the APS, Andrew Podger AO recommends limiting the use of consultants or contractors to situations when they genuinely represent value for money, are appointed on merit and transfer relevant skills and knowledge to the APS. What guidelines are in place (or could be put in place) to ensure this is the case?	Written		10/12/2021

49	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F049	Ayres	Nuclear Submarine Taskforce	<p>a) Vice Admiral Mead is now leading the Nuclear-Powered Submarine Taskforce. Who are the ASC Pty Ltd representatives or employees on the taskforce?</p> <p>b) What is the nature of ASC Pty Ltd's contributions to this taskforce and its work?</p> <p>c) If the answer to a) is nil, why not?</p> <p>d) Are ASC Pty Ltd members of the Taskforce receiving additional remuneration in addition to their salaries for their participation in the Taskforce</p>	Written		10/12/2021
50	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F050	Ayres	18-month exploratory period	Other than work specifically relating to the Collins Class submarines, what submarine-specific work will ASC Pty Ltd do over the "18-month exploratory period" of the Taskforce?	Written		10/12/2021
51	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F051	Ayres	Construction of the new nuclear submarines	What role does ASC Pty Ltd expect to play in the construction of the new nuclear submarines?	Written		10/12/2021
52	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F052	Ayres	AUKUS partnership documentation	Is ASC Pty Ltd aware whether it is referred to specifically in any of the AUKUS partnership documentation and what is the nature of such references?	Written		10/12/2021
53	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F053	Ayres	Media article in The Australian on 2 October 2021	In his article, "Problems stack up with confused nuclear subs plan" in The Australian on 2 October 2021, Greg Sheridan quotes Dennis Richardson in relation to the new nuclear submarines as saying "...it would make sense for the first one or two boats to be substantially built overseas." Does ASC Pty Ltd agree that at least the first nuclear-powered submarine should or would be built overseas?	Written		10/12/2021
54	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F054	Ayres	ASC Workforce	<p>a) What is the current number of ASC Pty Ltd employees, in full-time equivalent positions (FTEs), engaged in the life of type extension (LOTE) team?</p> <p>b) What is the projected peak FTE LOTE team size and for what period is this expected?</p> <p>c) How many contractors and labour hire staff does ASC Pty Ltd expect to be engaged at the peak of LOTE activities?</p> <p>d) Does ASC have any concerns in being able to recruit or source sufficient skilled staff, contractors, or labour hire staff for LOTE?</p> <p>e) What is ASC Pty Ltd's current attrition rate?</p> <p>f) What is the updated assessment of the risk that ASC Pty Ltd will not have the people it needs to conduct the LOTE work?</p> <p>g) Mr Whiley has indicated previously that ASC Pty Ltd has experienced higher levels of attrition inside the engineering areas, and this has resulted in lost skill and capability to the organisation. What are the current rates of attrition for 'core' and 'critical' engineers and trade staff?</p> <p>h) What is the update as to how many engineers have left the organisation since January 2018 each year and how many valuable years of experience have been lost in total as a result?</p> <p>i) Has the overall workforce number increased or</p>	Written		10/12/2021

55	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F055	Ayres	Recruitment of skilled employees	<p>ASC Pty Ltd's response to 2019-20 Additional Estimates Question on Notice 100 (portfolio question F100) about issues in recruiting skilled employees said: "High demand in the defence industry, and limited availability of skilled and experience personnel, has increased competitiveness in recruitment."</p> <p>a) Is this still the case and has that competitiveness increased or decreased since then?</p> <p>b) What proportion of 'core' ASC Pty Ltd staff leaving the organisation are finding employment in the Defence Industry and what proportion are finding employment in other industries such as the mining industry?</p> <p>c) At the March 2020 Estimates, when Mr Whiley was asked what is the average time taken to fill a vacancy for engineers and for other workers. ASC Pty Ltd 's response to Question on Notice 100 was "Engineers: approximately 90 days; other workers: approximately 70 days". Is this still the case and if not, what are the current average times?</p> <p>d) Please provide a breakdown of the costs to ASC Pty Ltd of finding</p> <p>e) What is the annual cost to ASC Pty Ltd of vacancies for 'core' Engineers and what has been the impact of these</p>	Written		10/12/2021
56	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F056	Ayres	Sovereign Shipbuilding Talent Pool	<p>Mr Whiley characterised the Sovereign Shipbuilding Talent Pool (SSTP) as including the following 5 work streams (Senate F&PA Committee, Hansard, 26 October 2021, p 10):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Core Collins class sustainment work, which includes the LOTE program, 2. Seconding persons into other shipbuilding programs, 3. Place displaced people into overseas secondments with the nuclear industries and universities overseas, 4. Establishing a future-focused learning and development program, 5. Providing people into the nuclear-powered task force. <p>a) What are the other shipbuilding programs within the second stream?</p> <p>b) Can ASC Pty Ltd clarify how many of these roles require interstate relocation or international relocation?</p> <p>c) Will such relocations be permanent and if not, for how long are they envisaged to last?</p> <p>d) What concerns does ASC Pty Ltd have about being able to have access to sufficient skilled staff in South Australia if staff are to be relocated overseas or interstate?</p> <p>e) Mr Dalton indicated at the recent Defence Estimates on 27 October 2021 that there is an</p>	Written		10/12/2021
57	Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd		F057	Ayres	Facilities at Osborne North	<p>Had a final plan for facilities at Osborne North been developed yet for the Future Submarines before the 16 September 2021 announcement? Please provide the plan.</p>	Written		10/12/2021
58	Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F058	Ayres	ASC full-cycle docking (FCD) facilities	<p>Did this final plan for the facilities at Osborne North require re-location of ASC full-cycle docking (FCD) facilities?</p> <p>a) If yes, where will they be moved to?</p> <p>b) By when?</p> <p>c) What will be the cost?</p> <p>d) Who will pay?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
59	Australian Naval Infrastructure Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F059	Ayres	LOTE	<p>Are additional facilities required for the undertaking of LOTE and if so:</p> <p>a) When will these tenders be sought?</p> <p>b) When will contracts be awarded?</p> <p>c) When is work on building these facilities projected to commence?</p> <p>d) When will these facilities be completed by?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
60	Finance	26/10/2021	F060	Ayres	Whole of government travel	<p>Further to the answer provided to F140 from the 2021-22 Budget Estimates, provide an update for the 2020-21 financial year as well as the 2021-22 financial year to date.</p>	Written		10/12/2021

61	Finance	26/10/2021	F061	Ayres	Unlegislated expenditure savings measures	Further to the answer provided to F141 from the 2021-22 Budget Estimates, provide a list of all currently unlegislated expenditure savings measures, including the financial implications profile over the forward estimates, in underlying cash balance terms.	Written		10/12/2021
62	Finance	26/10/2021	F062	Ayres	Number of Staff	Further to the answer provided to F142 from the 2021-22 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		10/12/2021
63	Finance	26/10/2021	F063	Ayres	Technology procurement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When were the lists of approved providers for corporate services as part of the GovERP shared services platform published? 2. Were unsuccessful applicants advised? 3. How many other organisations responded to the approach to market? 4. How many of those were Australian? 5. Why were no Australian providers successful? 6. Are there no Australian businesses offering these services? 7. Does it suggest there is a problem with the way the Approach to Market was written? 8. What happens if a department of agency now wants to go with an Australian provider? 	Written		10/12/2021
64	Finance	26/10/2021	F064	Ayres	National quarantine facilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When did Finance take responsibility for the delivery of the national quarantine facilities? 2. Which area of Finance took carriage of that at the time? 3. When did the "quarantine infrastructure delivery" group get formed? 4. According to the organisation chart (as at 19 October) there are two branches in that group – quarantine infrastructure delivery and whole-of-government property services. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many staff have you got in these branches? b. What do each of these branches do? c. What's the difference between the 'whole-of-government property services' branch here, and the similarly named branch in the Commercial and Government Services group? 	Written		10/12/2021
65	Finance	26/10/2021	F065	Ayres	Decisions Taken But Not Yet Announced	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does Finance reconcile Government announcements made between publication of budget statements against the decisions taken but not yet announced figures? 2. Out of the \$8.3 billion in the payments measures in the 2021-22 Budget for decisions taken but not yet announced, can you advise how much of that has been announced since the Budget, and which announcements made since then are from this provision 	Written		10/12/2021
66	Finance	26/10/2021	F066	Ayres	2020-21 Final Budget Outcome – Medicare Benefits Program	Can you breakdown the \$0.9 billion variation for the Medicare Benefits Program into the elements that are stated there as contributing to the variation, namely: what was forecast, and what was the actual result, for the following: Lower-than-anticipated payments for professional attendances due to lower-than-anticipated payments for after-hours services; Higher-than-anticipated payments for GP attendance in business hours and telehealth services; and Lower-than-anticipated payments for pathology payments	Written		10/12/2021
67	Finance	26/10/2021	F067	Ayres	2020-21 Final Budget Outcome – Aged Care Services	What was the difference in the forecast and actual occupancy rate for residential aged care services, that led to \$0.7 billion lower payments under the Aged Care Services program?	Written		10/12/2021
68	Finance	26/10/2021	F068	Ayres	2020-21 Final Budget Outcome – Employee and Superannuation Expenses	<p>What is the reason for the wages and salaries expense being \$406 million lower than predicted?</p> <p>What is the reason for leave and other entitlements being \$446 million lower than predicted?</p> <p>What is the reason for separations and redundancies being \$109 million higher than predicted?</p>	Written		10/12/2021

69	Finance	26/10/2021	F069	Ayres	2020-21 Final Budget Outcome – Payments to support state environment services	\$50 million for flood mitigation from the Emergency Response Fund was in 2020-21 as per Budget Paper Number 3 in the 2021-22 Budget. What is the reason for that amount not appearing in the 2020-21 Final Budget Outcome?	Written		10/12/2021
70	Finance	26/10/2021	F070	Ayres	Estimates variations	Under the Budget Process and Operational Rules, can positive estimates variations be used to offset new spending?	Written		10/12/2021
71	Finance	26/10/2021	F071	Ayres	Contingencies in the budget	Apart from the conservative bias allowance that is contained in the contingency reserve, do the budget estimates contain any other mechanism that allows for the tendency for the estimates of expenses for existing government policy to be revised upwards?	Written		10/12/2021
72	Finance	26/10/2021	F072	Ayres	Underspends in the contingency reserve	How does the potential provision for underspends in the current financial year in the contingency reserve work?	Written		10/12/2021
73	Finance	26/10/2021	F073	Ayres	Follow up to F135 from 2021-22 Budget Estimates	The answer to F135 from the 2021-22 Budget Estimates says the certain Corporate Commonwealth Entities that are prescribed in section 30 of the PGPA Rule are there because they are listed in Free Trade Agreements. How do those entities get listed in the FTAs – what is the criteria or prerequisite for some CCEs, but not others, to be listed there?	Written		10/12/2021
74	Finance	26/10/2021	F074	Ayres	Education / Training contracts	For each of these contracts, what education and/or training service was provided, why that education and/or training service was required, and how many staff undertook that education and/or training: CN3799510 – “Diploma of Procurement and Contracting, upskilling Department of Finance and APS Staff” - \$34,500 to Pro Leaders Academy Pty Ltd CN3812104 – “Training Services” - \$15,400 to Life Unlimited Health Solutions Pty CN3813675 – “Core skills training” - \$11,550 to Yellow Edge Pty Ltd CN3813677 – “Core training services” - \$27,098.50 to Interaction Consulting Group P/L CN3813678 – “Data Program” - \$38,830 to Altis Consulting Group Pty CN3818557 – “Core Skills Training” - \$12,300 to Mike Pieloor & Associates Consulting CN3818558 – “Core Skills Training” - \$36,354.25 to Interaction Consulting Group P/L	Written		10/12/2021
75	Finance	26/10/2021	F075	Farrell	Parliamentary Expenses Management System	1. What are the usage statistics for the Parliamentary Expenses Management System (PEMS) for each month between 1 July 2021 to 31 October 2021? Please provide data in the same format as provided in response to Question on Notice F083 from October 2020 Budget Estimates and include: a. the number of individual claims lodged in each month b. the number of staff who have lodged claims in each month c. the number of parliamentarians who have lodged claims in each month d. the number of offices which have lodged claims in each month e. the percentage of office expense claims which were lodged via PEMS in each month f. the percentage of travel expense claims which were lodged via PEMS in each month 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 July 2021? 3. What is the total spend on PEMS as at 31 October 2021? 4. What is the projected total cost of PEMS at completion? 5. On what date is the full roll-out of PEMS scheduled to be completed?	Written		10/12/2021

76	Finance	26/10/2021	F076	Farrell	Members of Parliament Staff Payroll System	<p>1. As at 31 October 2021 how many individuals are on the Members of Parliament Staff Payroll System?</p> <p>2. How many staff did not get paid at all on pay day 8 July 2021, even though their contract or variation form was submitted by the pay cut-off date?</p> <p>a. How many staff were only paid some of their salary or entitlements on pay day 8 July 2021, even though their contract or variation form was submitted by the pay cut-off date?</p> <p>b. How many staff had to be paid in a 'special' pay run after 8 July, because they had not been paid correctly on 8 July?</p> <p>i. On what dates were those payments made and how many staff were paid on each date?</p> <p>c. How many enquiries or complaints were received by the staff helpdesk (either by email or telephone) regarding staff payments for pay day 8 July?</p> <p>3. How many staff did not get paid at all on pay day 22 July 2021, even though their contract or variation form was submitted by the pay cut-off date?</p> <p>a. How many staff were only paid some of their salary or entitlements on pay day 22 July 2021, even though their contract or variation form was submitted by the pay cut-off date?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
77	Finance	26/10/2021	F077	Farrell	Staff allocated to payroll processing	<p>1. How many staff are in the M&PS payroll processing team?</p> <p>2. How many additional staff were engaged to assist the payroll processing team during the transition from Online HR to PEMS?</p> <p>a. Over what period were they engaged?</p> <p>3. How many additional staff were engaged to assist the payroll processing team in processing Electorate Staff Allowance payments for pay day 30 September?</p> <p>a. Over what period were they engaged?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
78	Finance	26/10/2021	F078	Farrell	Underpayment of wages	<p>1. On what date was the last backpay payment made to current and former staff members employed on classification EOA-1 or EOA-2 who had been paid under the Award rate?</p> <p>2. Please provide a breakdown by political party of staff who had been underpaid (i.e. how many staff were employed by Liberal Members or Senators, how many were employed by National Members or Senators, Labor, Greens, etc).</p> <p>3. What was the cost of the audit work undertaken by KPMG?</p> <p>4. How much was budgeted for KPMG's audit?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
79	Finance	26/10/2021	F079	Farrell	Gender pay gap	Please provide a gender breakdown of all classifications of staff employed under the Members of Parliament (Staff) Act 1984 as at 31 October 2021.	Written		10/12/2021

80	Finance	26/10/2021	F080	Farrell	Ministerial & Parliamentary Services Staffing Profile	<p>1. By FTE and headcount, what is the total number of staff who work in Ministerial & Parliamentary Services as at 31 October 2021? For this and all following questions please provide data in the same format as provided in response to Question on Notice F093 from March 2021 Additional 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 October 2021.</p> <p>3. Please provide a breakdown of staff as at 31 October 2021 as follows:</p> <p>a. How many full-time staff are employed in each section or division?</p> <p>b. How many part-time staff are employed in each section or division?</p> <p>c. How many casual staff are employed in each section or division?</p> <p>d. How many ongoing staff are employed in each section or division?</p> <p>e. How many non-ongoing staff are employed in each section or division?</p> <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</p>	Written	10/12/2021
81	Finance	26/10/2021	F081	Farrell	Response rate to enquiries	<p>1. How many enquiries were sent to mpshelp@finance.gov.au each month between 1 July 2021 and 31 October 2021? For this and all following questions please provide data in the same format as the response to Question on Notice F094 from March 2021 Additional Estimates.</p> <p>a. How many of these enquiries were resolved within:</p> <p>i. 24 hours</p> <p>ii. 48 hours</p> <p>iii. 7 days</p> <p>iv. 14 days</p> <p>v. 28 days</p> <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 M&PS helpdesk each month between 1 July 2021 and 31 October 2021? Please specify whether they related to Pay & Conditions, HR Advice & Support, or Office Expenses.</p> <p>a. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 24 hours?</p> <p>b. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 48 hours?</p> <p>c. How many of these enquiries were resolved within 7 days?</p>	Written	10/12/2021

82	Finance	26/10/2021	F082	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 July 2021 and 31 October 2021? Please include claims which were submitted via email either to the mpsservicecentre@finance.gov.au email address, or to the various State M&PS offices, and claims submitted via PEMS. Please provide data in the same format as the response to Question on Notice F095 from March 2021 Additional Estimates:</p> <p>a. How many of these claims were processed within 7 days?</p> <p>b. How many of these claims were processed within 14 days?</p> <p>c. How many of these claims were processed within 21 days?</p> <p>d. How many of these claims were processed within 28 days?</p> <p>e. How many of these claims were not processed within 30 days?</p> <p>2. For the 3 month period to 31 October 2021 what percentage of claims were processed within M&PS' processing target timeframes of 30 days?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
83	Finance	26/10/2021	F083	Farrell	Employee Assistance Program	<p>1. For each month from 1 July 2021 to 31 October 2021:</p> <p>a) how many employees accessed the Employee Assistance Program?</p> <p>b) how many individual counselling sessions were provided under the Employee Assistance Program?</p> <p>c) how many female staff accessed the Employee Assistance Program?</p> <p>d) how many male staff accessed the Employee Assistance Program?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
84	Finance	26/10/2021	F084	Farrell	1800 APH SPT	How many calls has the 1800 APH SPT telephone line received in each month since its inception?	Written		10/12/2021
85	Finance	26/10/2021	F085	Farrell	Labour Hire	<p>1. What amount has been expended by Ministerial & Parliamentary Services on external recruitment or executive search services in the period 1 July 2021 to 31 October 2021?</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written		10/12/2021
86	Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority	26/10/2021	F086	Farrell	IPEA Staffing Levels	<p>1. As at 31 October 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 F106 from March 2021 Additional 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</p>	Written		10/12/2021

87	Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority	26/10/2021	F087	Farrell	Labour Hire - IPEA	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the Authority on external recruitment or executive search services in each of the periods 1 July 2019-31 December 2019; 1 January 2020-30 June 2020, 1 July 2020-31 December 2020, 1 January 2021-30 June 2021, and 1 July 2021 to 31 October 2021.</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written		10/12/2021
88	Independent Parliamentary Expenses Authority	26/10/2021	F088	Farrell	IPEA Enquiries and payments	<p>1. How many enquiries in each month has the Authority received since 1 July 2021? Please provide data in the same format as the response to Question on Notice F107 from March 2021 Additional Estimates.</p> <p>2. How many payments in each month has the Authority processed since 1 July 2021?</p> <p>3. What percentage of enquiries received in each month since 1 July 2021 have related to PEMS?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
89	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F089	Farrell	AEC staffing numbers	<p>1. As at 31 October 2021 how many FTE staff worked in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the national office each state and territory office each divisional office? (please provide data in the same format as provided in response to Question on Notice F094 from October 2020 Budget Estimates). <p>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.</p> <p>3. How many staff within the AEC are currently employed through labour hire contracts?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
90	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F090	Farrell	Labour hire - AEC	<p>1. What amount has been expended by the Commission on external recruitment or executive search services for the period 1 July - 31 October 2021.</p> <p>2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.</p>	Written		10/12/2021
91	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F091	Farrell	Polling staff and Voter ID	<p>1. How many staff nation-wide will need to be recruited for the polling period?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please provide a breakdown of these staff by polling day, the pre-poll period and remote mobile polling teams. Please provide a breakdown of the number of staff that will be based in each State and Territory for the polling period. Please provide a breakdown of polling period staff by position description. <p>2. What was the average number of staff assigned per polling place at the 2019 federal election?</p> <p>3. What is the projected average of the number of staff assigned per polling place for the next federal election?</p> <p>4. Has the Government's proposed voter ID laws (Electoral Legislation Amendment (Voter Integrity) Bill 2021) been factored into the calculation of the number of staff required for each polling place for the next federal election?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If yes, on average, how many additional staff per polling place will be required? <p>5. What is the additional projected cost in staff resources required for the proposed voter ID legislation?</p> <p>6. If the voter ID laws are passed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> how much will be budgeted for a public 	Written		10/12/2021
92	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F092	Farrell	Indigenous Electoral Participation Program	<p>1. How many community visits have taken place under the Indigenous Electoral Participation Program (IEPP) since 1 July 2021?</p> <p>2. What were the locations of the IEPP community visits since 1 July 2021?</p> <p>3. As at 31 October 2021 please list the partnerships with local and other bodies which are used to improve electoral participation by Indigenous Australians.</p>	Written		10/12/2021

93	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F093	Farrell	Indigenous Enrolment Campaigns	<p>1. How much money has been allocated for an Indigenous enrol-to-vote campaign prior to the election?</p> <p>2. What proportion of those funds will be spent on advertising in First Nations media?</p> <p>3. Please provide a breakdown of funding for Indigenous enrolment campaigns by urban and regional or remote areas.</p>	Written		10/12/2021
94	Australian Electoral Commission	26/10/2021	F094	Farrell	Mobile Polling	<p>1. For the next federal election, what is the duration of the scheduled visit by remote area mobile polling teams to each of the remote area mobile polling locations listed in response to question 3 of question on notice F091 from March 2020 Additional Estimates (as per the list below)?</p> <p>a. What was the duration of the visit by remote area mobile polling teams to those locations during the 2019 federal election polling period?</p> <p>2. Are any locations, other than those listed above, scheduled to be visited by remote area mobile polling teams for the next federal election? If yes, please list them and the duration of the scheduled visit.</p>	Written		10/12/2021
95	Finance	26/10/2021	F095	Ayres	Staffing allocation	<p>Senator AYRES: What happened to his personal staff allocation following his demotion on 2 July?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: This table that's being presented to the committee shows that on 1 October it was 10 staff.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: So, you're saying it was reduced by three. The table that we're seeing now reflects the 10 staff as the 10 staff that he had as a junior minister.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: As at 1 October.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: What happened to the other three staff? Were they terminated or reallocated?</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: We have to take it on notice regardless, depending on whether it identifies staff; we'd be cautious of that.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: Without identifying any staff—I accept that—I want to know whether staff were moved to other offices or were paid out. Has the Prime Minister informed Finance of the staff allocation for Minister Pitt in his new capacity as a cabinet minister?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I don't believe so, but I'll double-check that with colleagues. I can do that quickly.</p>	Hansard	80	10/12/2021
96	Finance	26/10/2021	F096	Farrell	Payments	<p>Senator FARRELL: How many contracts since the start of the financial year submitted before the pay cut-off date have not been processed in time to be paid the following day?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: We'll take all of those questions—</p> <p>Senator FARRELL: You'll take them on notice, okay. I'll go through the questions. How many payments since the start of the financial year have had to be made to staff in special pay runs because they haven't been paid in the previous payday? My next question is from a personal experience but I think it's not an uncommon one. The department does seem to have some difficulty processing employment contracts. Would you agree with that proposition?</p>	Hansard	83	10/12/2021
97	Finance	26/10/2021	F097	Ayres	Members and Senators support unit	<p>Senator AYRES: In the documents tabled, this support unit has increased from 14 to 17 staff since we last convened estimates.</p> <p>Senator Birmingham: Again, I don't have the previous tables with me.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: It was 14. It's now 17.</p> <p>Ms Walsh: Senator, I'd be very happy to take it on notice—I just have the raw data, if you like—in terms of the reason why that might have been increased.</p> <p>Senator AYRES: But it has increased, hasn't it?</p> <p>Ms Walsh: I'd need to check that.</p>	Hansard	91	10/12/2021

98	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F098	Rex Patrick	Shipyards staff, Naval Group / Lockheed Martin Staff	<p>1. Has ASC revised the projections on the demand for 'shipyards workers' and the timing of the demand as a result of the cancellation of the Attack program and the commitment to undertake LOTE on 6 Collins Boats?</p> <p>a. What is the impact?</p> <p>b. Have these projections been expanded to include 'shipyards workers' engaged in the surface ship programs?</p> <p>2. How understaffed was ASC at 31 August 2021?</p> <p>a. In what areas?</p> <p>3. How many Naval Group employees has ASC engaged since the announcement to terminate the Attack Class program?</p> <p>4. How many people from Naval Group or Lockheed Martin have registered on the Sovereign Shipbuilding Talent Pool?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
99	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F099	Rex Patrick	Shipyards upgrades	<p>At the hearing it was advised that upgrades to the ASC yard are being investigated. Can the scope of the upgrades be advised, including what has been agreed, what is still under discussion and the associated schedules?</p>	Written		10/12/2021
100	ASC Pty Ltd	26/10/2021	F100	Rex Patrick	Collins LOTE	<p>1. The Minister has announced the intent to extend all 6 of the Collins Class, does this mean the scope of the LOTE has been finalised?</p> <p>a. Have ASC been advised that as a result of the decision to terminate the Attack program, the scope of the LOTE will require further adjustments?</p> <p>2. Has ASC received formal advice from Defence that LOTE has now been approved?</p> <p>a. Has there been any guidance on a need to accelerate the planning and preparations for the LOTE?</p> <p>b. Has there been any approval to order additional long lead items?</p> <p>3. Which companies are already under contract, (we know Jeumont) and are they local or foreign contracts?</p> <p>a. What, if any, technology transfer is planned for this equipment?</p> <p>4. At the last estimates ASC had signed contracts to the value of approximately \$29 million, have any further contracts been signed?</p>	Written		10/12/2021