

Whole Portfolio	Department Or Agency	Hearing Date	Portfolio Question No	Senator	Broad Topic	QuestionText	Written Hansard	Proof Hansard Page	Due Date
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	12-07-18 0:00	BE18/259	Griff, Stirling	Cadmium levels on regional processing sites	1. When and how did the Department first become aware that there was the potential for soil and/or dust on Nauru to contain elevated concentrations of cadmium? 2. When and how did the Department first become aware that there was the potential for soil and/or dust on Christmas Island to contain elevated concentrations of cadmium? 3. Dr Kalesh Seenarain, Senior Health Advisor from IHMS, has testified that IHMS had recommended to the Department that further investigation of cadmium levels was needed to determine actual risks to health of asylum seekers on Nauru. Has a proper risk assessment that assesses risks of cadmium exposure to detainees, including children, through dust inhalation, hand-to-mouth activity, pica behaviour and through consumption of locally sourced produce on Nauru been conducted? If not, why not? 4. Has a full risk assessment of cadmium exposure to detainees on Christmas Island been conducted? If not, why not? 5. If there has been a full risk assessment of cadmium exposure to detainees on Nauru and/or Christmas Island, please provide details as to how each assessment was conducted, identify the dust, soils and produce samples that were tested and for each sample provide the concentrations of cadmium and any other chemicals that were measured. 6. Please provide details of the number of persons held in immigration detention on Nauru since the facilities opened who have been diagnosed with a kidney related disorder or disease. Please provide a breakdown of this information by the type of kidney disorder or disease that has been diagnosed.	Written		Thursday, July 5, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/260	Watt, Murray	AWU Investigation - counsel for the second respondent	Senator WATT: I have had a look at the transcript of the court hearing—that is, the proceedings brought by the AWU against the Registered Organisations Commission. That hearing occurred on Monday 30 July. I notice that the counsel for the second respondent might be the AFP or the Commonwealth? Ms Close: I'm sorry, I might have to take that on notice. I'm not sure in which order the respondents are numbered.	Spoken	3	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/261	Watt, Murray	AWU Investigation - executed warrants	Senator WATT: Were any search warrants executed on premises as part of this investigation? Ms Close: Yes. Senator WATT: Yes? Ms Close: Actually, can I take that on notice? I know certain warrants have been executed, but I'm not sure if search warrants specifically have been executed. Senator WATT: I suppose that's my terminology. What I'm wondering is whether any material has been seized from premises as part of this investigation. Ms Close: I'll take that on notice.	Spoken	5	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/262	Watt, Murray	AWU Investigation - contact with Government Ministers	Senator WATT: Has any member of the AFP had any communication from or to the government in relation to this matter, outside of witnesses being interviewed? Ms Close: Not to my knowledge, no—other than through the normal course of the investigation. Senator WATT: What does that mean? Ms Close: So, as you say—in wanting to speak to witnesses or other people who may have knowledge of the matter. Senator WATT: So the only time in which you would be making contact with a minister about this investigation would be if it was to interview a minister? Ms Close: I think that's the case, yes. I'd have to take that on notice, though, to see if there was any other contact. Mr Colvin: To be clear: there has been no briefing to the government about what we're doing with the investigation and there have been no questions from the government about the status of the investigation, other than contact that we would ordinarily and normally have as a part of the investigation.	Spoken	8	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/263	Macdonald, Ian	AWU Investigation - responsible Judge and Court	CHAIR: ... Senator Watt mentioned—and Commissioner, you responded to—comments by judges. Which judge and which court was that? Ms Close: It's a Federal Court judge in Victoria. I don't have his name in front of me, but I can certainly take that on notice.	Spoken	9	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/264	Patrick, Rex	Referral made to Commissioner Colvin by Mr Wilkie MP regarding insiders journalists' comments	Senator PATRICK: Thank you. I am sure you're aware that there was a referral to you by Mr Wilkie MP in relation to a comment made by a journalist on Insiders. Are you familiar with that? Mr Colvin: I do recall the referral, yes. Senator PATRICK: I think the words you used before in the other matter related to, I guess, an unauthorised disclosure. Mr Colvin: Correct. Senator PATRICK: Is the AFP proceeding with an investigation in relation to that? Mr Colvin: I'll take advice, because I don't personally know where that matter is at. The normal process is that the matter would be referred. We would evaluate whether we believe an offence has occurred, before we commence an investigation. It may well be in the evaluation stage. So we will take that on notice.	Spoken	10	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/265	Patrick, Rex	Witness K and Collaery - ACT Magistrates Court search warrant	Senator PATRICK: ... Was the AFP involved in the execution of a warrant on Mr Collaery's premises in 2013? Mr Colvin: I'll have to take that on notice. Senator PATRICK: In the event that they were, I am trying to understand whether any documents that were seized in that raid—because I think it was an ASIO warrant that was executed. Mr Colvin: That's why I want to take it on notice. I don't recall five years ago whether it was an ASIO warrant that they led or whether it was a warrant that— Senator PATRICK: I am pretty sure it was. If it was an ASIO warrant, I presume you simply would have been assisting with the execution of that and ASIO would have done the body of investigative work. Mr Colvin: Most likely, yes. Senator PATRICK: So my question—which I am happy for you to take on notice—is: if indeed the AFP was involved, I am wondering whether the AFP would have examined any of the documents or simply left that to the other agency. I also note that there was a restriction placed on the Attorney in relation to sealing those documents at some stage, and then of course a later order from the International Court of Justice to return the documents. Mr Colvin: I will take it on notice.	Spoken	10	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/266	Patrick, Rex	Witness K and Collaery - ACT Magistrates Court timeline of investigation	Senator PATRICK: ... When did you commence that investigation and when was the brief passed to the CDDP? Mr Colvin: This is quite an old investigation, so we will need to take on notice the exact time lines of when things happened. Senator PATRICK: It obviously goes back some time. Mr Colvin: Yes. Senator PATRICK: So something occurred that has reinvigorated your interest, or has some new evidence appeared? Mr Colvin: I will take that on notice.	Spoken	10	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/267	Patrick, Rex	Letter from Senator Patrick to Commissioner re potential breach of ACT law by an intelligence service	Senator PATRICK: Can you give me an update on the matter that was referred by me and three other senators in relation to a potential breach of ACT law by an intelligence service? Mr Colvin: I am not personally aware of a matter in relation to ACT law. I will have to take that on notice and check the status of that. Senator PATRICK: A letter was sent to you a couple of weeks ago. Mr Colvin: Apologies, Senator; I have returned two days ago from leave. We will check with the office and see where that matter is at.	Spoken	11	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/268	Watt, Murray	Operation Sovereign Borders	Senator WATT: And so if we're talking about the funding that's specifically provided to the AFP to deter and disrupt people-smuggling operations overseas, that has been reduced? The funding that is specifically dedicated to that? Mr Jabbour: That is correct. That was a lapsing measure, but we made application for a new measure in relation to the suite of capabilities that I've just mentioned, which has now superseded that lapsing measure. Senator WATT: With that lapsing measure, how much funding was terminated or cut or ended—however you want to put it? Mr Colvin: We've put it on the public record before, at the last one. I think it lapsed two years ago, or at least 18 months ago—we can check that; we will have that with us—but this is the point we're trying to make to the committee: it's not black and white. This was a reflection of what we believed the environment required from the AFP, and that is what we have funded in terms of those intelligence resources. Senator WATT: I will come to that. Have you got that figure handy? Mr Jabbour: No, I don't. I will take that one on notice.	Spoken	13	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/269	Pratt, Louise	Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation - funding (part a)	Senator PRATT: I now want to ask some questions about the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation. The Turnbull government announced in March this year that it would establish the centre, with an announcement in the budget of \$68.6 million. How much funding has gone into the centre to date? How much has been spent of the promised \$68.6 million? Mr Colvin: The \$68.6 million was over four years—so each year, obviously, the funding is quite different. We are just in the first stages of the first year of that. Mr Gaughan: Noting that the funding only commenced on 1 July this year, I don't have the figures available for how much has actually been spent this financial year as we are only a couple of weeks into it. We could probably take that notice. Mr Colvin: We could take it on notice. It wouldn't be a great deal, except to say that we are well progressed in the establishment of that. We have a plan in place that we are working to, and we are very hopeful that we will be able to say some more about that publicly shortly.	Spoken	16	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/270	Pratt, Louise	Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation - funding (part b)	Senator PRATT: In terms of the funding from other areas you are bringing in under that banner, you can confirm that \$68.6 million is entirely new funding? Mr Colvin: That is new funding, yes. Under the budget rules, that \$68.6 million needs to be spent on developing and delivering this project. Senator PRATT: So this funding remains dedicated to this project. Can you tell us what other funding is now coming in under this banner? Mr Colvin: We will take that on notice because I would need to look at what general appropriation we have that is directed towards combating child exploitation. This is a significant crime type for us that we have been working on for nearly two decades now. It is well entrenched into our core appropriation and our budget. I would need to look at exactly what figure that is.	Spoken	16	Friday, September 14, 2018

Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/271	Pratt, Louise	Resources/staffing	<p>Senator PRATT: What does that mean in terms of additional staff into intelligence roles, surveillance roles and covert policing roles specifically? Mr Jabbour: We have a total of 139 into those three areas that we recruited last year, and in addition there are a total of 165 into those areas this year that are currently under recruitment actions. Senator PRATT: So that's 139 plus 165? Mr Jabbour: Yes. The measure went beyond just those specific areas. There was also injection into our technology stream. There was an injection into the general operations. There was also an injection into our legal areas for confiscated assets lawyers and the like. So, whilst it was absolutely primarily the areas you have raised, there was also additional recruitment totalling 378 in total, and we will have achieved that at the end of this financial year. Senator PRATT: The press release is very specific. It talks about 100 intelligence, 100 tactical response and covert surveillance operators and 100 forensic specialists. Can you tell me specifically how many forensic specialists have been recruited? Mr Jabbour: No, I'll have to come back to you on that one, because I've got them joined up. Specialist operations comprises both forensic and intelligence. I have a macro number, but I can certainly provide you with that. Senator PRATT: What's the combined macro number? Mr Jabbour: In specialist ops there are a total of 188. Eighty-four were recruited last year, and there are another 104 underway. Senator PRATT: Who's in specialist ops? Does it include intelligence experts, tactical response and forensics? Mr Jabbour: No, intelligence and forensic only. The tactical response element that you're referring to— Senator PRATT: So you have 184? Mr Jabbour: A hundred and eighty-eight. Senator PRATT: A hundred and eighty-eight of the combined intelligence experts— Mr Jabbour: And forensics. Senator PRATT: And forensics, so you're still short. Are you planning on recruiting another 12 or so? Mr Jabbour: Twelve—that's correct. Senator PRATT: Okay. Do you have 100 in each category? Mr Jabbour: That's correct. Nothing's changed in relation to the distribution that was requested. Senator PRATT: So, of that 188, you'll need to take on notice how many are intelligence and how many are forensic? Mr Jabbour: That's correct. Senator PRATT: So you have 188 of those currently, and it was over four years? Mr Jabbour: Four years, but the majority were in the first two years, last year and this year. The majority of recruitment action was in those first two years. Senator PRATT: How many of the tactical response have you recruited? Mr Jabbour: In the support capability area, which comprises a number of different elements—tactical response, the physical surveillance, the electronic surveillance—there is a total of 116 over the two-year period. Senator PRATT: That you have recruited already? Mr Jabbour: That is correct—or that are underway. Senator PRATT: So your current headcount is 188 and 116? Mr Jabbour: For those two areas alone, that is correct. But overall it is a total of 378. Senator PRATT: It would be terrific if you could you take on notice the progressive headcount in those areas. Mr Jabbour: Sure.</p>	Spoken	16	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Federal Police	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/272	Pratt, Louise	Phoenix report and the ANAO report - budget for implementation of recommendations	<p>Senator PRATT: Thank you. I would now like to ask some questions in relation to AFP employees' mental health. We note that there have been two reports—one recently released by Phoenix Australia and the other from the ANAO. Both reports have been critical of how the AFP manages mental health. Has a specific budget or pool of resources been set aside to implement these recommendations? Mr Colvin: I will ask my chief operating officer, Ms Sue Bird, to answer that. But there is one comment I would like to make up-front. We have recognised that the mental health and general health and wellbeing of our officers is an absolute priority. The Phoenix report was, of course, a report that we went out and asked for; it was not something that was imposed on us. With that, I will hand over to my chief operating officer. Ms Bird: Senator, you asked about the Phoenix report and the ANAO report, is that correct? Senator PRATT: Yes, that's right. I asked about the budget for implementation, not necessarily the work towards the implementation. Ms Bird: I don't have a single number for you, but I am sure we can take that on notice and get that for you. You will see from those reports that the AFP has accepted the recommendations and undertaken to implement those changes. We are well on the path of that. What I don't have for you is an actual breakdown in a monetary sense of what the cost of that is. Senator PRATT: I can put that part of it on notice.</p>	Spoken	17	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/273	Watt, Murray	Ministerial consultation on QoN relating to Au Pairs	<p>Senator WATT: My initial questions concern some answers to questions on notice that were only provided last night, and they relate to questions I was asking at the last estimates session about Minister Durton's personal intervention to grant visas to one or more people who entered Australia advising Border Force staff that they were intending to work as au pairs. Ultimately visas were granted to those people to stay in Australia despite them saying that they would work in breach of the visa they had applied for and been given. You are familiar with the answers that have been provided to those questions on notice? Mr Pezzullo: Yes. Senator WATT: Did the responses to these questions go to the minister's office for review or clearance prior to being tabled? Mr Pezzullo: All answers, in accordance to practice that goes back to time immemorial, are always run by the minister's office, yes. Senator WATT: What date were the draft answers to these questions provided to the minister's office? Mr Pezzullo: I have no idea. I'd have to take that on notice. Senator WATT: Can you take that on notice, please. Do you know how long the draft answers spent in the minister's office? Mr Pezzullo: I have idea. I'll take that on notice. Senator WATT: When were drafts provided to the minister's office, and when were the draft answers, with or without amendments, returned to the department? Mr Pezzullo: The answer to the latter question is, I suspect, very recently, because we would not have held onto them. I'll take both questions on notice. Senator WATT: Did the minister's office ask for any of the draft responses that were provided to them to be edited in any way before they were tabled to the committee? Mr Pezzullo: I don't know. I'd have to check and come back to you on notice. Senator WATT: In doing so, can you advise which ones were edited. Mr Pezzullo: I'll look at the matter in general and respond on notice. Senator WATT: I'm also interested in the specifics. In answering on notice, can you advise which of those draft answers were edited by the minister's office before returning to the department. Mr Pezzullo: I'll take that on notice. Senator WATT: Could you also take on notice what changes were made and the original draft responses that had been provided to the minister's office. Mr Pezzullo: I hadn't thought of that as an approach. Are you asking me whether changes were made, or to provide to this committee the original drafts, the 'track changes' versions and the finals? Senator WATT: Both. I'd like to see the draft answers that were provided by the department to the minister's office and I'd like to see the changes that were made. Mr Pezzullo: I'll take it on notice. Mr Pezzullo: I'm able to take the question on notice and to consult with the minister, because he himself may wish to reflect on the nature of what information we provide back to the committee. So I'll take it all on notice. I was making an obiter dictum comment about—I hadn't thought about that as a way of gaining access to the department's original drafts. But Senator Carr is reminding me that it's happened before. Senator KIM CARR: Of course. CHAIR: No doubt it happened when Senator Carr was minister, once upon a time, years ago. Senator WATT: Leaving aside what changes may have been made to these draft answers, do you know whether changes were made or requested by the minister's office? Mr Pezzullo: I think I said when you asked me a virtually identical question that I didn't know, but I said I would take it on notice. Senator WATT: How often does the minister's office ask for changes to be made to draft answers to questions on notice? Mr Pezzullo: Statistically, I wouldn't know. Senator WATT: Is it common practice? Mr Pezzullo: I will consult with my officers who coordinate this and they might give me a sense of whether it's frequent, infrequent, often or not often, and I'll come back to you on notice.</p>	Spoken	20	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/274	Watt, Murray	Minister's Office request for submission on Au Pair cases	<p>Senator WATT: So departmental liaison officers in the minister's office conveyed a request from the minister's office for advice on whether to grant this person or people a visa. Mr Pezzullo: For a submission— Ms Golightly: For a submission from the department. Senator WATT: Can you take on notice whether it was the minister or the minister's office who requested the preparation of that? Mr Pezzullo: And that, as you well know, would be a matter, then, for the minister to reflect upon and answer as he sees fit. He's responsible, for the operation of his office, not me or the department.</p>	Spoken	21	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/275	Macdonald, Ian	Cost of responding to Questions on Notice	<p>CHAIR: Can I put on notice a question for you to advise how many questions on notice were taken at the last hearing and if there is an estimate of the cost to officers' time? Mr Pezzullo: We will take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	21	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/276	Carr, Kim	Cost to date for Au Pairs cases FOI legal proceedings	<p>Senator WATT: Is it correct that the department has spent more than \$10,000 trying to prevent the release of these documents that are being sought by the media? Mr Pezzullo: I think that's, on its face, clearly apparent from our subanswer 19. Senator WATT: Right. And my last question is— Senator KIM CARR: Is that the total amount? Mr Pezzullo: As of the date of publication— Senator KIM CARR: What is it now? Mr Pezzullo: I don't know that we have spent anymore in the last few days, but we will check on the currency of that number.</p>	Spoken	25	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/277	Carr, Kim	Increase in processing times for applicants on Bridging visas	<p>Senator KIM CARR: How many of the 194,000 people in Australia on bridging visas are currently waiting for the department to process their visa applications? Mr Pezzullo: All of them, because the definition of being on a bridging visa is that you are bridged until a determination— Senator KIM CARR: Has the time for processing those applications increased? Mr Pezzullo: Logically, the answer would have to be yes. I might ask Ms Golightly, if she has sorted out her documents from Senator Watt, to rejoin me. But it is the case that—and you are now asking about bridging as distinct from permanent visa decisions—as we scrutinise them more intensively, I assume that the times have extended, yes. I'm not going to be apologetic about that, I have to say. Ms Golightly on the facts of processing times? I think the first question was about permanent, but now the more recent question was bridging. Ms Golightly: Yes, the time has increased for the reasons the secretary was just giving but also— Senator KIM CARR: How much has it increased by? What's the factor? Ms Golightly: I'd have to get that for you, but I was about to note that one of the other reasons that people are on bridging visas is that, while they are going through their review, appeal and court processes, the time— Senator KIM CARR: So is there an increase in appeal processes? Ms Golightly: There is a greater number. Senator KIM CARR: What's the factor there? Ms Golightly: I'd have to get that for you.</p>	Spoken	30	Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/278	Macdonald, Ian	Visas with enforceable regional working and living conditions	<p>CHAIR: Could you indicate which visas—it may well be on notice—do in fact have, as a condition of granting, some reference to working and living in regional areas? Then, could I ask you, Minister, once that information is available, if you could refer to the minister: is it the government's intention to actually make those conditions enforceable so that the underlying principle of not having everyone come to Sydney and Melbourne is in some way advanced? Senator SESELJA: I'll refer to the department in a moment for the first part of the question but, on that part, I'm very happy to take that on notice, Chair. Mr Pezzullo: In relation to the first part of the question, I think I'm right in saying it's the only visa with the strict enforceable conditions, but I will check and give you an answer on notice. The safe haven enterprise temporary protection visas for illegal maritime arrivals does require—and it's enforceable, because you lose your temporary protected status under a shared so-called Safe Haven Enterprise Visa—you to live in a regional area nominated by the states and territories for five years, during which time you have to meet certain work and study conditions. At the end of which—and Ms Golightly may have the numbers of how many SHEV visas she has on her books—you may apply for permanent residency. That was a law passed in December of 2014. CHAIR: My question on resources— Mr Pezzullo: There may be others, so I'll check. CHAIR: My question earlier was on resources allocated by the department to enforce those and make sure that they are being honoured—if you could take on notice just what resources are applied to that. Also, what evidence is there of investigations that have been made; and has any enforcement action been taken in that one area that we know of, where the government does have the power to do that? Could I also get you, perhaps, to take on notice an indication of what regions people on safe haven visas have actually settled in. Mr Pezzullo: Yes. We can answer that on notice.</p>	Spoken	32	Friday, September 14, 2018

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/279	Carr, Kim	Release date for 2017-18 Migration Program report	Senator KIM CARR: When will the full report for the 2017-18 total migration program be released? Mr Pezzullo: We have a publication that states that. I think the minister's office has itself put out some advice on this, have they not? Ms Gollightly: The minister has discussed the overall figure, but the report itself— Mr Pezzullo: How far away is that report? Ms Gollightly: I'd have to just quickly check. Senator KIM CARR: Sorry? When will that be released. Ms Gollightly: I'd have to check that for you.	Spoken		34	Friday, September 14, 2018		
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/280	Carr, Kim	Minister's revocation of Public Interest Immunity claim	Senator KIM CARR: Are you aware that on 1 August The Daily Telegraph published remarks of the minister saying that the government had approached Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Canada and even New Zealand and that they weren't interested in taking refugees from Manus and Nauru? ... Senator KIM CARR: The reason I raise this question is that in the past the department has claimed public interest immunity on providing details to this committee about conversations with these particular countries. I'm wondering: are you sticking with the public interest immunity assertion now that the minister's revealed these details? ... Senator KIM CARR: That's right. I'm asking you: will you now seek from the minister clarification as to whether or not the public interest immunity still applies, given that he himself has breached those undertakings by revealing this information? I take it he's done so without your knowledge. CHAIR: That's a question for Senator Seselja. Will you find out if the minister is claiming public interest immunity? Next question. ... Senator Seselja: I'm happy to take it on notice.	Spoken		36	Friday, September 14, 2018		
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/281	Carr, Kim	Briefing Shadow Minister on third-country resettlement	Senator KIM CARR: Mr Pezzullo, in the comments in The Telegraph, the minister also asserted that the Leader of the Opposition had been advised of the third country resettlement discussions during a briefing by the department—when, of course, you'll be able to confirm that the department has refused to provide that information to the opposition. Can you confirm that: have they refused to provide that information? ... Mr Pezzullo: I'll need to check the records, because we take very careful records of the periodic briefings that are given, ordinarily to the shadow minister and/or his staff. Whether those briefings have canvassed either third-country and/or those specific countries is a matter that I'll need to check on the record. ... Mr Pezzullo: I have an article headed: 'Japan, South Korea, Taiwan sink Bill Shorten's asylum seeker plan'. Senator KIM CARR: No, it's: 'Bill still all at sea on refugees'. It's 1 August 2018. Mr Pezzullo: In The Daily Telegraph? Senator KIM CARR: Yes, The Daily Telegraph. ... Senator KIM CARR: Mr Neumann has advised me that when the opposition has actually sought information from the department on these matters, the department has refused to provide that information to the opposition. I'm asking: is that correct? Mr Pezzullo: Thank you, and I understand the context fully now. As I said in my previous answer, I would want to check the record. I'm not at all suggesting that you haven't been accurately advised. I just want to check the record as to what my officers have recorded, both what was asked by the opposition in those briefings and what was tendered to them in response. And in saying that, I don't wish for there to be any negative or adverse inference drawn as to what the shadow minister has or hasn't advised you. I just want to check my own records.	Spoken		38	Friday, September 14, 2018		
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/282	Carr, Kim	Blueprint for Home Affairs	Senator KIM CARR: The blueprint for Home Affairs—is it possible to get that on notice? Mr Pezzullo: Yes. I'd be delighted to table it for the committee.	Spoken		39	Friday, September 14, 2018		
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/283	Carr, Kim	Current number of SES (including total acting)	Senator KIM CARR: How many people are in the SES and would receive this correspondence? Mr Pezzullo: Over 100, but I'll need to get the numbers. Senator KIM CARR: Of them, how many people would not be in their normal roles, would be in acting positions, do you think? Mr Pezzullo: Relatively few, because we've had a number of vacancies filled in recent times, but I'd have to get the exact numbers for you. Senator KIM CARR: At the date of 10 July, I'm told, there were about 40. Would that be right? Maybe it was a bit earlier than that. Mr Pezzullo: I don't think it was that high. In terms of acting? Senator KIM CARR: Yes. Mr Pezzullo: I don't think it was that high. I'll have to get the records.	Spoken		39	Friday, September 14, 2018		
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	03-08-18 0:00	BE18/284	Carr, Kim	Chief Medical Officer meeting with the Minister	Senator KIM CARR: So has the Chief Medical Officer met with the minister? Mr Pezzullo: I don't know. He may have. I would have to check.	Spoken		42	Friday, September 14, 2018		
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/285	Carr, Kim	Global Talent Scheme Pilot Program	1. On which date did the Global Talent Scheme pilot commence. 2. Please detail the businesses or individuals are on the Department's "independent startup advisory panel" tasked with the job to "assess and endorse the business as a viable and genuine startup" under the Global Talent Scheme pilot program. 3. Please detail on which date each of their memberships commenced.	Written			Friday, September 14, 2018		
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/286	McKim, Nick	Healthcare costs for refugees being considered for US resettlement	Who is responsible for the healthcare cost of refugees and people seeking asylum detained offshore by the Australian Government, and currently being considered for US resettlement? a. If Australia is responsible, why are detainees being considered for US resettlement being told by JDA Wokman that they are no longer eligible for healthcare through the Pacific International Hospital (PIH) – allegedly because they are now the responsibility of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) – and being referred to Port Moresby General Hospital (PMGH) or other user-pays health providers?	Written			Friday, September 14, 2018		
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/287	Carr, Kim	Ministerial requests for enhanced scrutiny on temporary visas	1. Please detail if the Minister, or any Minister with portfolio responsibilities in the Department, have asked for further scrutiny to be placed on other temporary visas with work rights in the 2017-18 financial year. 2. Please detail if the Minister, or any Minister with portfolio responsibilities in the Department, have asked for further scrutiny to be placed on the Student visa (subclass 500) in the 2017-18 financial year. 3. Please detail if the Minister, or any Minister with portfolio responsibilities in the Department, have asked for further scrutiny to be placed on the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) in the 2017-18 financial year. 4. Please detail if the Minister, or any Minister with portfolio responsibilities in the Department, have asked for further scrutiny to be placed on the Working Holiday visa (subclass 417) in the 2017-18 financial year. 5. Please detail if the Minister, or any Minister with portfolio responsibilities in the Department, have asked for further scrutiny to be placed on the Work and Holiday visa (subclass 462) in the 2017-18 financial year.	Written				Friday, September 14, 2018	
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/288	Carr, Kim	Department employees breakdown	1. As of 1 July 2018, please provide the number of staff employed in the Department of Home Affairs in: a. full time permanent positions; b. part time permanent positions; c. casual positions; and d. full time contract positions. 2. As of 1 July 2018, please provide the number of staff employed in full-time permanent positions in the Department of Home Affairs who are: a. Australian citizens; b. Permanent Residents of Australia; c. Holders of a Subclass 457 visa (Temporary Work Visa); d. Holders of a Subclass 482 visa (Temporary Skills Shortage Visa); and e. Holders of a Subclass 400 visa (Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist)). 3. As of 1 July 2018, please provide the number of staff employed in part time permanent positions in the Department of Home Affairs who are: a. Australian citizens; b. Permanent Residents of Australia; c. Holders of a Subclass 457 visa (Temporary Work Visa); d. Holders of a Subclass 482 visa (Temporary Skills Shortage Visa); and e. Holders of a Subclass 400 visa (Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist)). 4. As of 1 July 2018, please provide the number of staff employed in casual positions in the Department of Home Affairs who are: a. Australian citizens; b. Permanent Residents of Australia; c. Holders of a Subclass 457 visa (Temporary Work Visa); d. Holders of a Subclass 482 visa (Temporary Skills Shortage Visa); and e. Holders of a Subclass 400 visa (Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist)). 5. As of 1 July 2018, please provide the number of staff employed in part-time contract positions in the Department of Home Affairs who are: a. Australian citizens; b. Permanent Residents of Australia; c. Holders of a Subclass 457 visa (Temporary Work Visa); d. Holders of a Subclass 482 visa (Temporary Skills Shortage Visa); and e. Holders of a Subclass 400 visa (Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist)). 6. As of 1 July 2018, please provide the number of staff employed in full-time contract positions in the Department of Home Affairs who are: a. Australian citizens; b. Permanent Residents of Australia; c. Holders of a Subclass 457 visa (Temporary Work Visa); d. Holders of a Subclass 482 visa (Temporary Skills Shortage Visa); and e. Holders of a Subclass 400 visa (Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist)). 7. As of 1 July 2018, please provide the number of staff employed through labour-hire in the Department of Home Affairs who are: a. Australian citizens; b. Permanent Residents of Australia; c. Holders of a Subclass 457 visa (Temporary Work Visa); d. Holders of a Subclass 482 visa (Temporary Skills Shortage Visa); and e. Holders of a Subclass 400 visa (Temporary Work (Short Stay Specialist)).	Written					Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/289	Carr, Kim	Ministerial briefings and directions regarding the total migration program	1. Please detail the dates in the 2017-18 financial year on which the Department briefed the Minister for Home Affairs on the total migration program. 2. Please detail the advice or Ministerial direction the Minister provided at each of these briefings in the 2017-18 financial year. 3. Please detail the dates in the current financial year on which the Department briefed the Minister for Home Affairs on the total migration program. 4. Please detail the advice or Ministerial direction the Minister provided at each of these briefings in the current financial year. 5. On which date in the 2017-18 financial year was the Minister made aware the total migration program was going to fall significantly lower than the 190,000 ceiling? 6. Has the Minister for Home Affairs or his staff ever advised the Department to reduce the number of visas processed under the total migration program? 7. Has the Minister for Home Affairs or his staff ever advised the Department to slow down the processing of visas in the total migration program?	Written				Friday, September 14, 2018	
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/290	Carr, Kim	Permanent migration figures by skill and family streams	1. Please provide the number of visa applications split by the skill stream and family streams of the total migration program in the 2017-18 financial year. 2. Please provide the number of visa grants split by the skill stream and family streams of the total migration program in the 2017-18 financial year. 3. Please provide the rejection rate of visa applications split by the skill stream and family streams of the total migration program in the 2017-18 financial year.	Written				Friday, September 14, 2018	
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/291	Carr, Kim	Common sense in assessing visa applications	1. At a Press Conference on 16 July, the Minister for Home Affairs stated that the decrease in permanent migration numbers was due to "an extra application of common sense". Please detail how "common sense" is applied to visa applications by departmental staff. 2. Are the words "common sense" in any of the Department's procedures manuals for processing permanent visa applications? If so, please provide a copy of the references in the manuals. 3. Please detail the training departmental staff undergo to teach "common sense" when processing visa applications.	Written				Friday, September 14, 2018	
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/292	Carr, Kim	Subclass 400, 457 and 482 visas	1. When approving subclass 400, 457, and 482 visas, is the Department aware of whom the sponsoring employer is? 2. Does the Department keep a record of subclass 400, 457, and 482 visas, sponsored by an employer at any given time? 3. Please provide the number of staff employed within the entire Australian Public Service who are currently holders of a Subclass 400 visa. 4. Please provide the number of staff employed within the entire Australian Public Service who are currently holders of a Subclass 457 visa. 5. Please provide the number of staff employed within the entire Australian Public Service who are currently holders of a Subclass 482 visa.	Written				Friday, September 14, 2018	
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/293	Carr, Kim	Visa processing times	1. Please provide the processing times for the following subclasses of visas as of 30 June 2017: a. Subclass 186; b. Subclass 187; c. Subclass 801; and d. Subclass 820. 2. Please provide the processing times for the following subclasses of visas as of 30 June 2018: a. Subclass 186; b. Subclass 187; c. Subclass 801; and d. Subclass 820. 3. Please detail any Ministerial directions provided by the Minister(s) in the 2017-18 financial year in relation to visa processing times.	Written				Friday, September 14, 2018	
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/294	McKim, Nick	Significant Investor Visa and the Premium Investor Visa programs	How many foreign nationals have entered Australia through the Significant Investor Visa and the Premium Investor Visa programs over the past five years? a. Please include a state and territory breakdown of these visas. b. Please include a nationality breakdown of these visas.	Written				Friday, September 14, 2018	

Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/295	Carr, Kim	2018-19 Total Migration Program planning levels	1. Please provide a copy of all submissions made to the Department's discussion paper titled "Managing Australia's Migrant Intake" undertaken to determine the planning levels/ceiling for the 2018-19 total migration program. 2. Please provide copies of any Ministerial directions about the planning levels/ceiling of the 2018-19 total migration program. 3. Please provide the rationale behind retaining the planning levels/ceiling for the 2018-19 total migration program at 190,000.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/296	Carr, Kim	Status Resolution Support Services	1. Please detail the changes to the SRSS program eligibility in both the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years. 2. Please provide a copy of the current assessment criteria used by departmental officers to determine SRSS eligibility. 3. Please provide a copy of the assessment criteria used by departmental officers to determine SRSS eligibility as at 1 January 2017. 4. Please provide all dates in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years the Minister was briefed about the SRSS program. 5. As of 10 August 2018, how many people are due to have their SRSS eligibility withdrawn? a. Please provide a breakdown by visa subclass. If they are on a bridging visa, please provide a breakdown of which bridging visa type they are on. 6. Please advise the date (or dates) on which SRSS eligibility withdrawn. a. Please advise if individuals were retrospectively or prospectively advised that their SRSS eligibility had been withdrawn. b. Please advise how the cohorts were advised their SRSS eligibility had been withdrawn. 7. Were SRSS recipients who found out they had their SRSS eligibility withdrawn required to pay any benefits received back? If so, please advise the rationale behind this. a. By which date are these benefits expected to be paid back? b. What occurs if individuals do not repay these benefits? 8. Are there to be more people due to have their SRSS eligibility withdrawn? a. By which date does the Department expect this to be completed? 9. Please provide the cost of the SRSS program for the past five financial years. 10. Please provide the budgeted expenditure of the SRSS program for the forward estimates. 11. Please provide the savings associated with the changes to the SRSS program for the forward estimates. 12. Please provide the dates on which the Department/Government consulted with the State and Territory Governments in relation to the changes to the SRSS programs. 13. Will people exiting the SRSS program be given any form of job assistance? 14. Will people exiting the SRSS program be given any form of English language training, employment or educational courses?	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/297	Carr, Kim	Total Migration Program report release dates	1. On which date was the total migration program report for the 2016-17 financial year released? 2. On which date will the 2017-18 total migration program report be released?	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/298	Carr, Kim	Student visa (subclass 500)	1. In relation to the aforementioned visa class, please provide the following for the past three financial years: a. The number of visa applications by both primary and secondary stream; b. The number of visa grants by both primary and secondary stream; c. The visa refusal rate; d. Any departmental policies to ensure the integrity of this visa subclass; and e. The amount of departmental budget spent on compliance and enforcement. 2. For Student visa (subclass 500) granted in the past five financial years, please advise the number of visas granted for the Vocational Training and Education Sector where visa holders have attended a public institution. a. Please provide a list of institutions and the number of visa holders at each institution. 3. For Student visa (subclass 500) granted in the past five financial years, please advise the number of visas granted for the Vocational Training and Education Sector where visa holders have attended a private institution. a. Please provide a list of institutions and the number of visa holders at each institution.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/299	Carr, Kim	Work and Holiday visa (subclass 462)	In relation to the aforementioned visa class, please provide the following for the past three financial years: a. The number of visa applications by both primary and secondary stream; b. The number of visa grants by both primary and secondary stream; c. The visa refusal rate; d. Any departmental policies to ensure the integrity of this visa subclass; and e. The amount of departmental budget spent on compliance and enforcement.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/300	Carr, Kim	Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485)	In relation to the aforementioned visa class, please provide the following for the past three financial years. Please break down by stream within the visa subclass (i.e. Graduate Work stream and Post-Study Work stream): a. The number of visa applications by both primary and secondary stream; b. The number of visa grants by both primary and secondary stream; c. The visa refusal rate; d. Any departmental policies to ensure the integrity of this visa subclass; and e. The amount of departmental budget spent on compliance and enforcement.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/301	Carr, Kim	Working Holiday visa (subclass 417)	In relation to the aforementioned visa class, please provide the following for the past three financial years: a. The number of visa applications by both primary and secondary stream; b. The number of visa grants by both primary and secondary stream; c. The visa refusal rate; d. Any departmental policies to ensure the integrity of this visa subclass; and e. The amount of departmental budget spent on compliance and enforcement.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/302	Carr, Kim	Bridging visas	1. Please provide the number of people were on bridging visas as of 31 March 2018. a. Please provide a breakdown of visa subclass these individuals held prior to being granted a bridging visa. b. Please provide the number of people on these bridging visas who have pending applications for a permanent visa – skilled, family reunion or otherwise. 2. Please provide the number of people were on bridging visas as of 30 June 2018. a. Please provide a breakdown of visa subclass these individuals held prior to being granted a bridging visa. b. Please provide the number of people on these bridging visas who have pending applications for a permanent visa – skilled, family reunion or otherwise.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/303	Carr, Kim	Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon General appointment	1. Please detail the length of time the Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon General role was not filled with a non-acting employee. 2. Please detail the length of time the recruitment process for the Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon General role took. 3. On which date was a shortlist of candidates provided to the Minister of Home Affairs. Please provide any Ministerial directions provided by the Minister. 4. Please detail the number of candidates the Department interviewed for the Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon General role. 5. Please detail the dates on which the Department interviewed for the Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon General role. 6. Please detail if the Department held short-list interviews for the Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon General role. 7. Please detail the dates on which the new Chief Medical Officer has met with the Minister for Home Affairs. 8. Please detail any plans the Chief Medical Officer has to visit the Australian-funded offshore processing centre on Nauru.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/304	Carr, Kim	Departmental expenditure on public speaking training	1. In respect to Departmental expenses for the 2017-18 financial year, please detail the sum spent on public speaking training. 2. Please detail how much has been spent on public speaking training in the Department since 23 December 2014.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/305	Carr, Kim	Department of Home Affairs dress rules	1. Please provide a copy of the dress rules for departmental staff in the Department of Home Affairs. 2. Are individuals employed by the Department of Home Affairs restricted from wearing any particular colours or patterns at work? If so, what colours or patterns? a. What security advice is this recommendation based on? 3. Are individuals employed by the Department of Home Affairs allowed to wear high heels at work? 4. Please provide any security advice these dress rules are based on.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/306	Carr, Kim	Hiring full-time employee versus labour hire	Please detail the process followed when determining if the department will hire a full time employee of go direct to a labour hire company instead. a. Please detail consideration given as to whether the role is ongoing. b. Please detail the security clearance processes required as to whether the role is ongoing.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/307	Carr, Kim	Expenditure for labour hire	1. How much was spent on labour hire companies by the Department in the 2016-17 financial year? 2. How much was spent on labour hire companies by the Department in the 2017-18 financial year? 3. Please detail which labour hire companies the department used in the 2016-17 financial year a. Please detail the roles these employees do and across which units within the Department. Please provide a breakdown via work unit. 4. Please detail which labour hire companies the department used in the 2017-18 financial year a. Please detail the roles these employees do and across which units within the Department. Please provide a breakdown via work unit. 5. How much was spent on formal training for labour hire staff in the Department in the 2016-17 financial year? 6. How much was spent on formal training for labour hire staff in the Department in the 2017-18 financial year?	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/308	Carr, Kim	Departmental expenditure	Please detail the reasons for the following Departmental expenses: a. \$30,760 on Shooting Range Hire at the Queensland Rifle Association; b. \$44,880 on Classroom decoratives and supplies at the Canberra Institute of Technology earlier this year; c. \$3,960,000 on "Delivery Coaching and Facilitation and training services" in "Computer Services" category; d. \$32,161,632.17 on various Management Advisory Services contracts over the past 12 months; e. \$7,350,922 – on personnel recruitment; and f. \$70,000 – on the transportation of animals over a year.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/309	Carr, Kim	Consultant and contractor services	1. In respect to the use of consultants by the Department of Home Affairs in the 2017-18 financial year, please detail: a. The total sum spent on these services by the Department; b. The names of the firms which provided these services; and c. The details of the services provided to the Department. 2. In respect to the use of contractors by the Department of Home Affairs in the 2017-18 financial year, please detail: a. The total sum spent on these services by the Department; b. The names of the firms which provided these services; and c. The details of the services provided to the Department.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/310	Carr, Kim	Departmental marketing expenditure	1. In respect to Departmental expenses for the 2017-18 financial year, please detail the sum spent on advertising within Australia. 2. In respect to Departmental expenses for the 2017-18 financial year, please detail the sum spent on advertising outside Australia. 3. In respect to Departmental expenses for the 2017-18 financial year, please detail the sum spent on market research and associated services. 4. In respect to Departmental expenses for the 2017-18 financial year, please detail the sum spent on promotional material and merchandise as well as: a. the types of promotional material and merchandise produced; and b. the policy areas these materials related to. 5. In respect to Departmental media expenses for the 2017-18 financial year, please detail the sum spent on: a. external social media and marketing consultants and/or agencies; b. boosting Facebook posts; c. sponsored Facebook posts; d. sponsored Twitter posts; e. advertising on YouTube; f. advertising on Google; g. advertising on Snapchat; and h. sponsored Instagram posts.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/311	Carr, Kim	Permanent visa finalisations subclass breakdown	1. For the past five financial years, please provide cross-classified data of each permanent resident visa subclass as follows: a. number of visas granted (by primary and secondary applicants); b. number of visas refused (by primary and secondary applicants); c. number of applications withdrawn (by primary and secondary applicants); d. number of applications finalised (by primary and secondary applicants). 2. Please provide a complete definition of the term "finalised" - what does it include and what does it exclude.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018

Home Affairs	Australian Border Force	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/312	McKim, Nick	Regional processing update	Please provide an update on: 1. How many people have left Nauru or Manus Island for the US under the resettlement agreement? 2. How many people have been granted a visa by the US, broken down by nationality? 3. How many people have been interviewed by the US broken down by nationality? 4. What are the plans for the next groups of people to go to the US? What is the schedule? 5. What will happen with those currently applying for the US deal who have immediate family in Australia who are not subject to offshore processing? 6. What will happen with those currently applying for the US deal from Manus or Nauru who have immediate family within the IMA cohort subject to offshore detention who are currently in Australia? 7. How many people have been returned to Sri Lanka from Papua New Guinea, broken down by (a) voluntary and (b) involuntary returns? (Refugee Council has heard there have been forced transfers to Sri Lanka and pressure on Sri Lankans to return) 8. Since 1 January 2017, how many people have been transferred for medical treatment from Nauru or Manus Island to 1) Port Moresby and 2) another country (and if so, please specify the country)? 9. Since 1 January 2017, how many people have been transferred for medical treatment to Australia? (RCOA understands that there have been transfers to third countries and that virtually no one is being transferred to Australia) 10. For asylum-seekers and refugees returned to Australia from Nauru and Papua New Guinea for medical treatment, is there an individualised assessment to determine whether detention in immigration detention facilities is necessary and proportionate – notably whether detention could cause more harm due to the medical conditions?	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/313	Carr, Kim	Third country resettlement options	1. Please detail which countries the Department has had discussions with about being a third country resettlement option for refugees on Manus Island and/or Nauru. 2. Please detail which countries the Department has entered into negotiations with about being a third country resettlement option for refugees on Manus Island and/or Nauru. 3. Has the Department had discussions with Japan and have they said they would not take refugees from Manus and Nauru? 4. Has the Department had discussions with South Korea and have they said they would not take refugees from Manus and Nauru? 5. Has the Department had discussions with Taiwan and have they said they would not take refugees from Manus and Nauru? 6. Has the Department had discussions with Canada and have they said they would not take refugees from Manus and Nauru? 7. Has the Department had discussions with New Zealand and have they said they would not take refugees from Manus and Nauru? 8. On which dates in the 2017-18 financial year did the Department brief the Minister about third country resettlement options. 9. On 1 August, the Minister told the Daily Telegraph that the Government has already approached countries for third country resettlement options – namely Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Canada, and even New Zealand. The Minister said they 'have already been approached and aren't interested' in taking refugees from Manus and Nauru. a. Did the Minister seek your permission or advice before he publicly disclosed the countries you have previously refused to disclose on the basis of public interest immunity? b. If the Minister is publicly speaking about which countries the Government has or has not spoken to about third country resettlement options, please indicate the basis for Public Interest Immunity claims in relation to this topic in Senate Estimates.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/314	McKim, Nick	Offshore detention legal costs	How much in legal costs has the government spent on: a. Preventing immigration to Australia of refugees and people seeking asylum who have been detained in any of Australia's offshore or onshore detention or transit centres? Please provide a breakdown of centres. b. To prevent refugees and people seeking asylum detained in any of Australia's offshore detention or transit centres from accessing health services on Australian soil? c. To avoid repatriation costs for refugees and people seeking asylum who have died in Papua New Guinea or Nauru?	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Australian Border Force	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/315	Carr, Kim	Medical transfer process in offshore processing centres	1. Please detail the step-by-step through the process if an individual in an Australian-funded offshore processing centre requires a medical transfer 2. Please detail the individual within the Department has final approval of a medical transfer process of an individual in an Australian-funded offshore processing centre. 3. What is the average length of a medical transfer process for an individual in an Australian-funded offshore processing centre? 4. Please advise as to when the Department will respond to the recommendations of the Senate Inquiry into serious allegations of abuse, self-harm and neglect of asylum seekers on Nauru and like-minded allegations on Manus Island.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/316	Carr, Kim	Cambodia resettlement	1. Please provide the number of refugees resettled in Cambodia under the refugee resettlement deal between Australia and Cambodia. 2. Please provide the number of these refugees who have remained in Cambodia. 3. Please detail the total cost of the refugee resettlement deal between Australia and Cambodia. a. On which date does the deal expire? b. Will the deal be renewed? c. Will more refugees be resettled in Cambodia under the deal? 4. Please provide the most recent date on which a refugee on Nauru expressed interest in resettling in Cambodia. 5. Please provide the most recent date on which a refugee on Nauru resettled in Cambodia. 6. In determining Cambodia as a suitable third country resettlement option, what criteria did the Department use to assure itself that those resettled will be provided with an appropriate level of care, safety and human rights protections? a. Please detail the criteria used and minimum standards expected. 7. What assurances has the department received from the Cambodian Government that those resettled in Cambodia will be afforded appropriate levels of care, security and human rights protections? 8. Have any of those refugees resettled in Cambodia expressed any concerns that such care and protections are not provided or at a lower standard than expected? 9. Given concerns expressed by Foreign Minister Julie Bishop on 30 July, over the recent national elections in Cambodia in terms of a lack of a free and fair political process, and that the elections were characterised by violence and intimidation, does the department still consider that Cambodia is an appropriate location to resettle refugees? a. Does the department still consider Cambodia to be a viable resettlement location, and is it still seeking to resettle refugees there?	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/317	Carr, Kim	MOU with Taiwan for Medical Transfers	1. Please provide a copy of the MOU between Australia and Taiwan in relation to medical transfers for asylum seekers and refugees on Nauru. 2. Please detail the terms of the MOU. 3. Please detail any financial benefits or incentives of the MOU between Australia and other countries. 4. Are there any terms or conditions within the current MOU which could see Taiwan become a third country resettlement option for refugees from Nauru?	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/318	Carr, Kim	Visa processing	1. Has a tender been issued for the outsourcing of the Department of Immigration's visa processing system? a. If not, why the delay? 2. Please provide an update on the status of this outsourcing project? What steps have been completed and what are the next steps? What is the timeline for completion? 3. What efforts have been made to reassure Departmental employees they will not be losing their jobs? 4. How long is this tender expected to run for, and what will be the selection criteria? 5. Who will make the final decision on the tender? 6. What are the national security risks of outsourcing visa assessments? 7. I understand that "security assessments" will still be undertaken by the Department, and not any company that wins the tender to do this work. Will the private company successful in this tender still need to make a judgement on which cases need to go to that security assessment stage? How a private company be trusted to make such a call? 8. What assessment will be done of each company or consortium that enters the tender process, to test: a. Their security credentials, including staff, and; b. Their ability to handle huge amounts of very sensitive personal information? 9. How can the Australian people be confident that outsourcing visa services will not weaken our national security?	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018
Home Affairs	Department of Home Affairs	13-08-18 0:00	BE18/319	Carr, Kim	Parliamentary Liaison Network	1. Please detail the number of departmental staff working in the Parliamentary Liaison Network (PLN) as of 30 June 2017. 2. Please detail the number of departmental staff working in the Parliamentary Liaison Network (PLN) as of 30 June 2018. 3. Please detail the processes in place if staff within the Parliamentary Liaison Network (PLN) are on leave or sick.	Written		Friday, September 14, 2018