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Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/001	Carr, Kim	Minister Responses	Senator KIM CARR: ... has there been any change in the rate of approvals in immigration functions?... Senator KIM CARR: ... But, in terms of the ministerial responses, how are they going? You'll have different statistics for those, won't you? Correspondence, for instance—how is that going? ... Mr Pezzullo: They don't have their performance data to hand, but we can get something for you through the morning ... Senator KIM CARR: Correspondence. What about ministerial briefs? How are we going on those? Mr Pezzullo: Again, the executive area might have some data on that. Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. I would like to know what the paper flow through the office has been. Has it improved? Has it declined? This is a measure of efficiency, is it not, given that you're trying to avoid duplication, and we now have quite a number of ministers and ministerial officers? Have we seen a streamlining of the processing of paper? Mr Pezzullo: The portfolio has a much broader span of responsibilities, some of which I enumerated in my opening statement. One would look at the volume of submissions that go up to the minister or ministers plural either for their noting or, more particularly, for their decision-making. If there is data available on that, I will get it to you in the course of the day.	Spoken	9 and 10	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/002	Carr, Kim	ASL cap	Ms Cargill: We have the reconciliation. If we were just to look at the department and put aside the portfolios, the ASL caps for the department is the more relevant question. In 2017-18 our ASL cap is 13,950; our ASL cap for next year is 14,420. But, if you actually adjust for the reference I made to the machinery-of-government changes creating only a part-year impact, the actual reduction in our ASL is 186 across the department from 2017-18 to 2018-19. But we can do a full reconciliation of all the movements for you.	Spoken	15	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/003	McKim, Nick	Best practice at airports	Senator McKIM: I want to ask about the government's announcement last week that it will introduce legislation to give security officials the right to demand ID from people at airports ... Senator McKIM: You talked about best practice. You've effectively stated that you think it's best practice that AFP should be able to— Mr Pezzullo: Establish someone's identity and then demand motive— Senator McKIM: Basically walk up to someone and say, 'Papers, please,' to whom they can't currently do that. Can you give an example of anywhere around the world where that occurs? You've described it as best practice, so what's the best practice you're referring to? Mr Pezzullo: There are different regimes in place around the world. We'll get you a summary of what the laws provide for, if that's of interest to you. Senator McKIM: Well, it is, only because you've described it as best practice and I'm challenging that. I don't believe it is best practice, and I'm asking you to justify that statement. Mr Pezzullo: We will. Senator McKIM: You're very happy to sit here and tell the committee a moment ago that it's best practice— Mr Pezzullo: I said, if you're interested in comparable benchmarks, we'll get them for you. Senator McKIM: What are you referring to when you say 'best practice'? Mr Pezzullo: About how other airports are safeguarded. Senator McKIM: Around the world? Mr Pezzullo: Yes. Senator McKIM: I would like you to do that, please. Mr Pezzullo: We will.	Spoken	17-18	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/004	Hinch, Derryn	Airport security	Senator HINCH: I shall. Did the department find resistance from the airlines to improving their own methods of identification, on the grounds of cost—that the airlines themselves don't care, on the grounds that it costs them much more money if they step up their restrictions or their identifications? Mr Pezzullo: We have very constructive, very open and frank, candid conversations with the entire sector, including the airlines. I will see if Mr Grigson's got anything he wishes to add. Mr Grigson: Senator, I'll take it on notice and check for you, but the conversations we have with the airlines and the airport operators have been very positive. They're very keen to talk about additional security measures that help protect their assets and the travelling public. But, as I said, I'll take it on notice and get back to you.	Spoken	23-24	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/005	Rice, Janet	Gender neutrality on visa forms	Senator RICE: I want to ask some questions in relation to the department's implementation of the Australian government guidelines on the recognition of sex and gender. These are guidelines that were meant to be implemented by July 2016 and basically acknowledge that individuals may identify as a gender other than their assigned sex at birth and/or identify as being indeterminate, non-binary. Can you please tell me what steps the department has taken to implement these guidelines? ... Ms Dacey: Senator, I'm aware—and I'm asking my people back in the department to get a little bit more information for you so I can make sure I give you the correct answer—that we made changes to our systems and forms and information. So, I'm gathering together that information for you at a more detailed level—for clients. Senator RICE: So, are you aware of what work has been done, in terms of those outward-facing forms, with the clients up until now? Ms Dacey: It's ringing a bell in the back of my head, but I don't want to give you the wrong information, so if you can bear with me—I asked for it this morning to try and get it for you as quickly as I can. Mr Pezzullo: I hope it's not an alarm bell. Ms Dacey: No. Mr Pezzullo: It's a positive bell. Ms Dacey: Yes, absolutely. Senator RICE: So you will be able to have that information to me today? Ms Dacey: Yes.	Spoken	24-25	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/006	Rice, Janet	Internal policies for engaging with the gender-diverse community	Senator RICE: Do you have policies within the department to assist staff in managing relationships with the community—with intersex, transgender, gender-diverse community? Mr Venugopal: If you're referring to engagement between staff and our clients, I think Ms Dacey would probably be better placed to answer that. Ms Dacey: To the best of my knowledge, there aren't any specific guidelines, but I guess I would just make the point generally that my people deal with a wide variety of clients all over the world with a wide variety of circumstances and they have deep experience in client interaction. But I would have to take it on notice to see if there's anything very specific to this topic. Senator RICE: Perhaps you could do that as part of the information that you are going to get back to me on. Ms Dacey: Yes.	Spoken	25	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/007	Rice, Janet	Home Affairs Portfolio gender equality action plan	Senator RICE: Thank you. The other area is working with state and territory partners or any agencies which the department is responsible for—what work has been done in terms of relationships with your state and territory partners or with those agencies? Mr Venugopal: Again, if you're referring to internal HR policies, and perhaps, just for clarifying, if you're asking if other portfolio agencies have similar practices and policies for their internal HR systems, I will have to take that on notice, but we can come back to you. CHAIR: What other portfolios? It's not a matter for this estimates. Senator RICE: No, I'm not talking about other portfolios; I'm talking about agencies within your department. Mr Venugopal: Understood. I don't really have that answer with me, but the secretaries committee within the APS has agreed for agencies to have their own gender equality action plans and a range of other mechanisms to be consistent with these guidelines. I'll be very surprised if other portfolio agencies within our portfolio do not have similar guidelines. Senator RICE: You'd be surprised, but you don't know? Mr Venugopal: I don't know. Senator RICE: Do you have a responsibility for tracking that, given that the agencies fall under your department? Mr Venugopal: We don't specifically have a responsibility for tracking that. Nevertheless, I'm happy to take it on notice and to try and get that for you.	Spoken	26	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/008	McKim, Nick	Global visa digital platform - names of two companies	Senator McKIM: Thank you. Minister, the second part of my question was what are the two companies or consortiums that the process has whittled down to? Are you claiming public interest immunity and refusing to answer the question on that basis, and if so, on what basis are you making the claim? Senator Fifield: I don't know the names of the organisations concerned. I wouldn't necessarily know them, as the minister representing the minister, but I would imagine that there would be issues of commercial confidentiality here. No doubt the department takes probity advice through these sorts of processes, so I would want to take that on notice and refer to the minister, as is appropriate.	Spoken	33	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/009	Patrick, Rex	Intelligence Sharing	Senator PATRICK: ... Maybe you could take on notice what protections specifically would relate to information getting through from your department to any—let's restrict it to the Five Eyes—intelligence committees of their respective parliaments or congress. Mr Pezzullo: We'll take that on notice because in the context of the scenario—I won't quite call it a hypothetical; let's call it a scenario—that you're describing— Senator PATRICK: It is a possibility. Mr Pezzullo: A possibility. I know there are checks done back with us about whether information may or may not be releasable, but it wouldn't be releasable as an Australian report. It's whether the relevant US agencies being questioned or examined in relation to the performance of its duties and responsibilities. Senator PATRICK: Sure. Mr Pezzullo: But we'll take that on notice.	Spoken	34	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/010	Carr, Kim	Integrity Policy	Mr Pezzullo: Yes. If you're asking about integrity, we have policy documentation on integrity; if you're asking about security, we have policy documentation on security; and we also have documentation to the extent that those disciplines overlap. Senator KIM CARR: Is it a document that's provided to all staff? Mr Pezzullo: It's certainly available to all staff. Ms Noble might confirm. Ms Noble: Yes, it is. Mr Pezzullo: And I think, when we periodically refresh such guidance, we put out all-staff messages and the like, don't we? Ms Noble: That's right, and those policies are typically available on our intranet. Senator KIM CARR: Is it available to this committee? Ms Noble: I can take that on notice, but I'm sure we can make it available.	Spoken	40	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/011	Carr, Kim	ABF Vessels	Senator KIM CARR: How many incidents have there been involving ABF vessels actually hitting the reef? Mr Outram: The Barrier Reef? Senator KIM CARR: Yes, in the last 12 months, for instance. Has this been the only incident? Mr Outram: On the Barrier Reef, yes. ... Senator KIM CARR: In the last 12 months there have been these two incidents. If we go back any further, have there been many other incidents? Mr Outram: Not in my memory, Senator, which goes back to 2015. We could check the records going back beyond then. Senator KIM CARR: If you would, please.	Spoken	46	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/012	Carr, Kim	Legionella	Senator KIM CARR: When did you identify legionella as a problem on the vessels? Mr Outram: I'll come back to the date, but we identified that through our routine testing. We test these things routinely. But, again, there's legionella in many water sources on the mainland that people are exposed to in their everyday lives; legionella is present in most water supplies. I'll let the deputy commissioner answer the question as to when we found it.	Spoken	47	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/013	McKim, Nick	Au Pairs	Senator McKIM: Is it the case that two people who intended to work, as far as the Border Force is aware, as au pairs were detained at an Australian airport in 2015? Mr Outram: What I need to do is take that on notice because I don't have that brief with me right now. I don't have the facts and details.	Spoken	48	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/014	McKim, Nick	Operation Sovereign Borders Maritime Powers	Senator McKIM: In that case, I'll go to Operation Sovereign Borders. Can I firstly ask: in total, how many times have vessels or people on vessels been detained by maritime officers within Operation Sovereign Borders exercising powers under the Maritime Powers Act 2013? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: Our figures have not changed since the last estimates. We've intercepted 32 vessels. Senator McKIM: Thank you. Have those vessels been impounded or turned back? Or is there a proportion of each? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: There'd be a combination. Some might have gone back. Others would have been in no fit state and would have been destroyed. Senator McKIM: You don't have that information with you? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: Not on hand. Senator McKIM: Can I ask you to take that on notice? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: Certainly. ... Senator McKIM: Could I ask you—and I'm happy for you to take this on notice—to break down, for each of the 32 vessels that have been turned back, which you gave evidence about a moment ago—how the people on those vessels were dealt with in terms of the head of power, whether it was under the Maritime Powers Act or the Migration Act? And you've said that in one case they were dealt with sequentially under both of those pieces of legislation. So, perhaps you could just break that down for each of the 32. Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: Certainly. ... Senator McKIM: Thanks. I appreciate that. And can I ask: do you have a total number of people who have been on those 32 vessels? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: That's 800. Senator McKIM: Does that include the crew of the vessels, or are they counted separately? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: I'm pretty sure of that number, but I will confirm it for you. I'm pretty sure it's the total number.	Spoken	48-49	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/015	McKim, Nick	Operation Sovereign Borders detaining periods	Senator McKIM: Of the cases of people who have been intercepted under Operation Sovereign Borders and detained, how many have been detained—and if you need to take this on notice, you can—on land in Australian territory? How many have been detained and then turned back in Australian territorial waters? Same question for our contiguous zone, same question for international waters, and the same question for the territorial waters of another country. Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: We certainly will take that on notice because that's a lot there. But I would first off say that, with regard to that last category, we don't have the authority to be operating in other people's waters. So we're not operating Operation Sovereign Borders, intercepting vessels and so forth in other people's waters. Senator McKIM: So the answer to the last one, presumably, is zero? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: Correct. Senator McKIM: Perhaps if you could take the rest on notice, that would be appreciated.	Spoken	50	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/016	Molan, Jim	Operation Sovereign Borders last arrival	Senator MOLAN: And because I have been involved in this area I often get questioned on it, so I'd like to clarify some up-to-date technical details on it—some of which have come out before, but I'd like to get them into one place, please. When was the last successful boat arrival since 2013? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: That was June 2014. Senator MOLAN: And what was the nature of that? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: That was a venture that we weren't able to safely return to its place of origin or place of departure, so those people were moved into regional processing. And thereby, by the definition that OSB uses, that counts as a success. Senator MOLAN: Where did that physically arrive? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: I'd have to double-check for you. I haven't got that.	Spoken	51	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/017	Carr, Kim	Fast Response Vessels	Senator KIM CARR: I turn to the fast response vessels. ... Senator KIM CARR: In the contract, when were they supposed to be delivered? Mr Outram: I think the deputy commissioner answered that: in the middle of— Senator KIM CARR: No, I know the deputy commissioner did. She said 'in 2017', but I've got this funny idea that they were actually due in 2016. But you'll tell me that's wrong, won't you, and you'll be dying to tell me the date on which they were contractually— Mr Outram: We may take that on notice. I'm sure we've answered that in previous estimates. Senator KIM CARR: Sure. Mr Outram: We'll come back to you today with the previous Hansard. If either officers have given answers to those questions, then we'll check the record.	Spoken	54-56	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/018	Singh, Lisa	Status Resolution Support Services payments	Senator SINGH: Okay. How many children and dependants rely on the people who will lose these payments? Ms Golightly: We'll need to take that on notice. Senator SINGH: Are all of the people affected asylum seekers? Are those 12,000 all asylum seekers? Ms Golightly: They are all people whose visa status needs to be resolved, so I think the answer is no, because they could include people whose visas have expired et cetera. Senator SINGH: Can you provide a break down via the visa sub class? Ms Golightly: Yes. Senator SINGH: On notice or now? Ms Golightly: On notice, sorry. I'll have to take that on notice.	Spoken	59	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/019	Singh, Lisa	Status Resolution Support Services program review	Senator SINGH: How much money will this decision to remove the SRSS payments save over the forward estimates? Ms Golightly: Until we do the review of the current recipients against the program, we won't know what assistance is being given to whom. So I'm not sure that that figure would be available, but again, I can take that on notice to check. But, until we do the review, we won't know how many people receive which level of assistance. Senator SINGH: What's the completion date for the review? Ms Dunn: I'm not too sure. I'd have to take that on notice. Ms Golightly: We'll take that on notice and get back to you. Senator SINGH: So there is no plan at all around this? Ms Golightly: There is; I just don't have that date with me. I'll get it as soon as we possibly can. Senator SINGH: Can you get it today? Ms Golightly: I will attempt to get it today. Senator SINGH: Did the department consult with the National Children's Commissioner on the effects of this policy? Ms Dunn: I'm not aware, but I can follow up and find out for you. Senator SINGH: From a child welfare perspective, did the department notify state and territory governments about the intention of this policy change to cut off these payments? Ms Golightly: The payments won't necessarily be cut off. As Ms Dunn mentioned, those people who are able to work and support themselves and their family will be the ones that will be reviewed first, and those people who are able to support themselves will be expected to do so. Senator SINGH: Is the answer yes or no? Did you notify state and territory governments? Ms Golightly: I think Ms Dunn took that on notice, so we'll find that out for you.	Spoken	59	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/020	Singh, Lisa	Status Resolution Support Services and families	Senator SINGH: Okay. Can you confirm that couples with children under six years of age are not considered vulnerable enough to remain on this SRSS program? Ms Golightly: No, that's not a criterion that I'm aware of. In fact, I think we have one where families with children under six are considered to be vulnerable— Ms Dunn: I'd have to check on that, but a baseline package of services is available to any children. For example, access to Medicare and access to education. Then the providers of the SRSS program consider what is required by individuals under the program, and then they make a recommendation back to us in the review about what package of services suits the particular circumstances of each family.	Spoken	59	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/021	McKim, Nick	Operation Sovereign Borders timeframes for detaining	Senator McKIM: In regard to the total number of people, if it's possible, if you keep the data, could you break that down to whether they were detained on their vessels or whether they were brought aboard Australian vessels? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: I will have a look at that. Senator McKIM: How long were they detained for—whether you have that on an individual basis or an average length of time? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: We wouldn't routinely record how long we hold individuals. Are you after an average from someone who might go back on day one versus someone who may go back on day 10, spread over 800 people? Senator McKIM: For example—but wouldn't you keep a file on every person— Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: Yes, we've got some information. Senator McKIM: And wouldn't that include the length of time they were detained for? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: Yes, we know how long we've detained people. Senator McKIM: If you could take that on notice for each person individually.	Spoken	61	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/022	McKim, Nick	Operation Sovereign Borders screening interviews	Senator McKIM: What's the average length of a screening interview? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: There is no, well— Senator McKIM: There must be an average length? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: I'd have to go back and see if we even keep that record of how long people are screened for as opposed to how long they're on vessels. Senator McKIM: Okay, can you take that on notice? Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: I'll see, Senator. Senator McKIM: So, you've taken the question on notice and you'll make whatever response you're able to— Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: If we have that information. I can certainly answer the question about how long. Obviously, we've got records of how long we detain people but whether we've got information regarding every person that's been screened, I don't know off the top of my head. Senator McKIM: That's all right. You've taken that on notice. Mr Pezzullo: I would just seek counsel, Air Vice-Marshal. Operational matters tend to be covered by the immunity claim that the minister has refreshed— Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: I know that we have answered that question from Senator McKim before on notice. Largely, the answer was, from memory, that we didn't actually record that information, so it wasn't really able to be provided. But I will double-check. Senator McKIM: Thanks—and also, the average time from a screening interview to a decision on whether or not someone is owed protection. If you've got that information—I don't think I've asked that one before— Air Vice-Marshal Osborne: I don't recall that, Senator. Senator McKIM: If you're able to take that on notice—I wouldn't necessarily expect you to have it with you.	Spoken	62-63	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/023	McKim, Nick	Operation Sovereign Borders turn back regime	Mr Pezzullo: No, there were three different inflection points for the policy change. There was the announcement about the resumption of regional processing under Prime Minister Gillard in 2012, there was the toughening of the standard under Mr Rudd in the second Rudd premiership, shall we say, and then there was the Abbott policy of September 2013, which got progressively tighter. I would have to refresh my memory as to which milestone we're starting with from where we count the 23. ... Senator McKIM: The reason I ask, Mr Pezzullo, is that it has been put to me by detainees on Manus Island that people that were on the same boats as them are currently in Australia. ... Senator McKIM: No, they're here in the community in Australia, not for medical reasons. Rather than discussing this hypothetically, perhaps I could ask you to take the following on notice. I think you understand the point I'm making here. If we take each of those three inflection points, I think you called them, in the evolution of Operation Sovereign Borders—I hesitate to use that term— Mr Pezzullo: Operation Sovereign Borders was under Mr Abbott. The prior changes related to the reinstatement of regional processing under prime ministers Gillard and Rudd. Senator McKIM: For each of those three inflection points, could you please take on notice to provide the number of people that were, I guess, dealt with between inflection points 1 and 2 and between inflection points 2 and 3, and from inflection point 3 through to the current day; and where those people are currently. Mr Pezzullo: Yes, we should be able to. It will need to be taken on notice.	Spoken	63	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/024	McKim, Nick	Operation Sovereign Borders intercepted vessels	Senator McKIM: Yes, I understand. Of the 23 boats that were not able to be returned to their country of origin or departure, what were the reasons for those vessels not being able to be returned? Mr Pezzullo: When we study the numbers intercepted in person and the boats and persons detained under the MPA, we'll look at those circumstances. Senator McKIM: All right. Could you also tell me—I'm sure you'll need to take this on notice—where the 1,309 people were taken. And I think we've caught this already, but could you provide a comprehensive list of all intercepted vessels, irrespective of whether they're classified as arrivals or returns, since the commencement of OSB, broken down by the number of people on board each vessel, the month and year of the interception and the destination of the people on board. I'm just trying to get a total picture here: how many vessels there were— CHAIR: Senator McKim— Senator McKIM: I'm nearly done on this line, Chair—when they were intercepted and what happened to the people on them. Mr Pezzullo: We've taken that on notice.	Spoken	64	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/025	Macdonald, Ian	Enforcement Powers	CHAIR: I could do this here or with anyone else who appears before this committee, I guess: can someone give me a composition of the task force, the terms of reference—read that as powers—enforcement and what's going to happen? It's big money to the taxpayers and Senator Carr expresses some incredulity about the amount, and I can well accept that. But it's always been there, but we've been missing it because there's been too many agencies who couldn't overlap and the crims have been getting away with it. Mr Outram: Indeed sir. I might just say that our overall objective is to disrupt this illicit market. CHAIR: Yes. All right, well, you could take that on notice, just to let me know where we're going with that?	Spoken	74	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/026	Macdonald, Ian	Complaints referred to the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity	Senator KIM CARR: I think I've made my point. It's a remarkable sleight of hand. Mr Commissioner, I referred earlier to the circumstances of the departure of your predecessor. Mr Outram: I'm not in a position to discuss that. I've no involvement— Senator KIM CARR: I know. Perhaps I'll ask the secretary. Can I ask you, Mr Secretary: are you aware of any other senior officers in the department or the ABF who have any outstanding complaints against them for inappropriate relations with staff? Mr Pezzullo: I'm not aware of any outstanding complaints, but it might be that some complaints are on foot that haven't been drawn to my attention. Senator KIM CARR: I don't wish to go to details. Could you advise the committee if there have been any references to the ACLEI or to the Public Service Commissioner in regard to any complaints. Mr Pezzullo: Yes, there have been. Senator KIM CARR: Other complaints? Mr Pezzullo: Yes, referred to ACLEI, the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity. Senator KIM CARR: How many? Mr Pezzullo: I'm aware of a number. Senator KIM CARR: Will you specify the number? Mr Pezzullo: I'll take that on notice.	Spoken	76	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/027	Carr, Kim	Operation Balneary	Senator KIM CARR: How many individuals did Operation Balneary remove? Mr Outram: I need to take that on notice. As I said to you, that operation was quite some time ago. Senator KIM CARR: Were any of those who were repatriated subject to court injunctions? Mr Outram: Again, I need to take that on notice. Obviously the court injunctions were an issue in relation to that particular cohort of people, so I'd need to take that on notice. We didn't breach any court orders, if that's what you're asking. Senator KIM CARR: Yes. The Commonwealth didn't breach any court orders. Mr Outram: In terms of the individuals, when I said earlier in my evidence that they were available for removal, that would include the fact that there were no legal injunctions in place to prevent their removal. Senator KIM CARR: What was the cost of the operation? Mr Outram: Again, I'd have to take that on notice.	Spoken	77	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/028	McKim, Nick	Family Detention Case in Biloela	Senator McKIM: The first question I've got is: were there Australian Border Force officers involved in a raid at about dawn on 5 March in the town of Biloela that resulted in two adults and two children being taken into immigration detention? Ms Huey: Australian Border Force officers were involved in an operational activity which did result in two adults and two children being taken into immigration detention. Senator McKIM: And that was on 5 March? Ms Huey: Yes. Senator McKIM: Were AFP officers involved in that as well? Ms Huey: I don't believe so. I would have to check that. I'll have to take that on notice. ... Senator McKIM: Why is this family in detention? Mr Outram: Presumably because they were determined to be unlawful noncitizens and therefore— CHAIR: Commissioner, if you know the answer, you should give it. If you don't, you should take it on notice. Mr Outram: I will take it on notice. As I said earlier on, under the Migration Act, if somebody is an unlawful noncitizen, our officers are obliged under the act to detain them. Senator McKIM: Why do backpackers who are unlawfully in the country because they overstay a visa just get a text message asking them to leave within a week? Why aren't they detained? Mr Outram: We don't have 64,600 officers to go and detain all the people who are unlawful and— Senator McKIM: In that case, if you are talking about triaging, I will repeat the question. Why is this family in detention? They are a much-loved family in the local community. The father of the children had a job at the local abattoir, I believe. The local community is just appalled at what has happened. They are conducting rallies and protests to stick up for their community members. They have been not only detained but flown half-way across the country, presumably to deliberately remove them from their support networks. Why are they not in Brisbane? Mr Outram: I take your point, but the backpacker who gets a nudge and goes home is not this case. Again, I'll come back to you with more firm details on this. But this family have been through a whole series of legal process—appeals and other things—and they have exhausted, as I understand it, their right to remain in Australia and therefore are unlawful. So it isn't a simple case that they have further avenues available to them. They have exhausted all of those avenues. So, from the Border Force point of view, we are here to enforce and ensure compliance with the Migration Act. If in those circumstances somebody is unlawful, irrespective of their individual circumstances, we are obligated to detain them, with dignity and appropriately, of course. That's our job. As professional law enforcement officers, we have to do that dispassionately. We have to do it. ... Senator McKIM: All right. Of the two adults, it is correct, isn't it, that one of the adults still has legal avenues available? Mr Outram: I'll take that on notice.	Spoken	78-80	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/029	Carr, Kim	Operation Sovereign Borders costs	Senator KIM CARR: Could I turn to Operation Sovereign Borders. There's an expense here of \$62.2 million over two years from 2018-19 to maintain Australia's border security. The measure includes Ocean Shield continuing, international engagement, regional cooperation arrangements and offshore resettlement arrangements. Mr Secretary, could you provide me with the breakdown of that \$62.2 million across the two years through those four separate items. Mr Pezzullo: I'm sure that Ms Cargill can give you, if not a complete breakdown, at least a materially significant breakdown. Ms Cargill: Here is a breakdown of the measure—the major components. There is \$24.9 million over two years for operational costs for operational costs for an additional 120 days for the Ocean Shield vessel. There is \$7 million over two years from 2018-19 to continue to fund the support costs associated with the overseas posting of ABF officers to counter people-smuggling activities. The other major component of that \$62 million is administrative expenses of \$30 million. This is an increase to departmental administered resourcing, and this is to fund support services provided by the IOM, the International Organization for Migration, for illegal migrants in Indonesia under the RCA program—that's the regional cooperation agreement program. They're the major components of the \$62 million. Senator KIM CARR: The offshore resettlement—how much was for that? Ms Cargill: That's an estimates variation. Senator KIM CARR: Sure. How much? Ms Cargill: As an estimates variation it obviously wasn't published, so I'll have to take that one on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Is it the balance? Ms Cargill: I gave you the break-up of the \$62 million. Senator KIM CARR: Yes. That is the \$62 million. Ms Cargill: Correct. Senator KIM CARR: So there's an additional amount for the estimates variation on the offshore— Ms Cargill: Correct. Senator KIM CARR: You say it's not published. Where will I find it? In your answer to a question on notice, will I? Ms Cargill: Correct. Mr Pezzullo: A hypothetical future one, because we haven't taken anything on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Haven't you, or are you going to give it to me now? That's fine. Mr Pezzullo: Well, no. I think I'll just take it on notice.	Spoken	81-82	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/030	Carr, Kim	Offshore resettlement arrangements	Senator KIM CARR: Sure. That's the standard answer. What are the changes in assumptions that have led to this estimates variation for offshore resettlement arrangements? Mr Pezzullo: We'll take that on notice, because that starts to go to the question of the EV itself. Senator KIM CARR: That's the point of my question, of course. Mr Pezzullo: I know. It's a skilful box, I know. Senator KIM CARR: It's not skilful at all. Mr Pezzullo: Well, I know what you're asking, and I've said we'll take it on notice, because that goes to quantum, and quantum then goes to parameters. Senator KIM CARR: That's what I want—the parameters as well. So that's the second question on notice: what are the parameters to account for that quantum? Mr Pezzullo: And changed assumptions and so on and so forth.	Spoken	82	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/031	McKim, Nick	Biloela compliance case transportation configuration	Senator McKIM: You didn't try text messaging these people. Their door was knocked on at five o'clock in the morning in Biloela, and they were separated into separate vehicles. The children were not allowed to sit with their mother. They were in the same vehicle as the mother, but on her evidence, on her statements to media, they were not allowed to sit with the mother. So they were separated from the mother, albeit in the same vehicle. I'm trying to understand— ... Mr Outram: In terms of the configuration of who was in what vehicle, we may be able to get that information for you before the end of today or tomorrow. I'd like to correct that on the record if that's actually a false assertion.	Spoken	85	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/032	McKim, Nick	Biloela compliance case detention arrangements	Senator McKIM: ... I'd like, if possible, an explanation of why the adult woman is still in detention— Mr Pezzullo: We'll take that on notice. Senator McKIM: because, despite listening closely, I just don't get, on the basis of the reason that you say they were detained, why she is still in detention. Secondly, given that the commissioner's been good enough to say he'll have a look at this, could you confirm whether they were first taken to a detention centre in Perth, Western Australia, before they went to Melbourne. My understanding is that this family's been transported around the country, and on behalf of the Tamil community I'd like an explanation. CHAIR: Does anyone know the answer to that? Mr Outram: I'll take on notice where they've been and for how long they've been there. Senator McKIM: Thank you. And could you take on notice whether or not the woman—by the way, I say 'the woman' because I don't want to use her identity; I would say 'the man' if I was talking about the man, so there's nothing genderist about what I'm saying here—was in regular communication with a departmental caseworker who had told her she would be receiving a new visa from the department, because that's the allegation or the assertion that she's made. On her story version, she was under the understanding that she'd been told by a caseworker in the department that there was a new visa on the way for her. Lastly—and I'm happy for you to take this on notice too—if the minister made the determination on 5 March, what time was that taken to have kicked in? They were removed from their house at 5 am on 5 March. That seems an extraordinarily quick turnaround, Mr Pezzullo, if I might say so. Mr Pezzullo: We'll take that on notice.	Spoken	86-87	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/033	Pratt, Louise	Legacy caseload removal operation	Senator PRATT: ... I want to ask if it's possible for you to outline to me any specific operations dedicated to the removal of legacy case load numbers. ... Senator PRATT: So that's an outline of the operation, so to speak. How long was that operation? Mr Outram: I'd have to go back to the start date of the operation, but it was in the lead-up to preparation around the 1 October deadline and those who hadn't lodged. Senator PRATT: A few months? Six weeks? Mr Outram: I'm going to take it on notice.	Spoken	87	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/034	Singh, Lisa	Legacy caseload applications received post 1 October 2017	Senator SINGH: With that specific deadline of 1 October last year, how hard were you on that in relation to those who hadn't submitted? Did any of those who didn't submit by that deadline do so after it? ... Ms Golightly: I will double-check this for you, but I think there may have been one or two that applied after 1 October. But I'll need to check that and get back to you on notice.	Spoken	87-88	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/035	Pratt, Louise	Legacy caseload statistics reporting	Senator PRATT: Were you regularly required to report to the minister the numbers achieved in terms of removals under such operations? Mr Outram: We report a lot of data to the minister's office in terms of performance and dashboards. Whether that's one of the measures that we report on I'd have to take on notice, but we do report a lot of information about our performance. Senator PRATT: But you had a specific operation for this legacy case load? Mr Outram: Indeed. Senator PRATT: So can you take on notice any requirements to report to the minister the numbers achieved under such operations. Mr Outram: I will. Just to mention to you: we have a lot of specific operations for tasks like this, and we provide performance reporting in relation to all of them, but I'll take that on notice.	Spoken	88	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/036	Pratt, Louise	Legacy caseload operational debrief outcomes	Senator PRATT: What if there were lessons to be learned about the way that operation was conducted? How would you go about examining that? Mr Outram: We have postoperational debrief processes for all our operations. We obviously want to learn about how we can improve and become more effective and efficient with all our operations, so there are debrief processes in place that are local, within various commands and branches throughout the ABF, to enable that to happen. Senator PRATT: I would be interested in any of the outcomes of that debrief process in relation to this legacy case load. Mr Outram: We'll take that on notice.	Spoken	90	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/037	Pratt, Louise	Foreign state-sponsored illegal fishing	Senator PRATT: Is it possible that state sponsored fishing industries that operate legitimately might also make decisions to cross into our maritime fishing boundaries? Rear Adm. Laver: Hypothetically, yes. Senator PRATT: Have you ever known of any incidents to that effect? Rear Adm. Laver: Have there been any incidents of that during my tenure? I'm not aware of any such incidents. Senator PRATT: You can take that on notice. If any come to mind, that would be great.	Spoken	91-92	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/038	Pratt, Louise	Importation of illegal Ivory	Senator PRATT: How do you determine if ivory that's imported is illegal and what are the detection rates of illegal ivory? Mr Outram: I would have to take on notice the detection rate of illegal ivory. ... Senator PRATT: I will ask what your rates of detection for illegal ivory are, and also how many other items you have tested under suspicion of those items possibly being a CITES-prohibited ivory product. Mr Outram: So CITES related goods that are coming in that we've detected— Senator PRATT: Yes. CITES related goods, but specifically in relation to ivory—the rates of detection of illegal ivory compared to the number of items actually tested to see if they were ivory? Mr Outram: We'll take that on notice.	Spoken	93-94	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/039	Pratt, Louise	Department of Industry, Innovation and Science consultation on Asbestos controls	Senator PRATT: Okay. In relation to the supplementary budget estimates hearing, a written question on 17 October stated: A review conducted by Swedish firm 'KGH Border Services' completed in March 2016, recommended the ABF move to "prioritise" prosecution? The question was asked at the time as to whether the department agreed with the recommendation to prioritise prosecutions and how you were implementing that recommendation. The response from the department at the time was: The Department agrees with this recommendation and it is prioritising resources to enhance operational and investigative outcomes. It is important to note that the Department and its operational arm, the Australian Border Force, are bound by and adhere to the Prosecution Policy of the Commonwealth. ... .. The policy requires consideration of any lines of defence open (the 'mistake of fact' ... et cetera. Answers received after additional estimates in February state that there were no penalties resulting from prosecutions for asbestos importation in this financial year to 13 March 2018, and I note there has only been one in the last five years. And nor were any investigations for prosecutions commenced this year. The department, as I understand it, cites the prosecution policy of the Commonwealth, saying: It is difficult to prosecute asbestos matters because of the availability of the mistake of fact defence. The economics references committee on non-conforming building products recommended: ... that the ... Government review the Customs Act 1901 ... to address the challenges of enforcing the existing importation of asbestos offence, with the aim to close loopholes ... Did the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science consult with you separately about recommendation 13 or any other matter prior to coming up with the government's assessment in their dissenting report? Mr Outram: There may have been consultation with the department; I would need to take that on notice.	Spoken	94-95	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/040	Pratt, Louise	Asbestos infringement notices and penalties	Mr Outram: ... In terms of the number of infringement notices that we've served in relation to asbestos, in 2016-17 we served 20 in total. ... Mr Outram: For the year to date, we've served 57. ... Senator PRATT: Of the 57 infringement notices, how many were for individuals and how many were for corporations? Mr Outram: I would need to take that on notice; I don't have that level of granularity. ... Senator PRATT: In answer to a question on notice in relation to supplementary budget estimates about penalties for asbestos importation, the answer stated that the maximum penalty of an infringement notice is 25 per cent of what a court could impose. However, this is different to the evidence provided by the department in the non-conforming building products inquiry, which states: ... an offence of importing asbestos can, upon conviction, result in a maximum penalty of up to 1,000 penalty units or three times the value of the goods, whichever is greater. In relation to those 57 infringement notices, which have \$285,000 in total value of infringements attached to them, do we know what the value is of the goods attached to those infringement notices is? Mr Outram: We'll have to take that on notice. Senator PRATT: Great. The penalty for a company convicted of the same offence is up to 5,000 penalty units or 15 times the value of the goods, whichever is greater. In the case of an infringement notice, the maximum penalty is 15 penalty units for an individual, or 75 penalty units for a company. So, what I'm trying to highlight here is that 25 per cent of the value of the goods does not seem like a significant deterrent overall if people have a reasonable chance of getting their product through unless you're catching 100 per cent of it. Does the department think 25 per cent is an appropriate rate to deter these offences? Mr Outram: I guess they're asking for an opinion on a policy position there. We may well have provided submissions to other committees, so I will take on notice what our position is in relation to all of that, including whether the penalty regimes that you averred to as a matter of law and a matter of fact. I don't have that available to me, so we may just clarify those as well.	Spoken	95-96	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/041	Pratt, Louise	Yuanda Asbestos importation fine	Senator PRATT: ... The answer to a question on notice in last year's estimates stated that in June 2017 three infringement notices were issued to Yuanda for importation of asbestos relating to Perth Children's Hospital and the Executive Building in Brisbane. Has the amount payable under those notices been paid, and how much was due? Mr Outram: I think I know the answer, but, to be abundantly clear and factual, I will take it on notice. Senator PRATT: So you don't know if they've paid? Mr Outram: I think I know the answer, but I'm going to take it on notice because I want to be absolutely clear. I think they paid.	Spoken	96	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/042	Pratt, Louise	Publicising asbestos enforcement actions	Senator PRATT: The KGH report called for the publicising of enforcement actions. Do you reject their statement? Mr Outram: All I would say is that I would want legal advice on each case before we start publicising things like that, because I suspect we could end up in another court process pretty quickly. Senator PRATT: But are there in fact any limitations to publicising enforcement actions undertaken in the form of the INS? Mr Outram: I would need to take that on notice, Senator. There may be policy and legal issues that we need to consider in systemically publicising noncompliance like that.	Spoken	97	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/043	Pratt, Louise	National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking and Slavery	Senator PRATT: ... ABF's responsibilities under item 59 of the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking and Slavery, which is to refer trafficked victims to the AFP, grant them a bridging visa and not detain them. ... Senator PRATT: However, the national action plan, as I understand it, talks about granting them a bridging visa and not detaining them. Is that right? What's your understanding of your responsibilities under item 59 of the national action plan to combat human trafficking? Mr Outram: I will take on notice what the detail is contained within the plan. I refer to my previous answer that our officers are trained specifically in how to deal with instances of human trafficking. Of course, if they are unlawful then we would work with the Federal Police in that case, because they may become a witness, clearly, and that would invoke contemplation of visas decisions by the department. It would depend on the circumstance, really.	Spoken	97	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/044	Pratt, Louise	Classification of slavery information recorded	Senator PRATT: Okay, because I've really only got two further questions. You're not currently recording information that might inform a profile around slavery? Mr Outram: No. Any information we refer to the AFP is recorded. Where we get into what you might call 'allegations' referred to us through hotline-type referrals, we obviously record those. Whether we classify those, though, according to what the allegation type is, I don't know; I'd need to take that on notice. But, certainly, referrals to the AFP work we do where we identify trafficking, we do record those, and I'd be able to take on notice how many of those we've got. What I'm saying to you is that, where there may be a possibility of trafficking but we have no information to confirm that, then clearly we wouldn't record that, because we don't know.	Spoken	99	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/046	Macdonald, Ian	Human trafficking statement in Annual Report	Ms Geddes: Some of the organisations include Anti-Slavery Australia, The Salvation Army, Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans and Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights. The money goes to those NGOs and others to support victims, provide legal advice and raise awareness around human trafficking and modern slavery. CHAIR: Do those organisations report back to the government on how they've spent their money and what they've done? Mr Hansford: They certainly do. As part of the grant process there's a reporting requirement. One of the big things that have been implemented, as I said before, is legal support for individuals, and people report back through the grant program. If you go online, the websites are particularly good in terms of being repositories of material for individuals. We assess the grant process but also have an idea about what they deliver under the grants programs. CHAIR: Is that reported to the Senate or to this committee in any way? Is it in your annual report or is it just what these individual organisations have received and what they've achieved? Mr Hansford: Every year the government does a human trafficking statement, and some of the outcomes of that work are reported, but I'll have to take on notice the annual reporting.	Spoken	101	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/047	Macdonald, Ian	Modern Slavery legislation	CHAIR: Do you know anything about the Hong Kong bill? It's perhaps interesting that Hong Kong has that sort of legislation. Do we have any assessment on whether that's worked in Hong Kong? I see the corporate reporting obligations in the Hong Kong bill are identical to section 54 of the UK act, and there are apparently several causes of action resulting from violations of the Hong Kong bill. Have we done much research into either the Hong Kong or the UK bill? Ms Geddes: We'll get back to you on the other countries that we've looked at. CHAIR: Is it intended that the Australian act will create a civil cause of action in tort? Ms Geddes: A what, sorry? CHAIR: A civil cause of action in tort—the Australian bill. Apparently the Hong Kong bill does. And apparently the UK, and, according to Norton Rose, the Australian bill, won't have that. Has that been assessed, do you know? Mr Hansford: I think the details of the legislation are still being worked through, but the government has outlined the reporting requirement. I don't think there's been anything further released. CHAIR: Perhaps you could take on notice if an assessment has been made of the Hong Kong bill. Mr Hansford: Sure. CHAIR: I would have to give it some more thought, but whether we should, by legislation, be creating new civil torts—it's something, perhaps, we'd have to think about. I'd be interested in any suggestions. You might be able to give me that on notice. Mr Hansford: Sure.	Spoken	101-102	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/048	Singh, Lisa	Criminal justice outcome	Senator SINGH: I note the risk that is referred to in the budget papers. Can the department explain how pervasive modern slavery is, in the supply chains and operations of businesses operating in Australia? Ms Geddes: I might ask our chief financial officer to join us at the table. Senator SINGH: I can read the paragraph I'm referring to. Mr Hansford: That'd be great. Senator SINGH: It states: This measure will support businesses to mitigate this risk and strengthen Australia's overall ability to combat modern slavery, including strengthening criminal justice outcomes and enhancing victim support. ... Senator SINGH: Can you outline which criminal justice outcomes will be strengthened, as per that same paragraph? Mr Hansford: I think the overall framework of modern slavery in Australia looks at engaging with different countries. Obviously, the criminal justice framework in Australia also has a particular aspect around worker exploitation. When businesses focus on the supply chain, and looking at modern slavery and transparently reporting that in a public repository of information, that will naturally have a change in culture within business in Australia. The purpose of the legislation is to have a race to the top; to change the culture within business and to make sure that businesses are thinking about some of these supply chain threats. Senator SINGH: I understand that, but, obviously, I'm just focusing on that paragraph talking about the criminal justice outcomes. How will victim support be enhanced, for example? Mr Hansford: I think that for victims, it would be a change in business culture. I think that the modern slavery reporting requirement, as I said, will change business culture. And we'll look at supporting individuals in Australia and also throughout the supply chain. It will make sure that businesses, in engaging the whole range of suppliers across the world— ... Mr Hansford: One of the components of the report outlined that the criminal justice offences will be contained within the proposed modern slavery act, so that's a consideration for government. That is the reference in the budget paper under Commonwealth justice outcomes; it is centralisation of the offences. But I'll just have to check on the details of that. Senator SINGH: Okay. Again, I have a question in relation to that paragraph, which is talking specifically about this business unit that's going to be created that's in the forwards as well—the spend for it, at least. I'm just wondering if you can explain how a unit that's specifically looking at business engagement—which you just described well in relation to supply chains and to education, training and the like—is best suited to ensure criminal justice outcomes and that victim support is enhanced? Mr Hansford: We'll take the specifics on those.	Spoken	102-103	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/049	McKim, Nick	Building contracts in Papua New Guinea	Senator McKIM: What's the department's regime around things like building codes and ensuring that these facilities are constructed in a safe way? Mr Pezzullo: In Papua New Guinea? Senator McKIM: Yes. Well, you're paying for them, Mr Pezzullo. Mr Pezzullo: Yes, I'm just asking. In Papua New Guinea or— Senator McKIM: Yes, at Hillside Haus and the East Lorengau transit centre—the places where people seeking asylum or refugees are housed. Mr Pezzullo: Sure. In terms of local building codes and compliance, as well as in relation to the appropriate standards that you would associate with Australian government contracts, I will ask Mr Nockels to assist. Mr Nockels: As the secretary just said, we expect that all of our contractors would meet local laws around building codes. Senator McKIM: Was that specified in the contracts, Mr Nockels? Mr Nockels: I'd have to check on that, so I'll have to take that on notice.	Spoken	106	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/050	McKim, Nick	Hillside Haus inspection standards	Mr Nockels: Could you just re-ask your question about the inspections so that I ensure I get the response correct. Senator McKIM: I asked whether the department conducts inspections of the facilities to ensure that they're— Mr Nockels: Departmental officers do not do that inspection, but we would ask the service provider to ensure that that inspection has taken place, and that would be through a certificate of occupancy. Senator McKIM: Okay, so can you take— Mr Nockels: Yes, we'll take that on notice. Senator McKIM: The subsequent question is: did that inspection take place? Mr Nockels: Yes, I'll take that on notice. Senator McKIM: Did Hillside Haus meet the required standards and was a certificate of occupancy issued? Mr Nockels: Sure.	Spoken	106	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/051	Macdonald, Ian	Cost of refugee airfare	CHAIR: Thank you, Senator McKim. I'm allowing myself the leniency I've allowed you and Senator Carr all day so far. I will just finish mine. For these 120 who have no right to be, I suspect, even in PNG, what does the future hold for them? Are they likely to be taken into the US? Mr Pezzullo: No, Senator, they can't, by definition, because the US will only consider cases where there has been a prima facie determination of refugee status. CHAIR: So what happens to those? Again, my book tells me the Australian government—I think you have given this evidence before—will pay them taxpayers' money of something equivalent of what they paid the people smuggler—something like 20,000 bucks—plus an airfare back to their country of origin. Is that correct? Mr Pezzullo: We've given evidence in previous estimates to the effect that return packages can be decided in individual circumstances, yes. CHAIR: But is that the norm? Is it a \$15,000 to \$20,000 cash payment from the Australian taxpayer? Mr Pezzullo: I would have to refresh my memory as to whether we've put on record the monetary amounts. CHAIR: Can I ask for that to be taken on notice? Mr Pezzullo: I will take it on notice. CHAIR: Do they get an airfare back to their country of origin? Mr Pezzullo: We provide support, both monetary and in-kind, including in relation to transportation. I will include that within our response on notice.	Spoken	109	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/052	Pratt, Louise	Canstruct complaints	Senator PRATT: So the department hasn't informally or formally had any concerns raised with it or raised any concerns itself? Mr Nockels: In terms of how Canstruct is performing against that contract? Senator PRATT: Yes. Mr Nockels: No. Senator PRATT: There hasn't been any change in the number of complaints from refugees? Mr Nockels: Not that I'm aware of. I don't have that data with me this evening, but not that I'm aware of, as in an uptick or a downtick in terms of any complaints through the normal complaints process. Senator PRATT: Have there been any reportable critical incidents and, if so, what? Mr Nockels: There may well have been some reportable incidents. Again, I don't have that data with me. One of my colleagues might have that around critical or nonmajor or minor incidents. I don't have that detail with me. Senator PRATT: Does anyone have the data on critical incidents? Ms Newton: Senator Pratt, we'd have to take that on notice. There have been critical incidents. One of the residents was killed in a motorcycle accident—those types of things. Senator PRATT: I understand there are acts of self-harm, accidents, incidents of violence—those kinds of things. Ms Newton: But we maintain reporting statistics. I just don't have those statistics with me. We can take it on notice. Senator PRATT: You could take that on notice. Perhaps you could take on notice complaints and, finally: what types of services would you look to remove if the numbers were significantly lower? Ms Newton: For example, you may not need to have in place the RPC arrangements. The IHMS clinics that are located there would no longer be required, nor the ongoing garrison and security support. A large number of people live in the local community in community accommodation. There'll still be support required for the government of Nauru to manage those people in the community.	Spoken	112-113	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/053	Molan, Jim	Investigation in fire at Manus	Senator MOLAN: I guess when the Papua New Guinea government conducts the investigation into the fire they'll address questions such as: was the fire deliberately lit; if it was deliberately lit, do we know the circumstances in which it was deliberately lit; is there a suspect; and is that suspect a refugee or a failed asylum seeker? Can that information, even in a preliminary form, be given to the committee as soon as possible, please? Ms Newton: Yes.	Spoken	113-114	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/054	McKim, Nick	Refugee refused treatment for broken ankle	Senator McKIM: On 6 May this year, a refugee was allegedly attacked in Port Moresby and broke his ankle. I'm asking you whether you're aware of this, Mr Nockels. He presented to the Pacific International Hospital in Port Moresby. The next morning he was diagnosed with a fractured ankle that would require admission and surgery. The medical report stated—and I can provide it: 'Patient could not afford treatment at PIH, hence referred to POMGEN,' which is the Port Moresby General Hospital. How do you explain that, Mr Nockels? If PIH, as you've just given evidence, is contracted to provide medical care for new conditions, which this broken ankle on 6 May clearly was, why is PIH not conducting the surgery that it itself diagnosed was necessary and instead sending this man to POMGEN? Mr Nockels: I'm not across the details of this particular case, so I would have to take that on notice. ... Senator McKIM: I appreciate that. I'm not expecting Mr Nockels to be across every last incident—that would be unreasonable—but he has agreed to take it on notice. But, under the terms of the letter of agreement, Mr Nockels, as you understand that letter, if a refugee or a person seeking asylum on Manus Island broke their ankle, would their treatment be covered by the contract or by the letter of intent? Mr Nockels: Yes. It depends on what the medical condition is. If they require a specialist, then they would be referred on to a specialist. It sounds like, in this case, that might have been what was required. Again, I'll have to take it on notice. I'm not across the details of this particular case.	Spoken	116-117	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/055	Macdonald, Ian	Primary health care services in regional processing centers	Mr Nockels: In Nauru—I will just talk about the regional processing centre side of things—primary health care has 23 individuals. Senator MOLAN: Twenty-three what? Mr Nockels: Twenty-three primary health care professionals. CHAIR: Can you tell us what they are? Mr Nockels: It would be a senior medical officer, medical officer—so doctors—paramedics, nurses et cetera, so a range of different— CHAIR: If you've got it there, give it to me, but otherwise take it on notice. We always get these questions, but I would like to know how many doctors, how many paramedics, how many nurses and how many psychiatrists—for how many people are we talking? Mr Nockels: This is in Nauru? CHAIR: Yes. Mr Nockels: I think that figure was in the vicinity of about 900. Ms Newton: 939. Mr Nockels: I'll come back to you with a more detailed breakdown. I'll have to take that on notice. Continuing with the figures, there are 26½ mental health care professionals—this is obviously full-time equivalents—seven management administrative roles, and other. Other is specialty services. That could be a radiographer working a CT scanner, which we put into the hospital in Nauru, or it could be lab technicians et cetera. That's a total of 59½ FTE. This was as at 30 April this year. That's just the regional processing centre. Including the Nauru settlement clinic: four primary healthcare professionals, two mental healthcare and two managers from an administrative perspective. That's another eight. Adding those two numbers together brings us to 67½ FTE. As at 1 May, when PIH took over the work in PNG at the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre, the ELRTC, we have 10 primary healthcare individuals, three at the moment for mental health, 10 administrative management individuals—they work on bookings et cetera for appointment—and two others, which, as I suggested before, are lab technicians who do blood tests and the like. A total of 25. In Port Moresby there are five in the primary healthcare line and one from a mental health care perspective. That's another 11. All up, that's 36. Also, in Manus—	Spoken	118	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/056	Griff, Stirling	Reduction in FTEs at East Lorengau	Senator GRIFF: Mr Nockels, I would just like to go back again: the statement was made that there is no difference in staffing or services by PIH compared to IHMS. That's correct? Mr Nockels: No, I don't think I or colleagues made that exact statement. I think what I said was that the service lines—primary health care, mental health care et cetera—are the same lines that IHMS delivered. That's what we're asking PIH to deliver as well. Senator GRIFF: But you did mention, I think, 25 FTEs at East Lorengau? Mr Nockels: Yes, I just need to double-check, but I think those are the numbers that I gave. Senator GRIFF: Now, in an answer to a question I put on notice in February, I was advised that IHMS had 32 FTEs at East Lorengau. Mr Nockels: I would have to go back and check the question on notice response to confirm that. There is no reason to disclose that— Senator GRIFF: Okay. Could you advise where the reduction is, if that's the case? Could you also advise as to where the reduction in numbers has come from? Mr Nockels: I will take that on notice.	Spoken	119	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/057	Griff, Stirling	Canstruct's contract for garrison services on Nauru	Senator GRIFF: Canstruct's contract for garrison services on Nauru was amended last year from \$385 million to \$376 million. Why was that? Mr Nockels: I'd have to double-check, but we did go through a negotiation process with Canstruct. That final number on AusTender is the amount for the contract. Through a process of negotiation, we ended up with that number. Senator GRIFF: You can provide that on notice as well.	Spoken	120	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/058	Griff, Stirling	Review of IHMS processes	Senator GRIFF: Okay, thank you. As you would be aware, there were three assessment reports tabled by the Commonwealth Ombudsman in relation to concerns with IHMS, and particularly regarding the accuracy of the assessments. Did the department itself investigate the Ombudsman's concerns? Mr Nockels: Sorry, I don't recall those reports. That's not to say they haven't been delivered. I'd have to go back and check. Perhaps your question could be one that's put on notice. I don't have that detail with me. Senator GRIFF: So you're not aware of the department reviewing any of its processes or any of IHMS's processes? Mr Nockels: The contract has a performance management framework and, obviously, we hold all service providers to account, to that performance management framework. Depending on how that is travelling, that's how we would hold the service provider to account. I can't recall specific Ombudsman's reports on IHMS; I would have to go back and check with colleagues. Senator GRIFF: I'd appreciate that.	Spoken	120	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/059	Molan, Jim	Amnesty reports received without opportunity to comment	Senator MOLAN: Part by part, I think almost every part of the point I wanted to make about the Amnesty International report has in fact been answered. I wondered if what Amnesty did was unusual. We've just heard about them not consulting the department or the minister for comment in that particular bucket, and not including anything in the report from the department or from the minister because they didn't comment. As a result, their recommendations were such that the government couldn't agree with any of the recommendations. Is this an unusual circumstance? Mr Pezzullo: It might have happened. I'll need to check the facts. It might have happened once before, possibly with Amnesty, but I might be blurring that with a similar effort by one of the human rights NGOs, so I'd need to check my facts.	Spoken	125	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/060	McKim, Nick	Presence of torture and trauma counsellors on Manus Island	Senator McKIM: They were physically present on either a permanent or a regular basis—this is torture and trauma counsellors which I'm specifically asking about, Mr Nockels. They were present on Manus Island either permanently or on a regular basis prior to 1 November last year, and post 1 November up until today they are not present permanently or on a regular basis, are they? Mr Nockels: I would have to check historically whether they were permanently there or cycled through on a two-week basis. I don't have that detail with me. But, yes, they were prior to 1 November. Mr Nockels: Yes, psychologists and psychiatrists. I don't know how many as at today, but they are certainly cycling through. That's a service line that we are requesting PIH to deliver, and they are. I read out some figures just a short while ago. As of 1 May, I think there were three mental health specialists. I think I said to the chair that I would come back on a question on notice about breaking that down to exactly what role those individuals play. Senator McKIM: Thank you. When you are coming back to provide that breakdown, could you also provide the number of days that they are present on Manus Island and whether that's a regular cycle— Mr Nockels: Every week or two weeks? Senator McKIM: Yes. Mr Nockels: Yes, we can do that. Senator McKIM: Is it a regular cycle or an on-demand circumstance? Do you understand the difference? Mr Nockels: I understand.	Spoken	127-128	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/061	McKim, Nick	US resettlement acceptance dates	Senator McKIM: All right; thank you. Do you have dates that people were either accepted or refused? Is that part of the data that the department keeps? Mr Wilden: I don't have that data. We could take that on notice. We get notified in batches. Those batches don't have a direct correlation to the visits—everyone's on their own individual pathway in the timing of their first interview, subsequent interviews, decision and, if positive, transfer out—but I guess we can put together the quantum of advice we get at each point. Senator McKIM: Yes, thanks. I understand you get advised in batches but, within each batch of advice, does the department get a date? Mr Wilden: Yes, we'll get the date of the advice and the number of positives and the number of negatives at each of those. Senator McKIM: I'm specifically asking about the date of the decision made by the US on whether to accept or reject. Mr Wilden: I'll see if we've got that at the individual level— Senator McKIM: That's what I'm after. Mr Wilden: or if it just comes as a bulk lot. Senator McKIM: I'm asking whether you have it at an individual level. Mr Wilden: We'll check and come back to you on notice.	Spoken	129	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/062	McKim, Nick	US resettlement progress status update	Senator McKIM: ... Is the department also aware of how many people and at what stage people are at in their individual pathways? For example, how many people have been interviewed for the first stage, how many people have had their security assessments done and how many have had their second interviews, and so forth? Ms Newton: We are made aware of each of the visits from the US and what stage the person is at in terms of first and second interview. Senator McKIM: Thank you. I am happy for you to take this on notice: could you provide that information perhaps as of today or the most recent data you have, as we sit here? So how many people have completed their first interview, how many people are in the security-checking process, how many people have completed the second interview and how many are awaiting a decision? Are they key points that you would have the data for, Ms Newton? Ms Newton: We may have the majority of that data, but we'll provide what we can. Senator McKIM: Whatever you can provide, that would be good. ... Senator McKIM: Is it the case that people that are resettled in the US have the potential to be on a pathway to US citizenship? Mr Pezzullo: Under US immigration law, I suspect that that would be the case, but I would need to check.	Spoken	129-130	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/063	McKim, Nick	New Zealand Resettlement Offer and PNG	Senator McKIM: The question, Mr Pezzullo, once I can hear myself speak, is: did Australia present the New Zealand offer to PNG for its consideration as part of that diplomatic role that you've said that Australia is playing? Mr Pezzullo: Well, the New Zealand offer has been stated publicly by a number of New Zealand prime ministers—prime ministers Key, English and now Ardern. I've got no doubt—I'll check with colleagues—that it's come up in discussions with Papua New Guinea in the margins of various discussions, and no doubt we've made the government's position clear to them, as we've expressed to New Zealand colleagues, that it's welcome. The Prime Minister and others have acknowledged that it's a welcome offer, but, in order to ensure that there's no incentive to travel such that you ultimately settle in Australia, the problem of on-travel to Australia would have to be dealt with, and that would have been canvassed with colleagues in PNG. I have little doubt, but I will check the facts. Hence my evidence earlier today that, unless you deal with the problem of people getting visa-free entry to Australia, ultimately it is the government's view that that is a very difficult offer to accept. CHAIR: Mr Pezzullo, it would really help if you would answer the question ask of you. Senator McKim. Mr Pezzullo: I said I've got no doubt it would have come up in conversations with Papua New Guinea colleagues. CHAIR: Your answer was you'd take it on notice.	Spoken	130	05-Jul-18



Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/064	Patrick, Rex	Regional airport operating costs	<p>Senator PATRICK: I'm looking at a few submissions to the current references committee that's looking into the high cost of regional air travel. The Airports Association has indicated that regular public transport regional airports surveyed have an average of \$2.28 million in revenue compared with an average expenditure of \$2.36 million. There is not much of a difference between their cost and their revenue. And, indeed, it's a consistent picture across regional areas that any additional increase in cost will be passed to passengers. In your own submission to that inquiry, you estimate the cost at somewhere between \$530,000 and \$760,000 per annum. As part of your consideration did you engage with any of the regional airport operators before you came to that decision? Mr Grigson: We have an ongoing discussion with the industry about costs. We're very aware that the costs vary from airport to airport, and that includes the high cost of regional airports. That's one of the reasons we have differentiated risk assessments in place. We don't want to force upon industry any greater costs than are necessary. But, at the end of the day, if there's a decision made that there's a risk that needs to be mitigated that's the cost of doing business. I think the government's recognised that for regional airports this is higher than it is for some other airports, which is why they've made the capital assistance available. Senator PATRICK: The reality is that air travel is the lifeblood of a lot of these communities. A lot of these communities are having difficulties sustaining populations, because people can't get to health appointments in cities, they can't get to education training courses and they can't go to family events. From an economic prospective, a lot of these regional centres rely on tourism, they rely on agriculture and they rely on mining and these costs end up driving people away from areas. Once a doctor leaves because of some of those costs, that then causes a flow-on effect for a whole range of other people, so it's a very significant issue in regional areas. I'm wondering if you would be so kind as to table, on notice—I'm mindful of the security aspects of the work you will have done to come to this decision—the cost-related considerations that you made prior to any budget recommendation being made, or any decision being taken, to put this equipment into regional airports? I understand the security element of it. I just want to see— CHAIR: Is there a question? We are running out of time. Senator PATRICK: I want to see what level of consideration you had in respect of that operating cost. If you'd be so kind to table that on notice. Mr Grigson: I will take it on notice.</p>	Spoken	133-134	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	21-05-18 0:00	BE18/065	Patrick, Rex	Decryption legislation	<p>Senator STEELE-JOHN: I think my first question goes to Mr Pezzullo. Last Thursday the Minister for Law Enforcement and Cyber Security, Mr Angus Taylor, told the CeBIT Australia conference in Sydney that decryption legislation is on its way and that it is one of the highest priorities for the government in this space. I have two questions in relation to that. Firstly, what is the time line for the introduction of this legislation? And how does the minister and the department intend to access the content of encrypted communication without weakening encryption more broadly? Mr Pezzullo: As to the first question, the timing for the introduction of the legislation proposed by the government is a matter for the government, and Mr Taylor's got the lead on that. And unless Mr Hansford is very precise about actual statements made by Minister Taylor about the imminence of said legislation, I wouldn't want to speculate on what the government's mind is on that question. As to part B of your question, I wouldn't want to foreshadow or pre-empt the legislation itself, because to answer that question would require officers to speak to the bill. Senator STEELE-JOHN: I do apologise, Mr Pezzullo. I actually think it would have been better directed at yourself, Senator Fifield. I can only say that it's nearly 11 o'clock! Would you be able to give me any illumination into those two questions? Senator Fifield: I can't, Senator. But I'll happily take that on notice, to see if Minister Taylor can provide further information for you. Senator STEELE-JOHN: At our previous estimates setting, I think either yourself or Mr Pezzullo indicated that the legislation would be in at least a primordial form around about now. So I'm following up that line of questioning in that regard. Senator Fifield: I'll have to check with Minister Taylor. ... Senator STEELE-JOHN: I would imagine they do. Before I move on, just to clarify, Minister, you've taken on notice my question as to the timeline for the legislation and any additional information you can give us in regard to the government's proposal in the space? Senator Fifield: Will do, Senator.</p>	Spoken	135-136	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/066	Macdonald, Ian	Fake Twitter followers	<p>My question is, could you examine these and come back to the committee on notice with any lessons or advice that you might care to provide the committee? I also want to ask you if you'd look at the bots which initially retweeted Russian news or propaganda that went dead. You will know what that means. Someone tried to explain it to me. Apparently they go dead, but they were recently, after three or four, reactivated to retweet partisan comments on both sides of the American election. I'd also ask you if you would look at the large number of bots whose location appears to be, according to this, not even specified or located in parts of the world that have very strange language settings and which have, to those experts who talked to me, all the hallmarks of fake Russian accounts. ... CHAIR: All I've been saying in the last five minutes has been, could you particularly look at this? Could you also look at the large number of bots whose locations are not specified? ... Mr MacGibbon: I'd have to analyse it properly and take it on notice, if that's okay with you. ... CHAIR: Which was, could you examine this and come back with any lessons or advice that you want to provide? Mr Pezzullo: Possibly. CHAIR: Apparently—so I'm told—I could go out and buy 30,000 fake followers and then my 400 follower tweet would look much more impressive with 30,000 fake followers, who happen to be fake. That's what I've asked for. Senator Fifield: We will take your questions on notice. As the secretary has indicated, it may be the case that some elements of your question will require referral to other agencies which may be outside the Home Affairs portfolio. But we'll take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	06-Jul	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/067	Watt, Murray	ExportTweet report obtained using government funds	<p>Senator WATT: Chair, I just have one question arising from that. Minister, do you know whether any government resources were used in obtaining that export of Twitter followers? CHAIR: Well, I doesn't think the minister would— Senator Fifield: I have no knowledge of what is before the committee. Senator WATT: Could you take on notice for us, please, whether any government resources were used to compile that?</p>	Spoken	8	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/068	Molan, Jim	Detailed brief on foreign scanning incidents	<p>Senator MOLAN: I assume, then, that the event Minister Taylor referred to in April of this year and ACSC advised about last year occurred before the advice. Has there been similar scanning by Russia or any other foreign entity since those days? Mr MacGibbon: I might have to take that on notice, if I can. I don't actually know the answer. I presume that, since the feature needs to be turned off by the people using it, the vulnerability still exists, sadly, amongst some sections of the economy, and that there would therefore be others—whether they're the same threat actors or other malicious actors—who are also abusing the feature. I'll have to get back to you, if I may. Senator MOLAN: What would you judge to be the purpose of that scanning? Mr MacGibbon: This particular one would give you—from memory—an understanding of the way in which the network was set up, the actual architecture of a network, which could give you insight into ways in which you could attack that network. I can provide a more detailed brief and send it to the committee.</p>	Spoken	11	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/069	Watt, Murray	NDRRA in Tasmania	<p>Senator WATT: I've got a few questions in this section. Starting with some issues in Tasmania, I understand the NDRRA was activated on Monday, 14 May after the flood event in Tasmania began on Thursday, 10 May. When exactly did the Tasmanian state government request that NDRRA be activated? Mr Cameron: The actual detail of those claims we'd have to take on notice. There are a vast number of claims on foot at any one time. We would need to come back to you. We can do that during the course of the day and are happy to do so. Senator WATT: My question specifically is when did the Tasmanian state government request that it be activated? Mr Cameron: The Tasmania government, for certain categories of NDRRA, activates the scheme itself, it's an own-motion thing. We would need to come back to you. Senator WATT: If you can come back that would be great. Mr Cameron: Yes, very happy to. Senator WATT: Has assistance begun flowing to those impacted by the flood? Mr Cameron: I'm happy to come back to you with the detail about it. Senator WATT: What is the government doing to assist those primary producers who've been affected by the recent flooding in Tasmania? Mr Cameron: Same. We'll come back to you on it. Senator WATT: Can you come back to me on that today? Mr Cameron: Yes.</p>	Spoken	19	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/070	Watt, Murray	NDRRA 2012 determinations	<p>Senator WATT: I also have some questions about the NDRRA determinations. Under the NDRRA determination from 2012, extraordinary costs that were incurred by state operation centres during disasters were eligible for funding from the federal government following the event. I realise there has been a new determination since then, and I will come to that, but under that 2012 determination what qualified as extraordinary costs? Mr Cameron: I'm very sorry about this but I'm going to have to take that on notice as well, because the evolution of the determinations has been quite profound. You might be aware that in the recent budget there was reference to further reforms of the NDRRA and, in fact, when it's signed that will result in another determination. Mr Grigson: We can get you that answer today. Senator WATT: You might need to take these on notice as well. Under that 2012 determination, how many submissions did you receive to cover extraordinary costs for state operation centres? Mr Cameron: Same. Senator WATT: How many submissions were approved under that determination? Mr Cameron: Same. Senator WATT: What was the total cost of the approved submissions under that determination? Mr Grigson: We will try and do that all for you today. Senator WATT: Great. You might have a bit more luck with this one. The most recent NDRRA determination from 2017 and guideline 2, counter disaster operations, states that 'the establishment and operation of state operation centres are not eligible for extraordinary cost submissions unless state governments can provide proof of exhaustion of resources'. That is a change in the way those costs are dealt with. Under this new determination, what falls under the establishment and operation of state operation services? Is it salaries? Is it physical infrastructure? Mr Cameron: I'm afraid I'm going to have to take that on notice as well. I'm sorry to disappoint you. Senator WATT: How is exhaustion of resources quantified under the new determination? You will take that on notice? Mr Cameron: You're correct. Sorry, Senator. Senator WATT: You've got a lot of homework. Mr Cameron: I do. Senator WATT: What is the standard of evidence expected from state governments to prove exhaustion of resources? Mr Cameron: I can probably talk about that in the general sense, if that happen helps. Exhaustion of resources would be a claim by the state. We would look at that in the sense of what we understood to be the operations of the centre. We would be ably assisted if we'd had, for example, liaison officers posted to the state to assist with the response and recovery effort. If on further examination, including sampling of financial claims post the event, it could be proved that there was genuine exhaustion of resources, we would be happy to consider the claim had merit. Senator WATT: How many submissions for extraordinary costs have been approved under this new determination? Mr Cameron: I'm sorry, I'll have to take that on notice. Senator WATT: How many submissions have been rejected? Mr Cameron: Again, I'll take that on notice. Senator WATT: And what was the total cost of approved submissions under this determination? Mr Cameron: And again.</p>	Spoken	19-20	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/071	Watt, Murray	Correspondence to state governments on NDRRA reform	<p>Senator WATT: How many pieces of correspondence have you received and sent to state governments, regarding the NDRRA reform? Mr Cameron: Pieces of correspondence? Senator WATT: Yes. Feel free to take that on notice. Mr Cameron: I want to be very clear what I'm committing to take on notice. Does that include emails? Mr Grigson: It would be a great deal of it. Senator WATT: Let's go with formal letters. Mr Cameron: That might help. Senator WATT: I'm assuming that anything really serious and important gets put in a formal letter, either from you or your minister, and vice versa. Mr Cameron: You assume correctly. Senator WATT: Let's go with formal letters. Has there been any engagement conducted with agencies outside of state governments? Mr Cameron: I believe so—for example, the Local Government Association, and I think there have been a couple of other like bodies along those lines. Mr Grigson: We'll get you a list, Senator.</p>	Spoken	20	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/072	Watt, Murray	Briefs to state oppositions on NDRRA reform	<p>Senator WATT: Do you know whether the relevant ministers or ministers' officers have briefed or had any engagement with state oppositions about what's being proposed? Mr Grigson: I don't know. Senator WATT: Could you take on notice whether that has occurred? Mr Grigson: Yes. Senator WATT: And, if so, for what purpose? Mr Grigson: Yes.</p>	Spoken	21	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/073	Watt, Murray	Complaints regarding delays in citizenship application process	<p>Senator WATT: Has the number of complaints to the department about delays in citizenship applications increased over the last 12 months to two years? Mr Mansfield: I'd have to take the specifics of that on notice but, anecdotally, I would say, yes.</p>	Spoken	22	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/074	Di Natale, Richard	Advice to Minister about crime levels in Melbourne	<p>Senator DI NATALE: Did you provide any specific advice around the view that was expressed by the minister that Melburnians were too scared to eat at restaurants because of African youth gangs? Mr Pezzullo: Did I provide him with advice about eating at restaurants? No. Senator DI NATALE: Or about the level of crime in Melbourne relating to specific groups? Mr Pezzullo: Yes. We provide both the Minister for Home Affairs and the law enforcement minister with a variety of advices about patterns of crime—whether those crime types are geographically concentrated; whether they exhibit certain other characteristics; whether they're associated, for instance, with noncitizens—and that is just part of the standard process of advising both of our ministers: the cabinet minister, the Minister for Home Affairs; and our law enforcement minister. Senator DI NATALE: Did you provide him with specific advice around the level of crime, prior to him making those comments, specifically relating to African youth? Mr Pezzullo: I'll need to take the specifics on notice, but certainly I do recall assessments being provided in relation to what you might describe as ethnic based crime, yes. Senator DI NATALE: I'll ask you specifically, though, to take that part of the question on notice. Mr Pezzullo: Yes.</p>	Spoken	23	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/075	Watt, Murray	IELTS research for citizenship legislation	<p>Senator WATT: Has the department commissioned any new research on the level of English that should be tied to citizenship since the legislation last year did not pass? Ms Geddes: We continue working with the minister and his office around English language. As you might recall, in March Minister Tudge stated that English language requirements would be at the level IELTS modest. Mr Pezzullo: Ms Geddes, the question was, 'Have we commissioned research?' which I think you should interpret as you see fit—but academic and other research to illuminate the level of functional competency that one requires. Ms Geddes: I'll have to take that on notice, Senator. Senator WATT: If you could take that on notice, that would be great. That's it for 2.1 for us.</p>	Spoken	23	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/076	McKim, Nick	Approved citizenship applicants awaiting ceremony	<p>Senator McKIM: Okay. Are you able to inform the committee how many people have had a positive assessment—that is, that they are entitled to become citizens but have not yet had citizenship conferred? Mr Mansfield: I can inform you about the number of clients eligible to attend a citizenship ceremony, which would be a close proxy for that. Senator McKIM: Yes, thank you. Mr Mansfield: There's 10,920 clients allocated to a ceremony, and a further 11,092 clients that are yet to be allocated to a ceremony, but that's a normal, ongoing pipeline-management issue. Senator McKIM: Thank you. Do you have figures that might go back for a couple of years in the same categories? Mr Mansfield: I don't, but I could take that on notice. Senator McKIM: Thanks. Perhaps we could go back five years for that data, please? Mr Mansfield: Certainly. Senator McKIM: Thank you. Do you have a breakdown on the number of humanitarian entrants as a subclass of those categories? Mr Mansfield: Not those allocated to a ceremony. I do have the number of clients who acquired citizenship by migration stream, which includes the humanitarian stream, so I could give— Senator McKIM: It's probably a reasonably long thing for you to read out. But if you could take that on notice that would be appreciated. Mr Mansfield: Sure.</p>	Spoken	27	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/077	McKim, Nick	Staffing numbers for citizenship application processing	<p>Senator McKIM: How many staff in the department are allocated to processing applications for citizenship? Mr Mansfield: I'll have to take that on notice, because it changes all the time. Between 1 July 2015 and 31 March 2018, it has grown by 16 per cent, but I don't have to hand the figure. Senator McKIM: Okay. So that's a 16 per cent growth— Mr Mansfield: Staffing. Senator McKIM: in effect, in the capacity of the department to assess citizenship applications? Mr Mansfield: That's correct. Senator McKIM: Thank you. If you can break that down in any way—perhaps chronologically, whether it's by financial year or any other breakdown that you're able to give—if you could provide that on notice. Mr Mansfield: Yes, we can do that.</p>	Spoken	27	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/078	McKim, Nick	Time between approved citizenship application and ceremony	Senator McKIM: So if we just take the subcategory of conferral applications that relate to the people who've been told that their application has been successful but who have been either allocated or not yet allocated to a citizenship ceremony—that is, they haven't actually become citizens yet but they've been told that they are eligible—do you have any data around the average length of time that someone would fall into that category? That is post a successful assessment but pre, as I said, the actual receiving of citizenship. Ms Golightly: I don't think we have that level of detail here with us. We could take that on notice to see what we can find. But I will say that I wouldn't be surprised if it varies from place to place, because it depends on when local councils, normally, have scheduled their ceremonies. You can imagine some do more than others. We'll take that on notice and see what we can get for you. Senator McKIM: Thanks, and can you include any breakdown you're able to provide, whether it's by state, territory or local government area. I'm not sure how you categorise your data or what your datasets are, but any breakdown you can provide there would be helpful.	Spoken	28	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/079	Leyonhjelm, David	Criminal records and citizenship	Senator LEYONHJELM: ... Is having a criminal record a bar on Australian citizenship? If not, what proportion of new Australian citizens had a criminal record at the time they became citizens? Mr Pezzullo: The requirement is stipulated in legislation. Mr Mansfield: That's right. The requirements are set out in the Australian Citizenship Act and regulations. We look at each application on its individual merits. Senator LEYONHJELM: So the answer, I assume, is no, it's not a bar; would that be correct? Mr Mansfield: I'd have to take on notice the specific references, unless general counsel is able to assist. Senator LEYONHJELM: You may also need to take this on notice: what proportion of new Australian citizens had a criminal record upon becoming a citizen? Mr Mansfield: We'd have to take that on notice.	Spoken	29	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/080	Leyonhjelm, David	Welfare and new citizens	Senator LEYONHJELM: Again, you may need to take this on notice: what proportion of new Australian citizens were on welfare at some stage in the three years prior to becoming a citizen? Mr Mansfield: We'd have to take that on notice. Senator LEYONHJELM: Would you have the data? Mr Mansfield: That would be information that we would need to source from the Department of Human Services. Senator LEYONHJELM: All right, you can take it on notice and provide as much information as you have available. CHAIR: When people apply for citizenship, don't you ask for their occupation or means of subsistence? Mr Mansfield: I'd have to take that on notice. I don't know what's in the form. I suspect it does ask for their occupation, but I don't know whether it would elicit information that would be recorded in our system that flags, for example, that they are unemployed and accessing Centrelink benefits. CHAIR: Okay.	Spoken	29	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/081	McKim, Nick	Definition of IELTS 5	Ms Geddes: It is. It is IELTS 5. I can read the descriptor for a 'modest user' out for you. It says: The test taker has a partial command of the language and copes with overall meaning in most situations, although they are likely to make many mistakes. They should be able to handle basic communication in their own field. Mr Pezzullo: They should be able to go okay in this committee, then! Senator McKIM: Is that the department's interpretation of IELTS 5? Ms Geddes: No, that's the IELTS descriptor. Senator McKIM: I'm just wondering what 'in their own field' might mean, but you may not be the right person to ask, Ms Geddes. Ms Geddes: No. Let me take that on notice and we can do a little bit of research and try to get back to you. Senator McKIM: All right, thank you. CHAIR: Doesn't it mean that if they're plumbers they've got to know plumbing terminology? Ms Geddes: Yes, but I would like to take that on notice. Mr Pezzullo: We'll just check what the objective definition is on notice. Ms Geddes: That's right. Senator McKIM: Thanks.	Spoken	29	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/082	Macdonald, Ian	The cost of migration to the budget	CHAIR: ... Do we have a costing per head of those who migrate to Australia? Mr Pezzullo: Chair, a costing in terms of direct impact on the Commonwealth budget or the fiscal and economic effects of their migration? CHAIR: Perhaps, in the first instance, the direct cost to the budget. Mr Pezzullo: Yes, we've done some work with the Treasury on those matters, and some of that was captured in a publication that we and the Treasury put out recently. Can Dr Johnson speak to that, Ms Geddes, or do we need a more mathematically inclined officer. CHAIR: You can take that on notice. Dr Johnson: We would need to take that on notice. ... Mr Pezzullo: ... In terms of what the department is appropriated to directly undertake the programs, perhaps Ms Cargill could speak to the question of how much we spend on the refugee program, for instance; how much we spend on the permanent program. Ms Cargill: The easiest approximation would be to go to the program level budget. The department is funded \$207 million in 2018-19 for the migration program. In terms of any further splits in refugee and humanitarian, the refugee and humanitarian program is program 2.4 and that has a departmental appropriation in 2018-19 of \$88 million. CHAIR: I thank you for that and, if there are other figures, if you could give them on notice. Ms Cargill: Certainly.	Spoken	32	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/083	Macdonald, Ian	Cost of migrants on welfare	CHAIR: I think my constituent was looking at the overall cost and, I suspect, asking what the welfare cost was and, particularly, I suspect from what Mr Pezzullo has said, that would, to a degree, would relate principally, but not exclusively, to the family reunion quota or cohort. Mr Pezzullo: Or to the dependants of skilled migrants where the primary visa holder would be the skilled entrant. He or she may have a partner and one or two children. They would be entitled, as permanent residents because they've come here under the permanent program, to access schools, hospitals, Medicare and, in some cases, benefits, including childcare and the like. So that's on the cost-to-budget side, and on the— CHAIR: Can we get those figures? Mr Pezzullo: You can get the modelling that's been done by us and the Treasury in the publications to which I've referred. Whether that's sufficiently granular to address the question raised by your constituent, I'll need to take that on notice. CHAIR: Do we take figures of those who have immigrated to Australia who are immediately on welfare payments and what those welfare payments are? Mr Pezzullo: I know that's modelled, because we've published it. Whether it's attributed to each individual visa applicant—perhaps Dr Johnson might know, but otherwise we'll answer you specifically on notice. Dr Johnson: We'll take that on notice, because of the specificity of your question.	Spoken	32-33	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/084	Macdonald, Ian	Joint study on benefits of migration	CHAIR: ... Can someone on notice give me the reference, or if it's a document— Mr Pezzullo: It's a publication, but we'll send the committee secretary a link to the document. It's publicly available. We'll also send the Treasurer's—it was a joint study that the Treasury and Home Affairs did, released by the two secretaries, myself and Secretary Fraser. Mr Morrison, on the day of its release, put a statement over the top of it summarising the net positive benefits of migration. We'll send that as well.	Spoken	33	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/085	Watt, Murray	Joint study about migrant creation of jobs	Senator WATT: ... Just by way of background, this report, titled Shaping a nation: population growth and immigration over time, was a joint report published by the Treasury and the Department of Home Affairs. ... Senator WATT: I think the report found that about two-thirds of the jobs growth in Australia, being 850,000 net jobs created over the past five years, was recent migrants. Mr Russo: Yes, that sounds about right. Senator WATT: In fact, for full-time jobs it was a high percentage again. The report said that migrants accounted for a touch over 72 per cent of new full-time jobs created. Mr Russo: Yes, that's correct. Senator WATT: And that's over a five-year period? Mr Russo: I think that was 10 years. I'd have to go back through and check exactly.	Spoken	34-35	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/086	Watt, Murray	Job growth driven by migration	Senator WATT: And, again, it would be fair to assume that, over the last five years, 70-odd per cent of full-time jobs created would have been driven by migration. Mr Russo: That one's a bit different. I'm happy to take that on notice. The only thing I'd note is that, in the labour force figures produced by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, the proportions of full-time and part-time jobs and other trends do move around quite a bit. So I'd probably caution against reaching that conclusion. But I'll take it on notice. Senator WATT: Okay. But, on the previous question, it would be fair to assume that over the last five years the majority of jobs growth has been driven by migration—as long as we're not getting into full time and part time but in an overall sense. Mr Russo: Yes, I'd say so, and we can check that for you.	Spoken	37	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/087	Carr, Kim	Priority process of visa subclasses	Senator KIM CARR: And I think Ms Dacey has answered the question properly. Can I ask you on notice to provide me the details of the priority process directions for each of the visa subclasses? Ms Golightly: Well take that on notice.	Spoken	42	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/088	Carr, Kim	Migration program options paper	Senator KIM CARR: Indeed. I've asked you specifically: did an options papers exist? Mr Pezzullo: And I'll restate my earlier evidence that options are always developed in the context of the framing of the annual budget because the migration program is settled on a year-by-year rolling basis in the budget. Senator KIM CARR: So I ask you on notice: can that options paper be provided to the committee? Mr Pezzullo: I'll refer that question to the minister on notice. Senator KIM CARR: Of course you will and, if not, will the minister be claiming public interest immunity? Mr Pezzullo: Through the minister at the table, I'll refer it to the minister. Senator Fifield: We'll take it on notice.	Spoken	45	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/089	Carr, Kim	Number of migration program applicants	Senator KIM CARR: How many people applied for the migration program in 2016-17? Mr Pezzullo: It's a question for Ms Dacey or Ms Golightly? Ms Dacey: We'd have to take the number of lodgment applications on notice. We can certainly take you through the delivery numbers, though. Senator KIM CARR: Can we compare it to this year's program year-to-date? We're almost at the end of the financial year. How many people have applied? Ms Dacey: Again, I don't have the lodgement numbers. I have what we have delivered. Senator KIM CARR: How many have you granted then? Take the other on notice, if you would—same for the previous question. Ms Dacey: Yes.	Spoken	45-46	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/090	Patrick, Rex	Regional visa data and constraints	Mr Pezzullo: If you're asking me to take on notice coming back to the committee on data we have that's pertinent to the question of regional-locality-type visas, I'll see what's available and I'll take that on notice. Senator PATRICK: And things like the constraints. I'll go back and have a look at the Hansard, as you suggested—and thank you for that suggestion—but I'd be interested in some of the other constraints: as you said, constitutional constraints and any other constraints that might bind you or inhibit any policy thinking. Mr Pezzullo: Once we start to enumerate those factors, we might as well give you the policy paper. It's really a matter for the minister, so I'll refer your request to the minister. You're almost describing the policy.	Spoken	48	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/091	McKim, Nick	Departments views on asylum for white South Africans	Senator McKIM: I appreciate that. I want to refer you to a 2015 decision made by the department, which was upheld in 2017 in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The department rejected a claim for asylum from a white South African because 'the vast majority of crimes against whites are not racially motivated but rather are crimes for financial gain.' That's a quote from the department's decision— CHAIR: What's the question? Senator McKIM: That's a quote from the department's decision. Has the department's view on that changed in the interim between then and now? Mr Pezzullo: Over the course of three years, I'm not sure that I've got that information readily to hand. I certainly wouldn't want to— CHAIR: So you will take it on notice. Mr Pezzullo: I'm sure the quote is accurate, but I'll take on notice the circumstances of the 2015 case and where we are now. ... Senator McKIM: Yes. I will start again the question I was asking before you interrupted me, Chair. Mr Pezzullo, could I ask you please to take on notice whether the department has any different view on the circumstances of— CHAIR: You've already asked that question. Senator McKIM: white people in South Africa that has changed since the AAT decision was made? Mr Pezzullo: I'll take it on notice, including whether any new information has come to hand.	Spoken	51	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/092	Carr, Kim	Permanent residency	Senator KIM CARR: I understand 55 per cent opposed the provisional period before a visa holder can apply for permanent residency. Would that be correct, in terms of response to the paper? Ms Geddes: I'd have to get back to you on that one. CHAIR: Take it on notice.	Spoken	52	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/093	Carr, Kim	AAT consultation papers	Ms Geddes: Certainly, I was involved in many of the consultations. There were some very good conversations about not so much the length of what a qualifying period would be but the intent behind a qualifying period—for people to understand and to be part of community in Australia, to be part of our values which would support them better through to citizenship. Senator KIM CARR: The department was quoted as saying that it dismissed these concerns: ... almost entirely based on the authors' personal circumstances and likely related to the fact that the policy consultation paper did not directly reference a pathway from temporary to permanent residency. Have I accurately reflected the department's view? Mr Pezzullo: Can I just check? I can't quite recall the summary. Senator KIM CARR: I don't have the actual source; it's in my notes here. But this is an opportunity for you to tell me whether or not the department has a view similar to that about the consultation responses. Mr Pezzullo: I think we'd better take it on notice. Ms Geddes: Yes, I'd have to take that on notice.	Spoken	53	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/094	Watt, Murray	Migration jobs	Senator WATT: This is the report entitled Shaping a nation. I had a look at those figures we were talking about over the lunch break. I'm still trying to reconcile different numbers. Just to recap, that report said in the five years leading up to 2016 there was net jobs growth in Australia of 850,000 people, or thereabouts, and that— Ms Dacey: Could you remind me which page that is? Senator WATT: Of course I left the highlighted version in my office! But I will find it. I know it's fairly late in the report. It's the second paragraph on page 37. It says: Migration has been critical to growth in the Australian workforce in recent years. Recent migrants accounted for two-thirds (64.5 per cent) of the approximately 850,000 net jobs created over the past five years ... For full-time employment, the impact is even more pronounced— ... Senator WATT: Of the 850,000, is it possible to give approximations? About two-thirds were migrants. Is it possible to give approximations of the split of that two-thirds which is temporary as opposed to permanent? Ms Dacey: I don't know, Senator. Ms Golightly: Senator, we would have to take that on notice, and then we would have to work that out. ... Senator WATT: The reason I think it's possible to work something out is that you have been able to give figures for some of the categories of temporary visas. Ms Golightly: Yes, and if it's possible we'll take it on notice to see what's possible. ... Senator WATT: But where we got to before the lunch break was that Mr Russo said that it would be reasonable to assume that, just as about two-thirds of that jobs growth leading into 2016 were migrants, similarly, the one million jobs created over the last five years up to now would certainly be more than 50 per cent and likely to be in the same range. CHAIR: And the question is? Senator WATT: I'm just asking if that's correct. Mr Russo: Well, as I mentioned earlier, that sounds about right, but I'd like to take it on notice in terms of just confirming those— Senator WATT: If you could take on notice, then, what the proportion of the five-year figures is—	Spoken	56	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/095	Carr, Kim	Migration targets in PBS	Senator KIM CARR: This is page 48 of the PBS: Labour market outcomes of surveyed migrants 18 months after arrival/visa grant as reported in the Continuous Survey of Australian Migrants ... And then there are a series of targets. Did you see that column there? Is this the first time that this performance indicator has been used in terms of employment outcomes for visa holders? Ms Cargill: I'll need to go and check the 2016-17 measure. ... Senator KIM CARR: If it is the first time, who's made the decision to put this indicator in? What are the consequences if you don't meet the target? Mr Pezzullo: We'll take all of that on notice. ... Senator KIM CARR: But this is the first time it's been used for an operational tool? Mr Russo: I think we were going to check on that. Senator KIM CARR: I know, but it strikes me that's the way it is being used in this circumstance. If so, why has it been used in this way? Thank you. You'll obviously take that on notice? Ms Geddes: Yes.	Spoken	59	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/096	Molan, Jim	Visa call centres staffing	Senator MOLAN: The last point I would like to inquire into is: you have established call centres. Have you got someone who could— Mr Pezzullo: Ms Golightly. Ms Golightly: Yes, senator. Senator MOLAN: How many new jobs? It's South Australia, I think? Ms Golightly: The successful tenderer for the call centres is a company which is based in South Australia. I'd have to take on notice whether we have any information about how many extra staff they have employed. But that contract is in the process of being transitioned in and they'll take over the full operation of the call centres on 1 July this year.	Spoken	62	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/097	Carr, Kim	Market date of IBM contract	Senator KIM CARR: When did you go to market for the IBM contract? Mr Pezzullo: The original one. Ms Cargill: The original? I don't have that information. I will take that on notice.	Spoken	64	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/098	Griff, Stirling	Visa considerations for doctor shortages	Senator GRIFF: Ms Geddes, it's just the statement that's in the actual budget paper which says that the government will improve the targeting of visas for general practitioners to areas of doctor shortages. Is this a specific visa or will visa approval be contingent on the GP's intended location? Ms Geddes: I'll take that on notice and get back to you, Senator.	Spoken	68	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/099	Watt, Murray	Ministerial Interventions on Subclass 600 visas	Senator WATT: How many ministerial interventions has the minister made since becoming the responsible minister? Ms Golightly: There have been 523 cases referred to the minister so far in 2017-18 for his consideration, with 377 visas being granted as a result of ministerial intervention. Senator WATT: How many of those interventions have related to subclass 600 visas? Ms Golightly: I'd have to take that on notice.	Spoken	68	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/100	Watt, Murray	Tourist visa compliance cases	that would obviously put her in breach of that visa. Is it your understanding that's correct? Mr Pezzullo: I said I don't know; I'm going to seek facts. Senator WATT: Can you seek those facts from the officers who are here, please? CHAIR: Mr Pezzullo, what I think you're saying is you will take it on notice and, if necessary, you'll make a claim for public interest immunity. Mr Pezzullo: As required, yes. 2.Senator WATT: I repeat: did ABF officers suspect that this individual intended to undertake paid work on a tourist visa? Mr Pezzullo: I will take that on notice. 3.Senator WATT: How did ABF officers come upon this information that this individual intended to undertake paid work on a tourist visa? Mr Pezzullo: I'll take it on notice. 4.Senator WATT: Did she inform ABF officers of that intention, or did they become aware of this through their own investigations? Mr Pezzullo: I will take that question on notice. 5.Senator WATT: How many other individuals in similar circumstances—who have entered on a subclass 600 visa, a tourist visa, but where there is a suspicion that they will undertake paid work—have been deported or sent back home? CHAIR: We want you to have the exact number now on the spot! Mr Pezzullo: I will take it on notice. 6.Senator WATT: Thank you. How many other individuals in similar circumstances—who have entered on a subclass 600 visa but where there is a suspicion they will undertake paid work—have been allowed to stay as a result of ministerial intervention? Mr Pezzullo: I'll take that on notice. 7.Senator WATT: How did this case come to the attention of the department to put a brief to the Minister? Mr Pezzullo: I would need to take that on notice. I don't know. 8.Senator WATT: Who within the department was first contacted in relation to this case? Mr Pezzullo: I'll take that on notice. 9.Senator WATT: Mr Pezzullo, were you involved in preparing, reviewing or approving any brief that went to the minister on this matter? Mr Pezzullo: Personally, no. 10.Mr Pezzullo: Not through me. Every brief that's given to the minister is copied to me. Senator WATT: Okay. So you got a copy of this brief? Mr Pezzullo: I would imagine so, but even that I would have to take on notice and check. 11.Senator WATT: In one of the media reports about this—I think it was in The Australian on 19 May, an AAP article—one of the quotes was: 'AAP understands that the au pair made a phone call to a contact while detained at the airport and was 'quickly' granted a new visa which allowed her to lawfully enter Australia.' Who did this person call to facilitate the grant of the ministerial intervention? Mr Pezzullo: I have no knowledge of those circumstances and particulars myself, so I will take it on notice. 12.Senator WATT: Again, I accept that there's no connection to the minister himself. Is it correct that a Liberal Party contact of the minister received a call from the au pair, or made a call to the minister's office, which facilitated this intervention? Mr Pezzullo: I have no idea. My understanding of this matter is going to be limited, once I've reviewed the material taken on notice, to what my department did, who contacted the minister's office and how information comes to be put before the minister. As I said in my previous answer, it is not solely through the department, but I'm not going to confirm, deny, speculate or infer that that reporting is in any way accurate. Senator WATT: But you will take my question on notice? Mr Pezzullo: Yes. And, to the extent that the department is in possession of relevant facts, I will review that on notice and provide it to the committee on notice. 13.Senator WATT: Was the call that was made to the minister's office which facilitated this ministerial intervention made by a person who was known to the minister or to the minister's office? Senator Fifield: I think Mr Pezzullo's already indicated that he doesn't have any knowledge in relation to these matters. Certainly I don't, and I can't attest to the veracity of what you are asserting. Senator WATT: Sure. Could you take that question on notice though, Mr Pezzullo? You don't have those facts to hand, but I'd appreciate it, given the number of other questions you've take on notice. Mr Pezzullo: Insofar as it relates to a chain of events that I have, generally, taken on notice. But otherwise, I'll refer to my	Spoken	69-78	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/101	Martin, Steve	Temporary visa processing	Senator MARTIN: Do you know how many staff in Home Affairs in Hobart undertake short-term visa processing? Mr Pezzullo: I don't personally, no. It might be a matter of detail that we'd need to take on notice. Ms Golightly: We will take that on notice. Senator MARTIN: I presume you will take this on notice as well: how many public servants in other states undertake short-term visa processing work? Ms Golightly: We will take that on notice.	Spoken	72	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/102	Pratt, Louise	Visa reform expenditure	Senator PRATT: I think I understand what you're saying. I don't expect you'll be able to tell me, but when do you expect to put a recommendation to the minister? Mr Pezzullo: In due course. Senator PRATT: In getting to that point in time, in due course, what is the estimated cost to the department in wages, consultancies, advertising, travel, roadshows, expressions of interest? Ms Golightly: The financial information that Mr Kefford read out before—I think it was the \$40.5 million figure over several years—is the budget we have for that work. Senator PRATT: And how much have you spent to date? Ms Golightly: I'd have to take that on notice.	Spoken	80	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/103	Pratt, Louise	Employee Assistance Program	Senator PRATT: Can I ask if there's been an increase at all in the number of staff accessing the Employee Assistance Program? Mr Pezzullo: That's not really in Ms Golightly's program. Senator PRATT: I guess you wouldn't actually know, if they're confidential, for what reason someone's accessing it. Mr Pezzullo: I think, on a de-identified basis, quite separately—and just alerting the chair to the fact this is probably more a matter for corporate—there are certainly reports that de-identify the cases, and the Employee Assistance Program providers do provide general advice on why; not why people are specifically accessing service, but the kinds of trends that they're seeing. Senator PRATT: I can put that on notice. Can you take that on notice in the context of corporate?	Spoken	82	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/104	Macdonald, Ian	Venezuelan visa applicants	CHAIR: Mr Pezzullo, can you or your officers indicate to me whether there has been any upsurge in applications for some form of visa from people who would have been Venezuelan citizens as a result of the very unsettled, if I can put it that way— Mr Pezzullo: I'm not aware of that data specifically, but perhaps Ms Dacey might be aware. Ms Dacey: Senator, I don't have any statistics and, anecdotally, I don't think we would have them. We have seen growth coming out of South America generally, particularly in students, but not around Venezuela specifically. I'll confirm on notice. CHAIR: Okay. The political situation there is quite difficult, but there's been nothing noticeable? Ms Dacey: I will take it on notice to make sure we give you the right information.	Spoken	83	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/105	Pratt, Louise	Visa reform staff communication	Senator PRATT: Thank you for that undertaking. I'm also seeking on notice copies of any speeches to staff or department-wide emails or communications on these proposals. Mr Pezzullo: That relate to this? Senator PRATT: Yes. Mr Pezzullo: We will provide that on notice.	Spoken	83	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/106	Macdonald, Ian	Visa age bracket requirements	CHAIR: I've recently been consulted by someone who lives in my area, who wouldn't be a constituent because I don't think they're Australian, and I won't mention any names, but I have written to Mr Dutton with a plea or a submission. The person told me that she had to do tests and it took her some time to get the required No. 6 in all bands. She kept going back to school, to Griffith University, and others and it was a long process in which both she and her husband were fully engaged. She finally got all the results she needed and then she applied to Immigration and they said that the age required to apply has recently been changed from 50 years to 45, just days before she passed the final test making her ineligible to apply. Mr Pezzullo: There was a measure in recent times, some time previously that did vary— CHAIR: The date she gave me was 19 August 2017. Mr Pezzullo: That would have been a decision, I think, in the 2017-18 budget. The tests, Chair, related to English language it sounds like. CHAIR: As I say, I have written, I don't want to go— Mr Pezzullo: We'll say tests generically. Dr Johnson, can you shed light on the measure where the age limit was lowered? CHAIR: Writing, reading, listening and speaking. Dr Johnson: There is an age requirement which has been lowered because the general thrust of our skilled migration program is to attract highly skilled but also younger workers. I think you heard evidence before from Mr Russo that the Productivity Commission inquiry recommended that to address the aging population we should try to attract younger workers. In this case it sounds like the person, on the one hand, got the six for the English and then unfortunately crept past the age bracket requirement. CHAIR: Does the minister have discretion in circumstances to allow these— Mr Pezzullo: Only insofar as the law allows, or provides for. Dr Johnson, is there discretion available in this case? Dr Johnson: I'd have to take that on notice. ... CHAIR: My question was: does the minister have discretion? Anyhow, that's been taken on notice. But there may be other people in that situation where ages were changed almost retrospectively. Mr Pezzullo: We'll check, on notice, whether there was a transitional arrangement also agreed by the minister. It might have had a step-down element—but we'll check that.	Spoken	83-84	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/107	McKim, Nick	Hobart temporary visa staff	Senator McKIM: What percentage of the workload of the Hobart office falls within the classification of temporary visas? Ms Dacey: I'll have to take it on notice.	Spoken	84	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/108	Pratt, Louise	Visa automation	Senator PRATT: What kind of services could be sold on? I think you have highlighted tourism ventures and migration services; is there anything else? Ms Golightly: Can I just clarify? I'm not entirely sure what you mean by sold on. Senator PRATT: Packaged up, perhaps. Ms Golightly: What we're looking for is whether the market can provide complementary other services which are attractive to people who might be thinking about coming to Australia and making that journey, if you like, easier for them. Senator PRATT: So what? Wedding services or— Ms Golightly: I think Mr Kefford gave evidence before about the types of services. Senator PRATT: Yes. Can you provide a list of some of the kinds of services that are considered, on notice? Ms Golightly: So there isn't a definitive list. This is the whole point in working with—so we have given some examples today which would be illustrative of the types of services. Senator PRATT: They're illustrative, but they don't give a real indication of the breadth that you're looking at. Ms Golightly: We can take on notice if there are other examples we can give.	Spoken	87	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/109	McKim, Nick	Final departure bridging visas	Senator McKIM: Thanks for all those. I just want to ask some more specific questions about various visa classes. Firstly, has the department granted any more final departure bridging visas since you were last before this committee? ... Ms Dacey: I don't have bridging visa statistics on me. I can take it on notice— Senator McKIM: Perhaps Ms Dacey can finish the answer to that question. It was about final departure bridging visas, Ms Dacey, since last you were before the committee. Ms Dacey: I'd have to take it on notice, I'm sorry; I don't have those statistics here.	Spoken	92-93	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/110	Pratt, Louise	Autogrant visas	Senator PRATT: Okay, I think that kind of makes sense. How many visas currently interact with the autogrant process? Ms Dacey: I'd have to take it on notice. I've talked you through the really big categories. There might be some others—for example, we have very highly streamlined student ones. Senator PRATT: Please take on notice the types of visas and how many.	Spoken	94	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/111	Pratt, Louise	Visa fraud	Senator PRATT: ... I've heard anecdotally of brokers scamming this system, and visa applicants paying for visas that aren't valid and haven't been issued to someone from the country the automated system thinks they're from. Is this an issue that the department is aware of? Ms Dacey: Certainly we are aware of it and, as I was saying to you before, our ability to stop that now is much greater than it used to be because of our enhanced intelligence capability and our risk systems capability. We've got a much greater ability to pick that stuff up now. Senator PRATT: In how many cases has that occurred? Ms Dacey: We're talking about millions of decisions a year. I couldn't take a stab at a— Ms Golightly: We'll take on notice what we can get for you. ... Senator PRATT: Have you got information and evidence you can give this committee about when these kinds of incidents occur? For example, how much revenue has Immigration collected from people who were sold a visa that they weren't actually able to access because someone falsely put in someone else as the visa applicant? Ms Golightly: I think we would need to take that on notice to see what is possible to give you and whether we have that information, because it might not be money we've collected; it might have disappeared somewhere. ... Senator PRATT: I want to go back to the example of the kind of fraud that we've been given as an example—I was trying to oversimplify the example. Our advice from members of the CPSU is that a broker can lodge an application for, say, a Cameroonian applicant and the visa is granted. Finnish passports, which are eligible for autogrant, and Cameroonian passports have the same alphanumeric code and the system only shows the passport number, not citizenship. The Home Affairs system shows that the visa has been granted and the individual who's purchased the visa through the broker is shown the approval from the department. The visa, however, is attached to the passport number, not to the citizenship of the applicant, and therefore is not valid. Ms Dacey: With your indulgence, we would take it on notice, because that's a really— Senator PRATT: Most cases are stopped at the airport as they seek to depart for Australia, and some make it to Australia. In either situation, they've paid for the visa that is not valid. Ms Golightly: I think, as Ms Dacey said, we need to take that on notice to follow that logic through. But my initial reaction is that that person is still presenting a passport and a citizenship that is not theirs. Senator PRATT: Yes, that's right. Ms Golightly: So, therefore, there would be a problem. Senator PRATT: Yes, they are misrepresenting themselves but they may not know that they are misrepresenting themselves. Ms Golightly: If it's not their passport or their citizenship, then I'm not sure— Senator PRATT: No, they are given a visa that has their passport number on it. Ms Dacey: Anyway, we can take that on notice. We have done some work around the alphanumeric codes of passports. Senator PRATT: If you can take that on notice and give an explanation of how that's happening— Ms Dacey: I will try to step through that, yes.	Spoken	94-96	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/112	McKim, Nick	Final departure bridging visa income support	Senator McKIM: ... Why has the government decided that people who are on final departure bridging visas who are assessed as being capable of work are basically cut off from income support, housing support, things that would allow them to survive? Are you trying to starve these people out of Australia? Senator Seselja: No. Senator McKIM: Why is there no income support or supports offered in terms of the basics of life like food, Minister? Senator Seselja: Obviously, I wasn't part of those particular policy decisions, so that's something I can take on notice for you.	Spoken	98	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/113	Pratt, Louise	Subclass 400 sponsor integrity	Senator PRATT: Are you aware of any cases where a sponsor has been found to be rorting the subclass 400 visa in any way, and why? Ms Dacey: I'd have to take it on notice. I don't have any advice here to that effect. Senator PRATT: As far as you're aware, they're not, but you don't have any of that evidence; you're not ruling it out? Ms Dacey: No. Ms Golightly: We'll take it on notice. Senator PRATT: What kind of evidence is required to prove that a role is specialist? Ms Dacey: I've explained to you in as much detail as I feel I can tonight. If you would like to ask a couple of questions on notice I'm happy to come back to you. Senator PRATT: Okay. Do you work off a set of criteria in the decision-making for that? Ms Dacey: I'll take it on notice. I just don't have that level of detail with me.	Spoken	101	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/114	Pratt, Louise	Australia's interest stream	Senator PRATT: Thank you. I understand applicants can also qualify under an 'Australia's interest' stream. What does that mean? What kinds of circumstances are covered by the 'Australia's interest' stream? Ms Dacey: I'm afraid— Ms Golightly: We're not entirely sure we know what that means. Have you got some more information there? Senator PRATT: I understand it's your terminology—that there's a stream where it's in Australia's interest to grant this visa. Ms Dacey: I can't see it here. Oh, yes, here we go. It is a stream. It allows the holder to 'in limited circumstances, participate in an activity or work relating to Australia's interests'. It's generally up to three months or up to six months, which is consistent with the broader visa framework. That's all the information I have available. Senator PRATT: So you don't have any information about the types of circumstances? Ms Dacey: No. Ms Golightly: We can take that on notice. Senator PRATT: Yes, could you take that on notice. Could I ask, in that context, whether something has to be in Australia's national interest or just in the interest of an Australian business to meet the test for the Australia's interest stream—what are the criteria attached to it? Ms Golightly: We'll get some more information for you on that on notice. Senator PRATT: Thank you. I'd also like a breakdown of subclass 400 visas approved over the last five years in each stream, including 'specialised skills' and 'Australia's interest'. Ms Golightly: Certainly.	Spoken	101-102	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/115	Pratt, Louise	Migrant Workers' Taskforce	Senator PRATT: I now want to ask about Migrant Workers' Taskforce reporting. I think that's under the same visa outcome. One of the outcomes of the Migrant Workers' Taskforce was a new process between the Fair Work Ombudsman and the Department of Home Affairs. Ms Golightly: Yes, that's right. Senator PRATT: As I understand it, that process allows that, if a visa holder comes forward to the ombudsman and reports worker exploitation and admits that they have worked outside their visa conditions, the Department of Home Affairs will consider their case and won't necessarily cancel the visa. And I draw your attention to question on notice SE17/191. Ms Golightly: Someone here might be able to get that for me. I might not have heard you correctly. Under the protocol—just to be clear—where temporary visa holders with work rights have reported exploitation to the Fair Work Ombudsman, the department generally won't cancel or do anything as long as there are no other issues with that visa holder. Senator PRATT: So that's formalised in a protocol, is it? Ms Golightly: That's correct. Senator PRATT: Are you able to table that protocol—not now, but take it on notice? Ms Golightly: We can take it on notice, yes. Senator PRATT: How many cases have been referred to Immigration through this process? Ms Golightly: As at 30 April this year, 31 cases have been referred to the department. Senator PRATT: Could you provide a breakdown of those 31 through the visa subclass and the ultimate outcome. That might not be something you can do now. Ms Golightly: No, we'd have to take that on notice.	Spoken	102	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/116	Pratt, Louise	Temporary worker exploitation	Senator PRATT: It may not be possible, but are there characteristics which you might look to in the kinds of employers that are more likely to exploit people—small business, big business, restaurants versus retail? Ms Golightly: Yes. The 31 is probably too small a group, but, if I can take that on notice, I think some of the other work I've touched on may be able to provide some of that information. Senator PRATT: Yes. I'm sure there would be more reports other than the 31, but it's 31 who have had their visas cancelled but you've not deployed them. Ms Golightly: No, sorry, Senator. It's 31 that the Fair Work Ombudsman has referred to us to work with. Senator PRATT: If you could just provide on notice a summary of the types of exploitation that has occurred in those 31 cases, that would be helpful. Ms Golightly: I will take that on notice.	Spoken	103	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/117	Pratt, Louise	Discussion of agricultural visa class	Senator PRATT: Acting Prime Minister Michael McCormack said: An agricultural visa program is something that I know David Littleproud is working on along with his Nationals colleagues, along with our regional Liberal friends. How long has discussion of this as a new visa class been within the department? Ms Geddes: We'll take that on notice and provide you with whatever information we can. Senator PRATT: But it is actively being discussed at the moment? Ms Geddes: I'll have to take that on notice.	Spoken	104	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/118	McKim, Nick	Processing times and application numbers for family visa program	Senator McKIM: I've got some questions about various classes of family reunion visas. Firstly, is 'family reunion visas' a terminology that the department uses to categorise a group of visa types? ... Senator McKIM: I was going to ask about average processing times, so you might as well keep going while you're there. ... Senator McKIM: Are they trending up or down compared to equivalent times in years gone by—in the last five years or so? Do you have any data on that? Maybe you could take it on notice. Do you have any general comments or awareness as to whether those times are trending up or down? Ms Golightly: We can take that on notice. I know that's been the case for quite some time for some of those longer-term ones. Senator McKIM: What's been the case, sorry? Ms Golightly: The average processing times. Senator McKIM: Are you saying they're relatively consistent over— Ms Golightly: Yes. We'll take it on notice, but I know that it's fairly consistent for some of those longer categories. ... Senator McKIM: Thank you. We've talked about time frames. Do you have data there about the number of people that are on—I call it a waiting list, but that's probably not the department's terminology. How many people have applied and are waiting for the issuance of visas in the family program? Ms Dacey: I can give you on-hand statistics as at 30 April this year. For partner, which includes prospective marriage, there are 71,182 cases on hand; for child, there are 3,078; for orphaned relative, there are 1,410; for contributory parent, there are 46,745; for parent, there are 50,644; and for other family, there are 11,986. Senator McKIM: When you say 'parent' is that a non-contributory parent? Ms Dacey: Correct. Senator McKIM: Where does non-contributory aged parent fit into that? Sorry, I think it is contributory aged parent. Ms Dacey: I don't have it as a separate category, so I'll take it on notice just to make sure. ... Senator McKIM: ... Perhaps you could provide last year's figures—say, as at 30 June last year—for all of the categories that Ms Dacey just went through so that the committee can compare what I would call the waiting list or the people who are waiting. Ms Golightly: Yes, we'll take that on notice.	Spoken	104-106	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/119	Pratt, Louise	Signed labour hire agreements	Senator PRATT: ... So I'll move to labour hire agreements. How many labour agreements were signed each year of the last five years? Ms Dacey: I don't think I have historical data. I can tell you how many are currently in effect. Senator PRATT: Yes, currently in effect, and you could take on notice for the last five years.	Spoken	106	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/120	Pratt, Louise	Visa holders working under labour hire agreements	Senator PRATT: ... Is there a particular reason that you support labour hire firms in accessing these agreements so that companies can meet specific skills offshore? Or should they be applying themselves? ... Senator PRATT: Okay. So, perhaps you can take on notice an assessment of how companies that don't have fixed contracts should be eligible. ... Senator PRATT: Okay. And if you could take on notice providing that by—unless you've got it with you—industries covered, number of jobs with those agreements and ANZSCO codes— Ms Dacey: All that information's on our website. Senator PRATT: Okay. And that also includes locations, does it? Ms Dacey: I don't know about that. I'll have to check that. Senator PRATT: If you could take that on notice, that would be great. How many visa holders are currently in Australia working under a labour hire agreement? ... Ms Golightly: Whether they're currently onshore—is that your question? Senator PRATT: Yes. Ms Golightly: I'll have to go and check. Senator PRATT: I also meant to ask: how many people are in Australia working under a labour agreement in general, not just for labour hire companies? ... Ms Dacey: I think we're going to have to take that on notice.	Spoken	107-108	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/121	Pratt, Louise	Objections to labour hire agreements	Senator PRATT: Of the labour agreements entered into in the last five years, how many were approved by the department despite objections by unions, workplace bodies and other parties? Ms Dacey: I'll have to take it on notice. Senator PRATT: What weight do you assign, if any, to concerns raised by stakeholders during that consultation process? Ms Dacey: We always strive for the balance that we think is right. If concerns are brought to our attention, then we would certainly engage in a further conversation with the applicant. Senator PRATT: Is it possible for you to take on notice how many labour agreements have been requested over the last five years compared to how many were signed? Ms Dacey: Yes. I'll put a caveat around it, though. We may well have a situation where, in the initial phone conversation, it becomes clear that it's not going to fly. So, we'll give you the data that we can. I'm just saying it might not give you the fullest picture. Senator PRATT: I understand. Ms Dacey: You might not be able to see the things— Senator PRATT: There'll be a space between a formal application and someone working with the department to get it started. Ms Dacey: That's right. Senator PRATT: I understand that. Have you got any evidence to show how many of those 327 labour agreements had objections raised to them by various	Spoken	108	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/122	Pratt, Louise	Skilling Australians Fund	Senator PRATT: I've got still a fair bit on visas here. I've got to do a quick audit about what to put on notice. Can I ask you about the Skilling Australians Fund within the budget. How much revenue have new visa levies contributed to the Skilling Australians Fund since it was announced at last year's budget? Ms Golightly: I'll let my policy colleagues answer that. Ms Noble: Senator, we may have to take that on notice. I don't think we have anyone here with the expertise to answer that for you. Senator PRATT: Okay. Did the department expect to have been charging visa levies by this point in time? Ms Noble: Again, we'll have to take that on notice. Senator PRATT: Is that because you don't know or because you don't want to say? Ms Geddes: Senator, if I could clarify or seek clarification. The Migration Amendment (Skilling Australians Fund) Bill was passed by parliament on 9 May 2018 but hasn't yet come into effect. Senator PRATT: Yes, it was quite slow to get moving in the parliament. When does the department expect to begin charging visa levies on temporary and permanent skilled visas? Ms Geddes: We'll take that on notice. I don't know that we can provide an answer on that one.	Spoken	109	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/123	Pratt, Louise	Temporary Skill Shortage visa levies	<p>Senator PRATT: Okay. Does the department expect the visa levies on TSS visas to result in a further reduction in visas issued? Ms Golightly: We'll take it on notice. Ms Dacey: Is it a policy— Senator PRATT: It's a very clear question: did you model the impact of the levy on demand for visas that are part of this class of visa? Ms Golightly: I'll have to take it on notice. Senator PRATT: So you don't know if the levying of this skill fund is going to impact on demand for that visa class? Ms Golightly: I think we said we'd take the question on notice. ... Senator PRATT: Can you just take on notice whether the figures that you've put in the forward estimates include within them any reduction in the number of visas granted based on a levy having been applied. ... Senator PRATT: But, beyond that, over the forward estimates, we need to know whether the Skilling Australians Fund is likely to have an impact on lowering demand for foreign labour in favour of local workers—because people have been trained. ... Senator PRATT: ... Is the program going to work to skill Australians for jobs that would otherwise have been done by overseas workers? ... Senator PRATT: Okay. Are you able to provide modelling of how many visas will be issued, their relevant levies and how much revenue this will provide to the Skilling Australians Fund over the forward estimates? Ms Cargill: We can take that on notice. Obviously we track the revenue and that's how we routinely adjust the revenue estimates, through the forward estimates process and at every budget. So we can take that on notice and see what we can provide. ... Senator PRATT: So who counts the impact of that on demand for visas and therefore contributions to the fund? Mr Pezzullo: To the extent that there's any quantitative impact on visas, that's a matter that we would deal with, and we've taken that on notice.</p>	Spoken	111-112	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/124	Pratt, Louise	Checking of student visa conditions	<p>Senator PRATT: Once a student visa is issued—and I understand that a student visa can be for up to five years—does the department regularly check that the visa holder is complying with their visa conditions? Ms Dacey: They have to remain enrolled, and, if they change courses, they need to let us know. I'm not sure if there's an automatic checking process. I'll take that on notice, so I don't give you the wrong information. Senator PRATT: Do you check whether a student is attending their course? Clearly, you check whether they're enrolled. What is the nature of the checking that takes place? Ms Dacey: We don't check their attendance for contact hours or things like that. Senator PRATT: But you check their enrolment. Do you check if their fees are paid? Ms Dacey: I'll have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	113	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/125	Pratt, Louise	Exemptions to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and courses for Overseas Students	<p>Senator PRATT: The department, on your website, says: With limited exceptions, you must be enrolled in a course of study that is registered on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS). What circumstances would warrant a person being granted a student visa for a course not on CRICOS? Ms Dacey: I don't know. I'll have to take it on notice for you. Senator PRATT: Can you provide the number of visas approved through an exemption for each of the last five years, including the courses those visa holders intended to study? Ms Dacey: I'll take it on notice.</p>	Spoken	113	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/126	Pratt, Louise	Breaches of student visas received through Border Watch	<p>Senator PRATT: ... Do you have any way of tracking how many student visa holders are currently working in Australia? Ms Dacey: No. Senator PRATT: Is this something in the future that you'll be able to do through the continuous survey of Australian migrants? Ms Golightly: I'm not sure I can answer for the survey. We can take that on notice and try to find out for you. Senator PRATT: Okay. I understand there's concern—I've certainly had it put to me—that young people could be applying for student visas as a way to come to Australia and then get full-time jobs working in breach of their visa conditions. Has the department specifically looked at any of these issues? Ms Golightly: Certainly if we receive any reports or allegations of that nature, we look into them, yes. That comes in under the compliance regime. Senator PRATT: How many tips have been received through Border Watch about student visa holders breaching their conditions? Ms Golightly: We'll take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	114	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/127	Pratt, Louise	Information provided to visa holders about workplace rights	<p>Senator PRATT: ... What information about Australian workplace rights and conditions is provided to visa holders, whether it is a skilled visa or any other visa with a work right, where a visa is approved? Ms Dacey: I'll take it on notice, but our notification letters do provide information about the Fair Work Ombudsman and their work rights. But I'd like to take it on notice to make sure that I— Senator PRATT: Okay. If you can provide us with a copy of that information, that would be terrific. Ms Dacey: The notification letters will be different for each of the visa types. I'll provide you with a summary— Senator PRATT: Just a few examples would be terrific, thank you. Ms Dacey: No worries. Senator PRATT: Are there</p>	Spoken	115	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/128	Pratt, Louise	Breakdown of student visas granted	<p>Senator PRATT: Okay. You can take these on notice. I'm interested in a breakdown of student visas granted over the last five years, by country of citizenship, gender and age; and a breakdown over the last five years by the type of education institution, be that university, TAFE, diploma or certificate course, and the state or territory. I'm also interested in whether the department has looked at any kind of task force or operation to look at rorting within the student visa industry.</p>	Spoken	115	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/129	Pratt, Louise	Review of information provided to work visa holders	<p>Senator PRATT: When is the last time you reviewed information provided to work visa holders to ensure it was up-to-date and offering the best information about where to get help if they're exploited by their employer? Ms Golightly: We'll take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	116	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/130	Pratt, Louise	Correspondence provided to migrant workers about workplace rights	<p>Senator PRATT: Does the department impose any conditions on employers or sponsors to provide information about the Fair Work Ombudsman, unions or other services that can help protect the rights of people working within Australia under Australia's workplace relations law? Ms Golightly: My understanding is that that is actually part of the information that we provide about their rights and obligations in the letters Ms Dacey was referring to. Senator PRATT: So it's in the form of correspondence when the visas are granted. Please let us know if there's anything else the department does to provide information to migrant workers. Ms Golightly: Yes, certainly. It's also on our website, and I think it's in multiple languages, but I'll check that. I'll take it on notice for you.</p>	Spoken	116	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/131	Pratt, Louise	Visa application health test	<p>Senator PRATT: ... I understand visa applicants need to pass a health test before their visas are approved. For what visa subclasses does that requirement apply? Mr Dacey: Can I take that on notice? There are 100 subclasses.</p>	Spoken	116	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/132	Pratt, Louise	Visa application health waivers	<p>Senator PRATT: I understand there is a waiver for the health requirement for some family and humanitarian visas. Which visas have a waiver attached to them for humanitarian-type purposes? Ms Dunn: I don't have that information with me. I would have to take that on notice. It tends to be family-type visas and humanitarian visas. Senator PRATT: In what circumstances is a health waiver available for visas in the family and the humanitarian streams? For example, would a person with a physical or intellectual disability be eligible for a waiver? Ms Dunn: I would have to take that on notice. I don't have any information on health waivers with me. ... Senator PRATT: Could the department please take on notice: how many waivers in each of the last five financial years were applied for; how many were approved and for which visa classes and subclasses; and how many applications are still in the pipeline awaiting approval. I'm interested in examples of ministerial intervention to grant visas for someone who hasn't passed the health requirement, in addition to humanitarian entrants where there might be an automatic process for waivers. I've certainly been aware, for example, of cases where a migrant doctor's child gets cancer, but they are able to remain in the country, despite the fact that they might fail the health requirements. Could you give some examples of the kinds of ministerial interventions, and I want to know whether they're usually cases involving children or humanitarian visa holders and what other kinds of circumstances ministerial interventions might apply to.</p>	Spoken	116-117	05-Jul-18



Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/133	Pratt, Louise	Community Support Program costs	Mr Mansfield: At this stage of the year we will assess all of the Community Support Program applications that come in, noting that some of them may not be grant ready before 30 June. Senator PRATT: I understand the cost of the program varies depending on which APO the sponsor applies through. Is that correct? Mr Mansfield: The approved proposing organisations are able to charge for their services. The information is required to be transparently placed on their website so that potential applicants can choose which approved proposing organisation they wish to apply through. Senator PRATT: Are you able to provide a breakdown of those costs? If they're on individual websites, do you have an overview of that information in one place? Mr Mansfield: I'll have to take that on notice; I'm not aware. Senator PRATT: If you're able, I'd be interested in a breakdown of costs by organisation. Can I ask what oversight you give to those costs as I understand they do vary. What's the rationale in the variation?	Spoken	119	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/134	McKim, Nick	Death of refugees and asylum seekers	Senator McKIM: Thanks. How many refugees or people seeking asylum that have died today is the department aware of? Mr Pezzullo: I'm aware of one death, not of a refugee. Again, to be clear, as I understand it, the death was of a nonrefugee in—I think it was Manus. Senator McKIM: Okay. Did the minister or his office ask the department to provide advice to him or to them today on that refugee? Mr Pezzullo: It's quite possible that we've self-initiated some advice. When an incident such as a death occurs, a serious injury, an incident, the fire that we've spoken about separately, urgent issues briefings are often worked up. I haven't checked my device. I might well have a briefing on this very device that's in front of me. Senator McKIM: Would you take that question on notice? Mr Pezzullo: Yes. ... Senator McKIM: Perhaps some advice could be sought in the break. Mr Pezzullo, would you take that on notice with best efforts to come back this evening if possible. Mr Pezzullo: I'll take it on notice.	Spoken	121	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/135	Pratt, Louise	Number of parcels entering Australia	Senator PRATT: How many parcels with a value of less than \$1,000 have entered Australia over the last five years? Mr Pezzullo: That would be Mr Gibbon and Mr Grigson. Senator PRATT: And I'd like to thank Ms Golightly and her colleague Ms Dacey. I know I kept them here a long time. Mr Grigson: We'll take it on notice, Senator, and get you the details. Senator PRATT: What percentage of parcels entering Australia are parcels with a value of less than \$1,000? Mr Grigson: Same, Senator—we'll take it on notice and get you the details. Senator PRATT: Okay. Do you have a general sense of that information in the context of your day-to-day operations? Mr Grigson: I don't, but Mr Gibbon might. Mr Gibbon: No, we don't have those statistics available. We can take that on notice. ... Senator PRATT: No, I was just asking about how many parcels come into Australia with a value of less than \$1,000. Mr Grigson: Yes. We will take it on notice and get that for you. Senator PRATT: Okay. Do you know how many parcels come into Australia through the postal system every year? Mr Outram: I'll take it on notice. It is in the region of 140 million to 150 million, I understand, but I'll take it on notice. That might be for all items, possibly. I'll take it on notice in terms of parcels, because how you define parcels and packages is important.	Spoken	122-123	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/136	Pratt, Louise	Mail screening budget	Senator PRATT: Yes, that makes sense. What's the cost to undertake these security screenings? And what's the average cost per package, if you're able to— ... Mr Outram: In 2016-17, the cost was \$14.9 million, rounded up—that's across our gateway facilities in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. So this year I think we've budgeted \$15.7 million—this financial year. Senator PRATT: \$15.7 million. Okay. Mr Outram: I'm not going to try to divide that by 40 million, but— Senator PRATT: It looks like a lot less than \$5 a package, which is the cost projected in that Sydney Morning Herald article. And I'm not speculating as to whether that's real, I'm just— Mr Outram: In terms of the budget and the way that it's cut, I'll have a look. But if you think about the capability that is embedded within the mail gateway, behind that capability there is more capability in a close operational support role. There is an overhead in relation to that cost, which may be the data, the intelligence and all those other things that I talked about. I'm not sure whether they're captured within that \$15 million or not. Dogs, for example—detector dogs. Senator PRATT: If you could have a look at that, that would be great.	Spoken	124	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/137	Pratt, Louise	Mail inspections	Senator PRATT: What percentage of parcels that are inspected—not the overall percentage—have items that shouldn't be coming in, either for non-declaration or they're drugs or they're— Mr Outram: I'll have to come back to you, on notice, with the breaking down to the number of inspections to detections. Senator PRATT: Could you also take on notice the number of prohibited items? Mr Outram: That's the strike rate, the detection rate, where we find something that's prohibited, so we'll take that notice.	Spoken	125	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/138	Pratt, Louise	Integrated cargo system	Senator PRATT: Thank you for correcting me. I'm now moving on to a different topic: the integrated cargo system. Could you please explain what the integrated cargo system does? ... Senator PRATT: How many business users utilise this system on a daily basis versus how many in total? Mr Outram: I will take that on notice. There would be a lot, but I will take that on notice.	Spoken	126	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/139	Pratt, Louise	Trade Facilitation Initiatives Working Group	Mr Gibbon: Yes, there was a discussion paper released to the Trade Facilitation Initiatives Working Group. That paper canvassed those sorts of elements and looked at the way fees and charges for parcels were undertaken as part of business improvement activities. Senator PRATT: If I could ask on notice for a copy of that discussion paper. If possible, it would be good to have that during the course of this week's estimates. Mr Grigson: Yes. We will take it on notice.	Spoken	126	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/140	Pratt, Louise	Type 3 digital certificate	Senator PRATT: What is a type 3 digital certificate? ... Ms Dale: A digital certificate is a certificate industry obtains to lodge their clearance certificate—so, import declarations or cargo reports through to the ICS. Senator PRATT: It is essentially what they're certifying is in their goods? Ms Dale: That's right. Those digital certificates are established as the user identity credibility in our system. Senator PRATT: How much do they cost? Ms Dale: I don't have the exact figure. I can take that on notice. ... Senator PRATT: I understand that there have been issues and system outages experienced by these systems. Are you able to tell us what those problems are? Ms Dale: No. I have to refer it to the department colleagues in the ICT environment. Mr Grigson: We can take it on notice for you and get you some details. ... Senator PRATT: How many complaints have been received about the system in the last five financial years? Mr Outram: It might be difficult to collate that information, but we'll take it on notice and see what we can do.	Spoken	126-127	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/141	Pratt, Louise	Credit card fraud	Senator PRATT: In August last year, the department ceased taking automated telephone payments due to fraudulent credit card activity. There was a message to everyone via the messaging system saying that telephone payments would cease and that people needed to pay by BPay or register for EFT or direct debit payments. Was it credit card providers or the department who identified this fraudulent activity? Mr Outram: I will take that on notice. Senator PRATT: What types of fraud were being committed and what was the total value of that fraud? Mr Outram: Again, we'll take that on notice. Senator PRATT: Has the department updated processes and procedures to ensure this doesn't happen again? Mr Outram: We'll take that on notice. Senator PRATT: What were the total losses to the department as a result of this fraud and were any individuals or businesses charged and prosecuted? Do any of the other officers at the table know the answers to these questions? Mr Grigson: No, Senator. Can I ask, just to be clear about the questions we have taken on notice, what payments you are referring to? Payment for what? Senator PRATT: The automated telephone payment facility for ICS liabilities will cease. Does that answer your question? Mr Grigson: It does. Thank you.	Spoken	127-128	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/142	Pratt, Louise	Trusted Trader	Senator PRATT: Will you include anti-slavery provisions and CITES type provisions within the Trusted Trader status? In terms of the things that you're looking for that show that a trader can be trusted, is that currently part of the accreditation or not? Mr Grigson: I'd have to have a look at the criteria. Let me take it on notice and get back to you. Senator PRATT: But if we do modern slavery legislation you could foreseeably include acquitting your status under that? Mr Gibbon: That would be a natural extension, yes. Ms Dale: The Trusted Trader program is basically checking at compliance level. The importation of CITES requiring permits is all compliance— Senator PRATT: So that would be part of it already? Ms Dale: That's right. So we look at what they are bringing in and whether they are actually accommodating the legislative provision and the requirements to import. That would be part of that accreditation process, yes. Senator PRATT: If someone were importing, say, mined phosphate from the Western Sahara—there is a warning on it for the status of those goods—would that be picked up in it? Ms Dale: If they're actually importing that incorrectly or illegally, they wouldn't be trusted. Senator PRATT: It's somewhat ambiguous whether it's illegal or not, but I do notice that there's a warning on the Foreign Affairs website about that. You could in the future include slavery legislation once we have got that? Mr Grigson: Let me just come back to that. I'd like to look at that issue. Once the legislation is through I'd like to have a look at what the requirements are and then the best way of ensuring that that is abided by.	Spoken	128-129	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	22-05-18 0:00	BE18/143	Pratt, Louise	Custom licensing review	Mr Gibbon: The customs licensing review was completed a year ago. A range of recommendations were agreed to by the Controller-General. ... Senator PRATT: That's good. That's what I was looking for in terms of what's happened with the recommendations. They're all elements that cover off on the 15 recommendations—they're agreed and are clearly being implemented. Mr Gibbon: That's correct. Senator PRATT: Are there any that aren't being implemented? Mr Gibbon: All the recommendations I have alluded to are on the work program and are being progressively implemented. Senator PRATT: Are there any that have been completed in their implementation? Mr Gibbon: If you like I can take that on notice and provide a full listing. Senator PRATT: And whether they're on track to still be completed by December to 2020. Mr Gibbon: Yes.	Spoken	129-130	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/144	Molan, Jim	\$321m Funding Boost	Senator Molan: Then is it safe to say that that \$321 million boost in funding by the government in the then current financial year is the biggest injection into the AFP's domestic capability in a decade? I have seen people claim that it is the biggest in a decade. Mr Gunning: Without having all the details of all the measures over the years, that is consistent with my understanding and the time period. Senator MOLAN: Could you take that on notice and come back to me with a decade view of it?	Spoken	5	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/145	Watt, Murray	Aviation ID Checking Comparable Powers State/Territory	Senator WATT: Commissioner, you mentioned that there are state and territory police services that have the power to request identification from individuals in and around airports. Can you point us to which states and territories you're talking about? Mr Colvin: I don't think I said 'in and around airports', but we could do a more comprehensive look. Because, of course, airports do sit within a broader jurisdiction of state and territory police, we'd have to take a broader look at what powers are available. They do differ across each jurisdiction; that's one of the challenges that we have working across the jurisdictions. We might take that on notice.	Spoken	16	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/146	Watt, Murray	Aviation ID Checking Comparable Powers Overseas	Senator Watt: Do you have any comparable examples from overseas where police or their equivalent have the powers to demand identification from anyone?	Spoken	16-17	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/147	Macdonald, Ian	AFP Numbers & Resources in last 12 years	Senator Macdonald: If you're going back to Sydney, you'll want to do it quickly! Perhaps this might be a convenient time to break and we'll come back. Just before we leave this, Senator Seseljja, this is for you. Could you, on notice, get me a list of AFP numbers and resourcing over the last 12 years?	Spoken	24	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/148	Patrick, Rex	Metadata and Parliamentary Privilege	Mr Colvin: I am certainly aware of the committee's findings broadly—less so specifically about metadata, but I do know that we are in the process of renegotiating our agreement with this house, effectively, on the conduct of overt operations by police and the gathering of information and evidence. As to where that's at, I'm not sure if either of my deputies are aware. I think it's still under discussion and negotiation. Senator PATRICK: Could you just take on notice the status of those. Just to be clear, there were two recommendations. I think the 167th report dealt with the issue associated with Senator Conroy and the need to tidy up the current agreement. Mr Colvin: Yes. Senator PATRICK: The 168th report looks at it differently and says we need to extend that across to metadata, because metadata doesn't require a warrant. Mr Colvin: I'm certainly more aware of the earlier one that you mentioned. We'll take that on notice. I can say, though, having spoken directly to my officers who were involved in the majority of these investigations that led to the need for this guideline, that they're very conscious of the limitations on them in terms of what they can or can't access in this house.	Spoken	27	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/149	Wong, Penny	Sydney Airport Canines	Senator WONG: Have you sought additional funding for the Sydney office, and has that been provided? Mr Colvin: I have not sought, specifically, additional funding for the Sydney office. As I said before in the budget considerations, we have put proposals to government more broadly about AFP resourcing and appropriation. Those decisions are being made in the budget context, as Minister Seseljja has already said. Senator WONG: I understand that, but in the budget context, which is what we're discussing because we've got the new budget, is there any additional funding or resourcing assumed for the Sydney office? Mr Colvin: In the aviation measure, there will be funding for the Sydney office, yes. In the child exploitation measure, I think it will mostly be staged in Brisbane, so probably not. Deputy Commissioner Close has more detail about the aviation measure for Sydney. Ms Close: For Sydney Airport, we've allocated 25 officers from the aviation measure, but there will also be some additional officers for canine and some other support services there. Senator WONG: This is over how many years? Ms Close: Over the four years. Senator WONG: Okay. So we've got 25 officers over four, plus an additional allocation. How many officers in the canine division or group? Ms Close: I'll have to take that one on notice, but we have an additional three for intelligence. I haven't got the number for canines. Senator WONG: And these are all in the Sydney office? Ms Close: Sydney Airport, yes.	Spoken	28	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/150	Wong, Penny	Additional Sydney FTE over forward estimates	Senator WONG: What's the current allocation? Mr Colvin: For New South Wales—although it is all Sydney—our current head count as at 21 March this year is 969. Senator WONG: And you've got 25 more as a result of the measure, plus three or four? Mr Colvin: I think it will be more than 25. Ms Close: Yes. Senator WONG: This is FTE, isn't it? Mr Colvin: Yes. Senator WONG: You can, on notice, give me that, but I'm just trying to get approximate numbers. You've got 969 baseline. Mr Colvin: Let me give you an FTE so that we're talking apples and apples: 954.6 FTE as of 21 March in New South Wales. Senator WONG: And about 25, plus perhaps three or four, I think you said. Is that right? Ms Close: That's right. There are three for intelligence as well, and some additional for canine, which I can get for you on notice. Senator WONG: So we're talking about approximately 30? Ms Close: Yes.	Spoken	29	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/152	Kitching, Kimberley	Emergency 24hr hotline between APH and AFP	Senator KITCHING: Yes, it is. We did see some of that. It's really good that we're there. I want to go to some of the white powder incidents that have happened recently. Was there an AFP presence in Parliament House on 22 November 2017? Mr Colvin: There's a presence here every day, so I'd say the answer to that is yes. I'll ask Deputy Commissioner Close, because she's across these incidents in more detail. Ms Close: To answer your question: yes, because we have a 24-hour security presence at Parliament House. Senator KITCHING: The Department of Parliamentary Services is able to contact the AFP 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and you have a particular number for them to phone if there's an emergency or incident. Ms Close: Yes, we do. Senator KITCHING: Is the phone line ever not answered? Ms Close: I'd have to take that on notice. Senator KITCHING: If you wouldn't mind, that would be great. So you're able to check the Hansard, DPS in estimates earlier in the week indicated that they had attempted to make two phone calls on 22 November, which hadn't been answered. I was a little surprised. Would you be able to check if there's a record of those phone calls coming through? I don't know whether you can log that, if it's an incomplete call. Ms Close: I'll take that on notice and find out.	Spoken	36	05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/153	McKim, Nick	Assistance sought from Twitter - Minster Hunt's Twitter	Senator McKIM: Did Twitter assist in the investigation? Mr Colvin: I would need to check, and the reason for that, Senator, is that there are two ways. I can guarantee that Twitter did not assist in the investigation in a formal Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act sense. Did they provide us some assistance to know whether it was worthwhile doing that is a different question. I daresay they probably did. Senator McKIM: You can take that on notice if you need to. Ms Close: Certainly, Senator, we approached Twitter and asked for some information in relation to this matter.	Spoken	42	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/154	Martin, Steve	AFP Presence at Airports	Senator MARTIN: The rolling assessment was interesting to me in that Hobart wasn't considered or recognised as one of those designated airports. What criteria do you know of that would be involved in that type of assessment? Would it be the cost and funding? Or is it low risk? Can you enlighten me a little bit on that? Mr Colvin: Hobart Airport was, at one point, a designated airport and we did have officers there, but, as part of the rolling assessments that the Office of Transport Security conduct, it is no longer designated. I can't give you the methodology for those assessments. That's a question that would need to be answered by the Office of Transport Security. We respond to that assessment. If it's assessed and is now a designated airport, then we will need to put a policing presence in there. The secretary may want to take that on notice. Mr Pezzullo: The Office of Transport Security is one of the functions that was transferred in to create the Department of Home Affairs last December. I must confess, in the five months that I've had, I haven't had a chance to get across absolutely everything that a rather large, complex department does. I will take that on notice and will look specifically at the question that your line of questioning gives rise to, which is: what are the methodology, the parameters and the criteria used by my officers in making these determinations? As the commissioner says, he is a service provider who then responds to the assessments that are made. I will specifically look at the question of Hobart and take it on notice and get back to you by that means.	Spoken	43	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/155	McKim, Nick	Penalty for Wasting Police Resources	Senator McKIM: What are the penalties for making false statements to the AFP? Mr Colvin: It'd be around a waste of police resources. I can't remember any time we've ever used it. I'd have to check what it was.	Spoken	43	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/156	Watt, Murray	Lomax Legal Proceedings	Senator WATT: In the time available I want to deal with one other matter, which is the recent settlement of litigation involving Mr John Lomax. Briefly, we've read recently that the AFP settled civil litigation that was commenced by Mr Lomax. I think the basis of his claim was wrongful arrest, malicious prosecution, possibly false imprisonment. That was the basis of the claim? Mr Colvin: That was a matter here in the ACT, yes. Senator WATT: Were any of the AFP officers who were involved in the criminal prosecution of Mr Lomax attached to the trade union royal commission? Mr Gaughan: Yes. Senator WATT: Prior to Mr Lomax being charged, was there any contact between the AFP and federal ministers or their offices? Mr Gaughan: I'll have to take that on notice. Senator WATT: Was there any contact between the AFP and ministers or their offices during the criminal proceedings involving Mr Lomax? Mr Gaughan: Again, I'll have to take that on notice. Senator WATT: How much did the investigation and the prosecution of Mr Lomax, which was aborted, cost? Mr Colvin: You're talking about the ACT one? Senator WATT: The criminal prosecution. Mr Colvin: We'll have to take that on notice. Senator WATT: What were the total legal costs incurred by the AFP and AFP officers in relation to Mr Lomax's civil litigation? Mr Gaughan: I'll take that on notice as well. I don't have those details. Senator WATT: Were the three officers involved respondents in Mr Lomax's civil litigation or just the AFP? Mr Colvin: Maybe we should take it all on notice. My memory is it was the Commissioner of the AFP on behalf of the AFP, and I don't necessarily—I take on notice. The way you've contextualised or characterised what the officers were alleged to have done— Senator WATT: That was the argument in the civil litigation. Mr Colvin: Yes. And what was found to be the case might be quite different, because that's not my memory. But we'll take that on notice. Senator WATT: If the individual officers were respondents, were any legal indemnities provided to them? Mr Colvin: We'll take that on notice. Senator WATT: Has there been any disciplinary action taken against the three AFP officers involved? Mr Colvin: You're assuming that what you've just said of the allegation was found to be true. I don't know that is the case, but we'll take it on notice. Senator WATT: What I understand occurred—and correct me if I'm wrong—is that the AFP settled this litigation prior to it going to trial so I don't think there ever was a finding. CHAIR: It's been taken on notice. It's your time. Mr Colvin: I will just say I've been given advice from my chief counsel that the terms of the settlement were confidential, so we may be bound by that in terms of what I can say on notice as well. Senator WATT: Did that settlement involve an acknowledgement of liability or by the AFP? CHAIR: The settlement was confidential. You've just been told that. Senator WATT: You would know from your legal days that sometimes it's the amount of money. Mr Colvin: I'll take it on notice. I don't know the full terms of the settlement or confidentiality agreement that sits around it. Senator WATT: Was any minister or ministerial office briefed or consulted about the decision to settle the litigation? Mr Gaughan: We'll take that on notice. Senator WATT: You don't know? Mr Gaughan: No. Mr Colvin: We'll take it on notice. Senator WATT: Ordinarily in litigation settlements are reached when one party reaches a view that it doesn't have a very strong case. Was that the reason why the AFP settled in this instance? Mr Colvin: I'll take it all on notice. These are quite specific details of a case. We don't have that knowledge with us.	Spoken	46	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	AUSTRAC	23-05-18 0:00	BE18/157	Pratt, Louise	AUSTRAC Funding	Senator PRATT: The two terminating measures. The securing of funding for the listed measures that you're expecting to do, but that aren't in the forward estimates, if you could give me a complete list of those in questions on notice that would be great. Mr Walters: Yes, certainly.	Spoken	53	05-07-18
Home Affairs	ASIO	24-05-18 0:00	BE18/158	Patrick, Rex	Fair Work Act	Senator PATRICK: ... Have you ever sought to tender a legislative instrument that would carve your organisation out of the bullying provisions of the Fair Work Act? Mr Duncan Lewis: Not to my knowledge, but I will check. I'll need to check. I'll need to take that one notice. There is another twist to this which I'll need to check.	Spoken	108	05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	29-05-18 0:00	BE18/159	Stoker, Amanda	Firearm Importation	1. What is the average time taken for the relevant agency to approve Import Permissions for firearms and controlled parts for supply to the Department of Defence? 2. What checks are undertaken and what processes are in place for firearms and controlled parts imported for supply to Police Tactical Groups and law enforcement agencies? 3. Are the checks and processes (referred to above) for the importation of articles imported for supply to the Department of Defence, Police Tactical Groups and law enforcement agencies appropriate for highly skilled government agencies operating in high risk environments, particularly in their impact on the timeline for access to the imported articles? 4. In relation to the processing of Import Permission applications, are the processes in place motivated by the desire to deal with the risk that individuals from within government agencies may submit false purchase orders as a way to obtain illegal firearms? If there are other motives, please outline them. 5. When a new type of firearm is imported into Australia, who is responsible for categorising the firearm and how long does this process take? 6. Is the National Firearms Identification Database (NFID) being used to categorise new firearms being imported into Australia? If not, what is the function of the NFID? 7. Have senior staff of the Department of the Attorney-General met with industry representatives to discuss with them process and timing on the importation of firearms and controlled parts for public sector agencies? If the answer is 'yes', when and with whom have meetings occurred?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	30-05-18 0:00	BE18/160	Bartlett, Andrew	SRSS and violence against women	Reports from Queensland stakeholders indicate that a large percentage of people who have sought asylum there in the last year or so come from Papua New Guinea and the Pacific countries. a. Can the department provide figures on which percentage are women escaping gendered violence (including domestic violence and witch-hunting)? b. What will the end of the Status Resolution Support Service (SRSS) mean for this group of vulnerable women? c. Where does this leave Australia in terms of international commitments to prevent Violence Against Women?	Written		05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	06-06-18 0:00	BE18/161	Sterle, Glenn	Funding for immigration services at Perth Airport	1. What funding has the Commonwealth allocated for border clearance services including customs, immigration and biosecurity services specifically for the T3 terminal at Perth airport for the current financial year (17/18), the next financial year (18/19) and for each year of the forward estimates? Can the Minister also detail how many FTE positions were/are involved in each of these years? 2. What funding has the Commonwealth allocated for border clearance services including customs, immigration and biosecurity services specifically for the T1 international terminal at Perth airport for the current financial year (17/18), the next financial year (18/19) and for each year of the forward estimates? Can the Minister also detail how many FTE positions were/are involved in each of these years?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/162	Carr, Kim	Student Visas	1. Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 the number of Student Visas (subclass 500) visas granted by country of citizenship, gender and age. 2. Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 a breakdown of Student Visas (subclass 500) visas by type of education institution, eg, university, TAFE, diploma or certificate course and the State or Territory. 3. Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 the number of Student visa (subclass 500) granted. Please provide the data via streams: a. Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector b. Postgraduate Research Sector c. Non-Award Sector d. Schools Sector e. Independent ELICOS Sector f. Vocational Education and Training Sector g. Higher Education Sector	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/163	McKim, Nick	Third Country Resettlement	1. Has the Department been investigating viable third country resettlement options for refugees in Nauru and Papua New Guinea? 2. What is the Department's assessment process for deciding whether a particular country is a viable third country resettlement option? 3. What specific advice has been given to the Minister and the Prime Minister on these third country resettlement options? 4. What specific efforts have been made by Australia to help identify people with family members in other countries? Of the people Australia transferred to Manus and Nauru, how many individuals have family members in other countries, and which countries (broken down by country and nature of the family relationship)? 5. What efforts have been made to make way for asylum seekers, refugees and other transferred individuals to reunify with their families in other countries? 6. What are the options for those who do not go to the US and cannot return to their country of origin?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/164	McKim, Nick	New Zealand Resettlement Offer	If Australia was only playing a representative or agency role in utilising its diplomatic capacity to discuss the New Zealand offer, did Australia present the New Zealand offer to PNG for their consideration? If so, provide details of when the offer was presented to PNG and by whom. If not, why is Australia preventing a third country resettlement solution that is desperately needed for many in PNG and Nauru?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/165	Carr, Kim	Webpage of the Chinese Scholarship Council	Is the Department aware of statements on the webpage of the Chinese Scholarship Council is now discouraging Chinese scholars from selecting Australia as a destination for undertaking research? What actions has the Department taken? What is the Department's response?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/166	Carr, Kim	Visa processing times for postgraduate student research sector	According to the Home Affairs website ( <a href="https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times">https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/access-accountability/service-standards/global-visa-citizenship-processing-times</a> ) visa processing times for the postgraduate student research sector "stream" are higher than other education sectors. What explains these processing time variations?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/167	Carr, Kim	Working Holiday and Work and Holiday Visas	Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 the total number of visas issued and the total number of second year visas issued by country of citizenship of the visa holder for the following visa subclasses: a. Working Holiday visa (subclass 417) b. Work and Holiday visa (subclass 462)	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/168	Carr, Kim	Student Visa (Subclass 500)	1. What have been the top twenty countries of origin of visa's lodged and granted by month from January 2016 to the present, including number of applications for each country, the grant rate for each country and the media processing times for each country? 2. What have been the top twenty countries of origin of visa's lodged and granted by month from January 2016 to the present, including number of applications for each country, the grant rate for each country and the media processing times for each country for the Higher Education Sector stream of Student Visa (Subclass 500) and its predecessor? 3. What have been the top twenty countries of origin of visa's lodged and granted by month from January 2016 to the present, including number of applications for each country, the grant rate for each country and the media processing times for each country for the Non-Award Sector stream of Student Visa (Subclass 500) and its predecessor? 4. What have been the top twenty countries of origin of visa's lodged and granted by month from January 2016 to the present, including number of applications for each country, the grant rate for each country and the media processing times for each country for the Schools Sector stream of Student Visa (Subclass 500) and its predecessor? 5. What have been the top twenty countries of origin of visa's lodged and granted by month from January 2016 to the present, including number of applications for each country, the grant rate for each country and the media processing times for each country for the Independent ELICOS Sector stream of Student Visa (Subclass 500) and its predecessor? 6. What have been the top twenty countries of origin of visa's lodged and granted by month from January 2016 to the present, including number of applications for each country, the grant rate for each country and the media processing times for each country for the Vocational Education and Training Sector stream of Student Visa (Subclass 500) and its predecessor?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/169	Carr, Kim	Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485)	1. Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 the number of Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485) visas granted by country of citizenship, gender and age. 2. Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 the number of Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485) granted. Please provide the data via streams: a. Graduate Work b. Post-Study Work	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/170	Carr, Kim	Short Stay Specialist Visa (subclass 400)	1. Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 the number of Short Stay Specialist Visa (subclass 400) visas granted by country of citizenship, gender and age. 2. Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 the number of Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485) granted. Please provide the data via streams: a. Highly specialised work b. Relating to Australia's interest	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/171	Carr, Kim	China Scholarship Council Visiting Scholarships	Is the Department ware of reports that 63 of 100 people who have received China Scholarship Council Visiting Scholarships (for researchers of postdoc level and above) were, as of earlier this year, waiting for up to 11 months for visa's to undertake the scholarship in Australia? What information on these claims does the Department have? What is the Department's response?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/172	Carr, Kim	Increase processing visa times	What actions is the Department undertaking to increase processing visa times?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/173	McKim, Nick	Temporary Parent Visas	1. Why hasn't the temporary parent visa been introduced or legislation put forward? 2. The Government said that parents brought in on the temporary parent visa would not cost the taxpayer a single cent. Has any insurance company created a health insurance package that will cover ALL costs incurred by an aged individual coming to Australia on a temporary parent visa and how much is this fully market-based coverage going to cost?	Written		05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/174	McKim, Nick	S501 Visa cancellations	1. What is the average length of stay of a person whose visa has been automatically cancelled under s 501 of the Migration Act? 2. What is the average case age for mandatory cancellation cases awaiting an outcome on a Ministerial revocation request? 3. Can you provide a breakdown of s501 visa cancellations across all sub-section types including cancellation following criminal offence (s501 (2)b) AND visa cancellation on suspicion of criminal activity or involvement in a criminal group where no actual crime has been committed (s501 (2)a)? 4. How many visas has the Minister personally cancelled under s501 for each year since December 2014 – broken down by nationality? 5. How many people have actually been deported under s501 each year since 2014 – broken down by nationality? 6. How many of the New Zealanders who have had their visa cancelled under s501 each year since December 2014 have been long term residents, ie have spent 10 years or more years residing in Australia? 7. What support is given to deported people upon arrival in the country they are sent to? 8. What is the decision making process for allocation to a detention centre for people who have had their visa cancelled under s501? Why for example is a person with a s501 visa cancellation detained in another state making it impossible for partners and children to visit?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/175	McKim, Nick	Final Departure Bridging Visas	1. Has the Department granted any more final bridging visas since last February 2018 Senate Estimates? 2. What, if any, criteria or policy is being used to assess whether people are suitable for these visas? 3. Please provide the numbers of final departure bridging visas issued since February 2018 broken down by State, age and nationality.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/176	Carr, Kim	Labour Market Testing	Please provide a list of all visa subclasses where labour market testing is required to be undertaken before a visa is issued.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/177	Carr, Kim	Labour Agreements	For the below tables of Labour Agreements, please provide: a. the number of jobs allowed in each year of the agreement by their Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) code; b. Which regions are covered by each agreement c. Which agreements were approved with an exemption.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/178	Carr, Kim	Skilled visas	Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 a breakdown of all visas granted in each State and Territory, by each Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) code for the following visas: a. Employer Nomination Scheme visa (subclass 186) b. Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme visa (subclass 187) c. Skilled Independent visa (subclass 189) d. Skilled Nominated visa (subclass 190) e. Regional (Provisional) visa (subclass 489) f. Skilled Regional visa (subclass 887) g. Business Talent (Permanent) visa (subclass 132) h. Business Innovation and Investment visa (subclass 188) i. Permanent Business Innovation and Investment visa (subclass 888) j. Temporary Work (Skilled) visa (subclass 457) k. Temporary Skill Shortage (TSS) visa (subclass 482)	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/179	Carr, Kim	Business Owner visa (Subclass 890)	1. Please detail the number of visa applications made for this subclass for each of the past five financial years (including 1 July 2017 through 30 April 2018)? Please provide this break down per country. 2. Please list the top five countries with the most applications made for this subclass. 3. Please detail the number of visa grants made for this subclass for each of the past five financial years (including 1 July 2017 through 30 April 2018)? Please provide break down per country 4. Please list the top five countries with the most grants made for this subclass. 5. Please detail how many of these visas have been cancelled before their expiry, and from which countries.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/180	McKim, Nick	Status Resolution Support Services	people on the SRSS program were exited since 1 August 2017 and 27 February 2017, for reasons other than that a decision was made on their protection claim? Please provide a breakdown by State/Territory, age ranges, and which bands they were on. 4.2 As at 27 February 2017, how many of those on Band 6 were single adult males or females? How many of those have been identified by service providers as not being 'vulnerable', according to the Department's criteria? Please provide a breakdown by State/Territory, nationality and age range. 4.3 As at 27 February 2017, how many family units are there in Band 6 of the SRSS program? Please provide a breakdown by State/Territory, age ranges and nationality. 4.4 As at 27 February 2017, how many people were on SRSS, by type of Bridging Visa class (Bridging Visa A-E)? 4.5 When is the Department expecting that single people will be exited from SRSS as a result of the redesign, and when is the Department expecting that families will be exited from SRSS as a result of the redesigned model? 4.6 When does the Department expect to make a primary decision of all those left in the Legacy Caseload? What is the current rate of decisions monthly? 4.7 The Department has advised that people will not be eligible for SRSS if they have transferred \$1000 cumulatively over a 12-month period, including domestic transfers. How is the Department monitoring domestic transfers, and what process does it undergo to ensure such transfers aren't legitimately made (for example, a combined rental payment for a transfer?) 4.8 Can the Department confirm the criteria provided to SRSS providers for reassessing clients on the SRSS Program? Can the Department confirm that a pregnant woman will not be considered vulnerable enough to remain in the SRSS program, and be expected to find work? 4.9 Can the Department confirm that couples with children under six are not considered vulnerable enough to remain in the SRSS program? Has the Department consulted with the National Children's Commissioner as to the effects of this policy? 4.10 Can the Department clarify whether someone who does meet the Department's vulnerability criteria (for example, a woman experiencing domestic violence) would still be ineligible under the earlier policy changes in August 2017 (for example, she has transferred more than \$1000 cumulatively over a year)? 4.11 Can the Department confirm that, even when a service provider identifies a person as vulnerable under the Department's criteria, that the Department will make the final determination? Is there a policy as to how the Department will make these determinations? Will the determination be made by the Chief Medical Officer, given this position does not appear yet to have been filled by a medical professional? 4.12 Will people exiting the SRSS program be given any form of job assistance? 4.13 Do people on the SRSS program have access to government-funded English, employment or educational courses? 4.14 How many days' notice will people be given before losing income support? 4.15 Is the SRSS contract based on a demand-driven model, depending on the number of clients? If so, what is the cost paid under the contract for a single client on each Band? 4.16 Do the current SRSS contracts compensate providers for (1) conducting vulnerability assessments or (2) assisting clients with applications? 4.17 What were the total costs paid under the SRSS contract to providers in the past four financial years? 4.18 Under the current SRSS contracts, are caseworkers required to have qualifications in (1) mental health (2) physical health, or (3) facilitating employment? What is the value of the extensions of the SRSS contract from 30 June 2018? 4.19 Under the redesign of the SRSS, are there (1) any ratios of clients to caseworkers and (2) any requirements for a caseworker to have face-to-face contact with a client? 4.20 Under the redesign of the SRSS, will all clients be given some form of income support or housing? 4.21 What internal advice and consultation was there within the Department about the impact of removing financial support on the resolution of their cases? 4.22 Were State governments consulted or advised about this policy change, given the implications for State and Territory health, housing and police services?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/181	McKim, Nick	Resettlement of Refugees in Regional Australia	2.1 How is the government responding to calls for increased settlement in rural and regional areas? 2.2 What approach is being taken to matching needs of regional areas with settlers and ensuring the retention of settlers? 2.3 Is the secondary location of migrants and refugees to rural and regional areas accompanied by assessments of settlement needs, available services, available housing and jobs, impact on community resources? 2.4 What funds have been allocated for this process?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/182	Carr, Kim	Immigration Advice and Assistance Scheme	1. How much funding was set aside for the Immigration Advice and Assistance Scheme in financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 2. For financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 within the Immigration Advice and Assistance Scheme provide: a. How much was allocated in the budget b. How many individuals were assisted broken down by service provider? c. For those people assisted, a breakdown of the for visa subclass applied for d. How many people are on a waitlist for assistance broken down by provider? 3. Were any of the recent Commonwealth Games athletes assisted via the IAAS? If yes, how many and by which providers?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/183	McKim, Nick	Refugee and Humanitarian Visas Granted	Please provide the numbers of people granted visas under the Refugee and Humanitarian Program over the last three financial years, by visa category.	Written		05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/185	McKim, Nick	Legacy Caseload	What is the plan and proposed time frame for the Minister to 'lift the bar' to allow the portion of the 'Legacy Caseload' who arrived in Australia prior to 13 August 2012 and whose cases were not determined by 18 September 2013, to make an application for protection?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/186	McKim, Nick	People with disabilities	1. How many people with disability are there on Manus Island and Nauru? 2. Please break down by disability type – eg physical, intellectual, cognitive or psychosocial. 3. How many have been provided with assistive equipment? 4. How many have been recommended for assistive equipment but not received it? 5. How many people have been referred for assessment by IHMS to specialists in relation to physical, intellectual, cognitive or psychosocial disabilities? Please break down by category. 6. What is the number of complex case reviews related to people with disabilities? Please break down by disability type? 7. What is the length of time spend on a complex case review?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/187	McKim, Nick	Detainees with Disabilities	1. How many people with disabilities are in immigration detention and community detention? Please provide figures for the last five years, broken down by year. 2. Please break down by disability type – eg physical, intellectual, cognitive or psychosocial. 3. How many have been provided with assistive equipment? 4. How many have been recommended for assistive equipment but not received it? 5. What is the number of complex case reviews related to people with disabilities? Please break down by disability type? 6. What is the length of time spent on a complex case review?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/188	McKim, Nick	2018-19 Budget Offshore Processing	1. What was the projected spending for offshore processing facilities in 2017-2018 and what is the current anticipated actual spending? What is the reason for the decrease? Which specific costs have been reduced or cut? 2. What is the percentage of the 2018-2019 offshore processing budget as compared with the 2017-2018 offshore processing budget? 3. What is the projected actual spending on medical facilities and services under offshore processing for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, and what is the budgeted amount for 2018-2019? 4. How are medical services budgeted – what are the fixed costs regardless of numbers, and what are the costs per person attending the service? 5. Given approximately 250 refugees have currently departed Papua New Guinea and Nauru (less than 15% of the population in the two countries combined) how has such a significant reduction in expenditure been possible relative to needs?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/189	McKim, Nick	Detention Network	1. What are the plans to move Christmas Island into contingency mode in the second half of this year? 2. Is there and expected closure date and which facilities are likely to receive people from Christmas Island? 3. Can you outline what the restrictions on visitors taking food into detention centres are and why was this changed?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/191	Carr, Kim	Short-Term Skilled Occupations List and Medium and Long-Term Strategic Skills Lists	Is the Department aware of any occupations on the list for which it has become common for employers to bring workers in under that occupation and then have them undertake work of a lower skill-level? If yes, are any of these occupations still on the skills list? If no, please provide provide the names of these occupations and when they were removed?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/192	McKim, Nick	Number's in Nauru and Papua New Guinea	1. How many transferees are there in: a. Nauru Regional Processing Centre b. In the community in Nauru c. In East Lorengau Transit Centre d. Otherwise in Papua New Guinea 2. Since the February 2018 Senate Estimates, how many people have been voluntarily or involuntarily removed from (1) Nauru and (2) Papua New Guinea, and to which countries? 3. How many people have been transferred from Nauru or Papua New Guinea for medical treatment since February 2018 Estimates? Where were they transferred from and where were they transferred to? 4. How many transitory persons are there in Australia from Nauru and Papua New Guinea? Please breakdown by age, nationality and location.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/193	Carr, Kim	Scientists and scholars obtaining visas	Is the Department consulting with other Departments or stakeholders on issues around this visa or delays for scientists and scholars getting visa's to visit Australia? If so, who and when?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/194	McKim, Nick	Regional Visas	How are you going to stop migrants from moving from regional Australia without curtailing freedoms? Would there be exemptions – what if a child or family member needed to be near health services because of medical needs, or an individual wanted to advance their career, or they were married? Would it not be more valuable to focus on ways of keeping all Australians and migrants in regional and rural Australia?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/195	McKim, Nick	Visa cancellations	Please provide a full breakdown of the reasons for cancelling visas, how long the individuals had lived in Australia, number of children impacted by these decisions etc.?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/196	Carr, Kim	Appointment of a Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon General	1. On what date did recruitment of a new Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon General begin and on what date did application close? 2. How many people applied for the job, how many were shortlisted and on what dates did interviews take place? 3. On what date was a successful candidate selected, which position/person signed off on the appointment and on what date did the successful candidate formally accept the position? 4. On what date will the new CMO begin work with the Australian Border Force. 5. Provide the positions of officers who participated on an interview panel. 6. What is the annual salary for the CMO position and how does it compare to the annual salary when the role was filled by Dr Brayley? 7. Have there been any change in the position description, delegations or responsibilities in the last 12 months. Please provide a copy of the position description correct at 1 June 2017 and 1 June 2018. 8. On what dates was the Minister briefed about the recruitment process for the CMO position, what form did that briefing take? 9. When was the successful candidate appointment announced within the Department of Home Affairs. Provide copies of any communications or staff emails circulated.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/197	Carr, Kim	Resettlement of refugees in third countries	Senator PRATT: Thank you, Chair. Recently there was a media report that a refugee who had had been on Manus Island had negotiated settlement his own resettlement in Canada within their community sponsored program. Can I ask if there are other refugees and, if so, how many have negotiated their own resettlement arrangements through community sponsorship or by making a visa application to another country? Mr Pezzullo: I am aware, Senator, of at least one case that relates to another jurisdiction. Whether it is Canada or not, I can't recall. Because it is the international side of the equation, I might ask Ms Geddes to come forward and perhaps she might be assisted by Mr Wilden. Ms Geddes: In the interim, Senator Pratt. there is one from PNG and two from Nauru that have gone to Canada. 1. When did those individuals' first express interest in resettling in Canada. What date was their application made, when was it decided. 2. On what date did those three individuals depart Manus and Nauru for Canada? 3. What assistance was provided by Australian authorities to support this resettlement?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/198	Carr, Kim	Resettlement of refugees with family ties in third countries	Ms Newton: Senator Pratt, certainly the refugees have been asked to consider any family relationships they have in other countries, and will be supported by the department in making further inquiries as to whether or not there is opportunity to settle in other countries. In recent times we've had about 10 refugees that we've been supporting in considering their options. 1. Provide the countries being considered for resettlement by these 10 refugees and whether they are currently in Manus Island or Nauru. 2. Have these 10 refugees made visa applications to other countries and if so on what date.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/199	Griff, Stirling	PIH selected to replace IHMS	Please detail the process through which PIH was selected to replace IHMS.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/200	Griff, Stirling	Request for tender for 'comprehensive health services'	Regarding the request for tender issued on April 30 for "comprehensive health services" for PNG and Nauru: Please advise what this was for, and where this is now at?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/201	Griff, Stirling	Engagement with PIH	Over what time period has PIH been engaged? Will a contract between the Department and PIH (in place of the current letter of intent) be issued?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/202	Carr, Kim	Cambodia	1. On which date does the deal, or option, to resettle refugees from Nauru in Cambodia expire? 2. Has the Department been asked by the Minister to look at the option of extending the deal, or option, to resettle refugees from Nauru in Cambodia? 3. What would be the monetary cost associated with extending the deal between Australia/Cambodia?	Written		05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	30-05-18 0:00	BE18/203	Bartlett, Andrew	Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Rules	RCOA has significant concerns regarding recent changes to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing Rules which are having unintended negative consequences for people from refugee backgrounds in Australia who send remittances to their families overseas. RCOA understands that Australian banks have ceased their money transfer services to countries such as Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia, in an effort to comply with strict financing regulations domestically and internationally. We believe that a sweeping cessation of remittances to certain countries is too drastic a response to these regulatory changes. Instead, RCOA recommends that financial institutions be given scope to implement these regulations in a more flexible and targeted manner, assessing the risks of terrorism financing on a case-by-case basis rather than imposing blanket bans on remittances to an entire country. Are there any updates on international money transfers to Eastern Africa?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/204	Carr, Kim	Visa subclass data	1. Provide a list of all visa subclass data available on data.gov.au 2. Why does the department not publish visa applied and visa grant data via Federal electoral boundaries?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/205	Patrick, Rex	Subclass 187 RSMS visa holders statistics	1. Has the Department conducted any research or have any statistics on the number of subclass 187 RSMS visa holders who were granted a visa to live and work in a regionally defined area who have since moved outside of a regional defined area to live and work in a larger capital city? If yes, please provide this research or statistical data? 2. Has the Department conducted any research or have any statistics on the number of subclass 187 RSMS visa holders who have remained living and working in a regionally defined area of Australia? If yes, please provide this research or statistical data? 3. Has the Australian Federal Government conducted any research or have any statistics on the number of subclass 187 RSMS visa holders who continue to live and work in their nominated occupation in a regionally defined jurisdiction of Australia, or those who have relocated to a larger city outside of a regionally defined area following the grant of their visa and have ceased working in their nominated occupation? If yes, please provide this research or statistical data?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/206	Griff, Stirling	PhD contributing to work experience for 187 visa	1. With regards to the 187 visa: Can the three-year work experience requirement for a 187 visa be met by someone who has completed a four-year PhD?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	30-05-18 0:00	BE18/207	Bartlett, Andrew	Workrights for asylum seekers	Some people seeking asylum are being denied work rights for extended periods and even re-detained for months at considerable cost to taxpayers when they seek renewal of their Bridging Visas while others have their BVEs quickly renewed. a. Can the department provide insight into how this decision is made? b. How many people are currently in the cohort of individuals whose BVE grants are managed by the Minister personally and why are they not managed by the Department? c. What are the criteria the Minister uses to decide to remove work rights that had previously been granted to some people seeking judicial review of their negative migration decisions?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/208	Griff, Stirling	PIH staff at ELRTC clinic	8. How many staff has PIH agreed to deploy to the ELRTC clinic and other detainee health services, and in what roles? Please provide a breakdown. a. Have these numbers yet been delivered? b. Please provide a breakdown of the number of medical staff currently based at Lorengau and their roles (doctors, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, etc).	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/209	Griff, Stirling	IHMS Letter of Agreement and Heads of Agreement	Regarding the IHMS Letter of Agreement and Heads of Agreement supplied in response to my Senate Order for the Production of Documents (OPD) dated 8 February 2018: a. The LOA states that any additional costs incurred by IHMS as a result of the closure of the Manus RPC would be treated as "pass-through costs". What is the value of the "pass-through costs" incurred by and paid to IHMS for services delivered at Lorengau? b. How do IHMS services for the ELRTC, outlined in Annexure A, differ from those set out in schedule 1 of the Heads of Agreement with Nauru? i. Why can the Department of Home Affairs provide the schedule of services through Annexure A but not provide the schedule of services outlined in the HOA? Is one deemed more sensitive than the other? c. Have there been any outreach community services or psychiatrist home visits since the closure of the Manus RPC? How many? i. Has any outreach or home visit service been delayed or denied at any time because of security concerns?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/210	Carr, Kim	Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration meeting dates	1. Provide all the meeting dates for MACSM from 1 January 2015 to 1 June 2018.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/211	Carr, Kim	Onshore immigration detention centres	Provide the FTE and ASL at points in time 1 June 2016, 1 June 2017 and 1 June 2018 for staff employed by Serco, IHMS or Department of Home Affairs in each detention centre or transit facility in Australia.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/212	Patrick, Rex	Travel Expenditure	The following questions to be asked of: - Department of Home Affairs - Department of Immigration and Border Protection - Australian Federal Police - Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre - Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission - Australian Security Intelligence Organisation For FY 16/17: 1. Please provide details of the Qantas/Virgin split for official travel in terms of: a. Total number of tickets b. Total value spent for official travel? 2. In the event there is a disparity of greater than 65/35 in the split (either way), please provide a detailed reasons for the split in the context of a lowest practical fare policy. 3. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from only the Qantas Chairman's Lounge? a. Could you please provide a breakdown of the travel for each of those individuals between Qantas and Virgin? 4. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from only Virgin's The Club? a. Could you please provide a breakdown of the travel for each of those individuals between Qantas and Virgin? 5. How many people in your organisation have been invited to (on the basis of their official position), and accepted, memberships from both the Qantas Chairman's Lounge and Virgin's The Club?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/213	Patrick, Rex	Ministerial Intervention decision records	14. Why does the Ministerial Intervention Unit (MIU) not provide a decision record stating the reasons why a request does not meet the guidelines to be referred to the Minister, noting that doing so would assist the applicant understanding if a correct and fair assessment or if further provided information in a subsequent application might result in a different outcome?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/214	Patrick, Rex	187 RSMS nominating business ABN	4. Currently, when a nomination application is made for a subclass 187 RSMS visa, if the ABN of the nominating business changes post lodgement, for example due to an organisational restructure or a change of directors (where one director buys out two other directors), the Department does not allow the ABN to be updated even where there is no change to the nominating businesses trading name, business activities, ownership, management, workplaces and location of employees, reporting responsibilities or remuneration. In this situation the nomination connected to the application can no longer satisfy 5.19(4)(b)(i). Whilst it appears the Department does allow for an ABN to be changed in some limited circumstances, for example where an error was made, the Department does not appear to allow an ABN to be changed if there is a change in the business structure. a. Why does the Department not allow for an ABN to be changed after lodgement of an application? b. Why does this provision exist? Is this an oversight and will the Department change this requirement to allow for an ABN to be changed in situations such as those mentioned?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/215	Carr, Kim	Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent) visa (Subclass 888)	1. Please detail the number of visa applications made for this subclass for each of the past five financial years (including 1 July 2017 through 30 April 2018)? Please provide this break down per country. 2. Please list the top five countries with the most applications made for this subclass. 3. Please detail the number of visa grants made for this subclass for each of the past five financial years (including 1 July 2017 through 30 April 2018)? Please provide break down per country 4. Please list the top five countries with the most grants made for this subclass. 5. Please detail how many of these visas have been cancelled before their expiry, and from which countries.	Written		05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/216	Carr, Kim	Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485)	1. Please detail the number of visa applications made for this subclass for each of the past five financial years (including 1 July 2017 through 30 April 2018)? Please provide break down per country. 2. Please list the top five countries with the most applications made for this subclass. 3. Please detail the number of visa grants made for this subclass for each of the past five financial years (including 1 July 2017 through 30 April 2018)? Please provide break down per country. 4. Please list the top five countries with the most grants made for this subclass. 5. Please detail how many of these visas have been cancelled before their expiry, and from which countries.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/217	Patrick, Rex	Number of 187 RSMS visa applications	5. How many subclass 187 RSMS nomination and visa applications were made between 1 July 2017 to 18 March 2018 and how many visa applicants did this include? 6. How many subclass 187 RSMS nomination and visa applications have been made since 18 March 2018 to the end of May 2018 and how many visa applicants did these applications include? 7. How many subclass 187 RSMS visa applications are currently on foot and waiting to be decided as at the end of May 2018 and how many visa applicants do these applications include?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/218	Carr, Kim	Business Talent (Permanent) visa (Subclass 132)	1. Please detail the number of visa applications made for this subclass for each of the past five financial years (including 1 July 2017 through 30 April 2018)? Please provide this break down per country. 2. Please list the top five countries with the most applications made for this subclass. 3. Please detail the number of visa grants made for this subclass for each of the past five financial years (including 1 July 2017 through 30 April 2018)? Please provide break down per country. 4. Please list the top five countries with the most grants made for this subclass. 5. Please detail how many of these visas have been cancelled before their expiry, and from which countries. 6. In the last 12 months to the end of April, what were the top 10 nominating government agencies for the applicants and how many applicants had each nominated?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/219	Griff, Stirling	Child psychologist services for refugees in Nauru	My office has heard from refugee advocates that a number of children in Nauru who have been incarcerated for up to five years are suffering serious mental health problems. This situation has been highlighted in the media - for instance a May story in The Guardian, by Ben Doherty - 'Suicidal refugee child should not be sent back to Nauru, psychiatrist says'. The article illustrates the inadequacy of the mental health services in Nauru. What is being done about this? a. Will a child psychologist be permanently deployed to Nauru in response? If not, why not?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/220	Griff, Stirling	Medical conditions unable to be treated at Lorengau Hospital	How many detainee mental health cases have not been able to be managed at Lorengau Hospital? What was the outcome for each? a. What about other medical and health conditions – how many cases were not able to be managed at Lorengau hospital? For what conditions?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/221	Griff, Stirling	Health services FTE for regional processing centres	4. In answer to a question I put on notice in February (AE18/244), the Dept advised that 'Under the Regional Processing Countries Health Service Contract, IHMS were required to have 50 FTE at the Manus Island Regional Processing Centre clinic' and 'As at 31 January 2018, IHMS had 32 FTE at the East Lorengau Refugee Transit Centre'. a. Please outline the reason for the lower numbers of FTE at the ELRTC b. Were any services were cut or reduced as a result of going from 50 FTE to 32 FTE? For instance, is this a reason why the ELRTC medical clinic only opened business hours, where it had been a 24/7 operation at the Manus RPC? c. Is there a ratio of health/medical staff to detainees that must be maintained? i. If so, what is that ratio? ii. If not, how are suitable staffing numbers arrived at? d. Were the FTE number provided all health and medical staff, or were there some in administration/non-health or medical service delivery?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/222	Griff, Stirling	Medication supplied by IHMS in PNG	3. What types and how much medication did IHMS in PNG supplied because it was not available through local pharmacies?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/223	Griff, Stirling	Refugee and asylum seeker prescriptions	2. Please provide a monthly breakdown for the financial year to date for: the number and value of prescriptions filled by refugees and asylum seekers at Manus RPC and at the Lorengau transit facilities, and on Nauru.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/224	Carr, Kim	Save Haven Enterprise Visa holders data	1. Provide for financial years 2013/2014 to 2017/2018 a breakdown of SHEV holders who are studying, working or both. 2. Provide the regions SHEV holders have moved to and the number of SHEV holders in each region. 3. Of current SHEV holders: a. how many have become eligible to then apply for a second other visa? b. how many second other visas have been applied for, granted, declined and how many are still in the pipeline? 4. Detail the type of support offered to SHEV holders who relocate to a rural or regional area.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/225	Carr, Kim	Cost of administering the Safe Haven Enterprise Visa program	What is the cost of administering the Safe Haven Enterprise Visa program broken down by financial year over the forward estimates.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/226	Carr, Kim	Cost of administering the Temporary Protection Visa program	What is the cost of administering the Temporary Protection Visa program broken down by financial year over the forward estimates.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/227	Carr, Kim	Temporary Protection Visas (subclass 785)	How many Temporary Protection Visas (subclass 785) holders have been reassessed for a second TPV visa in each of the financial years? Provide the data by grant, refusal, refusal reason and country of citizenship.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/228	Carr, Kim	Fast track	1. How many claims for asylum have been process through Fast track for each of the last five years, provide the data by approved and refused. 2. Of those applications which were refused, provide a breakdown of how many people have left Australia and the number who still remain in Australia.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/229	Griff, Stirling	Facial recognition technology	Regarding the use of facial recognition technology being trialed (in airports and elsewhere): a. Please advise where this technology has been/is being tested. b. Please advise the number and rates of "false positive" or incorrect identification. i. Please advise the reasons for these (e.g. issue with technology, traveller not matching passport photo, etc).	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/230	McKim, Nick	Humanitarian Program/Community Sponsorship	1. The Humanitarian Program is set to increase to 18,500. What proportion of the total Humanitarian program will be Special Humanitarian Program and what proportion will be UNHCR referred refugees? 2. What is the expected breakdown of nationalities and source countries of refugees next year and what is the rationale behind these breakdowns? 3. Where will refugees and SHP people be settled? 4. How was the "Pilot" Community Support Program evaluated? Is there a publicly available report? 5. Priority is given to people willing to settle in regional Australia under the Community Support Program – do Approved Proposing Organisations have experience working in country areas and do they engage with local communities to build acceptance and support? 6. Is there a saving to the Government in the Community Sponsorship Program compared to program quota refugees?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/231	Pratt, Louise	First Assistant Secretary of the Information and Communication Technology Division	Regarding the story on the front page of the Sydney Morning Herald, published 17 May, entitled Technology chief 'directed staff to delete information'. It concerns your First Assistant Secretary of the Information and Communication Technology Division, Mr Tim Catley. Mr Catley was formerly Chief Information Officer at Transport NSW. 1. The story alleges that Mr Catley was under investigation by the NSW Information and Privacy Commission at the time he was being considered for his new role at Home Affairs. Were you aware of this, Mr Pezzullo? Was the person in charge of the recruitment process aware? 2. Do you think it's appropriate for your new information chief – who will be overseeing a vast amount of hugely sensitive national security information, and will no doubt deal with plenty of FOI requests in his role – to be someone who has been investigated by the Information Commission? 3. According to this story, the relevant allegation is that Mr Catley directed a junior staff member to delete an email that should have been subject to an FOI request, about a cost blow-out on a project. 4. The report produced by the NSW Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Tydd said that "the executive" did in fact direct records to be deleted that were relevant to an FOI request, but that the relevant FOI law in NSW did not make that an offense. 5. So Ms Tydd's report did not actually clear Mr Catley of directing those records be deleted? 6. Is the Secretary concerned by this? 7. Do you agree that having a Chief Information Officer who has been accused of deleting information subject to an FOI request is a good way to build trust with the public on that front? 8. Were any conditions attached to Mr Catley's hiring, given he was under investigation at the time?	Written		05-Jul-18



Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/232	Carr, Kim	Humanitarian visas	Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 how many people applied for a visa, were granted a visa, were denied a visa or are in the pipeline waiting for their application to be approved for the following visa subclasses: a. Protection visa (subclass 866) b. Temporary Protection Visas (subclass 785) c. Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (subclass 790) d. Refugee visa (subclass 200) e. In-country Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 201) f. Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202) g. Emergency Rescue visa (subclass 203) h. Woman at risk visa (subclass 204)	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/233	Pratt, Louise	Australian Signals Directory	Mr Pezzullo: I've said that—regrettably, because, to set the public record straight, we had to make clear—agencies are constantly looking at policy and legislative gaps. It is the case—and I confirmed it again in this morning's statement—that I've asked the defence department and the Australian Signals Directorate to look, from a policy and legislative gap point of view, at whether there are gaps whereby no agency at the moment, ASD included, could act on Australian networks to either protect children in the case of one scenario that I've repeated, from Mr Dutton, or in the case of protection of critical infrastructure in those circumstances. Mr Pezzullo: We're well ahead of where this policy question is because, ordinarily, we'd be discussing this within government and providing advice to ministers and ministers would decide whether there is a gap, whether they want to fill that gap—I note Mr Dutton's public utterances to the effect that this is certainly something that should be looked at—then ultimately ministers would decide and in the course of deciding whether that gap is to be filled, the extent of those powers and the prohibitions, limitations and safeguards to be put around those powers would be determined. Mr Pezzullo: I haven't expressed a view. We're regrettably discussing this because of the disclosure of certain correspondence. It's something that I've corresponded on with my colleagues and I've said this is a question that we should examine. From memory, the Prime Minister has said—and certainly the Minister for Home Affairs has said—it is fit and proper that these questions be examined and then ministers will determine the way forward. I would also like to draw attention to an article published by the ABC on 29 May 2018, entitled "Peter Dutton touts new cybersecurity powers being considered to protect the banking network, power grid". 1. In that story, the Home Affairs Minister discusses at length the possibility of the ASD being given the capacity to disrupt cybercrime and actively defend critical infrastructure inside Australia. Would this require legislative change? 2. If so, when will legislation be presented?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/234	Carr, Kim	Country of citizenship and ages for visa holders	Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 a breakdown of the country of citizenship and ages for visa holders for the following visa subclasses: a. Protection visa (subclass 866) b. Temporary Protection Visas (subclass 785) c. Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (subclass 790) d. Refugee visa (subclass 200) e. In-country Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 201) f. Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202) g. Emergency Rescue visa (subclass 203) h. Woman at risk visa (subclass 204)	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/235	Carr, Kim	Visa application average processing times	Provide for financial years 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 the average processing time taken to make a decision, the shortest time taken and the longest time taken for the following visa subclasses: a. Protection visa (subclass 866) b. Temporary Protection Visas (subclass 785) c. Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (subclass 790) d. Refugee visa (subclass 200) e. In-country Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 201) f. Global Special Humanitarian visa (subclass 202) g. Emergency Rescue visa (subclass 203) h. Woman at risk visa (subclass 204)	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	30-05-18 0:00	BE18/236	Bartlett, Andrew	Welfare support for 'job able' asylum seekers	Asylum seekers who are assessed to be 'job able' by a Centrelink contractor will be cut off from welfare support. a. What arrangements are in place for people to appeal their assessment, and what are the standard wait periods for resolving appeals? b. What type of support do people receive while this appeal is in progress, considering Centrelink is currently 6 months behind in adjudicating such disputes?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	30-05-18 0:00	BE18/237	Bartlett, Andrew	Asylum seekers debt and remittances	Request for clarity about domestic remittances (eg paying rent, utilities bills or loans repayments for money borrowed from friends and family in Australia). a. Do these transfers count towards yearly limits for money transfers for asylum seekers in 2017? b. Are there any mechanisms for waiving debts associated with remittances?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	30-05-18 0:00	BE18/238	Bartlett, Andrew	Involuntary returns and financial assistance payments	What arrangements are in place for people who have had their visas refused but are not accepting voluntary returns (Iranians, or stateless people including Rohingya)? Do these people get access to emergency relief payments?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/239	Patrick, Rex	Reduction in 187 RSMS visa places	8. Despite a significant increase in demand and applications made for subclass 187 RSMS visa applications, why has the Department reduced the number of places available from approximately 20,000 per programme year to only 10,000 places over the past five years?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/240	Marshall, Gavin	CEM importation of asbestos	Is the government aware that CEM Australia based at 63 - 65 Maffra Street ,Coolaroo, Victoria, imported pressure vessels with gaskets containing asbestos and that these asbestos gaskets were machined at the Coolaroo factory exposing many workers to concentrated asbestos fibres, if not why not? If yes 1. How did this asbestos enter the country? 2. What deficiencies in the inspection process have been identified? 3. What is border force doing to ensure that no further products of this nature enter Australia? 4. What actions are being brought against CEM International Australia and CEM International China for this breach of Australian Law?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/241	Patrick, Rex	Increased Child Exploitation Offences	The AFP mentioned in their evidence on 23 May 2018 that from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017, the AFP assessment centre received 9,738 reports of child exploitation crimes. Of those, 836 matters were referred to the Joint Anti Child Exploitation Teams (JACETs). This represents only 8.6 per cent of reports in 2017 that were referred to the JACETs. The AFP cited a lack of intelligence or information preventing them from taking further action on the initial reports. Can you please provide a more detailed explanation as to why the AFP are only able to refer such a small amount of reports to the JACETs?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/242	Rhiannon, Lee	Kangaroo exports	1. Please provide the data for the export of all kangaroo products for each importing country, including each of the following separate categories for 2017 to current, and for the years pre 2005 where available: a. Importing country b. Each product category c. Weight or quantity per category d. Dollar value per entry e. Originating Australian state (if available)	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/243	Griff, Stirling	IMA minors on Nauru	1. With regards to Nauru, how many Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMA) children are on Nauru? Please provide numbers for the past three financial years, plus the most up-to-date figure, breaking it down by age and length of stay on Nauru. 2. How many children have been transferred to Australia or a third country (such as Taiwan) for medical or psychological treatment? Please provide monthly figures for the financial year, and break this down by age and length of stay on Nauru. 3. How many children are awaiting approval for transfer? Please provide monthly figures for the financial year. 4. What is the average time frame for a decision to be made on a medical transfer request?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/244	Carr, Kim	Nauru	1. For the people currently in Nauru and subject to offshore processing arrangements, provide: a. Whether they are a refugee or non-refugee b. Age, gender and country of citizenship c. Current living location (eg, within the RPC, in community etc) 2. For the people who are currently in Nauru and subject to offshore processing arrangements who have left Nauru, provide the method of departure and the month of the departure, eg, Voluntary return, Involuntary 3. In relation to the 20 year Nauruan visa please provide a breakdown of the following by refugee, non-refugee, country of origin, age and gender: a. How many people have expressed interest. b. How many people have applied for the visa. c. How many people have been granted the visa 4. How many children are attending school in Nauru? 5. At June 2018, what is the cost of the monthly visa for a refugee which is paid by the Australian Government to the Nauruan Government? 6. At June 2018, what is the cost of the monthly visa for an asylum seeker or non-refugee which is paid by the Australian Government to the Nauruan Government? 7. How often does the Australian Government make visa fee payments to the Nauruan Government and do these payments continue if asylum seekers or refugees take up a 20 year visa to remain on Nauru? 8. How much in total has the Australian Government paid to the Nauruan Government in visa fees? 9. How many refugees have transferred from Manus Island to Nauru?	Written		05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/245	Patrick, Rex	Permanent residents' travel impacting citizenship application	13. If a permanent resident is required to travel internationally as part of their employment, this has a negative impact on the persons eligibility to meet the Citizenship requirements. Why does the Department only consider periods of time spent outside of Australia for employment purposes to be counted towards the Citizenship eligibility criteria in limited situations, for example those set out in the special residence requirements, why not in all situations where a permanent resident is required to travel for employment purposes?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/246	Carr, Kim	Manus Island	1. For the people currently in Manus and subject to offshore processing arrangements, provide: a. Whether they are a refugee or non-refugee b. Age, gender and country of citizenship c. Current living location 2. For the people who are currently in Manus Island and subject to offshore processing arrangements who have left Manus Island, provide the method of departure and the month of the departure, eg, Voluntary return, Involuntary 3. Please detail the types of support services available to refugees and non-refugees in Manus Island and the contractors engaged to provide those services. Provide a breakdown of supports provided by Papua New Guinea and Australia.	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/247	Carr, Kim	Fast Response Boat incident	1. Where was the location of the incident involving the Fast Response Boat Buri Buri scraping the reef? 2. Please detail the fault of the navigational equipment which caused the incident 3. How much damage did the vessel sustain? 4. How much damage did the reef sustain? 5. What is the estimated cost of the damage sustained by the vessel? 6. What is the estimated date of completion for repairs of the vessel? 7. If the repairs have been completed, on which date were the repairs completed? 8. Please detail the impact on the operational capacity of the Maritime Border Command following the damage sustained by the vessel 9. Please detail the interim measures put in place to sustain Maritime Border Command following the damage sustained by the vessel 10. Are there any internal or external investigations into the incident involving the Fast Response Boat Buri Buri?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/249	Pratt, Louise	Criminal Conduct falling below threshold in Aviation	With respect to the evidence given by Commissioner Colvin on 23 May 2018, specifically: Mr Colvin: "The gap that exists now is that the threshold for us to require their identification doesn't match the operating environment that my officers are encountering. The threshold of reasonable suspicion of an indictable offence of 12-months imprisonment or more, doesn't match what my officers are reporting—they are seeing scenarios they can't use that in." 1. What criminal conduct are AFP officers currently encountering in Australian airports which fall below the threshold of reasonable suspicion of an indictable offence of 12 months imprisonment or more?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/250	Pratt, Louise	ID checks	Pezzullo said in his evidence that: Mr Pezzullo: "the current threshold for making inquiries as to a person's identity, as to their reason for being in an airport, which you'd think generally is about travel, is not in keeping with best practice in terms of how to safeguard aviation security generally, how to safeguard our airports and how to keep the travelling public safe." Mr Pezzullo: "What if someone's conducting a reconnaissance and you're not sure? You're suspicious and have a well-founded sense based on the intelligence assessments as well as the operational briefings that are provided to our patrolling teams. If they're asked to be on the lookout for an airport being cased, that, in and of itself, doesn't necessarily trigger that threshold." Mr Pezzullo: "You'd have to be able to prove the elements of the offence; that's the problem." Mr Pezzullo: "Until you've asked the person who they are and what they're doing there, you would not have a clue. That's the point." 1. With respect to the announcement that AFP Officers will be able to request identification from a member of the public in or around Commonwealth regulated Airport, can the Department of Home Affairs inform the Committee of whether the purpose of the proposed powers will only be for the prevention of terrorism offences contained in Part 5.3 of the Commonwealth Criminal Code? 2. If the purpose of the proposed power goes beyond terrorism offences in Part 5.3 of the Commonwealth Criminal Code, can the Department provide a list to the Committee of the offences in the Criminal Code which carry a sentence of less than 12 months that the Department consider have been or could be committed at Commonwealth regulated airports? 3. With respect to the evidence given on conducting reconnaissance in an airport, could the Department inform the committee of how and why conduct of this nature would not be captured by section 101.6 of the Criminal Code? 4. With respect to the conduct of reconnaissance in airports, and the further evidence on officers possessing a "well-founded sense based on the intelligence assessments as well as the operational briefings that are provided to patrolling teams", can the Department inform the Committee of what conduct, if any, is occurring in airports presently where AFP officers consider that they cannot seek identification for the purpose of determining whether a criminal offence with a penalty of 12 months or more has or is reasonably likely to occur? 5. With respect to the evidence given by Mr Pezzullo that it is a requirement that officers must, as a part of forming the reasonable suspicion that a crime has or is likely to be committed, "prove the elements of the offence", can the Department inform the committee of the jurisprudence setting out that requirement? 6. With respect to question 5 above, can the Department inform the Committee why they consider the requirement to prove the elements of the offence rests with the AFP officer questioning the person the officer considers has or is reasonably likely to commit an indictable offence with a penalty of 12 months or more and not the Commonwealth Department of Public Prosecutions? 7. Can the Department inform the Committee how the evidence on officers suspicions being based on a "well-founded sense based on the intelligence assessments as well as the operational briefings that are provided to patrolling teams", and later evidence that "until you've asked the person who they are and what they're doing there, you would not have a clue." is reconcilable? 8. Can the Department provide a complete list to the Committee of national jurisdictions around the world where police officers are legally empowered to stop a citizen in an airport and ask for identification where the officer in question is not required to hold a reasonable suspicion that a crime has or is likely to be committed, or an equivalent formulation with respect to the purpose of preventing a criminal offence? 9. Can the Department inform the Committee why an officer—though not in possession of intelligence or security assessment information—cannot ask for identification when the conduct they are seeing reflects a possible threat to national security? 10. Can the Department inform the committee of any threats to national security which are not covered by	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	AUSTRAC	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/251	Marshall, Gavin	Fintel Alliance	1. Is the Fintel Alliance a formerly constituted body? 2. What organisations, agencies and corporations are members of the Fintel Alliance 3. How many employees from financial license holders are on secondment to AUSTRAC as part of the Fintel Alliance; and from which financial license holders? 4. How does AUSTRAC manage conflicts of interest for employees from financial license holders on secondment to it? 5. How does AUSTRAC ensure that employees from financial license holders on secondment to it do not compromise AUSTRAC's ability to detect illegal activity? Are secondees 'ring-fenced' while at AUSTRAC? 6. How long has the practice of employees from financial license holders being seconded to AUSTRAC been taking place? 7. Has AUSTRAC investigated whether employees from the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) seconded to AUSTRAC were privy to any information regarding investigations into CBA so-called intelligent deposit machines?	Written		05-07-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/252	Griff, Stirling	Ombudsman's assessment reports regarding IHMS	11. At least three assessment reports tabled this year by the Commonwealth Ombudsman expressed serious concerns about the IHMS, in particular serious concerns regarding the accuracy of health assessments of asylum seekers that IHMS provided to the Ombudsman. a. Did the Department investigate the Ombudsman's concerns? If so, what was the outcome? If not, why not? b. Did the Department ever direct IHMS to review its processes, as recommended by the Ombudsman? If not, why not? c. Have there been any learnings stemming from the Ombudsman's concerns that will be relevant to the new provider PIH? d. Given the Ombudsman's concerns, is the Department confident that IHMS' records provide an accurate assessment of each detainee's health for handover to the new provider?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/253	Patrick, Rex	PhD work experience towards 187 RSMS visa	9. The Department's 482 policy guidelines stipulate that PhD work experience counts towards the 482 program, but this is not included in the RSMS 187 policy guidelines which seems to indicate that it does not count for a RSMS visa. Does work experience gained whilst completing a PhD count towards the three year post qualification work experience requirements for a subclass 187 RSMS visa (as it does with the 482 visa eligibility provisions)?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/254	Patrick, Rex	Subclass 489 visa condition 8539 aligning with ICCPR	Does the subclass 489 visa condition 8539 fit with Article 12 (1) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), please provide advice as to how it fits with?	Written		05-Jul-18

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-06-18 0:00	BE18/255	Patrick, Rex	Cancellation of 187 RSMS visas aligning with ICCPR	11. Does the departmental instruction which deals with cancellation of subclass 187 RSMS visas under s137Q of the Migration Act where a holder commenced the employment referred to in the relevant employer nomination and the employment terminated within the period (the required employment period) of two years starting on the day the visa holder commenced that employment and the visa holder does not satisfy the Minister (or delegate) that they have made a genuine effort to be engaged in that employment for the required employment period fit within Article 12 (1) of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)? Please provide advice as to how it fits within?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	30-05-18 0:00	BE18/256	Bartlett, Andrew	People trafficking	Is the Department or Minister seeking to change the Migration Act to ensure that women who are found to have been trafficked into marriage are not placed at risk of a visa cancellation on the grounds that the marriage was not genuine?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	14-06-18 0:00	BE18/257	Rice, Janet	E-bike tariff	1. Can you please explain the decision and process undertaken ahead of the application of a 5% + GST tariff to power-assisted electric bicycles, motorcycles and scooters imported into Australia, which I understand came about via removal of the 5% duty free concession earlier this year? 2. Has the impact on active transport, cycling, and/or pollution reduction been considered in the approval of this decision? If so, please detail what was considered and how it impacted the decision. 3. Have you measured any impacts on the e-bike retail options available to consumers, sales, imports or local manufacturing outcomes since this change was implemented? If so, what have they been? 4. What feedback has the Government received on this decision from stakeholders, including cyclists, cycling peak bodies, and retailers?	Written		05-Jul-18
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	22-06-18 0:00	BE18/258	Reynolds, Linda	Mozambique orphanage abuse allegations	An article was recently released regarding an Australian male citizen who is the director of an orphanage in Mozambique and is currently subject to multiple allegations of child sexual abuse of the children in his orphanage. This orphanage is, in part, funded by Australians. I was informed that these allegations were reported to the Australian Federal Police in June 2017 along with supporting evidence, yet the report indicates that no action has been taken. 1. Who takes carriage of allegations regarding Australian citizens in these positions? 2. What action, if any, has been taken in this case? 3. If no action has been taken, what is being done to rectify these apparent systemic failures? 4. This is just one case of many across the world where we are seeing expatriate citizens using orphanages to exploit children. Does this point to the need for specific inclusion and consideration of orphanage trafficking and exploitation offences in Australia's trafficking offences, including in the proposed Modern Slavery Act?	Written		05-Jul-18