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AFP	1	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator KENEALLY: How do you determine it is at a low level? What are the process or protocols within the AFP to determine what the level of harm is? Mr Kershaw: That would be something that the board would have discussed. I'm not on that particular board, but I can take that on notice if you'd like to see how they reached that particular threshold.	Hansard	7
AFP	2	Stoker, Amanda	Angus Taylor Investigation	CHAIR: What was the cost, both financially and in terms of hours worked—the personnel and resources—of undertaking this investigation? Mr Kershaw: I would have to take that on notice.	Hansard	11
AFP	3	McKim, Nick	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator MCKIM: So, in the view of the AFP the damage that this affair caused to the general trust in Australian politics is not a public interest consideration. Is that right? Mr Kershaw: Well, in this particular matter—I'd have to check with my officers—I would be highly doubtful that they would have had that in their minds when they reached that decision. Senator MCKIM: Okay. Thanks. I think you've agreed. And I'm not trying to bump your figures up here, Commissioner, but is it fair to say that you've offered to take that on notice? Mr Kershaw: I think what I would like to say is that the team did consider public interest, and it's as simple as that. Senator MCKIM: I'm happy for you to take this on notice. Could you please provide the elements that the team considered when it considered the public interest. In other words, what kind of public interest matters were considered? Mr Kershaw: Sure.	Hansard	15

AFP	4	Patrick, Rex	Witness J Investigation	<p>Senator PATRICK: Sure; no problem. In November 2019 it was reported that the AFP had executed a search warrant in February 2019 on the Melbourne home of Mr Johns's, or Witness J's, brother, seizing all copies of memoirs that Mr Johns had written in prison and emailed to his brother. Which federal agency referred that matter to the police?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: I'm not sure. Because that's an ongoing matter, I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: So the matter is ongoing? There is a brief that has gone to the CDPP?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I will read out a few questions that you can take on notice; I understand it is an ongoing investigation. What alleged offence was involved in this further matter that basically caused the warrant to be executed on Mr Johns's brother's property? What offences were specified in the search warrant? On what date was the search warrant executed? And did a search also take place of Mr Johns's cell at Alexander Maconochie Centre, and was that search conducted by warrant or by other means, noting it is a prison establishment?</p> <p>Senator Payne: I'm sorry, are you reading or using material from a media item?</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: It was reported in the media that—</p> <p>Senator Payne: So these are media assertions—</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Yes.</p> <p>Senator Payne: not matters officially released in relation to an investigation?</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: No.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you are referring to a media article, it would be preferable for you to provide a copy of that to the witnesses.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Sure. I can come back and provide that.</p> <p>CHAIR: I will accommodate that on this occasion, but please come with it in future.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Okay. I don't have to refer to it. The AFP might, in its own knowledge, understand that a search warrant was executed on the house of Mr Johns's brother. I put that to you as a question.</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: I will have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: In terms of that particular investigation, has the matter been referred to the CDPP and, if so, on what date?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: I will take that on notice as well.</p>	Hansard	16
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AFP	5	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Can I return to the assessment of the Taylor matter and go to the point you raised in my first question, where you referred to the letter which I have now tabled from Deputy Commissioner McCartney. Regarding the second paragraph, 'The AFP, having carefully considered the possible lines of inquiry and investigative action available, has determined it is unlikely further investigation will result in obtaining sufficient evidence to substantiate a Commonwealth offence,' can I ask: either through the AFP's own inquiries or from the brief of evidence provided by the New South Wales police, did the AFP obtain access to the metadata logs from the City of Sydney's annual report of 2017-18, both Word and PDF versions, from the City of Sydney?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: I am not aware. To clarify that, I would have to take it on notice.</p>	Hansard	17
AFP	6	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Commissioner, I have seen these metadata logs and they show that the city's annual report, both in Word and PDF form, was uploaded on 27 November 2018 and not updated after that date. I would be keen to know if the AFP was aware of those metadata logs. Are you aware that the National Library's Trove archives website shows that, in April 2019, the same version of both the PDF and Word versions of the annual report was online as it is today?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: Personally, no.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: Can we find out if the AFP is aware of that?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: Yes. I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	17
AFP	7	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Thank you. I again record that, at the very beginning of this hearing, I indicated I would go to this topic. Did you find any evidence that the draft version that Minister Taylor asserts had the 1.7 and 14.2 figures ever existed on the City of Sydney website?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	17
AFP	8	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Again, I note that's the kind of thing which I think could be answered within the hour, and I would seek to have the AFP provide that answer. Did the AFP form a view that the documents Minister Taylor or his office provided to The Daily Telegraph were a forgery?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: Again, I'm going to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: You're not able to answer that after the assessment that was conducted?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: I think I need to take it on notice.</p>	Hansard	17
AFP	9	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Okay. Through the AFP's own inquiries, or from the New South Wales police, did the AFP obtain copies of emails between The Daily Telegraph and the City of Sydney on 29 and 30 September relating to this matter?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: I'm not sure, so I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	18

AFP	10	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Thank you, Chair. I've seen emails between The Daily Telegraph and the City of Sydney that state, 'Taylor's office printed a copy of your annual report out on September 6.' I refer to a statement provided by Minister Taylor on this matter, where he confirmed that his office accessed the City of Sydney website on September 9, and I table that statement here. Either through the AFP's own inquiries or from the New South Wales police, did the AFP resolve the conflicting claims from Minister Taylor's office as to whether the document was accessed on 6 or 9 September?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: Again, I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	18
AFP	11	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Either through the AFP's own inquiries or from the New South Wales police, is the AFP aware of Google analytics from the City of Sydney website that show how many people downloaded the annual report for 2017-18 in both PDF and Word formats for the dates of 6, 7, 8 and 9 September, 2019?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: I'm not aware of that; I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: I've seen the City of Sydney Google analytics. They show that the downloads for September 6 were two, for September 7 were zero, for September 8 were one and for September 9 were 10. Are you saying that you're not aware if the AFP had that information?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: Yes, I'm going to take it on notice.</p>	Hansard	18
AFP	12	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Thank you. So on the four most relevant days, according to Minister Taylor's office, between the 6th and the 9th, when he may have downloaded or accessed this, there was a total of 13 downloads. Did the AFP determine the IP addresses or identities of those 13 downloads?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: Again, I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	18
AFP	13	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Either through the AFP's own inquiries or from the New South Wales police, is the AFP aware of how the City of Sydney configures its Google analytics—that is, is it the only way to determine if a download of the 2017-18 annual report from the website occurred?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	18
AFP	14	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	<p>Senator KENEALLY: I'm advised that the City of Sydney's Google analytics and configuration only tracks downloads when the user clicks the download link. If the direct URL to the PDF or Word file were typed into a browser address bar, or shared via email or messenger, Google analytics would not capture that download in its report. So, either through your own inquiries or from the New South Wales police, did you determine if Minister Taylor or any member of Minister Taylor's office visited the direct URL to the PDF or Word version of the report and shared it via email or messenger?</p>	Hansard	18

Mr Kershaw: I'm not aware of that. I'll take it on notice.

AFP	15	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator KENEALLY: Thank you for the opportunity to clarify that, as well, Chair. Did the AFP interview journalists from The Daily Telegraph? Mr Kershaw: Again, I'll take that on notice. Senator KENEALLY: Do you know if the New South Wales Police did, and if they forwarded those interviews on to the AFP? Mr Kershaw: I am not aware. I will take that on notice.	Hansard	19
AFP	16	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator KENEALLY: Did the AFP interview council staff at the City of Sydney? Mr Kershaw: Again, I'll take that on notice. Senator KENEALLY: Do you know if the New South Wales Police did, and if they forwarded that on to the AFP? Mr Kershaw: I am not aware. I'll take that a notice.	Hansard	19
AFP	17	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator KENEALLY: Did the AFP interview the lord mayor's staff at the City of Sydney? Mr Kershaw: I am not aware. I'll have to take that on notice. Senator KENEALLY: With all of these I would also ask if you would take on notice whether the New South Wales Police did and if they forwarded those interviews on to the AFP. Did the AFP interview environment department staff? Mr Kershaw: I'm not aware. I'll take that on notice.	Hansard	19
AFP	18	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator KENEALLY: Did the AFP interview Minister Taylor's staff? Mr Kershaw: I will take that on notice.	Hansard	19
AFP	19	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator KENEALLY: No, not on this matter. Specifically, did the AFP interview Mr Josh Manuatu. Mr Kershaw: I'm not aware. I'll take that on notice. Senator KENEALLY: Can we ask if the New South Wales Police did and if they forwarded those interviews on?	Hansard	19
AFP	20	McKim, Nick	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator McKIM: Well, there are still significant unanswered questions in regard to the AFP's decision not to further investigate this matter. I want to take you to the investigation that the AFP did into a matter concerning Minister Hunt and the alleged hacking of his Twitter account. In the CCPM log of that matter, the AFP has determined the impact to client as 'critical', and yet in the CCPM log relating to the Minister Taylor matter, the impact to client allocated by the AFP was 'significant'. On what basis does the AFP think that an alleged one-tweet hack of a minister's Twitter account is more critical to client than the falsifying of information in a letter	Hansard	24

signed by a minister of the Crown?

Mr Kershaw: I don't have that brief in front of me, so I'd have to take that on notice.

AFP	21	McKim, Nick	Australia's Visa-processing system	Senator McKIM: ... I would like to move to a different matter: has the AFP received any complaints regarding the government tender process to privatise Australia's visa-processing system? Mr Kershaw: I'm not aware of any, but I'd have to clarify that and come back to you on notice.	Hansard	24
AFP	22	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator KENEALLY: I refer to an FOI lodged by Mr Mark Butler, which I now table, to the department of the environment. For ease of summary, I also table a media report on this matter from The Guardian Australia. In short—and, Commissioner, it will aid you in answering my question to understand this context—the FOI sought information for documents that reference the city of Sydney 2017-18 travel costs and reported claims the minister made about them. The department blocked access to two emails sent at 8.52 am on 25 October and a second email chain at 3.23 pm the same day. Either through the AFP's own inquiries or from the New South Wales police inquiries, did the AFP see these emails? Mr Kershaw: Again, in relation to those matters, that is a very difficult question to actually answer in the sense that I don't know if you could be more specific about 'see those emails'. Do you mean did we access them or did we use a search warrant to access them? That may be a better way of framing it. Senator KENEALLY: I am asking you if you read them. That is the plain English language meaning of what I'm asking. Is the AFP aware of the content of those emails that were blocked by the department of the environment? Mr Kershaw: I would have to take that on notice.	Hansard	24
AFP	23	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator KENEALLY: Thank you. I refer to an FOI lodged by The Sydney Morning Herald and The Age seeking information from Minister Taylor's office for information relating to the City of Sydney's travel expenditure bill. In full and for ease of summary, I table a media report from The Sydney Morning Herald by Nick Bonyhady and David Crowe on 21 January stating that the minister's office refused to release one document consisting of 'messages between the minister's office and an external third party because it contained sensitive business information'. Either through the AFP's own inquiries or from the New South Wales police, did the AFP gain access to those messages? Mr Kershaw: Again, I am going to have to take that on notice.	Hansard	24

Senator KENEALLY: Also, either from the AFP's own inquiries or from the New South Wales police, did the AFP establish the identity of that third party?
Mr Kershaw: I'll take that on notice.

AFP	24	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator KENEALLY: Commissioner, are you able to provide the committee on notice any letter or other written material provided by the New South Wales police that goes to the heart of this question of why they made the referral to the AFP? Mr Kershaw: Yes, I can perhaps obtain the referral letter from the New South Wales police. I haven't seen it.	Hansard	25
AFP	25	Keneally, Kristina	Angus Taylor Investigation	Senator KENEALLY: In Assistant Commissioner McCartney's letter to Mr Dreyfus, it states that the assessment undertaken by the AFP has identified there is no evidence to indicate Minister Taylor was involved in falsifying information. Commissioner, do you know who downloaded the document Minister Taylor relied on to cite incorrect travel costs in the City of Sydney's annual report? Mr Kershaw: I personally don't know, no. Senator KENEALLY: Did the AFP reach a conclusion? Mr Kershaw: Again, I think we've been very clear on our process, on the letter and on the decision that has been made. I'll just go again that, going down these lines, we could probably be here all day asking all these questions, and you're going to get probably the same answer from me, which is: I'll have to take that on notice. Senator KENEALLY: Do you know if the document was doctored or altered? Mr Kershaw: Again, I'll have to take that on notice. Senator KENEALLY: Do you know who altered or doctored the document? Mr Kershaw: I'll take that on notice.	Hansard	25
AFP	26	Lambie, Jacqui	Efficiency Dividend	Senator LAMBIE: No. Was there an efficiency dividend in 2017-18? Mr Box: I actually haven't got the efficiency dividend for 2017-18. I've got 2018-19. Senator LAMBIE: Okay. If you could— Mr Box: We could take that on notice and confirm it for you.	Hansard	26

AFP	27	Lambie, Jacqui	Staffing Numbers	<p>Mr Box: I can get staffing numbers for you. As the commissioner has already said, we've got large recruit courses currently going through the system, and we'll be having a large graduation of sworn police officers soon, which will be good. I can give you some numbers around our staffing levels at the moment, if that helps. We just do headcount, because there are lots of ways to count staff. Our current staffing level is 6,664 members, as at December, so that's fairly current. Obviously, these things move every day. We have attrition and we also have recruitment. Back in June 2019 we had 6,663. I might just give you the break-up between sworn, PSOs and professionals. As at December we had 3,261 sworn police officers, 724 sworn protective service officers and 2,679 professional staff, the majority of whom are supporting frontline operations. Back in June we had 6,663. As I said, these numbers will go up and down based on measures that we do. In June 2018 we had 6,728. Back in June 2017 we had 6,540. So from June 2017 to December 2019 we've grown by a hundred and—my maths says 124. I can give you a detailed breakdown over the years if you want.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Yes, I would actually like to see that. Could you go back to about 2000 for me. I want to see, since we're under the strain of—</p> <p>Mr Box: I haven't got numbers back to 2000.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: No, but could you take it on notice for me.</p> <p>Mr Box: Absolutely.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: I want to see what staffing levels you've had over the last 17 or 18 years since we've had national security issues and, obviously, terrorism.</p> <p>Mr Box: Sure.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: I just want to see where you guys have been placed, in the last 15 or 17 years, with your staffing.</p> <p>Mr Box: We can take that on notice for you.</p>	Hansard	27
AFP	28	Molan, Jim	Recovered CACT Money	<p>Senator MOLAN: Very, very brief. Commissioner, you mentioned that you have recovered a significant amount of money—and I understand that a lot of it is in the form of drugs and you can't onsell those drugs and generate cash. What amount of that money is eligible to be used in the proceeds of crime?</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: What was that number I had? I had that in front of me. I'll have to get—there is quite a lot that actually goes back into the fund.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: I won't hold the committee up, but could I—</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: Perhaps I could take that on notice and come back to you.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Thank you very much—and, around that, how much has been paid out and how much is able to be paid out.</p> <p>Mr Kershaw: Yes.</p>	Hansard	30

AFP	29	Waters, Larissa	Operation Noetic	Can you provide details of the costs incurred for Operation Noetic to date? Please include costs including staff time for uniformed and undercover officers, investigation and prosecution costs. If possible, please break down those costs by state / Territory.	Hansard	
AFP	30	McKim, Nick	Emergency Services Australia database	The ADF has said they were able to identify people considered “vulnerable” during Operation bushfire assist evacuations using information stored on an AFP managed Emergency Services Australia database. Have ESA/AFP still got data on disabled people and vulnerable people collected during the recent bushfires? If so: a. What data do you have? b. What form is it in? c. Where is it stored? d. Who can access it? e. How is it being protected?	Hansard	
ACIC	31	Ciccione, Raff	Project Jacto	Senator CICCONE: Thank you, chair. Good to see you again, Mr Phelan. During the last estimates, I asked a couple of questions about Project Jacto. Thank you for your response to those questions on notice We learnt, through the 2017-18 annual report, that Project Jacto helped to develop a number of key intelligence holdings about the significant number of Malaysians visa applicants who are breaching the immigration system and circumventing some of the migration controls. This included identifying key labour facilities in Malaysia and Australia. You were also able to identify facilitation of the migration within Australia, including through corrupt officials. You also said the project has been running since February 2016. It is that project still running? Mr Phelan: Sorry, I don't have the answers to the question on notice in front of me; that's my mistake. I can take on notice to find out whether the project is still going.	Hansard	30
ACIC	32	Ciccione, Raff	Project Jacto	Senator CICCONE: Okay. Should it still be running, there are a couple of questions I would like you to take on notice. Can you give me a sense of the size of the project? What is the average level of staffing that has been assigned to the project by the ACIC for each of the financial years since the project started? Is the team comprised of ACIC personnel or any other personnel for that matter? I'm curious to know if other agencies have participated as part of that project, what their roles are and the teams they are involved with. I ask these questions because I'm really interested in understanding the scale of the project. I just wanted to provide you with a bit of context. Mr Phelan: I'm happy to take those questions on notice.	Hansard	31

ACIC	33	Ciccione, Raff	Migration Fraud	<p>Senator CICCONE: Are there any specific countries that are still of concern?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: In some of the initial commentary, there was a particular focus on Malaysia. Is Malaysia still an issue?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	31
ACIC	34	Ciccione, Raff	Labour Hire	<p>Senator CICCONE: Yes, and earlier you mentioned labour hire. I'm interested in how that's been facilitated, whether there are any serious and organised criminals involved and how that operates. Are you able to enlighten me and the committee?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I wouldn't be doing it justice if I tried to enlighten the committee now because I don't have the strategic assessments in front of me, but, certainly at a later stage, I'm more than happy to provide senators with an operational briefing on some of the activity that we do in that area. Certainly, it's possible; I just don't have the strategic assessments in front of me.</p>	Hansard	31
ACIC	35	Ciccione, Raff	Onshore Asylum Claims	<p>Senator CICCONE: I appreciate that. Thank you. Given that we also know that there have been more than 30,000 onshore asylum claims made by Malaysian nationals since 1 July 2014, would it be reasonable to assume that some of these 30,000 would have been exposed to serious and organised crime groups that JCOT has identified?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I wouldn't like to comment on that, Senator, because I'd be talking about individual cases, even within the cohort, and it would be outside my lane.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: I'm not asking about individual cases, but more the general—</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I know what you're asking, but, even then, I'd be passing comment on something that I simply don't know.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: Will you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I'd still be giving an opinion because we may not have all that data that the department has in relation to the individual claims for asylum, whether or not they were exploited or why they're claiming asylum. So it wouldn't be something that the ACIC would have information on at this point in time.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: It would be great if you could take it on notice and maybe talk to the department and see whether you can provide me and the committee with a response.</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I'll do my best, Senator.</p>	Hansard	32

ACIC	36	Ciccone, Raff	National Criminal Intelligence System	<p>Senator CICCONE: Are there any specific examples that you can provide to me or the committee? Last time I asked, there were generalist comments that were provided. Given the questions last time, I'm surprised that, this time around when I've been able to ask a couple of questions around systems, we still don't have any specific answers from ACIC.</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I'm more than happy to take that on notice. I'm not trying to obfuscate. It's just that, if I knew those systems, I'd put them all together, but there are lots of systems—</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: Are there no examples you could provide me?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: Not off the top of my head.</p> <p>Senator CICCONE: Are there any officials here today who could do that?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I don't think so—not from my agency. If I can put it in context, it is the department and the immigration services that will determine whether or not someone should get a visa, and their document verification systems. A lot of those verification systems that we talk about are overseas based, and this is where the department is very good at identifying which documents are false et cetera at the border. Border Force and the department, through their liaison officers—sorry to speak about other departments—do a fantastic job offshore in doing that. But when it comes to Australian documents, certainly what I was alluding to last time in estimates when we talked about identity fraud—I'm talking about Australian documents. In Australia we do have very robust systems to verify our own documents. We do have the checking system where you can go on for all sorts of different reasons to be able to see whether government documents are verified, such as Medicare and other sorts of documents like that. Some systems that are not necessarily linked may be state systems. So, they're not all digitised, for example. So, not all births, deaths and marriages are necessarily digitised, and if they are we don't necessarily have access to them in the ACIC. In terms of all documentation, they're not all potentially digitised at this stage. But I'm happy to take that on notice, to give you a bit of context.</p>	Hansard	32
AUSTRAC	37	Pratt, Louise	Statutory requirement to make referrals	<p>Senator PRATT: In terms of specific statutory requirements on AUSTRAC to make timely referrals to the police, would a statutory requirement be appropriate?</p> <p>Ms Rose: That's a good question, and I'm happy to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	39

AUSTRAC	38	Pratt, Louise	Westpac SMRs	<p>Senator PRATT: Did you receive reports in relation to child sexual abuse from Westpac prior to July 2018?</p> <p>Ms Rose: I'd have to take that on notice, but—</p> <p>Senator PRATT: You had some matters referred to you in July 2018. How long did it take for those matters to be referred to the AFP?</p> <p>Ms Rose: I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Is that because you don't know or because you need to assess—</p> <p>Ms Rose: That's because I personally don't know and it's also that, if I did know, I would be very uncomfortable talking about that with the matter before the court.</p>	Hansard	39
AUSTRAC	39	Patrick, Rex	Westpac	<p>Senator PATRICK: Thank you. That is very helpful. That goes to the question: how did this not get detected by AUSTRAC in the first place?</p> <p>Ms Rose: That is part of the case and part of our issue with the transparency of what has occurred, so I am not going to go into that. But I will take a guess at what you are trying to get at. AUSTRAC regulates over 15,000 entities. The legislation works on the premise that those entities strengthen their own systems and have a responsibility to report when that hasn't occurred, and to manage that, rather than relying on regulation to keep them in line. I am happy to take it on notice so that we can give you as much information as possible without injuring the proceedings.</p>	Hansard	43
AUSTRAC	40	Pratt, Louise	Number of SMRs considered	<p>Senator PRATT: You said there were something like 240 million reports.</p> <p>Mr Collett: There were 246,000 SMRs and 158 million reports in total.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: The suspicious matter reports are at 256 thousand. How many are substantively investigated? And how many analysts investigators would be analysing those?</p> <p>Mr Collett: There's no precise way to answer those questions. There are around 5,000 analysts and officers in our partner agencies that are trained and have access to our system. To give you a sense of scale, there were approximately 2.1 million searches done by those analysts last year. As to the precise number of SMRs considered, I would have to take that on notice. I would have to consider how we would accurately answer that question. SMRs vary quite significantly in their content, their style and their scale, and they are, of course, suspicious matters— that is, they are not necessarily facts in the first instance.</p>	Hansard	36
AUSTRAC	41	Pratt, Louise	Nicole Rose - Qualifications	<p>Considering Nicole Rose could not recall when she completed her Diploma in Hospitality Management, could Ms Rose provide the date, place, and certifying authority her Diploma was issued.</p>	Written	
AUSTRAC	42	Pratt, Louise	SMR Timeframes	<p>Mr Collett said 3 to 4 days is the typical time frame for analysts to consider an SMR and determine whether it requires further action or not - so can Austrac provide the longest time it has taken for Austrac to take action?</p>	Written	

AUSTRAC	43	Pratt, Louise	SMR Referral Turnaround Times	Does Austrac keep records of the referral turnaround times for SMR's that need further action to law enforcement , so Austrac can meet its KPI's?	Written	
ASIO	44	Antic, Alex	High-risk Terrorist Offender	<p>Senator ANTIC: Earlier this year—in fact, very recently—there was a New South Wales criminal prosecutor who failed to convince the court to have a Sydney man with a violent criminal history declared as a high-risk terrorist offender because of this delineation between the two groups. In light of this, is there any appetite for altering the listing of Hezbollah, the ESO and the military wing together?</p> <p>Ms Geddes: That's also a matter for ASIO.</p> <p>Senator ANTIC: These are not questions that fall under the ambit—</p> <p>Ms Geddes: No.</p> <p>Senator ANTIC: Alright. I think I perhaps need to direct those to ASIO.</p> <p>Senator Cash: Place them on notice. ASIO have—</p> <p>Senator ANTIC: We could place those on notice, yes. Thank you.</p>	Hansard	83
ASIO	45	Antic, Alex	Hezbollah	What is the status of Hezbollah as a terrorist organization in Australia?	Written	
ASIO	46	Antic, Alex	Hezbollah	Why does Australia delineate between the External Security Organisation and the military wings of Hezbollah?	Written	
ASIO	47	Antic, Alex	Hezbollah	Have there been any discussions with any of Australia's Five Eyes partners, or other allies, about Australia's listing of the Hezbollah External Security Organisation as a terrorist organisation?	Written	
ASIO	48	Antic, Alex	Hezbollah	<p>In circumstances where the UK, Canada and the US list the entirety of Hezbollah as a terrorist organisation:</p> <p>a. Why does Australia only list the Hezbollah External Security Organisation as a terrorist organisation, but not list the Hezbollah military wing as a terrorist organisation?</p> <p>b. What are the facts, matters or circumstances that Australia takes into account, or does not take into account, compared to the UK, Canada and the US which lead to a different outcome with respect to the listing of the entirety of Hezbollah as a terrorist organisation?</p>	Written	
ASIO	49	Antic, Alex	Hezbollah	Earlier this year a New South Wales criminal prosecutor failed to convince a Court to have a Sydney man with a violent criminal history declared a "high-risk terrorist offender" because Hezbollah had not declared. Is ASIO concerned that Hezbollah's status is allowing potentially radicalised offenders to be left unchecked?	Written	
ASIO	50	Antic, Alex	Hezbollah	In light of same, does ASIO recommend altering the listing of Hezbollah's External Security Organisation under the Criminal Code?	Written	

ASIO	51	Roberts, Malcolm	The Centre for Southern Oceans Hemisphere Research	Given the recent expressed concerns about the wide extent of spying by foreign agents in Australia, is the partnership between the CSIRO and China by way of the Centre for Southern Oceans Hemisphere Research of concern to National Security?	Written	
ASIO	52	Roberts, Malcolm	Qingdao National Laboratory for Marine Science and Technology	<p>1. Is ASIO aware that Qingdao National Laboratory for Marine Science and Technology, a Chinese military research organisation and partner in research with CSIRO, is developing a satellite with a powerful laser to be used for anti-submarine warfare and can pinpoint a submarine 500m beneath the surface?</p> <p>2. Is this project going to assist Australia's defence or work against it given Australia's planned \$145 billion purchase of another 12 submarines?</p> <p>3. How timely is this in the light of China being recently identified as mapping the submarine sea lanes off the West Coast of Australia?</p>	Written	
Dept Home Affairs	53	Cicccone, Raff	Visa Fraud	<p>Senator CICCONE: Thank you. I want to ask a few more questions in relation to the report I referenced earlier the 2017-18 annual report. Has visa fraud continued to rise since we spoke at estimates late last year?</p> <p>Mr Phelan: I would have to take that on notice. The best agency to answer that would be the department, who administer visas. We would be able to provide insights into how it occurs and the different methodologies, but the department would have the raw figures for you.</p>	Hansard	31
ABF	54	Keneally, Kristina	Marine Patrol Days	<p>Senator KENEALLY: But, if I may, Commissioner, in all previous annual reports since 2013-14 you have reported the marine unit patrol days as reflecting only Cape class and Bay class vessels. Then in methodology—</p> <p>Mr Outram: I need to take on notice if that is accurate or not. I haven't got the information going back that far. What I can say with the data I have in front of me is that—things like the Ocean Shield—we only brought the Ocean Shield on to our fleet in probably 2015 or 2016, and the Cape class vessels were still coming on then. I would like to take that on notice because I think there is a fair bit of complexity in the earlier numbers.</p>	Hansard	61

ABF	55	Keneally, Kristina	Marine Patrol Days	<p>Senator KENEALLY: Okay. Let's take it this way. In 2013-14, the annual report explicitly said that Marine Unit patrol days only include patrols by Cape class and Bay class. The 2014-15 report explicitly said that Marine Unit patrol days only include patrols by Cape class and Bay class. The 2015-16 and 2016-17 annual reports also explicitly recognise that Cape class and Bay class vessels were only included in Marine Unit patrol days, and so too does the 2017-18 report. We now have, at the issuing of the 2018-19 report, a change in methodology. I understand methodologies can change, perhaps relating to a change of circumstances, but I am trying to understand why this decision was made to change the methodology, who made the decision and whether the minister's office was consulted on this decision.</p> <p>Mr Outram: We'll take that on notice, because we are going to have to go back and unpick a whole lot of history there, going back 2013. I don't have that information available to me. Let me say this though: there has been no masking or fudging or anything like that. To me as a commissioner, I have an amount of capability available to me for Maritime Border Command, and that's what we're reporting in the annual report. What happened back in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, I will go and check and we'll come back to you with answers to the questions you've posed.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator KENEALLY: I just want to confirm that the commission is taking on notice my questions: when was the decision made to change the methodology, who made the decision and was a minister's office consulted on those decisions?</p> <p>Mr Outram: If indeed it was changed. We'll come back to you with the facts.</p>	Hansard	62-63
ABF	56	Lambie, Jacqui	Cape Class In-Service Support Program	<p>Senator LAMBIE: I'm not sure which one of you can answer this. I have three quick questions that go back to the Cape class. In relation to the status of the Cape class in-service support program, how much money has been allocated to in-service support this financial year?</p> <p>Mr Outram: We might come back to you, Senator, very quickly on that one. We're just looking now.</p> <p>Senator LAMBIE: Okay.</p> <p>CHAIR: Just for planning, I'll be coming to Senator McKim. I'm conscious that it is a long session, so, Mr Pezzullo, if you would like a brief break at any point, let me know.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Sorry?</p> <p>CHAIR: If you need a brief break at any point, let me know and I can call a short suspension.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: No, I have great stamina. Keep going.</p> <p>CHAIR: Good. I don't want to cause you any harm.</p>	Hansard	64

Mr Outram: Senator, we'll just take some more time and, if we could, come back today before we finish with some facts and details about precisely what you've asked.

Senator LAMBIE: Okay, you might need to. My next question, and you can come back to me on this, would be: how does this compare with budget allocations for in-service support over the last three financial years?

Mr Outram: So a comparison from this year to the previous three years? Got it.

Dept Home Affairs	57	McKim, Nick	Disaster Preparedness	<p>Mr Grigson: Two additional reports you may be interested in resulted from that task force. The first is called Profiling Australia's vulnerability. That is available online. The second one is Guidance for strategic decisions on climate and disaster risk. I draw your attention to those because we are trying to provide advice accepting the advice we are given the Bureau of Meteorology and others who cost the impact of climate risk. That is not something that we are specialists in, but where we do think we can provide advice is how to deal with that increased risk, particularly around disasters.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Do either of those reports that you referred me to contain costings within the department's areas of responsibility as I was outlining to Mr Pezzullo a moment ago?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'm inclined to say no. Let me take it on notice and check for you but I think the answer is no.</p>	Hansard	67
ABF	58	Keneally, Kristina	Marine Patrol Days	<p>Senator KENEALLY: I have one more question, and I am willing for it to go on notice, because I am anticipating that it can't be provided here. Given we have had such significant changes to an FOI that was received only a few days ago, could you please provide day by day breakdowns of the number of patrols conducted by Cape-class vessels for the months of March, April and May.</p> <p>Mr Outram: We will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	69

Dept Home Affairs	59	McKim, Nick	Cash for Visas - ACLEI Investigation	<p>Senator McKIM: In fact, did the department ever provide an investigation plan to ACLEI as ACLEI requested? That's the evidence this committee had from ACLEI last year, that they had asked the department to provide an investigation plan as part of their monitoring of the investigation.</p> <p>Ms Moy: I'll check what the actual details of the investigation plan was and the dates and those issues, but I don't have that information with me.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: You'll take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Moy: Yes.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Just to be clear, I'll expand the question out. If there were any other matters that ACLEI asked the department to provide as part of its oversight of the investigation, what were those matters? Did the department provide them as requested by ACLEI, and, if so, when?</p>	Hansard	71
Dept Home Affairs	60	McKim, Nick	Mr Anees	<p>Senator MCKIM: So the department has investigated itself and found that there was nothing to see here. Was Mr Anees, the person who made the allegations, interviewed as part of the process?</p> <p>Ms Moy: I'll check that detail for you.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Sorry, my mistake. You're saying that you'll take on notice whether Mr Anees was interviewed. Can I ask you to also take on notice: if he wasn't, why not, and wouldn't it normally form part of an investigation to actually interview the person making the allegations?</p> <p>Has the department done anything else in relation to this matter, such as review Mr Anees's status?</p> <p>Ms Moy: I would have to do defer to my colleagues in the visa space. It would be part of an investigation.</p>	Hansard	71
Dept Home Affairs	61	McKim, Nick	Mr Anees	<p>Senator McKIM: Just on Mr Anees, while I've you there, Mr Outram: he's succeeded in a Federal Court appeal today. The Federal Court has found against the AAT, which originally found in favour of the minister, and the AAT has been ordered to rehear the matter, which of course could take years. Will you review Mr Anees's status with a view to considering whether it would be more appropriate for him to be held in community detention rather than immigration detention?</p> <p>Mr Outram: Just to clarify the process, that would be the department that would review his status. We do the detaining part.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Okay. The same question to you, then, Mr Pezzullo.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I'm not current on what the Federal Court has decided today and what ramifications that might have for this gentleman's status. I'll take advice from my officers.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Will you come back on notice to the committee, if you're able to</p>	Hansard	71

provide any detail.
Mr Pezzullo: If I'm able, I'm happy to come back on it.

Dept Home Affairs	62	McKim, Nick	Classification of AFP Referral	Senator McKIM: So it was originally classified 'official use only', and then— Mr Pezzullo: We'll need to check that. Ms Moy: I'll need to check, on notice, what the actual classification was. Senator McKIM: So you will take on notice what the original classification was. You've just provided evidence to the committee that the minister's office gave it a different classification, which you say should have been the classification it already had. But, just leaving that aside, the minister's office changed its classification; is that correct? ... Senator McKIM: No, I don't agree with your characterisation that you just gave that there is no rabbit hole. I'm trying to get to the bottom of when and by whom this information was declassified. On the basis of your answers to date—and I acknowledge you've taken certain ones on notice—I'm no wiser than I was when I got out of bed this morning about when the classification of this information was changed and by whom. Those matters pertain directly to whether there was an unauthorised disclosure or not. Mr Pezzullo: With all due respect, if I can just splice it into two: the factual matters about when the declassification was, and its authorisation for transmittal to a member of the press—that's been taken on notice, and, if we can assist you, we will. That's a matter of fact. The matter of conjecture as to whether at any point there had been an unauthorised disclosure—that's conclusively been dealt with. The Australian Federal Police has advised us to the effect that there was no unauthorised disclosure. I don't need to take that on notice. I'll check that characterisation with them, if you wish. Senator McKIM: Yes, please. Mr Pezzullo: In a sense, I am taking your question in two parts. Was there an act of declassification, and, if so, by whom and when? Was there an act of authorised release to a journalist, and, if so, by whom and when? That's as I understand you've asked. We'll see what we can assist you with.	Hansard	75-76
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ABF	63	Keneally, Kristina	National Security Committee Meeting	Senator KENEALLY: On 13 February 2019, the Prime Minister told media: ... a range of strengthening that has been put in place in terms of Operation Sovereign Borders and their operations. I want to stress that all of the actions and decisions that we are taking are implementing the recommendations of these agencies and the officials as presented to us this morning. This was in reference to a meeting of the National Security Committee that occurred earlier on 13 February. Did you attend that meeting? Mr Outram: I'd have to take it on notice, Senator. You said it was in February 2019? Senator KENEALLY: It was 13 February 2019. Mr Outram: I would have to take that on notice.	Hansard	79
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Dept Home Affairs	64	Roberts, Malcolm	CSIRO - Collaborating with the Chinese	<p>Senator ROBERTS: Thank you. I'll just come back to repeat some questions that I asked of ASIO with regard to border security. Minister, you asked a question before: the information was primarily accessed from scientific journals, the CSIRO's own bulletins and the media, to some extent—but the media was to a small extent. This is about the CSIRO collaborating with the Chinese. Given the recent expressed concerns about the wide extent of spying by foreign agents in Australia, is the partnership between CSIRO and China by way of the Centre for Southern Hemisphere Oceans Research of concern to national security?</p> <p>Senator Cash: The secretary is able to assist.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Senator Roberts, I listened to the Director-General's evidence in response to your question earlier today and I certainly don't have anything to add, save for your reference to scientific journals. I think you classified those in three areas: scientific journals, CSIRO's own pronouncements and some media reporting—I think you said those were in the minority.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I won't speak on behalf of Mr Burgess, but I'm sure that he would associate himself with this sentiment: unless he and I eyeballed each individual reference I'd say I'd be very surprised, for instance, but I'll check, if any CSIRO bulletin would say that they were undertaking classified research—</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: I'd be surprised too!</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Well, indeed. So I don't know how you can get to a position of asserting, by way of the premise of your question, that there is classified research being inappropriately shared that would—I think, as I heard you earlier this afternoon refer to it—allow from a stand-off satellite distance the location of submarines; I think you said to the depth of 500 metres. I will personally review the CSIRO bulletins to which you refer. You will be able to knock me over with a feather if those CSIRO documents—I'll check—refer to that research in those terms. If you care to assist either me or the director-general by perhaps sending us the references to the scientific journals that you're drawing on, I'd very happily review those. But, beyond those comments, which are really about process, I don't have anything to add to Mr Burgess's evidence.</p> <p>Senator ROBERTS: Yes. My purpose is not to knock anyone over with any feathers or anything else—</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: You'd surprise me greatly if the CSIRO were running around in its bulletin saying, 'We've got a magical way of seeing submarines through rendering the ocean transparent and we reckon we might just put that in hock with a research partnership with a foreign country.' I'll have a look—you hear things, but</p>	Hansard	81
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I'd be very surprised.

Senator ROBERTS: The purpose of my question went not to the intent of the research but to the possibility that that research could be used for other purposes by the Chinese.

Mr Pezzullo: I understand, but to draw that inference you've got to take a number of logic—I mean, we all hear things, but you've got to take a logic jump that says, 'Oceanographic research, dot, dot dot, eliminate dots, gets you to an ability to see through water to the depth of 500 metres.' And that, unbeknownst to anyone in the Commonwealth that this has been perhaps unwittingly or unknowingly trafficked to a foreign power—I heard Mr Burgess's evidence; I think he said he wouldn't have anything to add in a public forum, even if it were of direct knowledge to him. But I'll take it upon the department's behest to look at those journals and those CSIRO bulletins. If there's anything else I can possibly come back with, I will.

Senator ROBERTS: Thank you very much. I don't think the CSIRO is in the business of doing clandestine activities for foreign agencies, but we are concerned about border security and about security of our nation—

Mr Pezzullo: We are. You said to me that you've drawn from scientific journals; I'd be interested to know what they are. I think you said—and I might have misheard you, and I do apologise if I did—CSIRO bulletins, and then you said, I think, media reports—

Senator ROBERTS: Correct, they're the three.

Mr Pezzullo: Yes, thank you. Well, I would like to, for my own satisfaction, source those references.

Senator ROBERTS: And I undertook Minister Cash a reply to her question, so I'm happy to do that.

Senator Cash: Thank you.

Senator ROBERTS: My concern goes to inadvertent collaboration that might lead to the Chinese using that information, and surely that's a valid question to question our security over.

Mr Pezzullo: Without accepting the premise and the inference that I draw from your question—Mr Burgess gave you the evidence he gave you—I'll look at those journals myself, and if there's anything I can possibly assist the committee with I will come back.

Senator ROBERTS: Mr Burgess didn't give us much of a reply, and that's not being critical of him. He directed us to Defence, so I thought I'd ask here as well. So thank you very much for your answers. Thank you, Chair.

Dept Home Affairs	65	Patrick, Rex	Confiscated Asset Fund	<p>Senator PATRICK: I would be grateful if you could, on notice, provide a list of where those funds have actually gone. I'm happy for that to be done on notice.</p> <p>Mr Hansford: Certainly. I think there was a question on notice that we took last time we responded to you. That was AE19/166. We can update that table if you would prefer a breakdown.</p>	Hansard	83
Dept Home Affairs	66	Patrick, Rex	Airport Upgrades	<p>Senator PATRICK: Have any of those airports expressed a concern that the amount that is being allocated to them is insufficient?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Let me take that on notice—not to my memory, but let me check for you.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: Okay. Was a regulatory impact statement carried out in relation to the regulation to impose this requirement?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Let me check for you.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: My understanding is there were two instruments. One was related to the grants, which I think went through the parliament last year, and there is the instrument that's going through the parliament now, subject to disallowance.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: That's right. That's why I want to check on the two pieces of activity.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: I have it on reasonable authority that there wasn't an RIS done. If indeed you find that is the case, can you explain on notice why one wasn't carried out.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We'll do that for you. What I can say is: if there wasn't one done, we would've sought advice about that. It wouldn't have been a decision that we took.</p>	Hansard	83
Dept Home Affairs	67	Patrick, Rex	COVID-19 - Travel Bans	<p>Senator Cash: The government is acting on the advice given by the Chief Medical Officer. You would need to put the question to the Chief Medical Officer.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: So it's solely his decision? There's no minister involved in this decision?</p> <p>Senator Cash: I would need to take that on notice, because decisions are occurring through the National Security Committee of cabinet.</p>	Hansard	86
Dept Home Affairs	68	McKim, Nick	Drivers Licence Photos	<p>Senator McKIM: Do you have timetables or expectations for the other states?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I can give you that on notice, Senator. I don't have it here.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: And do you have the dates on which those three states transferred their photos?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I don't have it with me, but I can give it to you on notice.</p>	Hansard	87
Dept Home Affairs	69	McKim, Nick	Drivers Licence Photos	<p>Senator McKIM: I'll just ask this in relation to Tasmania: were they transferred as one batch or were there a number of separate transfers?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'd have to check.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: You'll take that on notice?</p>	Hansard	87

Mr Grigson: Yes, I can do that.

Dept Home Affairs	70	McKim, Nick	Drivers Licence Photos	Senator McKIM: And how many drivers licence photos do you have currently? Mr Grigson: I'd have to take that on notice. Senator McKIM: There were 410,000 from Tasmania, were there not? Mr Grigson: That sounds about right. We'll get you the exact number.	Hansard	87
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Dept Home Affairs	71	McKim, Nick	Drivers Licence Photos	Senator McKIM: In any event, given that Victoria's one of the most populous states in the country, it would be hundreds of thousands, probably millions, of people's drivers licence photos. Are you aware that at least some of those photos were provided to you without permission of the people involved? In other words, when they renewed or obtained a drivers licence—and I can certainly state with confidence that this is the case in Tasmania—they simply weren't asked whether they were okay with their photos being shared, so you're actually holding photos that people have not given permission to you to hold or to obtain. Are you aware of that? Mr Grigson: The arrangements we had with the states were that they would deal with consent issues as the images are provided to us, so I would need to check for Tasmania on what the circumstances were around their provision. Senator McKIM: I'm happy for you to provide that on notice and also for the other states that have so far provided those photographs to you.	Hansard	87-88
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Dept Home Affairs	72	McKim, Nick	Drivers Licence Photos - Conversion Process	Senator McKIM: But that's a separate database than the one that contains the drivers licence photos, is it not? Mr Grigson: Yes, it will be. One's based on data and one's based on images. Senator McKIM: So they'll be kept on separate databases. Is that your evidence? Mr Grigson: I'd have to get advice for you on the technical structure of how that will operate.	Hansard	88
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Dept Home Affairs	73	McKim, Nick	Face Verification	Senator McKIM: If someone doesn't consent, what happens then? Mr Grigson: I'd have to check for you. I'm not aware, where it was used, that anybody refused, but I can check that for you. It was a very small number; they weren't large numbers. Senator McKIM: That means on your evidence that Tasmanian photos have not yet been accessed for the purposes of either face verification or face matching—is that correct? Mr Grigson: I'll confirm that for you on notice.	Hansard	90
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Dept Home Affairs	74	Pratt, Louise	Chinese research vessel	<p>Senator PRATT: Thank you very much, Chair. There have been some reports from the ABC today about a Chinese research vessel that has been tracked in waters near Christmas Island off Western Australia. I wanted to ask you, Commissioner: how did the Australian Border Force detect that particular vessel? Was it a Cape class patrol or aerial surveillance that detected it? Did the vessel enter Australians waters?</p> <p>Mr Outram: I'll verify this, but it was probably detected on the AMIS system. Vessels at sea have a beacon telling people where they are and what they are doing. No, it didn't come into our waters, and we are aware from AMIS. We're tracking it that way.</p>	Hansard	91-92
Dept Home Affairs	75	Pratt, Louise	COVID-19 - Travel of noncitizens from China	<p>Senator PRATT: Before the dinner break there was some discussion in relation to COVID-19 and some questions from Senator Lambie. Indeed, Mr Outram's opening statement covered some of those issues. In relation to Australia's travel restrictions, are you aware of any noncitizens who have been in mainland China in the past 14 days and have nevertheless still been able to enter Australia?</p> <p>Mr Outram: I'm not aware of any that have arrived from mainland China or who have been there in the last 14 days, but we can check the facts just to be doubly certain.</p>	Hansard	92
ABF	76	Pratt, Louise	ABF Resources	<p>Senator PRATT: If there was a more holistic travel ban that affected more countries, does that mean a reduction or an increase in demand for ABF's services?</p> <p>Mr Outram: I'd probably have to take that on notice, I think, because there's a whole lot of 'what ifs' even within that scenario—in the nature of what a travel ban means. I talked about restrictions, rather than a travel ban. It's highly speculative—</p>	Hansard	95
Dept Home Affairs	77	McKim, Nick	Face Matching Services	<p>Senator McKIM: Okay. Can I just be clear that face matching is not yet available?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: It's not yet available.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: But it's intended that it be made available?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'll take that on notice, Senator. That comment goes to advice.</p>	Hansard	96
Dept Home Affairs	78	McKim, Nick	Face Matching Services	<p>Senator McKIM: Has there been a decision made by the department or the government, that you're aware of, around whether such a use by a corporation or a bank, in the case that you've given, would only be possible with the consent of the person, or is that still an open question?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	97

Dept Home Affairs	79	McKim, Nick	Face Matching Services	<p>Senator McKIM: Okay. Have any photographs or data from other sources, apart from the three state government drivers licence databases we were speaking about earlier, been uploaded as biometrics to this database, such as passport photos, for example, or something like that?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'd need to check it. I'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: You'd know if passport photos were uploaded, surely?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: You're asking whether photos have been enrolled into the biometric template and uploaded and I'll need to check that.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Have passport photos been imported?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'll need to check.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Do people give their consent to this happening when they apply for a passport?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'll need to check. I'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: So just to be clear, Mr Grigson, you've taken on notice whether photos from any source other than the drivers licence databases from the three states have been uploaded and also whether they've been converted—'rendered' I think is the term you used—into biometrics.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: Yes.</p>	Hansard	97
Dept Home Affairs	80	McKim, Nick	Face Matching Services	<p>Senator McKIM: Say, for example, someone has computer access to a video feed of a public place with, as you say, a crowd of people. I'm interested in that person—screenshot, send it into the database, bang bang, it comes back with their identity. You've effectively got real-time mass surveillance.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: It's hard for me to construct in my own mind, just as I was listening to you, a scenario involving the 'bang bang' of anything. I'm just not quite conceptualising what it is that is of concern. But Mr Grigson and I will look at your question very carefully, and if there's anything we can come back with helpfully to this committee then we will, on notice.</p>	Hansard	99
Dept Home Affairs	81	Patrick, Rex	Face Verification - Consent	<p>Mr Grigson: There are two authorities at play here. One is the authorities around the Commonwealth's operation use of the system or the images. At the moment, we're running permissions under the privacy act across that. In parallel, each of the states has an authority to provide us with the images. That differs slightly from state to state, but that's a state responsibility.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: So that's in the fine print when I get my licence, is it?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: For South Australia I'd have to check for you. There's an authority to disclose in South Australia. I know that because that's how we got the images. But how that's effected in South Australia, I don't know.</p> <p>Senator PATRICK: That's the nub of the question. We could use the South Australian</p>	Hansard	100

licence as an example. Could you take that on notice?
Mr Grigson: Yes, I'm happy to do that.

Dept Home Affairs	82	Patrick, Rex	Airport Upgrades - Grants	Senator PATRICK: Could you on notice provide which airports got the grants and how much they got? Mr Grigson: I can certainly provide you with an aggregate figure—that's no problem. We're back into that territory where I'm a bit cautious about providing details of an airport and the grant they got, because it leads you to be able to work out what equipment they've got. Let me have a look and see if there's a way we can deal with that for you on notice. Senator PATRICK: Sure. I'm not sure I entirely agree. I understand where you're going with it, but let's see what you can provide. I understand that not all tier-1 airports were able to apply for funding. For example, Hobart airport was tier 1 but was excluded from the application grants process. Mr Grigson: That's right. I just need to check the detail. Certainly, at the upper end, airports were excluded from funding. Senator PATRICK: Can you repeat that? Mr Grigson: I would need to check the detail on the exact number of airports for you, but a number of airports were excluded from eligibility for the grants.	Hansard	100
Dept Home Affairs	83	Patrick, Rex	Airport Upgrades - Grants	Mr Grigson: Could I clear up one matter with you: there was no RIS for the current regulatory package following advice from the Office of Best Practice Regulation, but there was a RIS for earlier packages. Senator PATRICK: Even though businesses are required to expend money? Mr Grigson: I can only repeat to you what we were told by— Senator PATRICK: Can you provide that advice to the committee, please? Mr Grigson: Sure. Senator PATRICK: Thank you. Mr Grigson: It's in the explanatory memorandum. There's a reference to it. But we can provide that on notice.	Hansard	100
Dept Home Affairs	84	Watt, Murray	Australia's Natural Disaster Preparedness - Incoming	Senator WATT: I'm not going to ask you a lot of questions about the brief. That brief was provided—was it provided to Minister Littleproud or Minister Dutton or both? CHAIR: That article's just coming to you now, Mr Grigson, so you can cross-reference. Mr Grigson: Thanks very much. Senator, I'd need to check for you. Let me check to	Hansard	102

			Minister Brief	which— Senator WATT: You don't know which minister that brief was provided to? Mr Grigson: It was certainly to Mr Dutton. I'd need to check for Mr Littleproud.		
Dept Home Affairs	85	Watt, Murray	Australia's Natural Disaster Preparedness	Senator WATT: I've got some questions specifically about that which I was going to come to, so maybe we'll deal with that then. So that briefing was provided to Minister Dutton and possibly Minister Littleproud in May, warning of the risks of more disasters from climate change. Then you'd be familiar from the public domain that a group called the Emergency Leaders for Climate Action, otherwise known as the ex-fire chiefs, wrote to the Prime Minister in April, in May and again in September seeking to meet with him about Australia's natural disaster preparedness. Were you asked to provide any advice either to your minister or to the Prime Minister about those requests to meet? Mr Grigson: I'll have to take that on notice, but not from memory, because it was a matter for PM&C because they wrote to the PM.	Hansard	102
Dept Home Affairs	86	Watt, Murray	Australia's Natural Disaster Preparedness - Minister Briefing	Senator WATT: Roughly on how many occasions between the May election and Christmas 2019 did your agency brief your minister on the risk of the bushfires that we eventually saw? Would it be single figures or more than 10? Mr Grigson: Certainly high single figures. We'll take it on notice. Senator WATT: I'll get you to take on notice the exact number, but would it be fair to say that your agency briefed your minister on multiple occasions about the risk of bushfires over the 2019 summer prior to those bushfires occurring? Mr Grigson: Yes. Senator WATT: Verbally and in writing? Mr Grigson: Yes. Senator WATT: Are we talking on multiple occasions written briefings? Mr Grigson: A mixture. Senator WATT: Sometimes I find that, when people realise I'm talking about both verbal and written, the number actually increases. If we are thinking about meetings or verbal briefings as well as written briefings, would we be getting above 10? Mr Grigson: If you're including ministers and their staff, certainly more than 10. Senator WATT: More than 20? Mr Cameron: Senator, if I might. You're asking a very broad question about preparedness and the outlook for the season. That would come up routinely in conversations, even as background context for an otherwise unrelated issue, so being able to put a figure on how many conversations we might have had with the minister or his office is very difficult to quantify.	Hansard	103

Dept Home Affairs	87	Watt, Murray	Australia's Natural Disaster Preparedness - Prime Minister Briefing	<p>Senator WATT: Can you take on notice your best efforts at quantifying that? Roughly how many times did your agency brief the Prime Minister or his office about the risk of the fires that we've just seen?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'd have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Again, would it be multiple occasions?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We'd have to take it on notice and check.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Mr Cameron, are you involved in that? Would you say it was multiple occasions that the Prime Minister and his office were briefed?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: Yes, multiple, but, as to how many, we would need to work that out for you. I'm very happy to. Again, the qualifications I applied to the last answer apply there as much as they did previously.</p>	Hansard	103
Dept Home Affairs	88	Watt, Murray	Australia's Natural Disaster Preparedness - Minister Briefing	<p>Senator WATT: We've moved on past that. Could you please provide to the committee copies of the written briefs that were provided to your minister and to the Prime Minister in advance of the bushfires?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We'll need to take that on notice. I prefer to review the material myself, Senator Watt.</p>	Hansard	103
Dept Home Affairs	89	Watt, Murray	Australia's Natural Disaster Preparedness - Prime Minister Briefing	<p>Senator WATT: Did your agency brief the Prime Minister, either verbally or in writing, about those predictions from that CRC?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: That's publicly available information.</p> <p>Senator WATT: I know, but what I'm asking is whether your agency briefed the Prime Minister or his office about that report?</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Watt, you're at 12 minutes and I'll give you up to 15 before I hand over the call.</p> <p>Mr Cameron: Can we take that on notice, please?</p>	Hansard	104
Dept Home Affairs	90	Watt, Murray	Australia's Natural Disaster Preparedness - Prime Minister Briefing	<p>Senator WATT: Sure. You might recall that on 22 November last year the Leader of the Opposition wrote to the Prime Minister, requesting that he hold an urgent COAG meeting to discuss Australia's natural disaster preparedness. Was your agency asked to provide advice on that letter?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: To the best of my recollection, no. I'm happy to check.</p>	Hansard	104

Dept Home Affairs	91	Watt, Murray	Aerial Firefighting	<p>Senator WATT: Can you confirm that by 2016-17 the Commonwealth contribution had fallen from 50 per cent to 23 per cent?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: Say those numbers again?</p> <p>Senator WATT: It went from 50 per cent to 23 per cent.</p> <p>Mr Cameron: In which year?</p> <p>Senator WATT: 2016-17.</p> <p>Mr Cameron: 2016-17.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Feel free to take that on notice, in the interests of time.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We'll take it on notice, Senator.</p>	Hansard	104-105
Dept Home Affairs	92	Molan, Jim	Aerial Firefighting	<p>Senator MOLAN: Could you tell me also, and I'm happy to leave it on notice, if that's an unprecedented reaction?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We'll check for you.</p>	Hansard	106
Dept Home Affairs	93	Molan, Jim	Ex-Fire Chiefs - Meeting with the Minister	<p>Mr Cameron: To the best of my knowledge, the convenor, Mr Mullins, plus one or two others, I think, met with Ministers Taylor and Littleproud towards the end of last year.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Could you check that for me, please, and come back to us?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: I'm happy to.</p>	Hansard	107
Dept Home Affairs	94	Molan, Jim	Ex-Fire Chiefs - Letter	<p>Senator MOLAN: Thank you. I wonder if it is possible to do an analysis of the letter written in April or May to see whether, in fact, everything except the views—which I think were essentially political—on climate change in those letters from the Mullins group, had, by my analysis, already been recommended by the fire chiefs, by today's fire chiefs. Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: Am I aware of any analysis being done? No, I'm not.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Could you do that analysis for us? Look at what they asked for and then you will see that, in almost every case, except for the political statement on climate change, it was done by the government.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I do recall reading the April letter, I think, and it didn't stick in my mind as providing anything that we didn't know.</p> <p>Senator MOLAN: Do you have confidence that Australia's aerial firefighting capability over the 2020 fire season was adequate?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'm confident about that because that was the advice from AFAC. The government wrote to them in October and asked if they needed any more for the coming season, and they said that they had sufficient. And then, after Christmas, when we'd not heard from them again, the government took it upon itself to write to them and ask if they needed any further assistance and acted on the response.</p>	Hansard	107

Senator MOLAN: That's right. And what was the response?

Mr Grigson: There was a request for one aircraft; the government paid for four. I think the ask at the time—I'd have to take it on notice to check—was for about \$4 million, and the government provided \$20 million.

Dept Home Affairs	95	Watt, Murray	Volunteer Firefighters - Payments	<p>Mr Grigson: I hope that I have understood this correctly. Please correct me if I'm wrong. I'm taking on notice your question about the advice that we may or may not have given on the issue of volunteer payments.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Separate to that and advice provided, is it EMA's position that volunteer firefighters should not be paid because they want to be there?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: We have no policy responsibility for that. Most of the advice on volunteer firefighters comes from the states, not from EMA.</p>	Hansard	112
Dept Home Affairs	96	Watt, Murray	Volunteer Firefighters - Payments	<p>Senator WATT: I'm happy to find you the media coverage to that effect. But it is the case, isn't it, that on at least two previous occasions, under former Prime Minister Keating and former Prime Minister Howard, the Social Security Act was invoked to provide income support to volunteer firefighters?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATT: In the ultimate decision to agree to pay volunteer firefighters through the states, did your department provide advice to government about that?</p> <p>Mr Grigson: I'll take that on notice. It was a very busy bushfire season—</p>	Hansard	112
Dept Home Affairs	97	Watt, Murray	National Catastrophic Natural Disaster Plan	<p>Senator WATT: Where could one find such a plan?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: I have chosen not to publish that plan on the website where others are because it is very dated and it has in fact been overtaken by a number of other initiatives not so much based on the premise of that plan. I'm very happy to talk about that plan—</p> <p>Senator WATT: Why don't you take on notice for us essentially what that plan provides for. Are you saying it has basically been superseded?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: Essentially, yes.</p>	Hansard	113

Dept Home Affairs	98	Henderson, Sarah	Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment	<p>Senator HENDERSON: Do you know the total number of payments or total amount of money paid under that scheme?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: I do, but I'm having a little bit of difficulty putting my hand on it.</p> <p>Senator HENDERSON: We can come back to it if you want.</p> <p>Mr Cameron: That's alright.</p>	Hansard	114
Dept Home Affairs	99	McKim, Nick	Firefighting Costs	<p>Senator McKIM: Alright. Has anything over and above firefighting costs come up in your conversations with Tasmanian public servants?</p> <p>Mr Cameron: I regret saying this, but I'll have to take that on notice. I will have to check with my staff to make sure that I give you a complete answer.</p>	Hansard	116
Dept Home Affairs	100	McKim, Nick	US Resettlement	<p>Mr Ablong: The US is still working on some interview processes, and the option of making yourself available for the United States resettlement is open to everybody who is in that cohort. So, people today could make a choice to enter that program right now and avail themselves of the opportunity to go through that process with the United States government.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Thank you. Do you know how many people have availed themselves of that opportunity that are not in that 260?</p> <p>Mr Ablong: I will take that on notice and give you a definitive answer.</p>	Hansard	117
Dept Home Affairs	101	McKim, Nick	US Resettlement	<p>Senator McKIM: Are you able to split that 260 between Papua New Guinea and Nauru?</p> <p>Mr Ablong: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: I'm happy for you to take it on notice. Could you provide a country-of-origin breakdown.</p> <p>Mr Ablong: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Are any of the 260 people currently in Australia?</p> <p>Mr Ablong: I believe the answer is yes. You will ask me the number next, and I will take that on notice.</p>	Hansard	117
Dept Home Affairs	102	McKim, Nick	US Resettlement	<p>Senator McKIM: Were any of that cohort who are in Australia transferred under the medevac legislation?</p> <p>Mr Ablong: Yes.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Do you have a number for that?</p> <p>Mr Ablong: We will give you that number.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: On notice?</p>	Hansard	117
Dept Home Affairs	103	Keneally, Kristina	Paladin - Notification of Bribes	<p>Senator KENEALLY: But you don't know that date. Was that included in the information provided by the High Commission? Did they provide any other detail or did they just say: 'Hey, we've read estimates, just letting you know we were approached'?</p> <p>Major Gen. Furini: Yes, that's pretty well how they phrased it. They'd been</p>	Hansard	120

approached by the general manager of Paladin during an office call. He'd indicated that they'd been asked to provide some unofficial funds, if I remember correctly, for visa facilitation.

Senator KENEALLY: I realise that there may be some issues in terms of making that public, but I'd ask you to take on notice whether or not, and consider whether or not, that communication can be made public to the committee. Thank you.

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McKim,
Nick

Transfers
from Nauru
and PNG to
Australia

Senator McKIM: I want to ask a couple of questions about offshore detention. Firstly, how many people in the offshore cohort are currently in Papua New Guinea and in Nauru?

Mr Pezzullo: In round terms, 500, but General Furini has the detailed breakdown.

Major Gen. Furini: Offshore, currently in PNG and Nauru, there is a total of 439.

Senator McKIM: Thank you. Can you break that down between the two countries?

Major Gen. Furini: Yes. There are 211 in Nauru and 228 in PNG.

Senator McKIM: Do you have figures on how many people from that cohort are currently in Australia?

Major Gen. Furini: Yes, I do. Currently in Australia, 1,220.

Senator McKIM: And do you have them broken down in terms of whether they were on Nauru or in PNG?

Major Gen. Furini: I'll just have to check my briefing, which I don't have readily at hand.

Senator McKIM: Righto.

Major Gen. Furini: I don't have it. I'll have to get you that information on notice.

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Affairs 105

Keneally,
Kristina

Paladin -
Notification
of Bribes

Senator KENEALLY: I'm still a little bemused and disappointed at the same time in your answer here because Mr Pezzullo has made quite clear in previous testimony: I've asked that the net be cast a little bit more widely to include the question: irrespective of any suggestion of inducement, extortion, bribery, corruption or misconduct otherwise, has the issue of a donation, without any adverse connotations otherwise, arisen and is reflected in our records in the manner described?

Mr Pezzullo: Was that me?

Senator KENEALLY: That was you. That was you on 4 April 2019, Senate estimates, page 37. I'm trying to understand: when the department signed off on Senator Pratt's question on notice, were you aware—did you sign off on it, Ms Moy? Who signed off on that question on notice?

Ms Moy: I'm actually not sure, Senator. I'll have to take it on notice and find out.

Senator KENEALLY: Surely somebody knows who signed off on that question on notice. I'm quite confident that is not the kind of thing that couldn't be answered here in this room in the next 10 minutes. I'm trying to understand: the Department of Home Affairs knew that the High Commission had received information about a

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bribe request and Home Affairs knew about it on 23 October, but they chose to narrowly construe a question so as to avoid providing that information in the questions on notice, or was the department ignorant of what Major General Furini knew?

Ms Moy: I don't believe that anyone has misconstrued or tried to misconstrue a response. The response was provided to the question about the \$8 million. I'll have to look at the time frame of the dissemination of the information that came to Major General Furini. I'll take that on notice and provide it.

Dept Home Affairs	106	McKim, Nick	Death in Regional Processing	Senator McKIM: Has the government made any inquiries to either the government of Nauru or the Republic of Nauru Hospital about the circumstances that led up to Mr Khan's death? Mr Pezzullo: I'll need to check. I'll take that on notice as to whether, subsequent to this man's death, we made any inquiries at all.	Hansard	126
Dept Home Affairs	107	McKim, Nick	Death in Regional Processing	Mr Pezzullo: If a transfer, emergency or otherwise, was about to take place, it might well be that there are certain medical facts or certain documents that reflect medical facts known to my offices. But I'd want to examine those documents. Accordingly, I'll take it on notice. Senator McKIM: Okay. While you're taking that on notice, could you also take this question on notice: if there are such records, will the department provide them to Mr Khan's family and to his mother? I'm happy for you to take that on notice. Mr Pezzullo: I'll take on notice the question of disclosure of records, yes.	Hansard	126
Dept Home Affairs	108	Ciccione, Raff	Face Matching Services	Senator CICCONE: In the second part of your answers earlier you mentioned that in most capitals, I think, you had officials. Why 'most capitals'? Mr Grigson: The complex identity assessment teams are based where a great deal of the workflow is. There's a big team in Sydney, for instance, as you'd expect. I would have to look at the historical basis for them being based in the capital cities. They work at airports as well. They help with document verification, like a passport that looks like a false one. Senator CICCONE: If you were at a capital that didn't have any officials in that space, would they be gathering intelligence or data from other capital cities? Is that how that works? Mr Grigson: It is. The fact that a capital city might not have a team in place doesn't	Hansard	129

mean that the capital city doesn't provide a service.

Senator CICCONE: I don't want to know the specifics, in terms of the capitals, but how many teams do you have?

Mr Grigson: I'll take it on notice. I don't see any reason that we can't give you the list of where they're based.

ABF	109	Ciccione, Raff	Fake Passport	Senator CICCONE: How many fraudulent documents/passports are you aware of that you and your team annually come across? Mr Outram: I will take that on notice. Let me say that there is a document alert system globally for any lost or stolen passports. For documents that are produced genuinely but are misplaced or whatever, there's a record of those travel documents maintained globally.	Hansard	130
Dept Home Affairs	110	Ciccione, Raff	Airplane Arrivals	Senator CICCONE: I'm going to talk generally about a couple of questions with respect to aeroplane arrivals claiming asylum. You may want to take this on notice. How many people arrived in Australia by aeroplane and claimed asylum or onshore protection in the months of July, August, September, October, November and December 2019 and January and February 2020? From 1 July 2019 to 29 February 2020, how many people in total arrived in Australia by aeroplane and claimed asylum? Could the department also provide stats on how many people in total have arrived in Australia by aeroplane and claimed asylum since 7 September 2013. I don't know if you have any of those figures with you. Mr Pezzullo: We'll take it all on notice. Senator CICCONE: Could you also provide the number of people who have arrived in Australia by aeroplane and claimed asylum since 23 December 2014? Mr Pezzullo: Yes. Senator CICCONE: Thank you. Is it fair to say that in recent years the large majority of these claims for asylum have come from Chinese and Malaysian citizens? Mr Pezzullo: I'd have to check the data. I'll take it on notice. Senator CICCONE: Is it the case that, in January 2020 alone, there were around 546 asylum claims made by Malaysian nationals and 309 claims by Chinese nationals? Mr Pezzullo: I don't know. I'll take it on notice. Senator CICCONE: If it is the case, those figures that I've put to you, has the department identified a reason as to why we've seen an increase in the number of asylum claims from China and Malaysia? Mr Pezzullo: We'll look at that question on notice. Senator CICCONE: Has the department seen any trends or correlation between the	Hansard	135

introduction of the online lodgement of tourist visas for Chinese nationals and a surge in the number of asylum claims from Chinese nationals?

Mr Pezzullo: We'll look at that on notice.

Dept Home Affairs	111	Ciccione, Raff	Variations in Protection Visa Applications	Senator CICCONE: I guess the point we're trying to make here, Mr Pezzullo, is, if you're the department surely you'd be looking at this and going: 'You've got this many people coming to Australia seeking asylum. Something's clearly wrong— Mr Pezzullo: I understand how the migration process works because I administer it. Over the last five years approximately—and it's been relatively static, but I'll take the variations on notice—0.23 per cent of persons who have travelled to Australia under temporary visas have claimed protection. That variance, give or take, has been, as I said, around the 0.23 per cent range.	Hansard	136
Dept Home Affairs	112	Keneally, Kristina	Airplane Arrivals	Senator KENEALLY: The highest year from my memory for boat arrivals was 2012, which was 25,000 give or take a few. It could have been 2012-13. So my question to you is: what percentage of all arrivals would that 25,000 represent? Mr Pezzullo: In relation to people who had visas? Senator KENEALLY: In relation to everyone who arrived. Mr Pezzullo: Right. I haven't got off the top of my head how many temporary visas we granted in that year. I'll need to check.	Hansard	137
ABF	113	Griff, Stirling	Vape Liquids	How many seizures of e-cigarette liquid containing nicotine have there been each year for the past three years, and the year to date? a. Please also include quantities seized b. Please advise whether any charges/penalties resulted	Written	
ABF	114	Griff, Stirling	Vape Liquids	Regarding the TGA's Personal Importation Scheme: What action if any did ABF take to monitor the importation of e-nicotine liquids for personal use before Minister Hunt directed the TGA to work with Border Force in late February (as reported	Written	

Sydney Morning Herald 29/2/20) to prevent the import of nicotine vaping liquids without prescription?

ABF	115	Griff, Stirling	Vape Liquids	How will border Force monitor and enforce the Personal Importation Scheme with regards to liquid nicotine?	Written
ABF	116	Griff, Stirling	Vape Liquids	How will the ABF work with the TGA to monitor instances when a person imports more than a three-month supply of e-liquid containing nicotine: a. in one delivery b. by importing the permitted amount but doing so a number of times within three months	Written
ABF	117	Griff, Stirling	Vape Liquids	Does or will ABF work with AusPost to monitor or intercept packages containing these products?	Written
ABF	118	Griff, Stirling	Border force incoming cards	What physically happens to the incoming passenger cards filled in by every incoming international passenger? Is the contact information (emails and phone numbers as well as next of kin) contact information scanned and stored? a. If not, why not?	Written
ABF	119	Griff, Stirling	Border force incoming cards	In the current coronavirus epidemic did Border Force make any attempt to contact incoming passengers who arrived in the 2 weeks prior to the start of providing information to every incoming passenger on 27 January 2020?	Written
ABF	120	Griff, Stirling	Border force incoming cards	Is the department developing an electronic/digital scanning and storing solution for incoming passenger information?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	121	Gallagher, Katy	External Contractors and Consultants	I refer to the Department's answers to questions on notice SE19/160, SE19/164 and 1107 from Senator Gallagher in relation to spending on external contractors and consultants: Why has the Department and its portfolio agencies increased its spending on external contractors and consultants by such a significant amount.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	122	Gallagher, Katy	Non-Consultancy Contracts	I refer to the Department's answers to questions on notice SE19/160, SE19/164 and 1107 from Senator Gallagher in relation to spending on external contractors and consultants: In relation to the figures you provided for spending on non-consultancy contracts tagged as 'management advisory' and other like categories: a. How is this figure higher than the amount spent on all external contractors. b. How does the Department and its portfolio agencies define 'external contractors'.	Written

ABF	123	Griff, Stirling	Medical transfers and transitory persons in Australia	How many people who were previously sent to Nauru and PNG are currently in Australia? Of these: - How many are currently in an Immigration Detention Centre/Facility or Immigration Transit Accommodation (not Alternative Place of Detention) (broken down by State/Territory)? - How many are currently in an Alternative Place of Detention (broken down by State/Territory)? - How many are currently subject to a Residence Determination (broken down by State/Territory)? - How many are currently residing in the community on a Bridging visa? (broken down by State/Territory)	Written
Dept Home Affairs	124	Griff, Stirling	Medical transfers and transitory persons in Australia	Please provide the number of transitory persons brought to Australia following the repeal of medevac, shown by month of transfer: • from Nauru; and • from PNG.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	125	Griff, Stirling	Medical transfers and transitory persons in Australia	For transitory persons currently in held detention (including Alternative Places of Detention): • How many have been in detention for o less than 1 month. o Between 1 month and 3 months. o Between 3 months and 6 months. o Between 6 months and 12 months. o Between 12 months and 18 months. o Between 18 months and 24 months. o Between 24 months and 36 months. o More than 36 months.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	126	Griff, Stirling	Medical transfers and transitory persons in Australia	For each month since 19 July 2013 please provide: • the number of transitory persons in respect of whom a submission has been made to the Minister contemplating a residence determination. • the number of transitory persons in respect of whom the Minister has made a residence determination. • the number of transitory persons in respect of whom the Minister has declined to make a residence determination. • the number of transitory persons in respect of whom more than one submission	Written

has been made to the Minister contemplating a residence determination.

- the number of transitory persons in respect of whom the Minister has granted a visa under s 195A or made a determination under s 46B to allow a transitory person to make a valid application for a visa.

Dept Home Affairs	127	Griff, Stirling	Medical transfers and transitory persons in Australia	Of the total 4,183 irregular maritime arrivals transferred to a regional processing country, please provide the current number of people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - who have been transferred to Australia. - who remain in Papua New Guinea and Nauru. - who are residing in a third country. - who have returned to their country of origin. 	Written
Dept Home Affairs	128	Griff, Stirling	Medical transfers and transitory persons in Australia	Please provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total number of transitory persons whose medical transfer has been approved and who remain in PNG. • The total number of transitory persons whose medical transfer has been approved and who remain in Nauru. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The number of people approved by the Minister who have not been cleared to travel to Australia by the Overseas Medical Referral Process of Nauru? o What is the expected time frame for them to be transferred to Australia? 	Written
Dept Home Affairs	129	Griff, Stirling	Status Resolution Support Service Payments	Please provide the total number of people provided support under the Status Resolution Support Program, for the year to date, and each of the preceding three years. Please break this down by: band level, State/Territory, age and gender, and visa class.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	130	Griff, Stirling	Status Resolution Support Service Payments	Please provide the total number of people who have exited the Status Resolution Support Programme, for the year to date, and each of the preceding three years. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please break this down by: band level, State/Territory, age and gender, and visa class. Please also provide a breakdown of the reasons for exiting/exiting due to ineligibility for each year. 	Written
Dept Home Affairs	131	Griff, Stirling	Status Resolution Support Service Payments	For how many of these former SRSS recipients does the Government no longer have an accurate contact address or any address?	Written

Dept Home Affairs	132	Griff, Stirling	Status Resolution Support Service Payments	According to the 'Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum' there are former SRSS recipients who have run out of options and are forced to sleep rough. Does the Department know how many SRSS recipients and former SRSS recipients are homeless and sleeping rough?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	133	Griff, Stirling	Status Resolution Support Service Payments	Has the Department had any meetings with delegates of the Local Government Mayoral Taskforce Supporting People Seeking Asylum to discuss the issues they are encountering in their local government areas as a result of the policies the Department is administering?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	134	Griff, Stirling	Status Resolution Support Service Payments	How many people that exited from SRSS program due to finding employment have had to reapply for SRSS due to a later termination of their employment? a. How many people from this cohort were denied SRSS support the second time around?	Written
Dept/Agency	135	Kitching, Kimberley	Executive Management	In relation to executive management for the Department and its agencies, can the following be provided for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. The total number of executive management positions b. The aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions. c. The change in the number of executive manager positions. d. The change in aggregate total remuneration payable for all executive management positions.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	136	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial Functions	In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written

Dept/Agency	137	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental Functions	In relation to expenditure on any functions or official receptions etc hosted by the Department or agencies within the portfolio, can the following information be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20: a. List of functions. b. List of all attendees. c. Function venue. d. Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). e. Details of any food served. f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage. g. Any available photographs of the function. h. Details of any entertainment provided.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	138	Kitching, Kimberley	Executive office upgrades	Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).	Written
Dept/Agency	139	Kitching, Kimberley	Facilities upgrades	Were there any upgrades to facility premises at any of the Departments or agencies subsequent to the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. This includes but is not limited to: staff room refurbishments, kitchen refurbishments, bathroom refurbishments, the purchase of any new fridges, coffee machines, or other kitchen equipment. If so: a) Can a detailed description of the relevant facilities upgrades be provided together with an itemised list of costs (GST inclusive). b) Can any photographs of the upgraded facilities be provided.	Written
Dept/Agency	140	Kitching, Kimberley	Staff Travel	What is the total cost of staff travel for departmental/agency employees for FY 2019-20 to date.	Written
Dept/Agency	141	Kitching, Kimberley	Legal Costs	What are the total legal costs for the Department/agency for FY 2019-20 to date.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	142	Kitching, Kimberley	Secretarial travel	Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Secretary of the Department be provided from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: a. Flights for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which	Written

the party stayed.

d. Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.

e. Any available photographs documenting the Secretary's travel should also be provided.

Dept Home Affairs	143	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	Please list the number of Freedom of Information Act requests ('FOI requests') received by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	144	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in full; b. The number of FOI requests the Department granted in part; c. The number of FOI requests the Department refused in full; and d. The number of FOI requests the Department refused for practical reasons under the Freedom of Information Act.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	145	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of times the Department failed to make any decision on a FOI request within the 30 day statutory period; and b. The number of times a request to the Department resulted in a practical refusal (i.e. no decision was made on the request).	Written
Dept Home Affairs	146	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	For 2019-20 to date, please provide: a. The number of times the Department's FOI decisions have been appealed to the OAIC; and b. The number of times has the OAIC overturned – in whole or in part – the Department's decision to refuse access to material.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	147	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	Please provide the staffing (both ASL and headcount) of staff at the Department who work exclusively on FOI requests, broken down by APS level (e.g. three EL1s, four APS6s, one SES) for 2019-20 to date.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	148	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	Please also list the number of officers who are designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Department.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	149	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	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.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	150	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	Please provide the number of officers who are currently designated decision makers under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 within the Minister's office.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	151	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	Please provide the number of FOI requests currently under consideration by the Department. Please also provide the number of these requests that are currently	Written

overdue in response.

Dept Home Affairs	152	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	Does the department consult or inform the Minister when it receives Freedom of Information requests? If so: a. How many times has this occurred in the past twelve months; and b. Please outline the process by which the Department consults the Minister.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	153	Kitching, Kimberley	Freedom of Information	Has the Department consulted or informed another Department or agency about any FOI request in the past twelve months. If so, please provide the legal basis on which that consultation occurred (e.g. third party consultation, transfer of request).	Written
Dept/Agency	154	Kitching, Kimberley	Briefings	Has the Department/agency or the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Senate or House of Representatives since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20. If so, can the following be provided: a. The subject matter of the briefing. b. The location and date of the briefing. c. Who proposed the briefing. d. Attendees of the briefing by level/position	Written
Dept Home Affairs	155	Kitching, Kimberley	Acting Minister Arrangements	Can the Department provide all leave periods of the portfolio Minister since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	156	Kitching, Kimberley	Acting Minister Arrangements	Can the Department further provide acting Minister arrangements for each leave period.	Written
Dept/Agency	157	Kitching, Kimberley	Market Research	Does the Department/agency undertake any polling or market research in relation to government policies or proposed policies. If so, can the Department provide an itemised list for financial year 2019-20 to date: a. Subject matter b. Company c. Costs d. Contract date period	Written
Dept/Agency	158	Kitching, Kimberley	Market Research	Can the Department/agency advise what, if any, research was shared with the Minister or their office and the date and format in which this occurred.	Written
Dept/Agency	159	Kitching, Kimberley	Advertising and	What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for the financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written

			information campaigns		
Dept/Agency	160	Kitching, Kimberley	Advertising and information campaigns	What advertising and information campaigns has the Department/agency run in this time. For each campaign, please provide: a. When approval was first sought. b. The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process. c. the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.	Written
Dept/Agency	161	Kitching, Kimberley	Advertising and information campaigns	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided.	Written
Dept/Agency	162	Kitching, Kimberley	Promotional merchandise	What is the Department/agency's total expenditure on promotional merchandise for the financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written
Dept/Agency	163	Kitching, Kimberley	Promotional merchandise	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided.	Written
Dept/Agency	164	Kitching, Kimberley	Promotional merchandise	Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	165	Kitching, Kimberley	Ministerial overseas travel	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 please be provided from the of date the last answer for the Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, including: a. Flights for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, together with the airline and class of travel. b. Ground transport for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. c. Accommodation for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed. d. Meals and other incidentals for the Minister and any accompanying members of the Minister's personal staff or family members, as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.	Written

e. Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.

Dept Home Affairs	166	Kitching, Kimberley	Social Media Influencers	What was the Department/agency's total expenditure on social media influencers for financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	167	Kitching, Kimberley	Social Media Influencers	What advertising or information campaigns did the Department/agency use social media influencers to promote.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	168	Kitching, Kimberley	Social Media Influencers	Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	169	Kitching, Kimberley	Social Media Influencers	Can an itemised list of all Austender Contract Notice numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	170	Kitching, Kimberley	Commissioned Reports and Reviews	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned. Please provide details of each report including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date commissioned. b. Date report handed to Government. c. Date of public release. d. Terms of Reference. e. Committee members and/or Reviewers. 2. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost. 3. The background and credentials of the Review personnel. 4. The remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel 5. The cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review. 6. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level. 7. What is the current status of each report. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so. 	Written
Dept Home Affairs	171	Kitching, Kimberley	Board Appointments	Provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members from the date of the last answer for Supplementary Estimates Round 2019-20.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	172	Kitching, Kimberley	Board Appointments	What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio	Written

Dept Home Affairs	173	Kitching, Kimberley	Board Appointments	What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	174	Kitching, Kimberley	Board Appointments	What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	175	Kitching, Kimberley	Board Appointments	What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	176	Kitching, Kimberley	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, since the answer was provided for Supplementary Estimates 2019-20.</p> <p>2. For each brief prepared, can the Department advise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The former member. The board or entity. Whether the request originated from the Minister's office. Whether the appointment was made. 	Written
Dept Home Affairs	177	Kitching, Kimberley	Stationery	How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	178	Kitching, Kimberley	Media monitoring	<p>What is the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the each Minister's office for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which agency or agencies provided these services. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20. 	Written
Dept/Agency	179	Kitching, Kimberley	Media monitoring	<p>What was the total cost of media monitoring services, including press clippings, electronic media transcripts etcetera, provided to the department/agency for financial year 2019-20 to date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which agency or agencies provided these services. Can an itemised list of Austender Contract Notice numbers for any media monitoring contracts in each period please be provided What is the estimated budget to provide these services for the year FY 2019-20. 	Written

Dept/Agency	180	Kitching, Kimberley	Communications staff	For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – the following: By Department or agency: 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.	Written
Dept/Agency	181	Kitching, Kimberley	Communications staff	Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios. 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
Dept Home Affairs	182	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental staff in Minister's office	Can the Department provide an update on the total number of departmental staff seconded to ministerial offices, including: a. Duration of secondment. b. APS level.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	183	Kitching, Kimberley	Departmental staff in Minister's office	Can the Department provide an update on the total number of DLOs/CLOs for ministerial offices including APS level.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	184	Kitching, Kimberley	CDDA Payments	1. How many claims have been received under the Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration scheme (CDDA) by the Department for financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. How many claims were: a. Accepted. b. Rejected. c. Under consideration. 3. Of the accepted claims, can the Department provide: a. Details of the claim, subject to relevant privacy considerations b. The date payment was made	Written

c. The decision maker.

Dept/Agency	185	Kitching, Kimberley	Congestion Busting	Can the Department/agency provide an update on how it is “congestion busting” in relation to bureaucratic bottlenecks and regulatory bottlenecks.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	186	Kitching, Kimberley	Congestion Busting	Have any additional resources been allocated within the Department to achieve “congestion busting” within the department since an answer was provided for the Supplementary Estimates round 2019-20.	Written
Dept/Agency	187	Kitching, Kimberley	Recruitment	1. What amount has been expended by the department/agency on external recruitment or executive search services in financial year 2019-20 to date. 2. Which services were utilised. Can an itemised list be provided.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	188	Kitching, Kimberley	Staffing	1. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 March 2020. How does this differ from the figures presented in Budget Paper 4 in the 2019-20 Budget. 2. How many of these positions are (a) on-going and (b) non-ongoing.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	189	Kitching, Kimberley	Staffing	1. How many redundancies have occurred in financial year 2019-20 to date. How many were: a. voluntary b. involuntary. 2. How many of those redundancies occurred as a result of departmental restructuring. What is the total cost of those redundancies.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	190	Kitching, Kimberley	Staffing	What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	191	Kitching, Kimberley	Staffing	How much overtime or equivalent has been paid to staff in financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	192	Kitching, Kimberley	Staffing	How many section 37 notices under the Public Service Act 1999 have been offered in financial year 2019-20 to date.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	193	Kitching, Kimberley	Comcare	For financial year 2019-20 to date, can the Department advise whether it has been the subject of any investigations involving Comcare. If yes, please provide details of the circumstances and the status.	Written

Dept Home Affairs	194	Kitching, Kimberley	Comcare	Can the Department advise the number of sanctions it has received from Comcare in the FY2019-20 to date.	Written
Dept/Agency	195	Kitching, Kimberley	Fair Work Commission	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Commission within the Department or agency.	Written
Dept/Agency	196	Kitching, Kimberley	Fair Work Ombudsman	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Fair Work Ombudsman within the Department or agency.	Written
Dept/Agency	197	Kitching, Kimberley	Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many references have been made to the Office of the Merit Protection Commissioner within the Department or agency.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	198	Kitching, Kimberley	Public Interest Disclosures	For financial year 2019-20 to date, how many public interest disclosures have been received	Written
Dept Home Affairs	199	McKim, Nick	Update Previous Data and Tables Provided To Committee	Please update the following tables provided in the previous estimates a. SE19/175 - Tables with numbers of humanitarian visas cancelled under ss 116 and 501, and corresponding detention/removals	Written
ABF	200	McKim, Nick	Update Previous Data and Tables Provided To Committee	Please update the following tables provided in the previous estimates SE19/171 and SE19/170 - Tables showing involuntary and voluntary removals from detention, by citizenship, each financial year going back to 2014-15	Written
Dept Home Affairs	201	McKim, Nick	Update Previous Data and Tables Provided To Committee	Please update the following tables provided in the previous estimates SE19/182 - Table of boat turnbacks/takebacks.	Written

Dept Home Affairs	202	McKim, Nick	Update Previous Data and Tables Provided To Committee	Please update the following tables provided in the previous estimates An update on family visa data provided in 2019-20 Budget Estimates (4 April 2019): namely, please provide updated data on program planning levels, application backlogs, and average wait times for the following family stream visa types: i. Non-contributory parents ii. Contributory parents iii. Partner iv. Child v. Orphan relative; and vi. Other family.	Written
ABF	203	McKim, Nick	Update Previous Data and Tables Provided To Committee	Please update the following tables provided in the previous estimates: Previously provided tables setting out the number of boat arrivals, turn backs, take backs and assisted returns since September 2013, and including: i. the total number of people on board each venture, with breakdowns by passengers and crew; ii. the number of children on each venture; iii. the outcome of the venture (arrival, turn back, take back or assisted return); iv. in the case of arrivals, where those people are now; v. in the case of non-arrivals, the country to which people were returned and the method of return (by plane via an Australian airfield, turned back on own vessel, provided with alternate vessel, handed over to authorities of another State either at sea or in that State's territory, etc.); and vi. the number of people on board each venture who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • indicated that they wished to seek asylum in Australia (whether formally or informally, in exact terms or by implication); • underwent screening (including where that screening took place, and whether there was access to interpreters and legal representatives); or • were determined to engage or possibly engage Australia's protection obligations. vii. whether that venture was reflected in the Operation Sovereign Borders monthly update for that month. 1. If not, why not?	Written
ABF	204	McKim, Nick	Operation Sovereign Borders	The Department has previously stated that OSB does not extend to vessels that arrive through the Torres Strait: a. Could the Department please provide a table including all relevant maritime arrivals through the Torres Strait involving people who did or may have wished to seek asylum (regardless of whether the Department determined that they did or	Written

did not engage Australia's protection obligations), since September 2013?
 b. Could the Department please table the agreement between Australia and Papua New Guinea that governs the return of maritime arrivals through the Torres Strait?
 c. Are there any other maritime routes, other than those covered by OSB and through the Torres Strait, by which asylum seekers have sought to reach Australia since September 2013?

Dept Home Affairs	205	McKim, Nick	Return Agreements	The Department has previously stated that it has return agreements for 'take backs' to Sri Lanka and Vietnam. Does it have similar agreements with any other countries? a. For example, Indonesia, India, or China?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	206	McKim, Nick	Operation Sovereign Borders	Regarding the screening of people intercepted on vessels in the context of Operation Sovereign Borders, could the Department please confirm: a. whether the 'enhanced screening' process at sea is the same as the 'enhanced screening' process that is sometimes referred to for people on land in Australia; b. specifics about what the screening process at sea entails, including any relevant Departmental or Ministerial policy documents, guidance or forms; c. how the ABF determines at sea whether a person is a minor, and what special or additional screening procedures apply to people who are or may be minors on board intercepted vessels; and d. whether the Department's Enhanced Screening Policy Guidelines from April 2013 remain current. And if so, whether they apply equally to people on land and at sea. If not, what are the current guidelines applicable for people on land and at sea?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	207	McKim, Nick	Family Visa Processing and Its Impact on Refugees	Please update the tables provided on notice to this Committee after the previous estimates that detailed the average processing times, and the number of pending (or 'on-hand') applications for family stream visas, differentiated by each visa type. a. For each separate visa type within the family stream, what is the average processing time where a person's application is sponsored by someone who: i. is not defined to be an unauthorised maritime arrival under the Migration Act; and ii. is defined to be an unauthorised maritime arrival under the Migration Act? b. For each separate visa type within the family stream, how many pending (or 'on-hand') applications involve a sponsor who: i. is not defined to be an unauthorised maritime arrival under the Migration Act; and ii. is defined to be an unauthorised maritime arrival under the Migration Act? c. For each separate visa type within the family stream, what is the number of people who have been granted visas in the last five financial years where (at the	Written

time of decision) the sponsor was defined to be an unauthorised maritime arrival under the Migration Act?

ABF	208	McKim, Nick	Visa Cancellation, Detention and Removal	How many stateless persons are currently in a held detention facility?	Written
ABF	209	McKim, Nick	Visa Cancellation, Detention and Removal	How many asylum-seekers, humanitarian entrants and refugees are currently in a held immigration detention facility?	Written
ABF	210	McKim, Nick	Visa Cancellation, Detention and Removal	Please provide the number of people who have been in a held immigration detention facility up to: 1095 days; 1460 days; 1825 days; 2190 days; 2555 days; 2920 days; 3285 days; 3650 days; 4015 days; 4380 days.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	211	McKim, Nick	Visa Cancellation, Detention and Removal	Please provide the number of protection visas, refugee visas and humanitarian visas cancelled on character or related grounds during the last six financial years to date (broken down by visa subclass). Of those who have been detained as a result of these visa cancellations: a. How many remain in detention? b. How many have been removed from Australia voluntarily, by destination country? c. How many have been removed involuntarily, by destination country? d. How many have subsequently been released from detention with a visa?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	212	McKim, Nick	Maritime Interceptions and Returns	Please provide an update of the earlier table "Returned People Smuggling Ventures". Please indicate the mode of return for every venture. Please also include the total number of persons returned and the number of children.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	213	McKim, Nick	Legacy Caseload	Please provide the total number of TPV and SHEV visas granted in 2018-19 (broken down by visa subclass). Please advise if these visa grants came out of the Humanitarian Program and if so, under which component (offshore on onshore)?	Written

Dept Home Affairs	214	McKim, Nick	Legacy Caseload	For the last five financial years, how many fast track review applicants have sought judicial review of their negative decision? How many have been successful? (broken down by financial year)	Written
Dept Home Affairs	215	McKim, Nick	Immigration Assessment Authority	What is the total number of “excluded fast track review applicants” who have not had access to the IAA? Please break down by nationality, and under each of the grounds listed in section 5A of the Migration Act. a. How many have been successfully appealed? b. How many have been removed from Australia? i. Please break down by nationality.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	216	McKim, Nick	Medevac Transferees	How many detainees were transferred to Australia under medevac legislation?	Written
ABF	217	McKim, Nick	Medevac Transferees	How many of these ‘transitory persons’ are currently being detained in hotels as Alternative Places of Detention (APODs) after being transferred from offshore detention under medevac legislation, and what is the average number of days of their detention?	Written
ABF	218	McKim, Nick	Medevac Transferees	How many ‘transitory persons’ have received the medical treatment recommended by the doctors, which led to their medical transfer to Australia?	Written
ABF	219	McKim, Nick	Medevac Transferees	In the previous 12 months, how many ‘transitory persons’ have been released from either closed detention or Alternative Places of Detention based on ‘residence determination’ or any other basis?	Written
ABF	220	McKim, Nick	Serco Contracts for Detainees	Are you aware that Serco is currently compelling detainees at MITA to sign a contract, with Serco and ABF logos, that, inter alia, asserts "you must not be in possession of a mobile phone or a personal internet enabled device", and that this contract also warns detainees that "failure to comply with the responsibilities may also affect your immigration outcome"? a. If so, how are these contracts consistent with the Full Court’s ruling (ARJ17 v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection (2018) FCAFC 98) against a policy introduced by Australian Border Force in 2016 prohibiting all persons being held in immigration detention from having mobile phones or SIM cards? b. If not, what action will the Department take regarding these contracts? c. If no action will be taken by the Department, why not?	Written

ABF	221	McKim, Nick	Biloela Family	Please provide the following details on where the Biloela Family are being held on Christmas Island: a. Where is the facility? b. Does the facility belong to the Australian Government? c. What is the facility, i.e. what kind of structure is it, and what has it been used for in the past? d. What amenities does the facility have/provide? e. How long has the Biloela family been at this facility? And f. Which facility were they at prior to this one, if any?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	222	McKim, Nick	Immigration Detention and Exercise of Ministerial Discretions	Of those people currently held in closed detention across Australia, how many have currently or previously claimed they are owed protection obligations? Of these, what is the average number of days they have spent in immigration detention?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	223	McKim, Nick	Immigration Detention and Exercise of Ministerial Discretions	How many requests under s195a of the Migration Act have been lodged in the previous 12 months and are awaiting decision made by/on behalf of applicants in: a. immigration detention? b. in the community?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	224	McKim, Nick	Immigration Detention and Exercise of Ministerial Discretions	In the past 12 months from today, what has been the average processing time for determining section 195a requests for: a. applicants in detention? b. applicants in the community?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	225	McKim, Nick	Immigration Detention and Exercise of Ministerial Discretions	How many people have been released from immigration detention under section 195a decisions in the previous 12 months?	Written

Dept Home Affairs	226	McKim, Nick	Commonwealth Ombudsman Recommendations Regarding Long-Term Detainees	<p>1. What is the total number of recommendations made by the Commonwealth Ombudsman in the previous 12 months to the Parliament regarding long-term immigration detainees in reports made under s. 486o of the Migration Act (Commonwealth Ombudsman to give Minister assessment of detention arrangements)?</p> <p>2. How many of these recommendations were subsequently:</p> <p>a. partly implemented?</p> <p>b. wholly implemented?</p>	Written
Dept Home Affairs	227	McKim, Nick	Commonwealth Ombudsman Recommendations Regarding Long-Term Detainees	<p>How many immigration detainees did the Ombudsman recommend being granted a bridging visa in the previous 12 months, in reports made under s486o of the Migration Act?</p> <p>a. Of these, how many have been granted a bridging visa and released from detention?</p>	Written
Dept Home Affairs	228	McKim, Nick	Exercise of Ministerial Discretion to Grant a Visa under Section 417	<p>In the previous 12 months, how many times did the Minister exercise his power to:</p> <p>a. grant a visa under s 417 of the Migration Act?</p> <p>b. allow a (repeat) protection visa application under s48b of the Migration Act?</p> <p>c. provide 'bar lift' to allow a protection visa application under either s46A or 91L of the Migration Act?</p>	Written
Dept Home Affairs	229	McKim, Nick	Exercise of Ministerial Discretion to Grant a Visa under Section 417	<p>In the previous 12 months, how many times did the Minister or his delegates decide not to intervene under either of these powers despite:</p> <p>a. the applicant being the parent or spouse of an Australian citizen?</p> <p>b. the refusal resulting in separation of a family unit (between spouses or dependent children?)</p> <p>c. the applicant being determined to be a person of Afghan Hazara or Rohingya ethnicity? or</p> <p>d. the applicant being a previous holder of a Temporary Protection Visa or Safe Haven Enterprise Visa?</p>	Written
Dept Home Affairs	230	McKim, Nick	Exercise of Ministerial Discretion to Grant a Visa under Section 417	<p>What does the Minister plan to do with those 'legacy caseload' asylum seekers who arrived prior to 2012 (not meeting the definition of 'Fast Track') who have not been invited to lodge a fresh protection visa application? Will the Minister intervene and allow them to make applications for protection now, given they have been in Australia, with no right to make an application for some 7-10 years?</p>	Written

Dept Home Affairs	231	McKim, Nick	Protection Visa Cancellations/Refusals – Australia’s Non-Refoulement Obligations	Has any person who has (a) been found to be owed non-refoulement or protection obligations, and (b) had their visa refused or cancelled, been removed from Australia to their country of origin pursuant to the obligation in s 198 of the Migration Act? a. If so, which countries have they been returned to?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	232	McKim, Nick	Protection Visa Cancellations/Refusals – Australia’s Non-Refoulement Obligations	What is the total number of people currently in immigration detention who have been found to be refugees or owed complementary protection under the Migration Act, or have otherwise been found to engage Australia's non-refoulement obligations through a non-statutory process, who have been refused or had their visas cancelled on character grounds (under s 501, s 109 or s 116 of the Act)?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	233	McKim, Nick	Protection Visa Cancellations/Refusals – Australia’s Non-Refoulement Obligations	How many people under the age of 18 have had their protection visas cancelled under s 501, s 109 or s 116 of the Migration Act?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	234	McKim, Nick	Afghan Hazara and Rohingya Caseloads	How many current or former protection visa applicants are there currently in Australia who have been determined to be Afghan Hazara or Rohingya, and have been refused protection by the Department or a merits review body (Immigration Assessment Authority or Administrative Appeals Tribunal)? a. How many of these are currently in immigration detention? b. How many of these have been refused or had their protection visas cancelled on character grounds?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	235	McKim, Nick	Afghan Hazara and Rohingya Caseloads	How many Afghan refugees have pending citizenship applications? a. In the previous 12 months, what was the average processing time for Afghan Refugees' citizenship applications? b. How many Afghan refugees have had pending citizenship applications for more than 5 years?	Written

Dept Home Affairs	236	McKim, Nick	Visas for Uyghur & Iranian People	Has Home Affairs suspended issuing visas for Uyghur People? a. How many visas have been issued to Uyghur people in the past financial year? b. Please provide a break down by month.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	237	McKim, Nick	Visas for Uyghur & Iranian People	Has Home Affairs suspended issuing visas for Iranian nationals? a. How many visas have been issued to Iranian nationals in the past financial year? b. Please provide a break down by month.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	238	McKim, Nick	Visa Privatisation	Has the Government begun drafting legislation that will allow for the privatisation of Australia's visa processing system?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	239	McKim, Nick	Visa Privatisation	Are the bids by Australia Post and Accenture, and the Australia Visa Processing consortium [led by Scott Briggs] still being considered by the Government? a. If so, what is the status of this procurement process, and what are the timeframes attached to it? b. If not, which bids are no longer being considered, and why? c. How many bids are currently being considered by this tender process?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	240	McKim, Nick	Visa Privatisation	How much has the Government spent on its tender process to privatise Australia's visa processing system: Delivering visa services for Australia? a. How many contracts have resulted from this tender process, and: i. To who; ii. What value; and iii. When?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	241	McKim, Nick	Visa Privatisation	Have any formal complaints been lodged with the Department regarding the tender process? a. If so, how many, by whom, and what was the basis of the complaint/s?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	242	McKim, Nick	Visa Privatisation	Has the Department provided the Minister with any advice regarding the tender process? a. If so, on what dates was this advice provided; and b. Was that advice signed off by the Minister i. If so, on what dates was this advice signed-off by the Minister?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	243	McKim, Nick	Visa Privatisation	Given the Government's 'Delivering visa services for Australia Market Consultation Paper', dated June 2017, stated: <i>Pending Government approval, the Department proposes to begin partnering with selected market provider(s) in 2019 on delivering the less complex, higher-volume temporary entry visa products on the new platform. A pilot launch of the first visa product is proposed for late 2019, followed by the first visa live in subsequent</i>	Written

months, with all temporary visas becoming available on the new platform in 2020.

What are the Governments current timeframes, and why have its previous timeframes not been met?

Dept Home Affairs	244	McKim, Nick	Contract for Provision of Health Services to Onshore Immigration Detainees	Has the contract with International Health and Medical Services (IHMS) for delivery of health services to immigration and community detainees been renewed? If so when? Was any feedback or input into the contract renewal decision sought from service users (immigration detainees) or their representatives? If not, why not?	Written
ABF	245	McKim, Nick	Contract for Provision of Health Services to Onshore Immigration Detainees	Does any new contract with IHMS or any other health provider appointed to deliver services to immigration and community detainees, contain required compliance with a Minimum Standard of Healthcare? a. Is the standard required the same standard available in the general Australian community? b. If not, why not?	Written
ABF	246	McKim, Nick	Contract for Provision of Health Services to Onshore Immigration Detainees	Have the recommendations made by the Auditor-General in the Australian National Audit Office's 2016/17 report 'Delivery of Health Services in Onshore Immigration Detention', now been fully implemented in any new contract with IHMS or any other health provider appointed to deliver services to immigration and community detainees? a. In particular does the contract require compliance with a Minimum Standard of Healthcare? i. If so, which? b. Is the standard required the same standard available in the general Australian community? i. If not, why not? c. Have the ANAO concerns regarding the adequacy of performance standards and monitoring been addressed? i. If so, how? ii. If not, why not? d. Have the ANAO concerns regarding 'fixed pricing' as a threat to the quality of health services, been addressed?	Written

- i. If so, how?
 - ii. If not, why not?
- e. Have the ANAO concerns regarding the standard of care being provided to detainees at risk of self-harm, been addressed?
- i. If so, how?
 - ii. If not, why not?

ABF	247	McKim, Nick	Hepatitis C in Detention	How many people in immigration detention are living with hepatitis C? a. Please break down by total, held in detention, and in community detention.	Written
ABF	248	McKim, Nick	Hepatitis C in Detention	How many people in immigration detention are currently undergoing anti-viral treatment for hepatitis C? a. Please break down by total, held in detention (broken down by facility), and in community detention.	Written
ABF	249	McKim, Nick	Hepatitis C in Detention	How many people in immigration detention have been provided with anti-viral treatment for hepatitis C in the past 12 months (from 1 March 2019)? a. Please break down by total, held in detention (broken down by facility), and in community detention.	Written
ABF	250	McKim, Nick	Hepatitis C in Detention	How many people in immigration detention who have been diagnosed with hepatitis C have not yet commenced anti-viral treatment? a. Please break down by total, held in detention (broken down by facility), and in community detention	Written
ABF	251	McKim, Nick	Hepatitis C in Detention	For people in immigration detention (including both held and community detention) who have been diagnosed with hepatitis C and not yet commenced anti-viral treatment, what is the average length of time since diagnosis? (NB If diagnosis was prior to detention, include the time from initial detention to today).	Written

Dept Home Affairs	252	McKim, Nick	COVID19 “Novel Corona Virus” Fact Sheet and BVBs	<p>Home Affairs have updated their travel fact sheet for affected visa holders and applicants.</p> <p>People who have travelled to or transited through mainland China in the past 14 days may be travelling on a Bridging visa B (BVB) that is about to expire. The advice tells them they cannot apply for a new BVB offshore. If their visa expires, they will need to apply for another visa of a different kind once the travel restrictions are lifted.</p> <p>For many of these people there will not be a suitable visa that allows them to return; for example, people may be on a bridging visa because they are awaiting review at the tribunal, the loss of the BVB means they may lose their right to appeal a decision.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is preventing the Department from extending the Bridging visa B for people caught in this position? 2. These visa cancellations will have profound effects on former visa holders wanting to apply for other visas in other countries, as they will carry the stigma of the cancellation for the rest of their lives, and will have to declare that on any future visa applications. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will former visa holders need to formally apply for revocation? b. What about former visa holders whose visas would have expired by duration of time and those who do not wish to apply for revocation? 	Written
Dept Home Affairs	253	McKim, Nick	Partner Visas	The Home Affairs website informs applicants that 90% of applicants for first stage offshore partner visa (of any kind) wait an average of between 21 – 23 months for a grant. This is a visa that costs \$7715. In 2019 the reported backlog for partner visas was 80,000. Can you provide the current backlog numbers?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	254	McKim, Nick	Partner Visas	<p>What is the current allocation for partner visas p.a.?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will this allocation increase the current backlog? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If so, by how much? b. What is the government doing to address the backlog? c. Has the allocation of case officers to the processing of partner visas increased? 	Written
Dept Home Affairs	255	McKim, Nick	Partner Visas	Ministerial Direction 80, under s. 499, sets out the priority for processing family visas and in doing so imposes longer wait times for grant on applicants depending on their status. Can you confirm that the Minister has placed applications in which the applicant’s sponsor, or proposed sponsor, is a person who entered Australia “as an illegal maritime arrival” and holds a permanent visa last on the list of priority for processing?	Written

Dept Home Affairs	256	McKim, Nick	Partner Visas	While it is well known government policy to prevent family reunion to temporary visa holders, is there an explanation as to why sponsors who are now permanent residents, having lived in Australia for many years as recognised refugees, are still penalised* if they arrived here seeking asylum as unauthorised maritime arrivals? a. Please explain how this works: for example, each year does the Department go through the priority processing by date of application, or does the current backlog mean applications for family visas by UMA's may in fact never be reached?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	257	McKim, Nick	Skilling Australia Fund (SAF) Senate Inquiry	Can you confirm media reports from 2019 that the SAF (Skilling Australians Fund) levy has raised more than \$7 million from rejected nominations?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	258	McKim, Nick	Skilling Australia Fund (SAF) Senate Inquiry	Is there a timeline for the Government's review of the Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Act 2018 and levy? a. If so, please detail the timeline?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	259	McKim, Nick	Guidelines Covering Data Collection by ASIO	Has the Department begun a review of the guidelines (formally with the AGD) that cover data collection by the Australian Security and Intelligence Agency (ASIO), which Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security (IGIS) Margaret Stone told the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) are "well out of date"? a. If not, why not?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	260	McKim, Nick	Guidelines Covering Data Collection by ASIO	Please explain how is it that guidelines for such a quickly evolving technical and policy space have been left untouched for over a decade?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	261	McKim, Nick	Guidelines Covering Data Collection by ASIO	What other data gathering and surveillance system guidelines are in place where the working version is over a decade old?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	262	Farrell, Don	Visa Benchmarking Study	I refer to question on notice SE19/151 following the October estimates in which the department was unable to provide any information about the Visa Benchmarking Study, is the Department now in a position to provide the timeframe and terms of reference for the Visa Benchmarking Study?	Written

Dept Home Affairs	263	Farrell, Don	Visa Benchmarking Study	With regards to the Visa Benchmarking Study, can the Department now advise what consultation has been undertaken with industry bodies to establish the terms of reference and whether any further consultation will take place?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	264	Farrell, Don	Visa Benchmarking Study	Can the Department provide a timeline of when the Visa Benchmarking Study will be completed?	Written
Dept/Agency	265	Carr, Kim	A4 Photo Copy Paper	From which country does the department and its agencies source A4 photo copy paper? a. If from multiple countries please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	266	Carr, Kim	A4 Photo Copy Paper	From which country does the Minister's Office source A4 photo copy paper? a. If from multiple countries please provide a breakdown of country of origin in percentage terms.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	267	Brown, Carol	Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilitates Security Act 2003	Who is responsible for ensuring that the provisions of the <i>Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilities Security Act 2003</i> are followed?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	268	Brown, Carol	Australian port security plan	What details are to be included in an Australian port security plan?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	269	Brown, Carol	Australian port security plan	1. Is it the case that an Australian port security plan must contain procedures to facilitate access through a facility for labour and welfare organisations? 2. How are labour and welfare organisations informed of these procedures? 3. What steps are taken if these organisations are not informed of the access procedures? 4. Does the Department audit plans to ensure that these access provisions are included and relevant organisations are aware of them?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	270	Brown, Carol	Hay Point terminal	Is the Department aware that representatives of foreign seafarers visiting Australian ports, including the International Transport Federation, are denied access to BHP's Hay Point terminal?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	271	Brown, Carol	Maritime Transport and Offshore Facilitates Security Act	What are the penalties for breeches of the Act? Has the Department ever prosecuted a port operator for breaching the Act? If so, can you please provide the details of the prosecutions.	Written

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Dept Home Affairs	272	Watt, Murray	Australian Emergency Management Institute	<p>1. What courses were offered by the Australian Emergency Management Institute (AEMI) in each of the following calendar year:</p> <p>i. 2008 ii. 2009 iii. 2010 iv. 2011 v. 2012 vi. 2013 vii. 2014 viii. 2015</p> <p>2. In respect of each course offered by the AEMI in each of those calendar years:</p> <p>i. How many people enrolled? ii. How many people attended? iii. How many people completed the course?</p>	Written
Dept Home Affairs	273	Watt, Murray	Australian Emergency Management Institute	When did the AEMI officially close?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	274	Watt, Murray	Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience	When did the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience (AIDR) officially open?	Written

Dept Home Affairs	275	Watt, Murray	Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience	<p>1. What courses were offered by the AIDR in each of the following calendar years:</p> <p>i. 2015</p> <p>ii. 2016</p> <p>iii. 2017</p> <p>iv. 2018</p> <p>v. 2019</p> <p>vi. 2020</p> <p>2. How many of those courses were delivered online and how many were delivered in person?</p> <p>3. In respect of each course offered by the AIDR in each of those calendar years:</p> <p>i. How many people enrolled?</p> <p>ii. How many people participated?</p> <p>iii. How many people completed the course?</p>	Written
Dept Home Affairs	276	Watt, Murray	National Aerial Firefighting Centre	<p>Following on from the annual funding increase for the National Aerial Firefighting Centre (NAFC) announced by the Prime Minister on 4 January 2020, can the Minister for Disaster and Emergency Management confirm that any future funding agreements with the NAFC will be adjusted to take into account consumer price index, inflation and foreign exchange rates, as requested by the NAFC in their business case?</p>	Written
Dept Home Affairs	277	Watt, Murray	National Aerial Firefighting Centre	<p>Can the Minister for Disaster and Emergency Management confirm whether the Government has agreed to a one-off funding increase of \$1.562m over three years for the NAFC to develop a new aerial resource risk management model, as requested by the NAFC in their business case?</p>	Written
Dept Home Affairs	278	Watt, Murray	National Aerial Firefighting Centre	<p>In regards to the \$11 million funding announcement for the NAFC on 12 December 2019:</p> <p>i. How many aircrafts were able to be leased and for what length of time as a result of that funding?</p> <p>ii. What was the total cost for aircraft leasing, both individually and combined?</p> <p>iii. What other measures were able to be implemented as a result of that funding? Please describe measures and cost.</p>	Written
Dept Home Affairs	279	Watt, Murray	National Aerial Firefighting Centre	<p>In regards to the \$20 million funding announcement for the NAFC on 4 January 2020:</p> <p>i. How many aircrafts were able to be leased and for what length of time as a result of that funding?</p> <p>ii. What was the total cost for aircraft leasing, both individually and combined?</p> <p>iii. What other measures were able to be implemented as a result of that funding? Please describe measures and cost.</p>	Written

Dept Home Affairs	280	Watt, Murray	National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework	What consultation has been undertaken for the implementation plan of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework? Please provide list of organisations.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	281	Watt, Murray	Volunteer Firefighter Compensation	How many volunteers have accessed compensation by state?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	282	Watt, Murray	Volunteer Firefighter Compensation	On average, how much have the payments been per person?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	283	Watt, Murray	Volunteer Firefighter Compensation	Was the eligibility for volunteer compensation determine by Emergency Management Australia?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	284	Watt, Murray	Volunteer Firefighter Compensation	Has EMA received any correspondence from the Minister's office regarding the eligibility criteria for volunteer compensation? If yes, how many and in regards to what part of the eligibility?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	285	Watt, Murray	Volunteer Firefighter Compensation	How the EMA received any correspondence from the Minister's office regarding gaps in the eligibility criteria for volunteer compensation? If yes, how many and what was identified as a gap?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	286	Watt, Murray	Volunteer Firefighter Compensation	Does the EMA prepare advice in response to this correspondence, if received? If yes, can you please outline what advice was provided?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	287	Watt, Murray	Emergency Response Fund	Please advise what consultation has been undertaken on the establishment of the Emergency Response Fund with the Opposition, either through the Minister's office or the department. Provide dates and form of communication.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	288	Watt, Murray	Emergency Response Fund	When is disbursement from the fund expected to commence?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	289	Watt, Murray	Aurora Australis	Has Emergency Management Australia become aware of campaign being run by the CFFMEU (maritime branch)calling on the Commonwealth Government to purchase the Aurora Australis and convert it into an emergency vessel? If yes, when did they	Written

				become aware of it?	
Dept Home Affairs	290	Watt, Murray	Aurora Australis	Has the EMA undertaken any costings for the purchase and modification of the vessel?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	291	Watt, Murray	Aurora Australis	Has the EMA briefed the Minister/Prime Minister on the campaign? If yes, when?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	292	McKim, Nick	Public Money spent on legal fees on behalf of PNG Government	How much money has been spent engaging lawyers and legal services to act on behalf of the government of Papua New Guinea? a. Since the program began b. last financial year	Written
Dept Home Affairs	293	McKim, Nick	Public Money spent on legal fees on behalf of PNG Government	Please provide a breakdown of the expenditure by law firm and/or organisation.	Written
Dept Home Affairs	294	McKim, Nick	Public Money spent on legal fees on behalf of PNG Government	Has the government paid a Brisbane barrister, Ian Molloy, and a Port Moresby law firm, Bradshaws, to act in proceedings relating to compensation for Manus detainees who were held to be unlawfully detained by the PNG Supreme Court in 2016? a. Please provide a breakdown of cases and cost centres	Written
Dept Home Affairs	295	McKim, Nick	Public Money spent on legal fees on behalf of PNG Government	How much money is available to the Department to expend on legal fees for the PNG government?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	296	McKim, Nick	Public Money spent on legal fees on	Considering that in 2016 the PNG Supreme Court held that Manus detainees were unlawfully detained, why has the Government spent public money on lawyers whose job it is to oppose compensation for these men? a. What justification for this course of action was provided to the Department and	Written

			behalf of PNG Government	by whom and on what date?	
Dept Home Affairs	297	Lambie, Jacqui	Deportation of New Zealand citizens	<p>Prime Minister Ardern told Scott Morrison last week that the government's policies on deportations are testing the friendship between our countries. Over the past decade, thousands of New Zealand citizens have been sent back after committing a crime – many of them grew up here and have no connection to New Zealand. For all intents and purposes, they're Aussies.</p> <p>New Zealanders are getting deported in huge numbers because the Minister may refuse to grant a visa to a person if they do not pass the character test – for instance if they commit a crime.</p> <p>a. In exercising their discretion on whether to cancel someone's visa, does the Minister or the delegate consider the length of time that the person has spent in Australia?</p> <p>b. If the person in question is a New Zealand citizen, does the Minister or the delegate consider the impact of such decisions on our relationship with New Zealand?</p> <p>c. What issues do you consider when making a determination to cancel someone's visa on character grounds?</p> <p>d. Are these decisions affecting the Department's ability to work with your New Zealand counterparts on shared issues such as national security or immigration?</p>	Written
ABF	298	Lambie, Jacqui	Corona Virus Response (COVID 19)	Minister Dutton has said that the ABF's Airline Liaison Officer's offshore are playing a role in preventing Corona Virus from reaching Australia – how are they doing that in practice?	Written
ABF	299	Lambie, Jacqui	Corona Virus Response (COVID 19)	What COVID 19 screening activities are in place either offshore or at Australian airports?	Written
ABF	300	Lambie, Jacqui	Corona Virus Response (COVID 19)	What is the role of the National Border Targeting Centre in identifying inbound COVID 19 risk?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	301	Lambie, Jacqui	Visa Processing	a. How much has the Department spent on the overall procurement process for an outsourced Global Digital Platform?	Written

			Outsourcing	b. What is the breakdown of that aggregate amount?	
Dept Home Affairs	302	Lambie, Jacqui	Visa Processing Outsourcing	Why has the visa processing procurement process taken so long? a. what phase is it at?, and b. when will it be completed?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	303	Lambie, Jacqui	Visa Processing Outsourcing	What steps has the Department taken to manage conflicts of interest in the procurement process?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	304	Lambie, Jacqui	Visa Processing Outsourcing	Have any probity matters arisen during the procurement process? If so, what were they and how were they managed?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	305	Lambie, Jacqui	Visa Processing Outsourcing	What communication channels are there between the Department and the remaining tenderers in the process? a. Are the channels you have outlined the only channels of communication? b. Have there been any informal channels of communication between anyone in the Department and any persons associated with the remaining tenderers? (That is any informal emails, personal meetings, telephone calls or messages)	Written
Dept Home Affairs	306	Lambie, Jacqui	Asylum Seekers Arriving by Plane	How many claims for asylum have been made by arrivals at Australian airports this FY to date? a. How does this compare with the last four financial years? b. What is the breakdown of their nationality? c. How many of these claims have been successful? d. Where are the asylum seekers whose claims have not yet been determined? e. What is the departmental expenditure on dealing with asylum seekers arriving by plane for the last five financial years, including year-to-date? f. What is the cause of the increase in asylum claims by people arriving by aircraft? g. What measures have been put in place to respond to this phenomenon?	Written
ABF	307	Lambie, Jacqui	Cape Class Maritime Fleet	What is the status of the Cape Class in-service support program? a. How much money has been allocated to in-service support this financial year? b. How does this compare with budget allocations for in service support over the last three financial years?	Written
ABF	308	Lambie, Jacqui	Cape Class Maritime Fleet	How many patrolling days have been scheduled for the Cape Class vessels for this financial year? a. Are you on schedule to achieve that number of days?	Written

Dept Home Affairs	309	Lambie, Jacqui	Offshore Processing	What is the status of the US resettlement program? a. How many refugees have been transferred to the US? b. How many refugees have been approved for transfer to the US?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	310	Roberts, Malcolm	Asylum Seeker Applications	How many asylum seekers' claims are backlogged for final resolution of their claims by the courts?	Written
Dept Home Affairs	311	Roberts, Malcolm	Asylum Seekers Arriving by Plane	What is the current rate of asylum seekers arriving in Australia by air? a. What is the government response to this out of control escalating number of asylum seekers? b. How many of these claimants have absconded into the community?	Written