

QoN No.	Group	Division	Senator	Subject	Question	Date of Question and Page of Hansard	Outcome
SE17/001	Home Affairs Implementation Team	Home Affairs Implementation Team	Chair Senator Macdonald	Home Affairs chart	<p>Mr Pezzullo: They were principally in the Prime Minister's department, as I recall it. I didn't make that a feature of my opening remarks. It's not quite in my lane. There are three bodies of work that I should be clear about. There's the establishment of Home Affairs, as just discussed. There's the reshaping of the Attorney-General's portfolio. Some of those operational functions will come out, but integrity and oversight functions will go in. Then there's a third related matter, which I should add, just for the record. The acceptance by the government of the recommendations of an independent review into the intelligence community will also have a bearing on the work of this committee, because a number of the intelligence related functions within Border Force, the current Department of Immigration and Border Protection, AFP and others will come under the remit of the new Director-General of National Intelligence—a position that will be established next year in law, under the Prime Minister. That will replace the current arrangements with the Director-General of the Office of National Assessments. Because of the intricacies involved and the interdependencies across these three tracks of work—establishing Home Affairs, the reshaping of the Attorney-General's portfolio and the establishment of a national intelligence community, headed by the Director-General of National Intelligence—all of this work is being led, in terms of machinery-of-government and consequential legislative and administrative changes, by the Prime Minister's department. I draw that to the committee's attention, because these things cross over. For instance, changes around the establishment of the new Office of National Intelligence will have a bearing back into Home Affairs because, for the first time ever, under the arrangements announced by the Prime Minister also on 18 July, there will be a single view of intelligence that will include things such as immigration intelligence, customs intelligence and policing intelligence. That will come under the purview and remit of the new office of the Director-General of National Intelligence. So, those interdependencies across those three tracks of work are probably just worth noting at this point.</p> <p>CHAIR: Perhaps you could try your hand at some sort of easy-to-understand chart that indicates who's who and what's what and who controls which.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I'd be happy to do so. I'll need to consult with my colleagues in the Prime Minister's department, who have the overriding responsibility to make this happen.</p> <p>CHAIR: Yes, just so the committee knows to whom we should be asking questions, and we'll find out tomorrow from the Attorney-General answers to the same questions in relation to what he's doing, and no doubt he'll mention that as well.</p>	Page 7, Monday 23 October 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/002	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Minutes exchange	<p>Senator KIM CARR: You say that often you get your correspondence—your minutes are mutually agreed, you exchange the—</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Were they exchanged on this occasion?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Either in the lead-up to or subsequent to the Prime Ministerial meeting, there would've been relevant meetings of the various joint committees that exist at different levels of authority, and all of those committees would have been animated by the decision that the two prime ministers had taken.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: That's not what I asked you. Were the minutes exchanged on this particular occasion regarding this particular decision?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We'll need to take on notice exactly how the prime ministerial conversation was recorded. This is a matter for the Prime Minister and his department, but in the ordinary course those conversations are always minuted. Whether a joint understanding was entered into by the two gentlemen or whether they just simply directed their officials and we've recorded it in our various joint management committees is something that I will have investigated for you.</p>	Page 9, Monday 23 October 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/003	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	Closure of Manus date announced publicly	<p>Mr Pezzullo: To properly answer that, a bit of context is warranted. We've discussed this part of the story in these proceedings before, so I'll just give you the summary form. Going back to the decision of the Papua New Guinea Supreme Court in, if I'm not mistaken, April 2016 in the judgement known as Namah's case, the Supreme Court found that the centre—as it was operating at that time, at least—infringed constitutional rights to be found in that country's constitution. It said that, as a result, ongoing detention of persons who were asylum seekers seeking to have their refugee claims determined was invalid. As a result of that, from April 2016—and I've given evidence on this before, so I'm just going to mention it without rehashing it—discussions commenced under the rubric of the regional resettlement agreement, which I've mentioned several times this morning. Discussions arose in two parts: what had to be done immediately to render the centre safe in terms of the findings in Namah's case—it was opened; people were free to come and go; it ceased being a closed detention centre at that point—and what needed to be done ultimately to shut the centre once the great majority, if not all, of the asylum claims had been determined.</p> <p>So there's been a discussion underway, minuted on our side and also evidenced in joint committee discussions between the two governments and officials of the two governments, about how we transition, in effect, away from this centre. That provided the background to the two prime ministers having their conversation in April. They settled on the date of 31 October. As I said, we'll check that that date was actually announced publicly, as opposed to simply being directed to officials. The period since April to now has been largely taken up with the logistics in two respects, one of which critically goes to your question and the other of which is relevant: how do we close the centre, decommission it and return it to its original state as best as can be accomplished?</p> <p>It sits within a naval establishment, so there are costs and logistical requirements entailed there. Secondly, given the likely state of play with the case load—obviously the US agreement was known to us—the fact that a number of people, as I said in my statement, would've been found not to be owed protection and then had various review points discharged—so what happens with those people—and then, obviously, what happens with people who have been sent to Port Moresby, for instance, for medical treatment. All of those groups and subgroups have been part of this discussion and, yes, there has been discussion about what ongoing support will continue past 31 October—not in relation to the centre that's closing, but in relation to other facilities and establishments and processes.</p>	Page 10, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/004	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Chair Senator Macdonald	Travel costs of voluntary returns	<p>CHAIR: Do we give them some money to tide them over once they land in their own country of origin?</p> <p>Ms Newton: Assisted voluntary returns at this time cost US\$25,000—that's the payment that is made for those persons to voluntarily return to their own country. At this time we've got 52 of those people that have chosen to return home voluntarily. All of those people we expect to have returned to their countries by the end of December.</p> <p>CHAIR: And the \$25,000 is a set figure?</p> <p>Ms Newton: The figure is a set figure at this time but can actually change according to agreement by both the minister and cabinet.</p> <p>CHAIR: And out of the \$25,000, are the travel costs taken out of that, or is that in addition to travel costs?</p> <p>Ms Newton: I think it's within the \$25,000, but I'll just check for you and confirm that.</p>	Page 18, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/005	Policy	International	Senator Carr	VIPs on trip to PNG	<p>Mr Pezzullo: Yes, it was a day trip on 1 September which, from recollection, was a visit to meet with the government—indeed, with the Prime Minister, as I recall it—after their election, which had at that point recently been determined with the return of the O'Neill government.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. And who from the department accompanied the minister?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I will check with the deputy commissioner. Did you go, Deputy Commissioner?</p> <p>Ms Newton: Not with the Prime Minister, no.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: No, on the trip.</p> <p>Ms Newton: With Minister Dutton, yes; I attended with him for that meeting with the Prime Minister.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I figured that might be the case. Mr Secretary, is it usual for departmental officials to accompany ministers?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Of course; we are a full-service department.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, that's right. You didn't send him off by himself?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Well, the minister can go where he pleases with whomever he pleases, but—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I'm sure he can, but it would be normal practice—that's why I'm surprised your memory needed prompting.</p> <p>Ms Newton: My apologies, Senator, but I thought you were talking about our Prime Minister visiting.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: No, your minister.</p> <p>Ms Newton: If I had realised you were talking about the minister—</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: There was a degree of confusion. I'm sure it wasn't in the way the question was asked. I think the question was asked rather clinically.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Thank you. I take it the trip was on a VIP, was it?</p> <p>Ms Newton: Yes, that is correct.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Oh, well!</p> <p>Ms Newton: In fact, the minister caught a lift on the VIP to PNG and back with other ministers and other officials. We didn't have it booked for these purposes.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I think it was already deploying there, wasn't it?</p> <p>Ms Newton: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Who else was on the VIP? That would be all on the log—it's only a matter of time.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: That one we will have to take on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You can't remember who was on the trip?</p> <p>Ms Newton: On the return trip it was the Minister for Defence. We actually caught the flight with the Army on the way up.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Always looking to cut costs, Senator.</p>	Page 18-19, Monday 23 October 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)

SE17/006	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Ministers trip to PNG announced	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Was the trip announced?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: There might have been some publicity associated with it—I can't quite remember if there was a press release on the PNG side, but, again, that's something that can be checked, and we will check it.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes. I'm just surprised that your memory needed to be prompted. I can't recall a public announcement of the minister's trip.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I wouldn't rule it out—sometimes the Papua New Guinean side puts out a release, sometimes even if we don't put out a press release we might make commentary about it in subsequent media. Where I'm drawing the line, and I'm doing it as gently as I can and as respectfully as I can, is that we are not going to retail specifically what was discussed in private diplomatic negotiations. So please feel free to ask questions as you see fit, and we will answer at least—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: No, I appreciate the point. I'm trying to understand why it is that the department has had so much trouble with its collective memory on this.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Oh, I wouldn't characterise it like that. We do lots of things, not all of which are about Manus, although a lot of them are. You asked me a question about when Minister Dutton last went to PNG. I refreshed my memory and we've given you the answer. I don't intend to dive into the specifics.</p>	Page 20, Monday 23 October 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/007	Support	Detention Services (OSD)	Senator McKim	Exact timing of water and electricity cut off on Manus	<p>Ms Newton: The regional processing centre as such will no longer have water or electricity.</p> <p>Senator MCKIM: Specifically, when will that be cut off?</p> <p>Ms Newton: On 31 October.</p> <p>Senator MCKIM: Midnight on the 31st?</p> <p>Ms Newton: Some time on 31 October, because the providers finish their contract on 31 October.</p> <p>Senator MCKIM: So the department has no knowledge whatsoever about what time on the 31 October that will occur?</p> <p>Ms Newton: I haven't requested the time.</p> <p>Senator MCKIM: Do you have any knowledge as my question.</p> <p>Ms Newton: I don't have a knowledge at this point in time—</p> <p>Senator MCKIM: Does anyone else?</p> <p>Ms Newton: associated with when it's going to be cut off. I'm sure that we'd be able to receive advice as to the intended time for that to be cut off.</p>	Pages 24-25, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/008	Support	Border Management	Senator Griff	Data matching QoN responses	<p>Senator GRIFF: I'd like to refer back to answers to questions on notice from the budget estimates in May, where I asked the department to provide details of how many data-matching requests for unlawful noncitizens have been made to the ATO.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I'm terribly sorry; I missed that—pertaining to what?</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: It related to how many data-matching requests for unlawful noncitizens have been made to the ATO. In response, the department said that the ATO provides possible matches for 15,000 people each quarter. However, I put the same question to the ATO and was told that they provided the department with 71,000 matches in August last year and over 66,000 in November. How would you explain the significant discrepancy?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I would have to look at both—I assume that the question was the same, because—</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: It was the same question.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I assume you provided it. I'd have to look at the wording of the answers as to whether there were any preambular conditions, qualifications, statements that would give me some context as to what the basis for those numbers is. I'm happy to, perhaps over lunch—</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: On notice.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I will look at the two answers side by side and no doubt get some advice. There's always a way to explain statistics one way or another.</p>	Page 31, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.2: Border Management
SE17/009	Support	Border Management	Senator Griff	Number of unlawful noncitizens in Australia	<p>Senator GRIFF: I appreciate that. The department also advised that there are approximately 64,600 unlawful noncitizens in Australia. You have advised me in previous hearings that this number is fairly constant. However, according to the ATO, the department regularly makes about 85,000 data-matching requests for unlawful noncitizens. What would you see as being the discrepancy between—</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Sorry; over what time period?</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: It's 12 months.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Again, I'll need to look at the relevant documents side by side to make sure that I'm understanding fully the context and therefore not misleading you, but I'm assuming that the number, or the stock, as we describe it, of unlawful noncitizens who are here beyond the expiry of their visa—that's approximately 65,000?</p>	Page 31, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.2: Border Management
SE17/010	Support	Border Management	Senator Griff	Duration, type and nationality of visa overstayers in 16-17	<p>Senator GRIFF: Could you also provide, while you're looking at that, updated figures on the duration, visa type and nationality of the overstayers in 2016-17?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I thought we provided information on the breakdown, but perhaps it wasn't as you have requested. I might just seek the assistance of the acting commissioner.</p> <p>Mr Outram: Going to the secretary's point, it's not a fixed group of people at a point in time. So data about how long they've overstayed isn't simple. What I can tell you is that, as at 30 June 2017, there were an estimated 62,900 unlawful noncitizens. We rate that about 99 per cent of the more than 7.1 million temporary entrants comply. So one per cent don't. Some of those might overstay by a day or a couple of days et cetera. To break that down for you in visa types, there were 46,030 visitors, 9,360 students, 2,270 temporary residents, 1,690 working holiday visas, 300 bridging visas, 280 on bridging visa E, 20 migrants and 2,930 who have been classified as 'other'. That gives you a sense of the breakdown. In terms of how long each individual in that group has overstayed by, that would be quite a lot of data to pull together. It's obviously a big group of people.</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: And the nationalities?</p> <p>Mr Outram: I don't think we've got that to hand. We'll have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: That would be appreciated. I'd just like to refer—</p> <p>Mr Outram: Excuse me, Senator. We may have some information on that.</p> <p>Mr Williams: I can give you the top five nationalities—Malaysia at about 15 per cent, China at about 9.5 per cent, the US at eight per cent, the UK at 5.6 per cent and India at 4.1 per cent.</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: Has that changed in the last 12 months?</p> <p>Mr Williams: It would have changed a little bit, but I don't have that detail. I can take that on notice.</p>	Page 32, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17011	Support	Health Services & Policy/CMO - Surgeon General ABF	Senator Carr	Health advisory panel	<p>Senator KIM CARR: How many members are on the health advisory panel?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: That I will need to check. I'm sure that someone can advise me, if not immediately then within today's proceedings.</p>	Page 33, Monday 23 October 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)

SE17/012	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	Medical personnel on Nauru	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Is it true that there have been three senior medical personnel on Nauru who have resigned?</p> <p>Ms Newton: The Australian Border Force or the department doesn't actually employ health professionals on Nauru. That's a matter for IHMS, the provider.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Okay. Have there been three people associated with the provider who have resigned?</p> <p>Ms Newton: I'm aware of one person who has left employment, but I'm pretty sure it wasn't a resignation. It was a request for that person to leave.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So they've left the island?</p> <p>Ms Newton: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Was that person attacked with a knife?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: Senator, I can perhaps assist here. IHMS delivers primary health care on both Manus and Nauru through the contracts the Commonwealth has with them. We would expect IHMS to manage staffing as required. There's always coming and going at all levels across IHMS. So I'd have to go back and check, exactly, in terms of numbers in the last six months, who has come onto island and who hasn't, and who's not returned, because staff rotate on and off on a regular basis. I'd have to go back and check. I think you're referring to a senior doctor who, I think, resigned recently, and that could be in the last couple of months so I'd have to go back and check on that.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: My question goes to the media reports suggesting that there have been a number of departures. We can quibble about whether they've resigned or requested transfer, but what I'm saying is they're not available.</p> <p>Mr Nockels: They're replaced. If someone were to resign from IHMS or seek to move to a different contract that IHMS might be managing, we have an expectation that the service provider would continue to deliver the footprint that we require of them under the contract. It would be their responsibility to ensure that someone appropriately trained to take on the role would be found to fill that position.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So you'll be able to tell me how many people. Is that a matter that is readily at hand?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: We'll take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What I'd like to know is whether it's readily available here today.</p> <p>Mr Nockels: I don't have those details with me at the moment.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: If you could find that out today, it would be appreciated; if you could just check to see if it's around.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: We'll take it on notice—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The trouble is, 'on notice' means we'll have to come back in February.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: Possibly. I was about to say we'll take it on notice but if we can acquit it today we will.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: On Manus, are there many medical positions that are unfilled?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: Off the top of my head, I think we have a full complement there at the moment.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So you'll be able to tell me how many positions, what the turnover is on Nauru this calendar year. Perhaps that might be the best way to deal with it.</p>	Page 34-35, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/013	Support	Health Services & Policy/CMO - Surgeon General ABF	Senator Carr	Overseas medical referral committee	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes. There is this issue about the overseas medical referral committee that has to actually approve medical transfers. Is that the case? Is there a new process in place?</p> <p>Ms Newton: There's an ongoing process that's in place for referrals to take place from the provider, which is ICSA, through to Australia.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How long has that process been operating?</p> <p>Ms Newton: For quite a long period of time. I'd have to check on the date that it actually commenced but that process hasn't changed.</p>	Page 35, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/014	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Medical transfers	<p>Mr Woodford-Smith: Referrals from IHMS or the governments of Nauru or PNG go to a transitory persons committee for review, and then that recommendation is made to my position, who then authorises the transfer to a third country, to Australia—whatever it may be—depending on the circumstances—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So you make the recommendation?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: No, I make the final decision.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Sorry, the decision. Do you make it on the basis of medical advice?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Only on medical advice?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: That's correct.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Have you refused any?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: There would be cases that I have refused at different times, and that's simply because the medical help or support has actually been able to be brought to that particular country.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So, the local medical team have actually recommended a transfer and you have said, 'I would rather bring personnel in to the patient'?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: Absolutely. The key issue for us is achieving the medical support and the medical care, and there's many ways to do that.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How many times have you done that?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I can't tell you right now how many times that particular occurrence has occurred.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: We'll have to come back to you on that.</p> <p>CHAIR: We'll leave that there. Senator Hume.</p>	Page 36-37, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/015	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Number of medical transfer requests	<p>Senator KIM CARR: How many people are seeking to have transfers either individually or by medical request?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I don't have the actual number currently on hand right at the moment.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I think the deputy commissioner would like to assist you here.</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: A slightly different question—from my perspective, I don't have the number. There are a number of requests for medical movement. They change every day.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I will put it to you this way. On 21 August—it is reported in The Guardian—there were nearly 50 refugees or asylum seekers held on Nauru, including three women seeking to terminate a pregnancy, who were being refused or not considered for overseas medical treatment, in defiance of doctors' recommendations. Is this correct?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: There are a number of requests for medical movement that are currently being considered by the transitory persons committee. I'm not sure if it refers to the three that you've just mentioned, but—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I said 50, including three. Is it true there are 50 people seeking medical transfers at this time?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I would have to go back and take that on notice. I don't know how many are actually on the RMM schedule. I say that because the Request for Medical Movement schedule changes from day to day. Some of those—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So what advice have you got before you? In the last three months, for instance, how many requests have you had? You've told me how many have been approved. How many requests have you had?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: I think he previously took it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: Yes. I've got to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: Well, you already have in the previous exchange.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You don't know how many requests you've had?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I don't have that.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You don't have that in front of you?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I don't have that in front of me.</p>	Page 39, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

SE17/016	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Minister briefing on overseas medical request process change	<p>Mr Woodford-Smith: There have been changes to the overseas medical requests from the government of Nauru, and there were changes earlier in the year, particularly around terminations of pregnancies, but the process has been in place for a significant period of time in one form or another.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You said there were changes this year. Please describe to me what the nature of the changes are.</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: The change is that all requests for medical transfers to do with refugees on Nauru go through the Nauru government process of the overseas medical referral.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: And when was that system put in place?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: The slight change to that would have occurred around the middle of the year. I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The proposition I put to you a few moments ago of July this year doesn't seem to me to be too far from the truth.</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: It could be close in terms of that change.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It's a rather tortuous process we're going through at the moment, Assistant Commissioner. I just want to get to the matter. In July of this year—I'll come back to it again—were there changes put in place whereby approval processes were changed?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I don't know the exact date. I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Were there changes made in the middle of this year? We can go through this if you like, but were there changes made in the middle of this year?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: Senator, I'm trying to be helpful.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I think the officer is not recalling the details—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I can tell.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Could you perhaps allow him to go off and refresh his memory. I'm sure that he'll come back with a clean and clinical answer.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: That would be very helpful if you could check your brief over the break. I'd like to know: is it correct that there are 50 people, however you define them, seeking medical assistance off island?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Or who were at the time of the newspaper report that you referred to?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: As of 21 August, was that the case? If that's not the case, how many? I'd like to also know when the minister was briefed on this change in process.</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I don't believe the minister was briefed on the change of process. I'd have to go back and confirm that. But, as far as I'm aware, he wouldn't have been briefed.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Wouldn't have been briefed at all?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I don't believe so.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You don't want to check your notes on that as well?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I think as part of the general checking of the facts here, we'll take on notice the brief of the minister.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I would like to know the date the minister was briefed, who actually approved the change and at what level within the department or the government the</p>	Page 40, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/017	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Neonatologist request	<p>Senator KIM CARR: There's also a report here in regard to one case—the provision of on-island medical facilities—where: ...in 2015, a government health contractor advertised on LinkedIn for a neonatologist to fly the very next day to Nauru to oversee a complex birth. The ad even invited doctors to nominate their salary for a week's work. Doctors told the government the mother should be flown, with the baby in utero, to a tertiary hospital. The woman ultimately gave birth on Nauru.</p> <p>Is that true? Was that the circumstance that actually occurred?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I'd have to take that on notice, around that particular case.</p>	Page 42, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/018	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Number of people who identify as gay at the centre on Manus Island	<p>Senator McKIM: Do you know how many people identify as gay?</p> <p>Ms Newton: No, I don't.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Does the department have that information on record?</p> <p>Ms Newton: I'd have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 44-45, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/019	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Number of people who are LGBTIQ at the centre on Nauru	<p>Senator McKIM: Would you do the same for Nauru, please, as to the number of people that the department might be aware of who are LGBTIQ?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We'll check the same question.</p>	Page 45, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/020	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator McKim	Mr Shamshirpour requests	<p>Senator McKIM: The department hasn't conducted a review of that case? The CMO, or the acting CMO, hasn't caused a review of those circumstances to occur?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I'd have to check with my colleagues, but I'm not aware of a review or a request for Mr Shamshirpour to come to Australia.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: You're not aware of a request for Mr Shamshirpour to come to Australia. Are you aware of third-party requests that were made for Mr Shamshirpour to be medevaced to Australia on the basis of his severe mental illness?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: I understand that there was some correspondence, potentially, with the Chief Medical Officer, but I'm not aware of the detail of that.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Would you please take on notice these questions: what requests were made in regard to Mr Shamshirpour's being medevaced to Australia? What was the department's response to those requests? Could you also provide an explanation as to why someone who was obviously incredibly mentally unwell was not medevaced to Australia. Also, what supports were put in place around Mr Shamshirpour, if any, to monitor his wellbeing on Manus Island?</p> <p>Mr Woodford-Smith: We'll take those on notice.</p>	Page 46, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/021	Support	Border Management	Senator Griff	SmartGate information storage and sharing protocols	<p>CHAIR: Can I just tell you I've just come in and out of overseas for the first time—not the first time—and my coming back through the SmartGate worked perfectly. It doesn't always work for me, so well done. Going out, though, they didn't like my face so they sent me to a person. In each case, it doesn't worry me, because I'm more interested in making sure that I'm safe on the trip. I don't care what you do to recognise me or anyone else, as long as I'm safe on the plane, so well done.</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: Do you pay a fee for this information from airlines?</p> <p>Mr Williams: No.</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: And how long do you store the information that you receive from them?</p> <p>Mr Williams: I would have to check how long we retain information provided through the advanced passenger processing facility. I don't know, I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: That would be great. And do you share this data with other government agencies?</p> <p>Mr Williams: Again, I probably would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: If you can get that on notice, that will be fantastic.</p>	Page 50, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.2: Border Management
SE17/022	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	Construct up-front payment calculation	<p>Senator KIM CARR: How did you calculate \$8 million as an up-front payment?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: I would have to come back to you, Senator, with some details on exactly what elements of the transition relate to that \$8 million.</p>	Page 53, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

SE17/023	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Political donations and procurement guidelines	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I understand that in 2009 they were a donor to an associated entity of the Liberal Party in Queensland, Forward Business Leadership. In terms of the government procurement guidelines, where does that fit in?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: I would have to take some advice on that.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I'm not sure that there's any prohibition per se. Most of these matters are always managed at arms-length from ministers. This sort of contract—even though it's a large sum of money, we're very careful with every single dollar of the taxpayers' money that we get.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Of course you are, but has a conflict of interest been declared?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I was going to go on to say that it's well within the appropriation and the limit of the funds that Ms Newton can consider, but you've asked a question directly about, I think, political donations and whether there is any rub or conflict with the procurement guidelines. They're managed, of course, by the Department of Finance, but we'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: But if you're not aware of it—</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We have probity advisers. All relevant legal and probity checks would have been undertaken. If there's a box that appears on the probity check that says, 'Is the entity a donor to the Liberal Party, the Labor Party or any other party?' and you've got to put a flag up, or you've got to get a special approval or it's denied or it's not able to be proceeded with, I'm sure the probity adviser would have otherwise advised us.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: But the probity adviser—is there a question?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We will take on notice both what the guidelines require at the Commonwealth level—and I'm sure Mr Nockels would have been fastidious in ensuring that those guidelines—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I've got no doubt he was, but he was not aware that this donation had been made.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Presumably, because it's not a factor that you need to check against. If you knocked out all entities that donate to political parties, you would have two types of providers: those who have provided to—I think you said—an associated entity in this case; those who have provided directly to a political party or an associated entity. And I don't know where that stops in terms of non-government groups and trade unions. So you would have one class of providers and another class. I'm just not aware that that is a check that we have to conduct.</p> <p>Mr Nockels: Secretary, I'm unaware as well.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Have you ever conducted such a check otherwise?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: No, but, as the secretary just said, we've had an independent probity adviser providing advice on this process from the get-go, so I'm sure, given their independence, they would have raised an issue if they felt there was one around the project.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I'm sure that will come up with the relevant answers. Thank you.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We will check two things: what are the general rules, and how were they applied in this instance.</p>	Page 54-55, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/024	Corporate	Integrity, Security & Assurance	Senator Carr	Commissioner's leave	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I see. And who is actually investigating the allegations against the commissioner?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: The Australian Commission for Law enforcement and Integrity.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How long do they expect this investigation to be undertaken?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I don't know.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: How long has it been?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Well, the leave commenced in—I would have to refresh my memory—the latter part of May or possibly the early part of June. I will need to refresh my memory.</p>	Page 55, Monday 23 October 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/025	Corporate	Integrity, Security & Assurance	Senator Carr	AAT decisions information released	<p>Senator KIM CARR: In a previous answer to a question on notice, there were six examples of AAT decisions being leaked to the Herald Sun. You said in the answer—that is BE17/011—it was under consideration and review by the department. That's some time ago. What's the outcome? What's happened?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I'm not sure that we would be directly investigating the leaking of confidential—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: This is confidential material from this department—matters raised through the AAT?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Of their decisions, did you say?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes. The claim was made that some refugees were getting free stays in big homes in costly inner-city Melbourne suburbs. In the detail were street names, street numbers, suburbs and photos of houses that these people were allegedly living in. How did the Herald Sun get that information if it wasn't from your department?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I have no idea. If the information's been processed through the AAT, I don't know if other parties have access to that. Certainly to the extent that there's any disclosure by departmental officers, it's something that I would take a very dim view of.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I've got no doubt that's true, but given what was just put to us—</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Can I just have a look at these questions—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: This is the estimates hearing on 22 May.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: And we've come back on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: You've come back on notice and said, 'The matter is currently under consideration and review by the department.' It's been some time since that question was asked. I have read from the question—budget estimates, 22 May 2017—and there was obviously a further report on 14 September. So there are two separate reports. Clearly, there are breaches.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Clearly. You talk about six instances—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: The AAT and then there's this further example of the Herald Sun on 14 September.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Ms Moy will no doubt assist me. The assessment would go to how many people would have access to that information, how widely it would have been known and whether it is information solely in the control of and privy to the department or whether other entities, such as service providers and other people, have access to that information about where people live residentially if they are living in the community on various forms of visas. Ms Moy can advise where that matter is currently at. I always take all of your quotations on trust but also on a verified basis, and you are right—it does say, 'The matter is under consideration and review by the department.' So Ms Moy can update us both.</p> <p>Ms Moy: I'll just have to go back and check on notice, but I can do that before the dinner break. My understanding at this stage is that there was no indication that the disclosure came from the department. We ran quite a number of tests to determine if there were any emails leaving the department et cetera.</p>	Page 60, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
26SE17/026	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Additional people from Manus	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Deputy Commission, I'm seeking to find out, in this particular occasion, if it was the Nauruan government that sought additional people from Manus—not that they were willing to take, but that they sought them out at this time.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I think the specifics of diplomatic engagements come into play here. I would want to reflect on how much of that to and fro between the three governments I would want to lay out here at estimates before we gave our Nauruan colleagues the courtesy of advising them in advance. We'll take it on notice.</p>	Page 62, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/027	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Cost of visa charge for Nauru	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Has the Australian government offered the Nauruan government any additional payments for taking additional people?</p> <p>Ms Newton: The payments would be in accordance with what the visa costs were for those people to go to Nauru, which is the normal visa fee when going into that country.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So that's \$10,000 each? They have a visa charge of \$10,000, don't they?</p> <p>Ms Newton: I'd have to take advance on exactly that amount. You're quite possibly right, Senator.</p>	Page 62, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/028	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Resettlement discussions	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Are you able to advise the committee which other countries Australia has had discussions with regard to resettlement of refugees from Manus and/or Nauru?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Over what time period?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Since the last estimates?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: No, I'm not.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Why is that?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Firstly, because those conversations would be highly confidential and I would in that case claim the standing immunity that attaches to those conversations. Secondly, in any event, I'd want to refresh my memory as to precise dates.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Do you want to take it on notice or are you claiming public interest immunity?</p> <p>CHAIR: In both cases, you should perhaps do it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: It's a mixture. I'll take it on notice, but I do so advise that I don't think that there will be a very specific answer coming back to you.</p>	Page 64, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.6: Regional Cooperation
SE17/029	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Singh	Local community landholders in PNG	<p>Senator SINGH: Who are these local community landholders that the leasing arrangements are through?</p> <p>Ms Newton: I don't have the details of exactly who owns the land.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: That's what I would like to know. Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We'll take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Or can you provide it later today?</p> <p>Ms Newton: We'll see if we can provide it today, yes.</p> <p>Senator SINGH: Thank you.</p>	Page 67, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management

SE17/030	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Land owners for West Lorengau house	<p>Mr Pezzullo: I'll ask the deputy commissioner to briefly summarise any evidence that she's already given and then to address your questions directly.</p> <p>Ms Newton: Hillside House will be available for accommodating people from tomorrow. It's now met all of its requirements today to be able to proceed and have people living in that facility.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: That's for nonrefugees, Ms Newton—is that right?</p> <p>Ms Newton: Yes, that's correct. Site management services is an NKW Holdings-related contract, and we were asked a question by Senator Singh just before the break—I don't have the details associated with who owns that land because it's a contract that occurs between the contractor and the landholder. We're following up with further details on that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Does the new governor of Manus island have any interest in that land, to your knowledge?</p> <p>Ms Newton: Because I'm not aware of who owns that land, I'm unable to answer that question.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: So that's Hillside House. What about West Lorengau house?</p> <p>Ms Newton: West Lorengau house—I also don't have the details of who owns that land, and we're following up on that information.</p>	Page 68, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/031	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Details of accommodation	<p>Senator McKIM: So we've got some shipping containers. Are there any other accommodation units on-site at the moment apart from shipping containers? And, if so, what are they?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: They call them transferable.</p> <p>Ms Newton: Transferable accommodation containers which people can live in with adequate services being provided.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Do they have windows?</p> <p>Ms Newton: I would assume they have windows, yes.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We'll check the details.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: So to be clear, I'd like a—</p> <p>Ms Newton: We'll provide you with further advice as to the details of what that accommodation looks like.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: And same for West Lorengau house?</p> <p>Ms Newton: Yes.</p>	Page 68, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/032	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	People on Manus island and Nauru who have a direct family relationship in Australia	<p>Senator McKIM: They have not answered that question. I now want to ask about people who are being held on Manus Island and Nauru and who have spouses or children in Australia. I'm not sure if you need to get someone else up for that.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Who have spouses?</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Yes, spouses and/or children. Do you know how many people fit within that category? That is, people on Manus Island and Nauru within the cohort that we are discussing—that I would argue Australia has responsibility for—who have either spouses or children, or both, in Australia.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We will be assisted in this evidence by Ms Hampton. Yes, there are persons who have been transferred to Australia, or who might have arrived in Australia through other lawful means—they're not necessarily medical transferees. And yes, I'm certainly aware there are some people here who have direct family relationships—I think principally on Nauru, but I might be mistaken in that.</p> <p>Ms Hampton: There are 421 people in Australia who are transitory people, at the moment, who have transferred from Manus or Nauru to Australia for the purposes of medical services. I'm trying to find the information about how many of those people have family back on Nauru. If you can just give me a second, I will see if I can find that number for you. Can I get it for you in the break?</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Yes, sure. I might park that line of questioning, if that is alright, and I'll come back to—</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: To ease enquiries, so we don't have to come back to you afterwards, you referred to spouses. Did you also make reference to children?</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Yes. Spouses and/or children.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: So, effectively, what we would define as a direct family relationship? Is that appropriate.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Direct family relationships, thank you.</p>	Page 70,	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/033	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator McKim	Subcontractors for Construct	<p>Senator McKIM: We'll take that as a 'no' as well despite the fact that, for whatever reason, you don't want to admit it. Can I ask if the department's aware of which companies Construct intends to be subcontracting to in this contract?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: Perhaps I could take that.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Thanks, Mr Nockels.</p> <p>Mr Nockels: The deputy referred to the fact that the previous subcontractor to BRS, Wilson's, from a security perspective—</p> <p>Senator McKIM: So they will be subcontracting Wilson's?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: That's the intention for Construct. As it comes to the range of other services, I mentioned earlier in my evidence that a significant number of BRS staff will work for Construct—</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Did you say BRS?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: A significant number of BRS staff who are currently with BRS, but soon won't be, will be transferring into the employment of Construct. That suite of services that we described earlier will be delivered by the people who are currently delivering them.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: So is it right to say that at the moment the department's only aware of one potential subcontractor, which is Wilson's?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: That's correct. I'd need to go back and check, and no doubt Construct will have a range of smaller subcontracting arrangements in terms of their logistics chain, et cetera. For purchase of food in Australia, they will no doubt need to have some subcontracting arrangements with Eiggu Holdings Corporation, which is a government of Nauru state-owned enterprise which focuses on bringing goods onto the island. There may well be a range of smaller subcontracts, but I would have to go back and check on those.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: So you've taken that on notice, Mr Nockels. Are you offering to take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Nockels: I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 71, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/034	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Boston Consulting Group costs	<p>Ms Connell: You're referring to the article that stated \$26 million over the last two years? The total was actually \$25.8.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: \$25.8?</p> <p>Ms Connell: Was the reported AusTender commitment. The actual cost was about \$20.9 million over that period.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I didn't catch that.</p> <p>Ms Connell: The actual expenditure for that period as of 30 September was \$20.9 million.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Does that include GST?</p> <p>Ms Connell: It is exclusive of GST.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: What is it with the GST? What's on top of that—another 10 per cent, is it?</p> <p>Ms Connell: Correct.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It's normally expressed with the GST. Isn't it? Would that help get the two figures closer together?</p> <p>Mr Groves: The contracted amounts of 25.8 were GST inclusive. What Ms Connell was quoting was the actual spend over the same period, over 2015-16 and 2016-17.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I see.</p> <p>Mr Groves: It was over two years.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We reported contract value in the normal—</p> <p>Mr Groves: In AusTender, yes. It's the contract value.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: It's a standard practice. I take it that that wasn't a limited tender?</p> <p>Mr Groves: No. I believe it would have been off one of our existing panels that are all done through an open market process.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: We will absolutely confirm that, but my recollection is that it was a panel procurement.</p>	Page 73, Monday 23 October 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)

	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Panels arrangements	<p>Ms Golightly: Yes, for setting out how we would then approach the market and then the next phases of the project, which I just mentioned.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: That was an open tender too, was it?</p> <p>Ms Golightly: No, as we've mentioned, these were selected off the panel arrangements.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: So these were all panel?</p> <p>Ms Golightly: Yes.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: None of these were open?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: Panels are authorised—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, I know what a panel is, but I want to be clear: are they all off the panels or all are they all open?</p> <p>Mr Groves: They are all off the panels, but, certainly, there's still a requirement that we test the panels on who's available and who's providing the best value for money for work.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Which panel is this?</p> <p>Mr Groves: I don't have that. We've gone out for a consulting panel for consultant services, I think, unless we've piggybacked off another government entity.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Perhaps you could tell me that. Which panel is it?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: We'll check.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Who's on the panel? How do you get on a panel like this? This is a hell of a lot of money.</p> <p>Mr Groves: There would be many firms on the panel.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I'm sure there would be, but exactly how many and who are they?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: Mr Groves will check for you.</p>	Page 74, Monday 23 October 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/035							
SE17/036	Visa and Citizenship Services	Digital Transformation and Channels	Senator Carr	Ex-departmental officials now working on a BCG contract	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I see. Are there any ex-departmental officials now working on these contracts?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: For whom?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: For Boston Consulting Group being paid over \$20 million—nearly \$21 million actual, GST-exclusive.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: I'm not sure about former officers.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Former officers of the department, transferred across to Boston Consulting Group and presumably earning a great deal more than they did as public servants.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: I'm not aware of any cases, but we'll check. You wouldn't transfer, in any event. If you leave the employment of the Public Service, you resign.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: No, you don't transfer. You just end up working on departmental work at a higher salary.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: I'm not aware of any ex-officers working on the visa reform for BCG.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: But we will check.</p>		Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/037	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Signatory of contracts	<p>Senator KIM CARR: Who signed off on these contracts? Who was the authorising officer for all of these contracts?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: That I don't know, but it would've been at a relatively high level because of the amounts of money involved.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: But the delegated officer would be either you or your delegate?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: They're not signed at my level—I can assure you because I haven't signed any of these contracts—but it would be at a relatively high level. Ms Connell or Ms Golightly?</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: But on your delegation—would that be right?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: Always, yes, of course. All delegations flow through the PGPA accountable authority.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: We can check that for you—who signed it.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I'd like to know who it was in each of those cases.</p>	Page 76, Monday 23 October 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/038	Support	Border Force Capability	Senator Carr	Details of fast response boats	<p>Ms Newton: It was to meet AMSA requirements in terms of the build of the boat.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Sure. What was the cost of these vessels?</p> <p>Ms Newton: I'll just have to get the details of that. It's an 11.9 metre boat.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Metres, yes.</p> <p>Ms Newton: I'll have to find the details for you and provide that on notice—the total cost.</p>	Page 82, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/039	Support	Border Force Capability	Senator Carr	Details of delivery date for fast response boats	<p>Senator KIM CARR: We didn't have the capability in Australia to build these vessels?</p> <p>Mr Outram: That consideration was gone through. We can come back with the outcome—</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Yes, thank you—if you would, please. I want to be clear about this. You're saying that the contract was commenced in 2016; it was not the delivery date?</p> <p>Mr Outram: We'd have to come back to you with the exact details. The delivery date was not going to be 2016, no. That's when the FMS process was put into place, either late 2015 or early 2016—about that time.</p>	Page 82-83, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/040	Support	Border Force Capability	Senator Carr	Minister briefing dates for fast response boats	<p>Senator KIM CARR: I see. When was the minister briefed on the delay and the delivery of these vessels?</p> <p>Mr Outram: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: I take it the minister has been briefed?</p> <p>Mr Outram: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Newton: He's been briefed on a number of occasions.</p> <p>Senator KIM CARR: Can I have the dates on which the minister was briefed, please.</p> <p>Ms Newton: Yes.</p>	Page 83, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/041	Support	Border Force Capability	Chair Senator Macdonald	Tendering for fast patrol boat	<p>CHAIR: Following on from Senator Carr's earlier questions, were tenders called for that fast patrol boat, or was it decided to use the American vessel which was thought to be suitable?</p> <p>Mr Outram: No, we went through the Defence procurement arrangements, as we said earlier on. We didn't go out to a tender process in the Australian market. I'll have to go back and look at the processes at the time in terms of what examination was done of what the market in Australia could produce, and similar. We would have been aware—we were aware, and I was aware—of the vessels that are used by the US Coast Guard in similar marine environments to where we intended to use this vessel and of the success of those fast boats they have over there.</p> <p>CHAIR: Are they fibreglass?</p> <p>Ms NEWTON: No. They are steel hull.</p> <p>Mr Outram: They are steel hull, I think. Yes.</p> <p>CHAIR: Steel hull? It's the oldest trick in the book, of course, to put in a quote and leave out half of the requirements, and to then come back later on and say, 'Sorry, we didn't know about that. Our quote is really more.' Someone who quoted properly on the first time round therefore misses out. Regrettably, it's an all too common arrangement with many government contracts, not necessarily this department. But that wasn't the case here; you didn't seek a price from anyone else except the ultimate deliverer?</p> <p>Ms Newton: I'm following up with that detail at the moment.</p>	Page 84-85, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/042	Operations	Maritime Border Command (MBC)	Senator Pratt	Date the Department became aware of washed up vessel	<p>Senator PRATT: I want to flick back to issues about vessels offshore. I'm told that in September this year an abandoned vessel was washed up off the reef of the coast of Cocos Islands. When did the department become aware of the vessel?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: I will ask my friend and colleague the acting commissioner to address that.</p> <p>Mr Outram: I will get you the dates, Senator, soon. I don't have those dates to hand, but we became aware of the vessel. It was inspected and looked as though it had been abandoned and derelict for quite some time.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: When you did inspect the vessel?</p> <p>Mr Outram: I'll have to take advice on the dates, Senator; I don't have a brief in relation to that matter.</p>	Page 91, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

	Operations	Maritime Border Command (MBC)	Senator Pratt	Origin of washed up vessel	<p>Senator PRATT: What's the likely origin of such a vessel to be found derelict at sea like that?</p> <p>Mr Murray: I'll take that on notice, but my recollection of the event was that it appears to be an old Indonesian fishing vessel.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Had the vessel ever been used to transport asylum seekers—was there any previous registration or previous incidents associated with that boat?</p> <p>Mr Outram: We have no information to identify the vessel at all or to get to any of our intelligence or information holdings. To be absolutely sure, I'll take that on notice and we'll double-check.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That means you can't guarantee that the vessel was never a turned-back vessel as part of Operation Sovereign Borders, or you don't know?</p> <p>Mr Outram: I'll take it on notice. We didn't recognise the vessel—that's my point—or identify the vessel. So I doubt very much it was anything to do with Operation Sovereign Borders.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: If you can take on notice—I'm assuming, if you say you didn't recognise the vessel, that there is a—</p> <p>Mr Outram: I've said that already.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: record that says this is a new vessel for all intents and purposes, and you can rule out it ever having been identified as part of Sovereign Borders.</p> <p>Mr Outram: I understand your question. I will go back to my answer earlier: we didn't recognise the vessel. We have no information holdings that identify the vessel which would suggest that it had been associated with any take-backs, turn-backs or Operation Sovereign Borders but, to be abundantly cautious, we'll take that on notice and check.</p> <p>CHAIR: If you're taking that on notice, can I ask you to take on notice how you know for sure it wasn't full of people, who would be illegal entrants, who drowned at sea when the ship sank? How do you know that?</p> <p>Mr Outram: That we couldn't be sure of.</p>	Page 91-92, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/043	Operations	Maritime Border Command (MBC)	Senator Pratt	Status of washed up vessel	<p>Senator PRATT: Yes, that was my point. So an investigation by the department was conducted. What did it find? Did it simply find that it was abandoned and that there was no one on it?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Osborne: Senator, I've pretty much given you everything that we were able to find.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: What happened to the vessel?</p> <p>Air Vice Marshal Osborne: My understanding is that it was going to be destroyed. That doesn't fall within the ABF. I'd have to take on notice what the status of that is.</p> <p>Mr Murray: Senator, we'll take that question on notice.</p>	Page 92, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/044	I&C	Major Capability	Senator Pratt	Technologies used for air and sea cargo checks	<p>Senator PRATT: I guess the point I'm trying to make is the border was checked for airport security, and these devices were picked up 100 per cent of the time. But you can't tell us how often they would be picked up if they were to come through our mail system?</p> <p>Mr Outram: No. As you'd be aware, we believe that something came through our mail system and we didn't pick it up. It's not clear, though, that that's because it defeated our technology, but I don't want to get into too many details about this particular case, as I've said, because it's getting into the realms of what's coming into a court process.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: There was an act of best practice to test the border in the case of airports, but you haven't made a similar decision in the case of the mail system to run specific tests?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I think the acting commissioner said that a saturation effort was undertaken.</p> <p>Mr Outram: It was.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: And we're not going to discuss the precise details of that, and nothing untoward was detected.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: You can take this on notice. What type of X-ray machines are used to scrutinise air and sea cargo? Are these the best ones available on the market? What other technologies are you using to ensure we have the best protection available?</p> <p>Mr Outram: Yes, I will take that on notice, in terms of the actual makes of machines.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Feel free to take that on notice.</p> <p>Mr Outram: They're different, obviously, for a sea container and for air cargo and for mail, for that matter. There are other technologies—detector dogs and other things—but we'll come back to you with an answer in writing.</p>	Page 96-97, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/045	Operations	Strategic Border Command (SBC)	Senator Watt	Maritime Crew Visa holders who deserted ship	<p>Senator WATT: You said, Ms Dacey, something like: from time to time, this kind of thing happens. Do you know how often over the last financial year someone holding a Maritime Crew visa has jumped ship?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I would have to say no. I know that there are obligations for the master of the ship to report deserters. That's under the Migration Act, but I don't have the detail about the numbers.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Who do they report that to?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: To the department.</p> <p>Mr Outram: We could get that information for you.</p> <p>Senator WATT: If you could take that on notice—in Australian waters, generally; maybe if we could get it for the last three financial years?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WATT: And, if it's possible, can you break that down by port, or in some way narrow it down, so we can see whether there are any particular areas causing concern?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: Hotspots; yes.</p> <p>Senator WATT: I take it then that you don't have a number of confirmed and suspected cases of overseas sailors abandoning their ship in the hopes of slipping into Australia unnoticed?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I don't have that number, I'm sorry.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Is that something you could take on notice?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I think we could agree to take it on notice. I'm just not sure—</p> <p>Mr Outram: Obviously, the masters are under obligation to report deserters. If it's reported, then we'll be able to provide that information.</p> <p>Senator WATT: As well as providing it by port, could you provide the numbers of sailors; the dates they were reported to have abandoned their ships; the name of the ship; and the companies running those ships? Could you take that on notice, presuming you have that information.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: To the extent we can get it, yes.</p>	Page 99-100, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/046	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Watt	Maritime Crew Visa holders who deserted ship claims for asylum	<p>Senator WATT: Do you know whether any of those people were subsequently found?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I don't know.</p> <p>Mr Outram: We would have found a number of them through our normal compliance operations but, again, we'll have to work through our systems and come back to you about how many are still here and how many we've managed to return.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Have any of those who were found explained why they jumped ship?</p> <p>Mr Outram: Again, I'm not aware of any anecdotal information with regard to their reasons. I suspect they'd be very personal to the individual—they may have friends here, seeking to better their life, employment opportunities, whatever. I imagine there's a whole range of different reasons as to why they'd want to stay.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Do you know whether any of them have lodged claims for asylum?</p> <p>Ms Golightly: I think there has been a number, but I don't have that here. We could take it on notice and see if we can get it for you.</p>	Page 100, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/047	Operations	Strategic Border Command (SBC)	Senator Watt	Counties of origin deserters on high risk vessels	<p>Mr Price: I don't want to go too much into it; however, history plays an important part. Historically, if there's crew on board, in the case of—I can generalise here—livestock vessels, they normally have a number of low-skilled workers on board to feed the animals on the export-bound leg, and we've found cases where those crew members have arrived on the coast and they have then jumped ship. So we tend to focus our attention on those vessels as well. That's just an example.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Are there particular countries or destinations where this has been a particularly big problem?</p> <p>Mr Price: We've had examples from Pakistan, because of the export market of livestock to those countries, so you'd particularly have that. Equally we've had Chinese deserters predominantly, but I'd rather we wait to get to the figures to provide a breakdown as you've requested.</p>	Page 101, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/048	Visa and Citizenship Services	Community Protection	Senator McKim	Number of IMAs within onshore detention with criminal records	<p>Senator MCKIM: Would you have statistics around how many have criminal records and how many don't?</p> <p>Mr Outram: We could possibly compile that.</p> <p>Senator MCKIM: Perhaps you take the question on notice and if you can't compile it then say that you don't keep the data. If you can, then please provide it.</p>	Page 103, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
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SE17/050	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Number of people in onshore detention recognised as genuine refugees	Senator McKIM: Perhaps you take the question on notice and if you can't compile it then say that you don't keep the data. If you can, then please provide it. How many people held in onshore immigration detention in Australia have been recognised as genuine refugees? Mr Outram: Again, I'd have to take that question on notice. Senator McKIM: Thanks. Also, if you can take on notice, given your previous two responses, the percentage of asylum seekers and the percentage of refugees in onshore immigration detention with no criminal history who have been held for periods in excess of three months? I presume you'd be able to take that on notice? Mr Outram: That's pretty clear. We can take that on notice.	Page 103, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/051	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Watt	Date for policy regarding asylum seekers owning a pet	Senator WATT: So what date did this procedure come into effect? Ms Hampton: Only recently, I understand. I'm sorry, I don't have the date but I can get that for you. It was drafted in response to questions that we were getting from SRSS providers around these circumstances.	Page 106-107, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/052	Support	Health Services & Policy/CMO - Surgeon General ABF	Senator McKim	Mental health assessments for returnees	Ms Newton: Yes. An assessment is undertaken if there are any concerns about mental health issues associated with the returnee. A psychological assessment is undertaken, a fit-for-travel assessment is undertaken, and, if there's a period of time that occurs between the request to return home and the time in which documents are received to travel, further psychological assessments are undertaken during that period of time prior to someone travelling, by IHMS and our providers both in PNG and Nauru that undertake that activity. People that have travelled recently may have spoken to the mental health nurse on a couple of occasions, a psychologist, a psychiatrist—all to ensure that they're fit to travel home and that they were able to make an appropriate decision to return home. Senator McKIM: It's the second part of that that I'm most interested in, and that's the issue around, as Mr Pezzullo has said, informed consent. Does everyone who agrees to either be returned to their country of origin or to a third country—is everyone in that situation assessed by a psychologist or a psychiatrist to determine whether they're in a position to give informed consent? Ms Newton: I would say to a third country—say they've applied for the US process—the medical process that they will go through would substantiate any issues prior to their travel as to whether or not they're consenting adequately to travel. Senator McKIM: What about for return to country of origin? Ms Newton: I'll have to just check as to whether or not it's on all occasions or only on occasions where we understand somebody may have a mental health issue and has been treated under the IHMS contract for a period of time for mental health. Senator McKIM: Okay. Thanks. Could I ask you to take on notice that issue—specifically, whether it's a requirement or a practice that there is, by either a psychologist or a psychiatrist, an assessment of whether the person's in a condition to give informed consent or not, and whether the department's aware of anyone who has been returned to a country of origin without such assessment. Thank you.	Page 110, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/053	Corporate	Executive	Chair Senator Macdonald	Minister's statements on regarding Armani jeans	Senator WATT: Have you ever given the minister that advice—that the world's biggest collection of Armani jeans and handbags is on Nauru? Mr Pezzullo: No. I've never spoken to him about where the world's largest repository of those jeans are. Whether or not they are there or elsewhere, I just don't know. Senator WATT: What about you, Mr Outram? Mr Outram: I have not provided any advice about Armani jeans. CHAIR: Mr Pezzullo, it would be helpful if you could take it on notice and get the minister's statements—where he has spoken about it. Mr Pezzullo: Yes. And I'm happy to refer the question, in any event, to the minister.	Page 113, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/054	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Watt	World's biggest collection of Armani jeans question to Department	Senator WATT: But to the best of your knowledge it's not correct that the world's biggest collection of Armani jeans and handbags are on Nauru? Mr Pezzullo: In a literal sense? Senator WATT: Yes. Mr Pezzullo: I'll take that on notice. Senator WATT: You don't have a view on that? Mr Pezzullo: I want to be very precise in my answer.	Page 114, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/055	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Watt	Large collection of Armani jeans and handbags on Nauru to Senator Cash	Senator WATT: I would just like to ask Senator Cash: you have represented the minister and previous ministers in this portfolio for a while, are you aware of a large collection of Armani jeans and handbags being on Nauru? Senator Cash: Certainly not to my knowledge, but, again, I'd have to take it on notice.	Page 114, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/056	Policy	International	Senator Watt	UN High Commissioner for Refugees or US Embassy officials comments on the Minister's comments	Mr Pezzullo: I will see, Senator. I might even turn my head at this point. Are there any officers sitting in the room who can assist with this inquiry, either in terms of representations or comments that might have been raised by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees or the staff thereof or officers of the embassy? I said that, in my personal knowledge, I'm not aware of any such comments. Is the head of our international area here? CHAIR: I hope he or she has better things to do. Mr Pezzullo: In the meantime, whilst Ms Geddes comes to the table, I dare say that I don't think the minister is the first political leader of our nation ever to engage in figures of speech. But I will check, literally, whether he had in his mind, in his state of consciousness, that there was this cache of Armani jeans on the island—the largest in the world. I'll check that explicitly because that's what you've asked me. Otherwise, I'll see if there is anything else he wishes to add. Senator WATT: Ms Newton, I think you were trying to say something there as well in answer to my questions about the embassy and the UNHCR. Ms Newton: Neither of those groups have raised those matters with me. Senator WATT: With you? Ms Newton: With me. Senator WATT: Ms Geddes, are you aware of anything? Ms Geddes: No, I'm not aware, and I will take it on notice.	Page 115, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.6: Regional Cooperation
SE17/057	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Pratt	Conferred Australian citizenship	Senator PRATT: No, how many people do you think are on your books as having visas who, in fact, might hold an Australian citizenship? Mr Pezzullo: I don't think we're aware of any other cases, are we? Ms Golightly: No, we reviewed all of the other cases of people in detention at the time and established that there were no others. Senator PRATT: But what about people in the general community who in fact hold citizenship but are unaware of the fact that they might hold it? Ms Golightly: We'd have no way of— Mr Pezzullo: People in Australia who, not having had it conferred and not having made an application but who might have some latent underlying right to seek citizenship— Senator PRATT: Not to seek. It but hold substantive citizenship. Mr Pezzullo: Under Australian law it's conferred, you apply for it. There are some citizenship laws around the world that involve, by operation of law, automatic conferral. Some countries even talk about citizenship by blood. In Australia, we don't quite recognise that legal doctrine, but Ms De Veau can clarify that for me. Ms De Veau: Not off the top of my head, but it's something that I would definitely take notice of and I can provide an explanation as to why— Mr Pezzullo: But you've got to apply to have it conferred, right? Ms De Veau: It depends on how you obtained it, but you can ask, if you think you might have it, for it to be confirmed and that would set up a series of inquiries that could provide the outcome for a person, if there was some lack of assurance.	Page 117-118, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/058	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Pratt	Number of deportations of Australian citizens	Senator PRATT: Have you gone back to check whether there are any people who have been deported under 501 who did in fact hold citizenship under similar circumstances? Ms Golightly: I could take that on notice. We certainly have gone back and made sure we reviewed every other case in detention to make sure there's no-one else in these circumstances. Senator PRATT: If I can ask about deportations, and if perhaps you might look at some of the common countries to which people are deported but for which they might commonly also require citizenship by conferral—that being New Zealand and PNG would be probably another good example. Deportation back to New Zealand is not uncommon nor is being born in Australia or coming to Australia as a child by New Zealand parents uncommon. Mr Pezzullo: We'll take that on notice.	Page 118, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/059	Corporate	Integrity, Security & Assurance	Senator Pratt	Review of circumstances of the detention of citizens	Senator PRATT: I note that The Australian has reported that their detention has been reviewed. So I take that there's been two separate reviews of the circumstances in each case. Is it possible to have a copy of those reviews? Mr Pezzullo: I'll take that on notice. It's a single review. It's one prepared at my request, and it's a report to me.	Page 118, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention

SE17/060	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Pratt	Citizenship status of people who have been deported to New Zealand and PNG	<p>Senator PRATT: Will you check the citizenship status of people who have been deported to New Zealand and PNG previously? I know you took that on notice, but it wasn't clear to me that you were actually going to retrospectively check the nature of the inquiries to see if there are any gaps there?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Given this has been the subject of independent review, I will need to take my own counsel on whether that would be a worthwhile exercise to undertake.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Surely, having deported someone, we would want to know if we had wrongly deported them or not?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Nothing has come to my attention that suggests that we've done that. In this case—at least in one case, if not both—our own officers raised their own inquiries. In one case, a person had been born when Papua was an external territory. In the other case, an officer had the wit to understand that certain citizenship conferral rights become active on your 10th birthday—I think in the case of New Zealand.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Yes, but in that case there would be other people who arrived here or were born here who turned 10 in Australia, for whom that might be applicable.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: As I said, I will take the question on notice.</p>	Page 119, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/061	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator McKim	Statutory time frame in the Migration Act for permanent residency	<p>Senator McKIM: My advice is that there's no statutory time frame currently in the Migration Act for a period of permanent residency and therefore it was in effect an administrative action or would have been an administrative action by the minister. I'm happy to be corrected on that.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I'm not sure that's right.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: We perhaps could address that.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: It is a matter of law. Ms Golightly can address that.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: Currently they need to have four years in Australia and at least 12 months, I think, in permanent residence.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Are you suggesting that's in the act, Ms Golightly?</p> <p>Ms Golightly: That's certainly my understanding, but I would like to double check it.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: That's fine, but in any event, regardless of whether that's a legislative requirement or simply an administrative practice of the department—</p>	Page 120, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/062	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator McKim	Processing times for citizenship applications	<p>Senator McKIM: Is your average time taken to process a citizenship application still running at about 14 months?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: Yes, around that.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Do you have anything more specific than that?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I've got the September numbers for conferral lodgement to ceremony: 75 per cent of applications are processed in 10 months; 90 per cent are processed in 14 months. It depends on which percentile you want to pick.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Do you have an average time?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: No, I don't. We just work on percentiles, but I'm sure we'd be able to calculate one for you.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: I'd appreciate that.</p>	Page 122, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/063	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator McKim	Graph or chart of application numbers	<p>Senator McKIM: I'd appreciate that. Has there been a drop-off in applications since the announcement in April this year—per week or per month?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: There was a very large spike on about 20 April. Then there was kind of a plateau, which was lower than compared to 12 months ago. Then, since the announcement last week, there has been another surge.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: There has been another surge since last week?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: Yes.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Do you have records as to—do you provide that in a graph or a chart? How could you plot that for this—</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I'll take it on notice and see what I can produce for you?</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Thank you.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: It's possibly obvious, but we still have a high demand of people wanting to be citizens, as you can imagine. I don't think there'd be any drop-off in demand, but we're happy to take on notice what that profile might have looked like to see if we can see if there was—graph somehow or display somehow the ups and downs within that.</p>	Page 122-123, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/064	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator McKim	Advice to Assistant Minister Hawke regarding citizenship ceremonies	<p>Senator McKIM: Did the department provide any advice to the assistant minister, Mr Hawke, in regard to the instruments he's tabled to deny councils' capacity to conduct citizenship ceremonies, on the basis that they don't want to conduct them on 26 January anymore?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: The department has provided advice to the assistant minister on those matters—yes.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Did the department draft those instruments for the minister?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I'm assuming that—</p> <p>Senator McKIM: I mean, that would be the normal course of events, in my experience.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I'm assuming that that was the case, yes. If that needs to be corrected, I will, but, in the ordinary course, we would prepare that sort of paperwork.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: I'm happy if you want to take these on notice, but if you could provide the date that the department was asked to do that by—I'm not sure if it would be Mr Dutton or Mr Hawke, but one of the two?</p> <p>Ms Golightly: We'll take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: The date that the department was asked to do it and the date that those instruments were put back up to whoever's office it was that asked you.</p>	Page 123, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/065	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator McKim	Advice regarding Darebin and Yarra councils	<p>Senator McKIM: The date that the department was asked to do it and the date that those instruments were put back up to whoever's office it was that asked you. Did the department advise either Mr Dutton or Mr Hawke that the two councils, which are Darebin and Yarra councils, were in breach of the code of conduct relating to citizenship ceremonies?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I think we did provide advice on that matter, but I'll ask Ms Golightly to refresh my memory on that.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: We may have to check the exact wording of the advice, but we certainly outlined for the ministers the particular part of the code which talks about ceremonies being non-commercial and apolitical. My recollection is that the advice would have gone to options for the minister, but we can check exactly for you.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Are we talking about Mr Hawke or Mr Dutton here?</p> <p>Ms Golightly: Minister Hawke.</p> <p>CHAIR: Are you going into what advice the department's given?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: In general terms, I'm happy to provide the fact that advice has been given. As to the particulars, we have taken it on notice as to when and the specifics of the advice.</p> <p>CHAIR: When and where is appropriate. What it was, I'm not sure—is that appropriate?</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I think at the moment we've been asked whether we provided advice on the code and whether the code had been breached or potentially was at risk of being breached. I suppose, and, accordingly, whether we prepared relevant instruments. I'm comfortable with those questions going to procedure.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: That is the question that I understand that you've offered to take on notice. Is anyone able to answer this now: did the advice indicate that the code had been breached? On a first-blush reading of the code, it relates to how citizenship ceremonies are conducted as opposed to when they are conducted, and it's the 'when' that was the issue—</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: Except insofar as how you go about doing something might disqualify you from when you conduct it.</p>	Page 123, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/066	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Xenophon	Air traffic controllers removed from 457 visa eligibility	<p>Senator XENOPHON: Thank you Senator Watt—I'll be very brief. These are matters that have been raised with me by Civil Air Australia. I understand that Airservices Australia has made an application to the department to allow about 10 air traffic controllers—where there has been a shortage—to remain in Australia after air traffic controllers were removed from the 457 visa eligible jobs list. Can you advise the status of this application from Airservices? There's been a lot of frustration. I think this is a case where both the union and Airservices Australia have worked in conjunction to try and keep these people here because there is a shortage of skilled air traffic controllers. There has been a lot of frustration about the delays involved, can you advise the status of the application and when they could expect a response?</p> <p>Ms Golightly: I'm not aware of the particulars of that case, but I'm happy to take it on notice and find out.</p> <p>Senator XENOPHON: Also, how is the application progressing in terms of processing times compared to other similar applications? These men and women are really in limbo, they can start looking for jobs, I guess, anywhere else in the world, but there is a great shortage of skilled air traffic controllers. I think that's why it's one of these occasions where both the employer and the unions have been working together to try and get an outcome, but they've being frustrated by the delays, so if I can put that.</p>	Page 124, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas

SE17/067	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Watt	Date amendments were tabled	<p>Senator WATT: The department has commenced drafting amendments to—</p> <p>Mr Willden: Well, the amendments were tabled.</p> <p>Mr Pezzullo: I think amendments were put.</p> <p>Mr Willden: Yes, amendments were tabled. That's the work that's been done.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Amendments have been tabled in the last week?</p> <p>Mr Willden: I'd have to check. I'll take this on notice as to the exact day. I think the day that they were to lapse or be taken off the notice order, the government did table the two suggested amendments going to the date of effect and going to the English language. But it wasn't brought on for debate, therefore it lapsed.</p> <p>CHAIR: Where was it tabled?</p> <p>Mr Willden: In the Senate, I believe, yes. But as I said, I'll have to check that.</p> <p>Senator WATT: When did the department receive the request to begin preparing those amendments?</p> <p>Mr Willden: I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATT: If you could, please. Is there consultation occurring around those amendments with stakeholders?</p> <p>Mr Willden: I'd have to refer that to the office.</p>	Page 126, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/068	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Watt	Applicants who have been invited to sit the citizenship test	<p>Senator WATT: Do you have any figures on the percentage of applicants who applied between, say, 1 March and 19 April who have been sent letters inviting them to sit the citizenship test?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I'd have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Okay. Similarly, if you could take on notice the percentage of applicants who applied between 20 April and 30 May. Well, the answer to that would be: none of those people have been invited to sit the citizenship test yet because they applied after 20 April?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: Correct.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: And simply because the conveyor belt hasn't come around yet, not because we parked.</p>	Page 127, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/069	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Watt	Citizenship application numbers	<p>Senator WATT: With that number you gave me before—of about 119,000—that is citizenship application on foot?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: On hand.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Some of which may have been pre 20 April, and some of which since?</p> <p>Ms Golightly: Yes, that's correct.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Do you know how many have been submitted since 20 April?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I'd have to double-check for you, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WATT: If you could take that on notice.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: We'll take that on notice.</p>	Page 127-128, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/070	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Watt	Citizenship application processing times available on website	<p>Senator WATT: I understand that the department keeps its website up to date with citizenship application processing times.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: That's correct, Senator.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Feel free to take this on notice. Can you advise what this website stated the application processing times were in April 2017 and every subsequent month?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: Yes.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: We can take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator WATT: You don't have those figures with you?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: No. There is one thing I would draw to your attention, though. It's relatively new reporting.</p> <p>Ms Golightly: We'll take that on notice. I think Ms Dacey was just going to explain the type of reporting that's there.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Part of the reason we keep asking these questions is that we have certainly received reports from people that the processing times they've been going through, say, in the last six to eight months, have been longer than other people they know who had applied, say, this time last year, before the changes were mooted. But you're saying there's been no—</p>	Page 128, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/071	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Griff	Community Support Program support bond	<p>Senator GRIFF: I'd just like to refer to the assurance of support bond for the CSP which, as we mentioned before, I understand is about \$20,000 for adult applicants and \$10,000 for each family member of working age. I understand under the pilot program that bond was just \$5,000. Why was the bond substantially increased?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: I'll take that on notice.</p>	Page 131, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/072	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Griff	Community proposal pilot processing times	<p>Senator GRIFF: Going back to the pilot, was it run over four years—the community proposal pilot?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: I think that's correct, but I will check that.</p> <p>Senator GRIFF: Can you provide a breakdown of the processing times for successful applicants under the pilot for each year since establishment?</p> <p>Mr Mansfield: I will take that on notice.</p>	Page 132, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/073	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Hume	Occupations list for regional areas only	<p>Senator HUME: There was a lot of hype at the time that this would be very beneficial to regional Australia. The vast majority of migrants settle in the cities, in the metropolitan areas. Can you tell me about how the policy benefits regional Australia?</p> <p>Mr Willden: One of the things we've done is we've created a series of caveats. Certain occupations under this—and I can provide a list on notice—are only available for regional areas.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Right.</p>	Page 134, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/074	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Hume	Skilling Australians Fund levy	<p>Senator HUME: So essentially it's a levy that replaces existing financial obligations?</p> <p>Mr Willden: It does. It's far stronger, though, and much more targeted.</p> <p>Senator HUME: Is that levy tax deductible?</p> <p>Mr Willden: I might have to take that one on notice.</p> <p>Senator HUME: If you could.</p>	Page 134, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/075	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Hume	Projected revenue for Skilling Australians Fund	<p>Mr Willden: Indeed. I think legislation is still to pass to bring the fund into effect, so we also have to be cognisant of that. The legislation was introduced on 18 October.</p> <p>Senator HUME: So it's pretty new?</p> <p>Mr Willden: Yes. The policy proposition is there, but the bill still has to pass to bring it to effect.</p> <p>Senator HUME: How much revenue is it expected to raise?</p> <p>Mr Willden: I might ask the CFO to provide that, because I haven't got those financial projections.</p>	Page 134, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/076	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	SRSS Support scale	<p>Ms Hampton: The purpose of SRSS support is to help people overcome barriers while they're resolving their status. It's generally used for people who have no other form of income support. Were there to be other forms of income support available to the individual, it would call into question their qualification.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Is it not a scheme that's similar, for example, to unemployment benefits where you can earn some money and then there's a sliding scale that kicks in? Are you saying that if you are on SRSS and you earn a single dollar then that's enough to disqualify you from the entire payment?</p> <p>Ms Hampton: No, I don't believe that's the case, but I don't know what that sliding scale is. I don't think it's exactly the same as social security benefits, and the payments are not quite comparable to that.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: But there is a sliding scale, is there not?</p> <p>Ms Zakharoff: There is a small dollar value that people can acquire before we would be considering whether payments are still appropriate or not. So you're right, but, like Ms Hampton, I don't know that figure. We can take that on notice.</p>	Page 135, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/077	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Rules around the SRSS Support payment	<p>Ms Hampton: That's just an example. I think that any amount of money that demonstrates that the individual who's in receipt of SRSS payments has access to another form of income or income support would call into question their qualification for SRSS. It's recognised that individuals might send small amounts of money to family members offshore while in receipt of payment, provided that amount is consistent with the income that they're receiving through SRSS and which we believe is their only form of income. Were they to send significant amounts of money offshore, that might suggest that they have an alternative form of support that we are not aware of and might call into question their qualification for the support.</p> <p>Senator McKIM: Would you be able to provide the committee, on notice, with the rules around this—in other words, when the sliding scale kicks in and what the sliding scale is, if there is one? Presumably, the more people earn, the bigger the reduction in their SRSS payments. Is that something you could do for the committee?</p> <p>Ms Hampton: Certainly.</p>	Page 135-136, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance

SE17/078	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Information on rules around SRSS Support	<p>Senator McKim: Are people receiving SRSS payments informed that sending money overseas may compromise their SRSS payments? I've got case studies here where debts have been raised, in one case up to \$38,000, by the department and the person was never informed that they couldn't send money overseas. That's what I'm advised—that they were never informed of that. How are people informed that sending money overseas may impact on their SRSS payments?</p> <p>Ms Hampton: I don't know what specific information is provided to them at the time, but I can get that for you. But the capacity to send \$38,000 offshore is potentially not consistent with the scheme.</p> <p>Senator McKim: I'm not suggesting that the person sent \$38,000 offshore. I'm suggesting that she sent a far, far, smaller amount than that offshore but that the department deemed that she had been ineligible from 2015 to receive SRSS, and the debt is the paid SRSS that the department's now trying to reclaim from her. I want to be clear about that. I'm not suggesting that quantum of funds was sent overseas. My advice is that it's a relatively minuscule amount that was sent overseas and this woman's now facing a nearly \$40,000 debt by having her SRSS retrospectively taken away from her by the department. I'd like, if possible, all the rules around this—the sending of money overseas, the earnings of money and the notifications, if any, that have been given to people who are receiving SRSS payments.</p> <p>Ms Hampton: Certainly.</p>	Page 136, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/079	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator McKim	IMA Legacy case load results of applications	<p>Senator McKim: All right. I wanted to ask whether you have on you a breakdown of the primary applications here and the results of the ones that you've processed so far, on a state-by-state basis, because I'm hearing anecdotally in Tasmania there's an extremely high refusal rate. I'm trying to understand why that might be. Have you heard that by the way? Are you aware of that?</p> <p>Ms Golightly: I haven't heard that, no, and I don't have a state-by-state breakdown on me. But I think—and someone can correct me if I'm wrong—but about 30 per cent, roughly, of the ones we have processed to date were refused, or their application wasn't successful.</p> <p>Senator McKim: That's at a national—</p> <p>Ms Golightly: Yes, that's nationally. I haven't got a state-by-state breakdown.</p> <p>Senator McKim: Could you provide a state-by-state breakdown please?</p> <p>Ms Golightly: I will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator McKim: Thank you. If you could put a percentage in there, because obviously the number of applications in Tasmania would be quite a bit lower than most other states and territories.</p>	Page 137-138, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/080	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Pratt	Number of 457 visas	<p>Senator PRATT: How many 457 visas were issued in the 2016 financial year and how many in the current financial year?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: I think Ms Golightly, assisted by Ms Dacey—which financial year?</p> <p>Senator PRATT: The last financial year and the current one, noting we are only partway through it.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: 2016-17 and the year to date.</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I've got the numbers from 1 July this year to 30 September this year in front of me. The number granted: 8,263. That's the visa applications. I don't appear to have the last program year full number.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: That's okay. Can you take that on notice? We're short on time.</p> <p>Ms Dacey: Yes.</p>	Page 138, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/081	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Pratt	Modelling around the skilled migration program	<p>Senator PRATT: Has the department conducted modelling to see what revenue will be lost or gained from the government's changes to the skilled migration program? If you have done such modelling, can you provide me with a copy of that modelling on notice?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I think we'd have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Has the modelling been done?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: That's not in my area of responsibility. I'm the program administrator. I don't know the answer.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Does Mr Pezullo know?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: Modelling in relation to—</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Revenue lost or gained from the skilled migration program changes to the 457 visa program.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: Revenue—that would be second-order fiscal effects.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: You can take that on notice if you don't know.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: We'll take that on notice.</p>	Page 138, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/082	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Pratt	Date of Minister briefing about changes to skilled occupation lists	<p>Senator PRATT: I want to also ask about changes to skilled occupation lists. On which date did the department brief the minister about the 1 July changes to the lists?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: We've given some evidence on ANZSCO and related matters.</p> <p>Mr Wilden: I would have to take on notice the exact date that the information was provided to the minister.</p>	Page 139, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/083	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Pratt	Skilled Occupation list	<p>Senator PRATT: That makes sense. Did the immigration minister make any of his own amendments to the list? Did he add or remove any occupations from the list?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: We will take that on notice. That is a matter for the minister. Ordinarily in the course of these proceedings, as the chairman has reminded us recently, we will brief you on process. We provide advice for the minister to accept in whole or in part. If he then wishes to provide information to the Senate through its committee as to what variances he decided upon, that's a matter for the minister.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: So, there are two specific occupations—</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: We'll ask him—</p> <p>Senator PRATT: on the skilled occupations list, and they include medium- and long-term strategic skills list child care centre manager, and medium- and long-term strategic skills list early childhood (pre-primary school) teacher. Has Minister Dutton declared a pecuniary interest in childcare centres at any time?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: I'll need to put that to the minister.</p> <p>Senator Cash: I would need to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Did the minister disclose to the secretary or cabinet colleagues if any of the employees at his childcare centre were employed on visas under the medium- and long-term strategic skills lists?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: As the minister said, that's a matter to be put on notice to the minister.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: These occupations currently remain on the list. Did the department put forward a list that took those occupations off the list at any stage?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: As I said in my previous answer, we've taken on notice the dates upon which the advice was given. We don't ordinarily canvass the specifics of the advice. The chairman reminded us of that guidance earlier this evening, in relation to another matter. We certainly don't canvass what elements of the advice the minister has accepted, rejected, modified, added to or subtracted. That's all a matter for the minister.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: But what if there were a pecuniary interest in relation to those matters?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: I understand the point of the question, and I've taken it on notice.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Have any immigration cases the minister has personally intervened in concerned employees at his childcare centres?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: I don't have any personal knowledge of that, and I'll need to take it on notice through the minister at the table and ask him.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Has the minister been involved in any discussions about childcare workers appearing on the list, given this conflict of interest?</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: Well, you're asserting a conflict.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: I'm asserting a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: Yes, you're asserting that. I've got no basis for either accepting or not accepting your assertion.</p> <p>Senator PRATT: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Pezullo: Your question was: has he had discussions with persons unstated?</p>	Page 139-140, Monday 23 October 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/084	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Watt	Temporary work visa rate of renewal	<p>Senator WATT: Do you have any figures on the rate of renewal, to see whether people are just renewing those three-month or six-month visas?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: No. I could take it on notice for you. I do know that any repeat applications are scrutinised more closely.</p> <p>Senator WATT: Maybe the way to put it is the proportion of three- or six-month visas that are renewed, if that's the right way to put it.</p> <p>Ms Dacey: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WATT: And for how long.</p>	Page 140-141, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/085	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Watt	Temporary work visa availability	<p>Senator WATT: And for how long. Are subclass 400 visas only available to occupations on the skilled occupations list?</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I don't know. I'll take it on notice because I don't want to give you the wrong information.</p> <p>Senator WATT: What I mean is: occupations where it's considered there's a skills shortage.</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I don't think so, but I want to be sure.</p> <p>Ms Dacey: I don't think so, but I want to be sure.</p> <p>Mr Wilden: I'll take it on notice to confirm, but I don't think there's any skills shortage test because of the very short-term nature of the visa.</p>	Page 141, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas

SE17/086	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Watt	457 visa and subclass 400 visa	Senator WATT: Is the department aware of any instances in which someone's 457 visa has expired and that person has been retained on a subclass 400 visa? Ms Dacey: That might have happened. I'd have to take it on notice. I certainly couldn't rule it out. Maybe their 457 expired and they just had another couple of weeks of work to do. But I don't think it's a standard business practice. Senator WATT: Could you take on notice the number of subclass 400 visas that have been issued to people who were on 457s immediately prior? Ms Dacey: Yes.	Page 141-142, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/087	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Watt	Subclass 400 visas for ship engineers, ship's masters and ship's officers	Senator WATT: Did the department issue any subclass 400 visas in respect of the occupations ship engineers, ship's masters and ship's officers prior to 18 April 2017? Ms Dacey: I would have to take it on notice. Senator WATT: Are you aware of any increase in the issuing of subclass 400 visas over the last few months for those occupations? Ms Dacey: Not particularly, but I would want to check. Senator WATT: If you could take that on notice and advise for each of those occupations separately. Ms Dacey: Yes.	Page 142, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/088	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Watt	Subclass 400 visas labour market testing	Senator WATT: You talked about the labour market testing, of a sort, that you undertake for these visas. Specifically in relation to these occupations—ship's engineer, ship's master and ship's officers—what steps has the department taken to ensure that those skills are not readily available in Australia prior to issuing these visas. Ms Dacey: I will take it on notice, but it will be along the lines of what I described to you before. When we get an application that involves some of that, we would have a conversation with the employer or the agent who is lodging the application to get some background understanding of what testing of the market they had done domestically.	Page 142, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/089	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Watt	Offshore support vessel South Ocean	Senator WATT: To give you a specific instance: is the department aware that on the offshore support vessel South Ocean, which is owned by Bourbon Oceanteam for Bourbon OS and is managed by North Sea Shipping—both Norwegian companies—non-Australian engineer officers who have held subclass 457 visas are now seeking subclass 400 visas in order to continue working in Australian waters? Ms Dacey: I will take it on notice. Senator WATT: Yes, could you have a look at that case? Ms Gough: Yes.	Page 143, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/090	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	illicit tobacco website	Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: I am moving on to the subject of illicit tobacco. First up I will start with media release from Border Force dated 6 December 2016, 'ABF arrests four men linked to illicit tobacco syndicate'. I'll just read a couple of quotes from the release. It says: The Tobacco Strike Team began the operation after identifying a significant tobacco smuggling network linked to a 'cheap cigarettes' website. It says that one of the four men arrested was suspected of managing this cheap cigarettes website. The release goes on to say: All four men arrested during this operation have been charged with importing tobacco products with the intention of defrauding the revenue, contrary to section 233BABAD (1) of the Customs Act 1901(Cth). I did some research this afternoon about cheap cigarette websites available in Australia, and there was one that stood out in particular: cheapcigarettes.net.au. Is this the website that has been referred to in this release? Mr Buchhorn: I will just try to find it. Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: The reason I ask is that I was able to go onto that website this afternoon and it looks like it's still quite clearly open for business, advertising the fact that they are operating out of Melbourne, they use Australia Post to express post their product, saying they don't refer customer details to any other authorities. So I just wanted an explanation about how a website like this could still be operating when the man who is suspected of managing it was actually arrested in November last year. Mr Outram: We will have to confirm through Assistant Commissioner Buchhorn whether that's the same website as the investigation we're referring to. I'm sure we will now have a look at the website you're referring to and see if there are any other investigations ongoing or any intelligence that we have behind that that's of interest to us. Unfortunately—Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: With the release from December—you can provide this answer on notice as well—could you advise whether or not these matters have been referred to the AFP and if the AFP have any involvement now? Mr Outram: If these offences are committed under the Customs Act, they wouldn't necessarily be referred to the AFP. However, if we identify syndicates importing tobacco illegally that also have a nexus with transnational organised crime—some transnational organised crime syndicates are actually moving into illicit tobacco, and they are also dealing in drugs—then we would obviously have a conversation with the AFP, or state and territory police for that matter. But by and large offences of importation of illicit tobacco under the Customs Act are prosecuted by ourselves and investigated by ourselves under the Customs Act.	Page 143, Monday 23 October 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
<b>Written QoNs</b>							
SE17/091	Corporate	Executive	Senator Abetz	Holiday Staff Messages	Please provide the messages (if any) sent to staff (on the most recent occasions) of Christmas/New Year, Easter and Ramadan by the Secretary of the Department at the relevant time.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/092	Corporate	People	Senator Abetz	Enterprise Agreement negotiations	In the most recent Enterprise Agreement negotiations, was/were any side-agreement/s, protocol/s, arrangement/s, agreement/s entered into? If so, please provide a copy.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/093	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator McKim	Citizenship Application Processing times	If someone was to apply for citizenship on the first of November 2017, assuming there are no complications, when could they expect to news about the success of their application?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/094	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Number of Asylum Seekers held in onshore detention with no criminal record	How many asylum seekers held in immigration detention onshore in Australian facilities have no criminal record?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/095	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Number of refugees in detention in Australia	How many people held in immigration detention in Australia are recognised as refugees?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/096	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Percentage of asylum seekers or refugees with no criminal history held in excess of three months	What is the percentage of asylum seekers or refugees in immigration detention with no criminal history held for periods in excess of three months?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/097	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator McKim	Manus Island Good Friday incident	1. What is the Department's understanding of the two investigations into the shooting that occurred at the Manus Island Regional Processing Centre on Good Friday this year? 2. Has anyone been charged? 3. Has the Department started its own investigations? 4. Has there been/will there be a Comcare investigation? 5. There is still nothing about the shooting on the Department's "Correcting the Record" webpage. Has the Department corrected the record, in any form, given that the last estimates revealed that shots were fired into the centre, and that nine people were injured? If not, why not? 6. At the May estimates, Mr Quadriev made a series of allegations about detainees in the centre? Has anything happened with regard to those complaints?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/098	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator McKim	Staff numbers to assist asylum seekers and refugees in Hobart	How many DIBP staff are in Hobart who can assist asylum seekers and refugees who came by boat apply for citizenship/visas?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management

SE17/099	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	IMA statistics	1. Please provide a table outlining the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Numbers by location of all Irregular Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) subject to offshore processing, including those currently in Australia</li> <li>Numbers by Male, Female and Child of all IMAs subject to offshore processing, including those currently in Australia</li> <li>Numbers for all IMAs subject to offshore processing, of those who have received a final positive refugee determination, or a final negative determination, or who have not yet received a final determination in both PNG and Nauru, as well as those currently located in Australia</li> <li>Numbers for all IMAs subject to offshore processing who have applied for the US deal, broken down by location</li> <li>Numbers for all IMAs subject to offshore processing, broken down by current location and country of origin.</li> <li>Numbers of pregnant women IMAs subject to offshore processing broken down by current location (Nauru, PNG, Australia)</li> <li>Numbers by length of time subject to offshore processing for all IMAs currently subject to offshore processing (including those currently in Australia)</li> <li>Numbers of IMA children born during their period of offshore processing.</li> </ul>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/100	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Continued financial support to Nauru and PNG	Will Australia continue to financially support Nauru and Papua New Guinea to provide assistance, protection and solutions to refugees and asylum-seekers that do not go to the United States? If so, how much money will Australia be spending annually in this regard?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/101	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Number and location of transferees onshore	How many transferees are onshore in Australia, and where are they? How many are in community detention, how many in detention centers and how many on bridging visas (broken down by legal status, nationality, age and gender)?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/102	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Transferees location and status	Of all the people transferred to Nauru and Papua New Guinea – where are they now? (eg still there, Australia, Cambodia)? How many have died and where did they die?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/103	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Voluntary and involuntary returns of transferees	For individuals who were transferred to Nauru and Papua New Guinea, how many have returned voluntarily or involuntarily? For those that returned to which countries were they returned and when?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/104	Visa and Citizenship Services	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Number of children born to refugees/asylum seekers	How many children have been born to refugees/asylum seekers in Nauru, Papua New Guinea and Australia?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/105	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Unsuccessful asylum seekers	How many individuals are 'failed' asylum seekers in Papua New Guinea and Nauru and will they be given the opportunity for any new claims to be considered given the delays in processing?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/106	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Complementary protection in PNG	How many individuals have been granted complementary protection in Papua New Guinea? Will they be given the opportunity to remain in Papua New Guinea with full freedom of movement, despite PNG not codifying its complementary protection obligations?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/107	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Stateless asylum seekers in PNG	For failed 'stateless' asylum seekers, will they be permitted to remain in PNG with full freedom of movement or will they be detained indefinitely?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/108	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator McKim	Unsuccessful asylum seekers with mental health deterioration	For failed asylum seekers who now suffer from serious mental health deterioration, are there compassionate grounds to allow them to remain in PNG and will they be brought to Australia for medical treatment?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/109	Corporate	Executive	Senator McKim	Recommendations regarding the Inquiry into Serious allegations of abuse, self-harm and neglect of asylum seekers in relation to the Nauru Regional Processing Centre, and any like allegations in relation to the Manus Regional Processing Centre	Have the recommendations made by the Majority Report of the Inquiry into Serious allegations of abuse, self-harm and neglect of asylum seekers in relation to the Nauru Regional Processing Centre, and any like allegations in relation to the Manus Regional Processing Centre been acted on? The recommendations are listed below: Recommendation 1 7.31 The committee recommends that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, as a matter of urgency, commission an external review of its medical transfer procedures in offshore processing centres. Recommendation 2 7.38 The committee recommends that the Australian Government undertake to seek advice in relation to whether improvements are required to the medical treatment options available to asylum seekers and refugees in the Republic of Nauru and Papua New Guinea, particularly mental health services. Recommendation 3 7.41 The committee recommends that the Australian Government recognise the impacts of long-term immigration detention, including by commissioning an independent assessment of its impacts on physical and mental health. Recommendation 4 7.46 The committee recommends that an external audit and investigation be conducted into all incident reports over the life of the Transfield Pty Ltd and Broadspectrum Australia Pty Ltd contracts at the Manus Island and Nauru Regional Processing Centres, including an analysis of: (a) incidents which were downgraded in severity; and (b) any inconsistencies in relation to incidents being downgraded in severity; and (c) evidence of follow-up activities in relation to reported incidents. Recommendation 5 7.51 The committee recommends that the Australian Government undertake to work with the Government of the Republic of Nauru to establish an independent children's advocate who would have both the jurisdiction and authority to advocate for the rights of children being held in the Republic of Nauru. Recommendation 6 7.55 The committee recommends that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection confirm publicly that any asylum seeker or refugee who has been transferred to Australia for medical or other reasons, or who remains in Australia pursuant to domestic legal action, can apply to participate in the US refugee resettlement arrangement, and that they will not need to return to either the Republic of Nauru or Papua New Guinea to do so. Recommendation 7 7.57 The committee recommends that the Australian Government give serious consideration to all resettlement offers it receives, including the Government of New Zealand's offer to resettle refugees from Papua New Guinea and the Republic of Nauru. Further, if particular resettlement offers are considered unsuitable, the Government should clearly outline	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/109	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator McKim	People displaced by conflict in Syria and Iraq	Of the additional 12 000 places allocated for persons displaced by conflict in Syria and Iraq: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How many visas were granted in each financial year (broken down by country of nationality)?</li> <li>How many of these 12000 visas were granted refugee category visas and many were granted visas under the Special Humanitarian program (subclass 202 visas)?</li> <li>How many of the 12 000 visas were granted to persons who had been referred by UNHCR?</li> </ul>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/110	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator McKim	Number of refugee category visas	Excluding the additional 12 000 Syrian and Iraqi visa grants, in the 2016 – 17 financial year, how many refugee category visas were granted? – broken down by visa subclass. Of these how many were referred by UNHCR?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/111	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator McKim	Subclass 202 visa grants	In the 2016 – 17 financial year, how many subclass 202 visa grants were sponsored by persons holding a permanent humanitarian visa – such as a refugee visa subclass 200 or subclass 866 visa?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/112	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator McKim	People from Indonesia resettled	In the 2016 – 17 financial year, how many persons were resettled from Indonesia?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/113	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator McKim	Number of Rohingya resettled in Australia	How many Rohingya were resettled to Australia in 2016 – 17? How many does Australia propose to resettle in 2017 – 18? Will Australia revise this number upwards in light of recent events?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/114	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator McKim	Religious composition of people resettled through the Refugee Humanitarian Program	1. What was the religious composition of people resettled through the Refugee Humanitarian Program last financial year (2016-2017)? 2. What is the religious composition of people resettled through the Refugee Humanitarian Program since July 1 2017?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/115	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator McKim	Tasmanian and Australian Special Humanitarian Program application rejections	1. How many Tasmanian and Australian Special Humanitarian Program application rejections have there been in the past three and 12 months? 2. How do these numbers compare to the previous quarters and years (please provide data)?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/116	Transferred to another Department		Senator McKim	Humanitarian Settlement Program Tender	Will the Government provide formal debriefing sessions for unsuccessful NGOs who bid into the Humanitarian Settlement Program Tender?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
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	Operations	OSB IATF	Senator McKim	Operation Sovereign Borders	1. Who many vessels have been intercepted to date? 2. How many individuals intercepted said they feared persecution? 3. How many raised international protection claims? 4. How many were assessed to be in need of international protection? 5. How many on-water assessments have been completed? 6. What is the average length of a screening interview? 7. What is the average time from the screening interview to the decision to return? 8. What is the average time that an intercepted person is held at sea?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/118	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Griff	Community Support Program and Community Proposal Pilot	The Refugee Council raised concerns that people sponsored through the pilot could not always access settlement services because providers were excluded from doing so under their funding grants. This becomes an issue for people sponsored under this scheme if there is a relationship breakdown with the sponsor. Is the department able, or intending, to address this issue?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/119	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Griff	Approved Proposal Organisations	Can you please provide a copy of the Deed of Agreement the Department will enter into with APOs (as referenced by Mr Mansfield during Supplementary Estimates).	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/120	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Griff	APO administration fees	According to the Refugee Council's website, proposers have to pay a total administrative fee of \$11,000 for the approved organisation. a. How was this fee calculated? b. Was it determined by APOs or the Department? c. Is this fee consistent across all APOs, even if they are individuals?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/121	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Griff	Citizenship refusal	The Department's most recent annual report states that less than 1 per cent of citizenship refusals were overturned (all after AAT review?). How many citizenship applications were refused? Please provide a breakdown by nationality and grounds of refusal. a. For 2015-16 b. For 2016-17	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/122	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Griff	Citizenship refusal decisions appealed	Please provide the number and percentage of refusal decisions that were subsequently appealed a. For 2015-16 b. For 2016-17	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/123	Corporate	Legal	Senator Griff	Citizenship refusals overturned at review	How many refusal decisions were overturned at review? Were these all overturned by the AAT? Please provide a breakdown by nationality and grounds of refusal/overturning. a. For 2015-16 b. For 2016-17	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/124	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Griff	Number of people who have had their citizenship revoked	Please provide a breakdown on the number of people who had their citizenship revoked, their (other) nationality and the reasons for revocation.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.1: Citizenship
SE17/125	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Rhiannon	Firearms importation	1. The 2017 National firearms agreement finalised in February reclassified lever action shotguns with a magazine capacity no greater than five rounds to category B. Have any Adler A110 lever-action shotguns been imported to Australia since the finalisation of the agreement? 2. If so how many and how many into each state and territory?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.2: Border Management
SE17/126	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	Illicit tobacco	In the Department of Immigration and Border Protection's 16-17 Annual Report (the Annual Report) it notes (pg.3) that 123 million individual cigarettes and more than 64 tonnes of tobacco had been detected at the border. a. Of these seizures how many different investigations does that include? b. How many of these separate investigations have resulted in prosecutions? c. How many of these prosecutions have resulted in convictions?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/127	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	KPI sea cargo and mail seizures	Why are there reportable KPI's for sea cargo and mail seizures only?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/128	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	KPI air cargo	Why are there no KPIs for seizures from air cargo and passengers? a. Does the ABF record this data – related to air cargo and passenger seizures?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017 2017+E129:H131D129:H131O125F129:H131C129:H131BA129:9131	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/129	Policy	Strategic Policy & Planning	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	Seizures on DGMS System	Are seizures from all streams captured on the one (DGMS) system? a. If not, why not? b. Would this give a more accurate picture of the problem? c. Has there ever been a request or initiative within DIBP to address these data collection issues?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/130	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	Illicit tobacco market	The Annual Report (pg.256) notes that 381.49 tonnes of undeclared tobacco was detected coming through the borders compared to 7 tonnes of illicit drugs. a. Is this a reflection of the low risk, high gain criminal enterprises view of the illicit tobacco market?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/131	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	Long-term illicit tobacco seizure strategy	Taking into account that a syndicate can make more money from illicit tobacco than cocaine smuggling, and that they can absorb many seizures of imported materials before losing money, what is the long term aim of the seizure strategy?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/132	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	ASL Tobacco Strike Team	What is the current Full Time Equivalent headcount of Tobacco Strike Team?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.2: Border Management
SE17/133	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	DIBP capacity to address illicit tobacco	a. Have any of the resources provided to the ABF (specifically the \$7.7 million) been allocated to officers based offshore to support the Strike Team? In addition to inquiries about to report, Government Ministers and the Commissioner of the ABF have stated that illicit tobacco and related organised crime are a top priority. Going forward, how do you assess the capacity of the DIBP to take a leading role in the fight?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.2: Border Management
SE17/134	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	Mail seizures online ordering	The statistics relating to mail seizures indicates a significant online ordering problem. What is being done to solve this systemic issue?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/135	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	Importing cigarettes via the mail	60,000 people have been caught importing cigarettes via the mail. How many people does the Department estimate are importing cigarettes via the mail annually? a. If the Department has no estimate - why not? b. Is the Department looking to develop estimates so they can appropriately and accurately address the crime?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.2: Border Management
SE17/136	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	Illicit Tobacco seizure fines	How many fines were issued in relation to these seizures? a. What % of those fines issued have been paid? b. What strategies do you have in place to stop this crime?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/137	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	Illicit tobacco and AFP relationship	Last estimates ABF noted that they do a lot of post-border work with the police services regarding drugs, but not with illicit tobacco as that is not a focus. Looking to the sheer amount of tobacco being seized and the considerable amount we know is still getting through, is ABF looking to increase resources so they can now address this issue?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.2: Border Management
SE17/138	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	ABF tobacco officers investigations	As confirmed at Estimates in February (pg.82 27 Feb 2017 Hansard) ABF has no jurisdiction under state legislation in regards to tobacco offences. Can you confirm that the DIBP has not investigated any matters regarding illicit tobacco, tobacco on which tariffs were not paid or which do not comply with plain packaging laws, being sold in local stores?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/139	Policy	Strategic Policy & Planning	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	Tobacco tax gap	Has the new calculation for the tobacco tax gap, identified as a goal for the Department at last estimates in May, been finalised? a. If not, why not?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.2: Border Management
SE17/140	Corporate	Integrity, Security & Assurance	Senator Kakoshcke-Moore	Legislative amendments to combat revenue evasion and organised crime	What is inhibiting the DIBP and ABF from producing draft legislative amendments to combat revenue evasion and organised crime in this space?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/141	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	Australia-PNG Agreement for Closure of Manus RPC	1. Please provide a copy of the agreement in place between the Australian Government and the Papua New Guinean Government following the closure of the Manus Island RPC. 2. Provide the date the agreement in place between the Australian Government and the Papua New Guinean Government following the closure of the Manus Island RPC was signed. 3. Provide the date the agreement in place between the Australian Government and the Papua New Guinean Government following the closure of the Manus Island RPC was signed.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/142	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	IHMS contract for Manus RPC	Please provide a copy of the contract in place between the Australian Government and IHMS for the provision of healthcare of asylum seekers and refugees on PNG following the closure of the Manus Island RPC.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/143	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Refugees applying for transfer	1. How many refugees have applied for transfer from Manus Island to Nauru at 31 October 2017? 2. How many refugees have transferred from Manus Island RPC to Nauru at time of reporting?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/144	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Payment to Nauruan Government per refugee	Please outline how much Australia pays the Nauruan Government per refugee at the Nauru RPC per month.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
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SE17/146	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Nauru RPC detainee financial assistance	Please outline the financial assistance each refugee at the Nauru RPC receives per month from the Australian Government.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/147	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	Construct contract	1. Please provide a copy of the contract in place to provide welfare and garrison services on Nauru after 31 October 2017. 2. Please detail the company in place to provide welfare and garrison services on Nauru after 31 October 2017. 3. Please detail the cost of the contract in place to provide welfare and garrison services on Nauru after 31 October 2017. 4. Please detail the duration of the contract in place to provide welfare and garrison services on Nauru after 31 October 2017. 5. Please detail the date on which the Immigration Minister was provided a copy of the new contract. 6. Please detail the date on which the Immigration Minister was briefed in relation to the new contract. 7. Please detail the date on which the Immigration Minister approved the new contract.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/148	Support	Health Services & Policy/CMO - Surgeon General ABF	Senator Carr	CMO resignation	Provide the date on which the Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon General of the Australian Border Force resigned.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/149	Support	Health Services & Policy/CMO - Surgeon General ABF	Senator Carr	Health advice panel meetings	Please detail the number of times and the dates the Department's Health advice panel has met since the resignation of the Chief Medical Officer and Surgeon General of the Australian Border Force.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/150	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	Health professionals at RPCs	1. Please detail the number of medical staff professionals and their position currently on PNG. 2. Please detail the number of medical staff professionals and their position currently on Nauru.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/151	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Medical transfers from Manus and Nauru	1. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees have been transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for medical assistance for the past five financial years. 2. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees have been transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for medical assistance for the past five financial years. 3. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees have been transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia because a family member was receiving medical assistance for the past five financial years. 4. Please outline how many children have been transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for medical assistance for the past five financial years. 5. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees have been transferred from Manus and Nauru to Australia for instances of self-harm for the past five financial years. 6. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees have been transferred from Nauru to Australia for instances alleged sexual assault in the past five financial years. 7. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees have been transferred from Nauru to Australia for pregnancy terminations for the past five financial years.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/152	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Waiting list for medical transfer - Nauru	Please outline how many people are on the waiting list for medical transfer requests from Nauru.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/153	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Waiting list for medical transfer - Manus	Please outline how many people are on the waiting list for medical transfer requests from Manus Island.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/154	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Denied medical transfer - Nauru	Please outline how many people have been denied medical transfer requests from Nauru for the past five financial years.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/155	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Denied medical transfer - Manus	Please outline how many people have been denied medical transfer requests from Manus Island for the past five financial years.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/156	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Number of Bridging E visas	1. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees who came to Australia from Manus Island or Nauru on medical transfers who have been issued with final departure Bridging E visas by nationality, age, gender and whether they spent time on Manus Island or Nauru. 2. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees who have been issued with final departure Bridging E visas are children. 3. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees who have been issued with final departure Bridging E visas are pregnant women. 4. Please outline how many asylum seekers or refugees who have been issued with final departure Bridging E visas are being treated for mental health problems.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/157	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Australia-UNHCR agreement on resettlement with immediate family	Does the Government have any agreement(s) with the UNHCR in regards to the resettlement of refugees with immediate family ties in Australia.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/158	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Refugees with immediate family in Australia	Please detail how many refugees in PNG or Nauru have immediate family members – including wives, children, parents – in Australia.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/159	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Release of custody	Please detail the number of instances in which a DIBP staff member, ABF officer or contractor has emailed any refugee on Nauru a "Release of Custody" form.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/160	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Third country resettlement	1. Please detail the countries the Department has had discussions with in relation to third country resettlement for refugees on Manus Island and/or Nauru. 2. Please detail the countries the Department has had negotiations with in relation to third country resettlement for refugees on Manus Island and/or Nauru. 3. Please detail the dates the Department has briefed the Immigration Minister about third country resettlement options this calendar year. 4. Please detail any discussions the Department has had with the Taiwanese Government about that country being a third country resettlement option 5. Please detail any discussions the Department has had with the Albania Government about that country being a third country resettlement option	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/161	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Cambodia resettlement agreement	1. Please provide the number of people resettled under the Cambodia resettlement agreement and the dates on which those refugees resettled 2. Please provide the number of refugees who have resettled in Cambodia who are still living in Cambodia as at 31 October 2017 3. Please provide the cost of resettling these individuals under the Cambodia resettlement agreement 4. Please provide the overall cost of the Cambodia resettlement deal	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/162	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Dates for MIBP meeting with Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking	Please detail the dates the Immigration Minister has met with Australia's Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking this calendar year.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/163	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Briefings for MIBP on Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking	Please detail the dates the Department has briefed the Immigration Minister to assist in discussions with Australia's Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking this calendar year.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/164	Corporate	Integrity, Security & Assurance	Senator Carr	Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention meetings	Please detail the dates Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention has met this calendar year.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/165	Corporate	Integrity, Security & Assurance	Senator Carr	Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention work priorities	Provide the Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention current work priorities	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/166	Corporate	Integrity, Security & Assurance	Senator Carr	Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention recommendations	1. Has the Minister asked the Department to undertake any further work on ideas or advice from the Council? 2. Provide the number of recommendations made by Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention that the Minister Provide the number and names of reports delivered to the Minister or Department by the Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention. 3. Are there any plans to publish any of the Council's reports to the Government.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/167	Corporate	Integrity, Security & Assurance	Senator Carr	Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention travel to RPCs	When did the Council last travel to Manus Island or Nauru?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/168	Corporate	Integrity, Security & Assurance	Senator Carr	Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention costs	Please detail the cost to the Department, including sitting fees, travel costs and other expenses, to run the Council.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/169	Corporate	Corporate Services	Senator Carr	Use of new DIBP building	Please outline how the new DIBP building will be used following the announcement of the Department of Home Affairs	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/170	Corporate	Corporate Services	Senator Carr	Proposed changes to new DIBP building	1. Please detail any proposed changes to the approved plans for the new DIBP building this calendar year 2. Please detail the cost of any proposed changes to the approved plans for the new DIBP building this calendar year	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)

SE17/171	Corporate	Corporate Services	Senator Carr	Proposed changes to armoury in new DIBP building	1. Please detail any modifications or expansions to be made to the armoury in the new DIBP building as a result of the announcement of the Department of Home Affairs 2. Please detail the cost of any modifications or expansions to be made to the armoury	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/172	Corporate	Corporate Services	Senator Carr	Regional office numbers and staffing	1. Please detail how many regional or district DIBP offices there are in Australia by State or Territory. 2. Please detail how many staff work at these DIBP offices, by office.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/173	Corporate	Corporate Services	Senator Carr	Closure of regional offices	Please detail any of the current DIBP regional or district offices the Department is planning on closing in the current term of Government.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/174	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Carr	Visits to regional offices	Please detail how many visits have been made to these DIBP offices, by office, for the past five financial years.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/175	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Cost to maintain regional offices	Please provide the average cost to maintain these offices.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/176	Corporate	People	Senator Carr	Workplace Arbitration	Please explain if the ruling of the current DIBP Workplace Arbitration Process will apply to Departmental staff if the Department changes names to the Department of Home Affairs	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/177	Visa and Citizenship Services	Digital Transformation and Channels	Senator Carr	Outsourcing Departmental call centre contacts	Please detail if the Department is engaging with Serco to take any over any Departmental call centre contracts	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/178	Corporate	People	Senator Carr	Staffing numbers in visa processing	Please detail the number of Department staff members currently working in visa processing	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/179	Visa and Citizenship Services	Digital Transformation and Channels	Senator Carr	Expected visa processing staffing post visa reform	Please detail the number of Department staff members due to be working in visa processing following the visa processing reform	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/180	Corporate	People	Senator Carr	Redundancies post visa reform	Please outline if these staff will be made redundant or reallocated within the Department	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/181	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	Visa simplification review submissions	1. Please detail the number of submissions were made to the Department's Visa simplification review 2. Please confirm if all submissions to the Department's Visa simplification review were made public	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/182	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	Visa simplification review timeframe	1. Please detail the planned timeline for the Visa simplification review 2. Please detail any deadline the Department has for a new visa framework	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/183	Visa and Citizenship Services	Community Protection	Senator Carr	AAT decisions	1. Please detail how many AAT decisions were eligible for the Minister to set aside for the past five financial years 2. Please detail how many AAT decisions were set aside by the Minister for the past five financial years 3. Please detail on average how many briefs on the AAT the Department provides to the Immigration Minister each week	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/184	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Budget savings	Please detail the Budget savings the Department achieved as announced in the Final Budget Outlook	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/185	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Target number of onshore detention	Provide the target number of people in onshore-detention population over the forward estimates	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/186	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Future costs modelling of onshore detention	Please provide any modelling undertaken on the current and future costs of onshore detention	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/187	Corporate	Executive	Senator Carr	PLN Staffing	Please detail the number of staff working in the Parliamentary Liaison Network for each of the past five financial years	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/188	Corporate	Executive	Senator Carr	PLN enquiries	Please detail the number of enquiries received by the Parliamentary Liaison Network for each of the past five financial years	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/189	Corporate	Executive	Senator Carr	PLN 1300 number	1. Please detail the date on which the new 1300 Parliamentary Liaison Network number came into effect 2. Please detail the number of calls received at the new 1300 Parliamentary Liaison Network number since it began 3. Please detail the number of occasions in which the new 1300 Parliamentary Liaison Network number has crashed or faced outage problems, the duration of the outage and reason of the failure	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/190	Operations	OSB IATF	Senator Carr	OSB advertising	1. Please detail the number of overseas advertising campaigns the Department has undertaken in the past year 2. Please detail the cost of overseas advertising campaigns the Department has undertaken in the past year 3. Please detail the countries in which the Department has undertaken overseas advertising campaigns in the past year 4. Please detail the cost of digital advertising campaigns target at foreign countries the Department has undertaken in the past year	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/191	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	Migrant Worker Exploitation Senate Enquiry recommendations	Please detail whether or not the Department has adopted Recommendation 29 of the Senate Inquiry report A National Disgrace: The Exploitation of Temporary Work Visa Holders into protocol	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/192	Visa and Citizenship Services	Community Protection	Senator Carr	DIBP-Fair Work Ombudsman Protocol	1. Earlier this year, the Migrant Workers Taskforce agreed to a new reporting protocol between the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and the Fair Work Ombudsman. Explain how the new protocol works. 3. Why was the new protocol needed and an example of the type of exploitative work environment that would be referred to the new Immigration and FWO protocol? 4. Have there been any positive outcomes for migrant workers since it was introduced? 5. In the Chairs Public Statement June 2017, Professor Allan Fels AO said the reporting protocol is now operational. Provide the date did the new protocol begin. 6. How many people have used the new process since it was introduced?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/193	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	MACSM membership	Please detail the current members of the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Skilled Migration, including their start and end dates.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/194	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	MIBP meetings with MACSM	Please detail the dates on which the Immigration Minister has met with the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Skilled Migration this calendar year	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/195	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	MACSM recommendations adopted by MIBP	Provide the number of recommendations made by Ministerial Advisory Committee on Skilled Migration has the Minister adopted?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/196	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	MACSM reports delivered	Provide the number and names of reports delivered to the Minister or Department by the Committee?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/197	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	MACSM costs	Please detail the cost to the Department, including sitting fees, travel costs and other expenses, to run the Council.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/198	Support	Border Force Capability	Senator Carr	BFORT training positions	Please detail how many positions are available under the Border Force Officer Recruit Traineeship (BFORT) program	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/199	Support	Border Force Capability	Senator Carr	ABF officer positions post-BFORT	Please detail how many ABF officer graduate positions will be available following the Border Force Officer Recruit Traineeship (BFORT) program	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/200	Support	Border Force Capability	Senator Carr	BFORT firearms training	Please detail how many graduates of the Border Force Officer Recruit Traineeship (BFORT) program will undergo training to operate a firearm	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/201	Support	Border Management	Senator Carr	ABF use of force capability	1. Please detail how many ABF officers currently have authority to use force 2. Please detail how many ABF officers currently have authority to use a firearm	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/202	Corporate	People	Senator Carr	DIBP staffing	1. Please detail how many staff have worked for the Department for the past five financial years 2. Please detail how many staff the Department has been reduced by for the past five financial years 3. Please provide the breakdown across Departments within DIBP that these staffing reductions have occurred for the past five financial years	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Internal Product (DIBP)
SE17/203	Operations	Maritime Border Command (MBC)	Senator Carr	OSB vessels and sea time	1. Please detail how many vessels are involved in Operation Sovereign Borders 2. Please detail how many days on sea were there last financial year as part of Operation Sovereign Borders	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/204	Operations	OSB IATF	Senator Carr	Boat turn backs	Please provide the number of vessels turned back by the ABF, the dates on which they were turned back, the number of adults and the number of children on board, and the country where the vessel departed from for: • 2012/2013 • 2013/2014 • 2014/2015 • 2015/2016 • 2016/2017 • 2017/2018	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/205	Operations	OSB IATF	Senator Carr	Illegal boats landing in Australia	1. Please detail how many illegal boats have landed on Australian territory this calendar year 2. Please detail how many illegal boats have landed in Australian territory, including Australian waters, this calendar year	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/206	Operations	OSB IATF	Senator Carr	IMA arrivals in Australia	1. Please detail how many illegal maritime arrivals have landed on Australian territory this year 2. Please detail how many illegal maritime arrivals have remained in Australian territory this year	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/207	I&C	Identity & Biometrics	Senator Carr	Portable biometric scanners	Please explain the portable biometric scanners the Department begun trialling Please outline the protocols ABF officers follow in using these portable biometric scanners	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement

SE17/208	Operations	Strategic Border Command (SBC)	Senator Carr	Identifying non-citizen travellers	Please detail how an ABF officer would identify "non-citizen travellers" at an Australian airport	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/209	Operations	Strategic Border Command (SBC)	Senator Carr	Travellers arriving on private planes	1. Please detail how passengers travelling on private planes clear immigration when arriving in Australia 2. Please detail any differences in security or customs screening passengers travelling on private planes go through when arriving in Australia	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/210	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Carr	Passengers at private airports	Please detail the number of private airports that operate in Australia and their locations Please detail the number of passengers to arrive and depart Australia from private airports in the past financial year	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/211	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Costs for passenger clearance on private planes and private airports	1. Please detail the cost to the Department of clearing a passenger on a private plane 2. Please outline the cost to the Department to clear an individual through immigration at a private airport	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/212	Corporate	Corporate Services	Senator Carr	Proposed Departmental offices at private airports	Please outline any ABF offices the Departmental is planning on trialling or establishing private airports in Australia	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.1: Border Enforcement
SE17/213	Corporate	Executive	Senator Carr	Market research: Unlawful non-citizens behavioural insights research	Please provide a copy of the market research entitled "Unlawful non-citizens behavioural insights research" by Whereo Research Based Consulting as referenced in QON BE17/168	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.2: Border Management
SE17/214	Visa and Citizenship Services	Community Protection	Senator Carr	Detention of Australian citizens	Please detail the number of Australian citizens wrongly detained in immigration detention in the past five financial years, the duration or their detention and any compensation paid to those people	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/215	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	Annual cost of one person on onshore detention	Please detail the annual cost to the Department of one person being onshore immigration detention in Australia	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/216	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Annual cost of one person in community detention	Please detail the annual cost to the Department of someone living in community detention in Australia	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/217	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	Number of complaints about Serco and complaint process	Please detail how many complaints about Serco's management of immigration detention centres have been made to the Department over the past five financial years Please outline the process once a complaint against Serco is made	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.3: Compliance and Detention
SE17/218	Visa and Citizenship Services	Digital Transformation and Channels	Senator Carr	Number of complaints made by detainees about detention	Please detail how many complaints have been made by detainees about immigration detention centres over the past five financial years	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/219	Visa and Citizenship Services	Digital Transformation and Channels	Senator Carr	Number of complaints made by visitors about detention	Please detail how many complaints have been made by visitors about immigration detention centres over the past five financial years	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/220	Operations	Detention and Offshore Operations Command	Senator Carr	Instances of illicit substances being smuggled into immigration detention	Please detail how many instances of illicit substances, such as methamphetamine, being successfully smuggled into immigration detention centres in the past five financial years Please detail how many instances of guards smuggling illicit substances into immigration detention centres in the past five financial years	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/221	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	Cost of renovation or construction in onshore detention	Please detail the cost of renovation or construction being undertaken in onshore immigration detention facilities	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/222	Visa and Citizenship Services	Community Protection	Senator Carr	Section 501 character cancellations	1. Please detail how many 501 character cancellations have occurred this calendar year 2. Please detail any occasions in the past year has the Department incorrectly cancelled a visa under Section 501 of the Migration Act 3. Please detail how many 501 cancellations have been by decision of the Immigration Minister over the past five years 4. Please detail how many of these 501 cancellations have been by decisions of a delegates of the Immigration Minister over the past five years	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/223	Visa and Citizenship Services	Community Protection	Senator Carr	Section 501 cancellations for permanent residents	1. Please detail how many permanent residents have had their visas cancelled over the past five years 2. Please detail how many permanent residents have had their visas cancelled whilst overseas over the past five years	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/224	Support	Border Management	Senator Carr	Correctional facility departure process	Please outline the process between correctional facilities and the Department when a noncitizen is leaving a correctional facility	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/225	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Carr	IMA Legacy Caseload	1. Please detail the number of people who failed to lodge their claims for protection prior to the 1 October deadline by State or Territory, nationality, age and gender 2. Please detail the additional resourcing the Department has put in place to process the claims lodged prior to the 1 October deadline including the total cost, number of additional staffing positions and where those resources have been redirected from	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/226	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Carr	Fast Track applications	1. How many claims for asylum have been processed through Fast track for each of the last five years, provide the data by approved and refused 2. Of those application which were refused, provide a breakdown of how many people have left Australia and the number who still remain in Australia	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/227	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Children in onshore detention	Provide the number of children that have been held in an onshore detention or transit centre at any time over the last five years.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.4: IMA Onshore Management
SE17/228	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Financial assistance for voluntary returns	Please outline the financial assistance provided to an asylum seeker willing to make a voluntary return to their country of origin	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/229	Visa and Citizenship Services	Community Protection	Senator Carr	People who have voluntarily returned	Please provide the number of people who have voluntarily returned to their country of origin broken down by country for each of the last five financial years	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/230	Support	Children, Community & Settlement Services (CCSS)	Senator Carr	Rohingya persons on Manus	1. Please detail how many Rohingya are on Manus Island 2. Please detail how many Rohingya on Manus Island been offered a financial incentive to return to Myanmar 3. Please detail how many Rohingya on Manus Island accepted a financial incentive to return to Myanmar 4. Please detail how many Rohingya on Manus Island been forcibly returned to Myanmar and the date they were returned 5. Please detail how many Rohingya on Manus Island have applied for the US refugee resettlement arrangement	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.5: IMA Offshore Management
SE17/231	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Five Country Ministerial	1. Please detail who invited the Immigration Minister to Five Country Ministerial (FCM) on National Security in Ottawa in June 2017 2. Please detail any presentations the Immigration Minister gave at the Five Country Ministerial (FCM) on National Security 3. Please outline who from the Department accompanied the Immigration Minister on this trip 4. Please detail the total cost of the Immigration Minister and any Departmental staff attending this trip	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 1.6: Regional Cooperation
SE17/232	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Carr	Asylum claims at Australian airports	1. Please outline the process DIBP follows if a person lands in Australia by plane and claims asylum while still in the airport 2. The detail how many people have arrived at an international airport and claimed asylum for each of the last financial years. 3. Of those people who claimed asylum at an international airport, who many were returned to their country of origin within 72 hours of arrival in Australia? 4. Of those people who claimed asylum at an international airport, please detail how many were transferred to an immigration detention or transit facility to have their claims for asylum assessed? 5. Of those people who claimed asylum at an international airport, how many have successfully claimed asylum and were awarded a temporary protection or other humanitarian visa	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/233	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Carr	Detention arising from asylum claim at airport	Please detail how many people are currently in a detention or transit centre in Australia as the result of claiming asylum in an airport	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/234	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Carr	Asylum claimants at the border	Please provide a breakdown of the people who have claimed asylum at Australia's border by airport or port, nationality, gender, age and determination outcome	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/235	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Carr	Refugees resettled in Australia	Prove a breakdown of refugees resettled within Australia by country of origin for each of the past five years.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration

	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Carr	Parent visas and forced adoption	1. Please outline if biological parents are eligible for parent visas to reunite with their children in Australia, if those children have been subject to forced adoption overseas. 2. Please detail when the Department has briefed the Minister about forced adoption migration issues, provide the dates and format of the briefing	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/236	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Carr	Modern slavery case referrals to AFP	1. Please detail how many cases of modern slavery referred by the ABF to the AFP have resulted in briefs of evidence 2. Please detail how many cases of modern slavery referred by the ABF to the AFP have resulted in successful prosecutions 3. Please detail how many cases of modern slavery referred by the ABF to the AFP have involved sex workers 4. Please detail how many cases of modern slavery referred by the ABF to the AFP have involved agricultural work	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/237	Visa and Citizenship Services	Community Protection	Senator Carr	Anti-slavery activities undertaken by DIBP	Please outline the analysis of its anti-slavery activities the Department is currently undertaking.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/238	Support	Border Force Capability	Senator Carr	ABF officer training for trafficking/forced labour	Please outline the training ABF officers undertake to recognise and respond appropriately to potential victims of trafficking/forced labour	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/239	Visa and Citizenship Services	Community Protection	Senator Carr	Visas approved for victims of trafficking	Please detail how many victims of trafficking (excluding eligible family members) have received a permanent visa in Australia since one was introduced. Please breakdown by visa type	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.2: Migration
SE17/240	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Carr	Taskforce Cadena staffing	Please detail how many ABF officers work as part of Taskforce Cadena	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/241	Operations	Enforcement Command	Senator Carr	Taskforce Cadena operations	1. Please detail how many joint operations have been executed this financial year as part of Taskforce Cadena 2. Please detail how many people were taken into custody as part of Taskforce Cadena 3. Please detail how many people were deported as part of Taskforce Cadena 4. Please detail how many instances of wage theft the Department has identified as part of Taskforce Cadena 5. Please detail how many instances of wage theft the Department has referred to the Fair Work Ombudsman as part of Taskforce Cadena 6. Please detail the convictions that have come as a result of Taskforce Cadena investigations 7. Please detail how many arrests of offenders have been made as part of Taskforce Cadena 8. Please detail how many people have been prosecuted under Migration Act offences as part of Taskforce Cadena 9. Please detail how many fines have been imposed and how much have these fines totalled as part of Taskforce Cadena	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/242	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Taskforce Cadena resourcing	Please detail how much Departmental budget is contributed to Taskforce Cadena	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/243	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	TSS visas	Please detail how many TSS visas does the Department expect will be granted in the first year of operation of the new visa scheme	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/244	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	Subclass 186 and subclass 187 visa	1. Please detail how many Employer Nomination Scheme (subclass 186) visas does the Department expect will be granted in the first year of operation of the new visa scheme 2. Please detail how many Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme visa (subclass 187) visas does the Department expect will be granted in the first year of operation of the new visa scheme 3. Please outline the rationale behind requiring, at a minimum, an International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6 in each component (Competent English) for applications for subclass 186 and subclass 187 visas made under the Temporary Residence Transition (TRT) stream lodged on or after 1 July 2017.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/245	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Skilling Australians Fund	1. Please provide the modelling for the first year of the Skilling Australians Fund 2. Please outline the expenses will be incurred by the DIBP in their collection and administration of the Skilling Australians Fund (SAF)	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/246	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Carr	457 visas issued	1. Please detail how many 457 visas were issued in the 2016-17 financial year. 2. Please detail how many 457 visas have been issued in the current financial year. 3. Please provide a comparison of the number of 457 visas issued year-on-year for the past five financial years.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/247	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Revenue from 457 visas	1. Please detail how much revenue did 457 visas generate in the 2016-17 financial year. 2. Please detail how much revenue have 457 visas generated in the current financial year. 3. Please provide the total number of temporary skilled visas that the Department expects to issue in the current financial year and the next four financial years.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/248	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	Permanent skilled visas expected to be issued	Please provide the total number of permanent skilled visas that the Department expects to issue in the current financial year and the next four financial years.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/249	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	Changes to the skilled occupations list	1. In regards to the 1 July changes to the skilled occupations lists, please detail how many occupations were removed from both lists. 2. In regards to the 1 July changes to the skilled occupations lists, please detail how many occupations were removed from the short term list. 3. In regards to the 1 July changes to the skilled occupations lists, please detail how many occupations were removed from the medium/long term list. 4. In regards to the 1 July changes to the skilled occupations lists, please detail how many occupations were added to both lists. 5. In regards to the 1 July changes to the skilled occupations lists, please detail how many occupations were added to the short term list. 6. In regards to the 1 July changes to the skilled occupations lists, please detail how many occupations were added to the medium/long term list. 7. In regards to the 1 July changes to the skilled occupations lists, please detail how many occupations were moved from the short term list the medium/long term list. 8. In regards to the 1 July changes to the skilled occupations lists, please detail how many occupations were moved from the medium/long term list to the short term list. 9. Please outline which peak industry bodies the Department consulted with in making the 1 July updates to the two skilled occupation visa lists. 10. Please outline which peak industry bodies the Department is consulting with in the next updates to the skilled occupation visa lists. 11. Please detail the consultation the Department is currently undertaking into how the Department reviews the skilled occupations lists. 12. Please explain why the consultation taking place after two significant changes to the program. 13. Please detail how many submissions has the Department received thus far. 14. Please detail any advertisement to prompt submissions to the consultation the Department has undertaken, including a list of all publications or networks and the total costs of that advertising 15. Please explain the rationale behind introducing a third skilled occupation list called the Regional Migration Occupations List. 16. Please detail how the Regional Migration Occupations List will operate.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/250	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Carr	Labour agreement applications	1. Provide a breakdown on the number of Labour Agreements applied for over the past five years, also provide the number approved and refused over the same time. 2. How many Labour Agreement have been applied for since 1 May 2017 broken down by approved and refused. 3. For the Labour Agreements applied for since 1 May 2017, please provide a list of the all the occupations with their ANZSCO number applied for within those agreements. 4. How many Labour Agreements approved in the last five years have been approved with exemptions.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/251	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	Labour agreements: occupations and legislative provisions	1. Please outline the occupations that can be applied for under a Labour Agreement? 2. Do occupations within Labour Agreements need to be on a skills shortage list? If not, why? 3. Under what section of the Act are Labour Agreement established? 4. Which delegates have the authority to approve a Labour Agreement?	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
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	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Carr	Subclass 400 visa	<p>1. Please detail the statistical information for the subclass 400 visa the Department collects</p> <p>2. Please detail the statistical information about the subclass 400 visa the Department publishes publicly</p> <p>3. Please detail the number of subclass 400 visas were applied for in:</p> <p>a. 2012-13</p> <p>b. 2013-14</p> <p>c. 2014-15</p> <p>d. 2015-16</p> <p>e. 2016-17</p> <p>f. 2017-18 (to 31 October 2017)</p> <p>4. Please detail the number of subclass 400 visas were granted in:</p> <p>a. 2012-13</p> <p>b. 2013-14</p> <p>c. 2014-15</p> <p>d. 2015-16</p> <p>e. 2016-17</p> <p>f. 2017-18 (to 31 October 2017)</p> <p>5. Please detail the top 5 reasons a subclass 400 visa is not approved</p> <p>6. Please detail the number of people overstayed, or are suspected to have overstayed, with subclass 400 visa in:</p> <p>a. 2012-13</p> <p>b. 2013-14</p> <p>c. 2014-15</p> <p>d. 2015-16</p> <p>e. 2016-17</p> <p>f. 2017-18 (to 31 October 2017)</p> <p>7. Please detail the breakdown of all subclass 400 visas granted, by each Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations (ANZSCO) code, in the financial years:</p> <p>a. 2012-13</p> <p>b. 2013-14</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/253	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Carr	Nature of work: Ships Engineers, Ships Masters and Ships Officers	<p>1. Please detail the procedures the Department follows to determine whether the work of these Ships Engineers, Ships Masters and Ships Officers is Highly Specialised Work for the purposes of the Migration Regulations</p> <p>2. Please detail the State, Territory or Federal Government bodies the Department has consulted with about the nature of the work to be performed by the Ships Engineers, Ships Masters and Ships Officers</p> <p>3. Please detail the external bodies the Department has consulted with about the nature of the work to be performed by the Ships Engineers, Ships Masters and Ships Officers</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
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SE17/255	Policy	Immigration & Citizenship Policy	Senator Carr	Purpose of transit visas	Please detail the purpose and benefit of a transit visa.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/256	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Carr	Transit visa application information collected	Please detail the information that is gathered by DIBP on transit visa applications and how it is used by the department.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/257	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Carr	Number of transit visa applications	<p>1. Please detail the number of transit visas applied for by port and airport for the past five financial years</p> <p>2. Please detail the number of transit visas granted by port and airport for the past five financial years</p> <p>3. Please detail the number of transit visas declined by port and airport for the past five financial years</p> <p>4. Please detail the top five reasons for a transit visa being declined</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/258	Policy	Strategic Policy & Planning	Senator Carr	Illegal entry without valid transit visa	Please detail any instances of someone entering Australia via a plane without a valid transit visa for the past five financial years	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/259	Visa and Citizenship Services	Visa & Citizenship Management	Senator Carr	Visas issued to North Korean citizens	<p>1. Please detail how many visas have been issued to North Korean citizens in the past five financial years</p> <p>2. Please detail how many visas have been issued to North Korean citizens in the past 12 months by visa type</p> <p>3. Please detail how many visas applications have been refused to North Korean citizens in the past five years.</p> <p>4. Please outline the security screening North Korean citizens applying for a visa go through</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.3: Visas
SE17/260	Support	Detention Services (DSD)	Senator Carr	Regional Australia refugee resettlement	<p>1. Provide a breakdown of how many refugees have resettled in regional Australia in the past five financial years by regional location, nationality, age and gender.</p> <p>2. Please outline any regional resettlement programs the Department is undertaking</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/261	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Carr	Costa Rica agreement refugee resettlement	<p>1. Please detail how many refugees have been resettled in Australia under the Costa Rica agreement</p> <p>2. Please detail how many refugees have been resettled in Australia since last Estimates</p> <p>3. Please detail how many cases have been forwarded to Australia for consideration since last Estimates.</p> <p>4. Of those cases, how many has Australia rejected and what were the reasons.</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/262	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Costa Rica agreement	<p>1. How many people will Australia accept under the Costa Rica agreement?</p> <p>2. Are refugees from Cuban eligible as part of the Costa Rica agreement.</p> <p>3. Please detail when the Department last briefed the Immigration Minister about the Costa Rica arrangement, provide all briefing dates and the format of that briefing.</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/263	Visa and Citizenship Services	Refugee & Humanitarian Visa Management	Senator Carr	Cuban refugee resettlement	<p>1. Please detail how many refugees Australia has resettled from Cuba in the last five financial years.</p> <p>2. Please detail how many refugees who have spent time in Guantanamo Bay have been resettled in Australia in the last five years.</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/264	Policy	International	Senator Carr	Australia-US agreement for Cuban refugee resettlement	<p>1. Please outline any ongoing arrangement Australia has with the United States to resettle individuals from Guantanamo Bay, including the number of refugees who will be resettled under the agreement.</p> <p>2. Please detail the arrangement or agreement were the 17 Cuban refugees from Guantanamo Bay resettled in Queensland.</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 2.4: Refugee and Humanitarian Assistance
SE17/265	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Carr	DIBP's role in the Tourist Refund Scheme	Please outline DIBP's role in administering the Tourist Refund Scheme.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/266	Support	Border Management	Senator Carr	Use of Tourist Refund Scheme	<p>1. Please detail how many unprocessed TRS claims are there at Brisbane Airport.</p> <p>2. Please detail how many unprocessed claims there are nationally, provide a breakdown by airport.</p> <p>3. Please detail how many staff are rostered to each Tourist Refund Scheme service desk throughout the day.</p> <p>4. Please detail the top five countries to use the TRS by country of origin of travellers.</p> <p>5. How many claims were progressed at each TRS service desk for each of the past five financial years.</p> <p>6. Please detail the total amount paid out to overseas travellers in refunds for each of the past five financial years.</p> <p>7. Please detail the top five countries who use the TRS scheme.</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/267	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Carr	Review of Tourist Refund Scheme	<p>1. Has the Department undertaken any external reviews of the TRS within the past five financial years.</p> <p>2. Has the department identified any instances where the TRS program has been exploited by travellers. Please provide examples.</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/268	Support	Border Management	Senator Carr	Commercial agencies engaged for Tourist Refund Scheme	<p>1. Please detail how many TRS refunds are facilitated by a contracted commercial agency. Provide the names of all commercial agencies.</p> <p>2. Please outline if there companies who facilitate refunds on behalf of individuals.</p> <p>3. Please detail how many refunds were sought this way.</p> <p>4. Please detail the largest and smallest single person refund sought through a commercial agency in each of the past five financial years</p>	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.1: Border-Revenue Collection
SE17/269	Policy	Traveller, Customs and Industry Policy	Senator Carr	Non-conforming building products	Please detail any briefings the Department has provided the Immigration Minister about banning highly flammable polyethylene (PE) cladding including listing the dates of all briefings and the format of that briefing.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.2: Trade Facilitation and Industry Engagement
SE17/270	Corporate	Finance/CFO	Senator Carr	Tobacco Strike Team funding	Please outline the funding for the DIBP's Tobacco Strike Team for the forward estimates period.	Written, Friday 3 November 2017	Programme 3.2: Trade Facilitation and Industry Engagement