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QUESTION ON NOTICE / Spoken

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Hearing Date: 21 December 2022

Topic: Incidents or issues prior to meetings being scheduled

Senator Claire Chandler

Question

"CHAIR: Are you able to provide to the committee which incidents or issues might have precipitated these meetings on an individual basis?

Mr Innes-Brown: I don't have that right before me. Generally speaking, it's been the course of the protests in relation to particularly egregious events in them like people getting sentenced to death. And then, most recently, people being actually executed and so forth. It's obviously been a very dark few months in Iran, and we've taken up a range of issues in that context.

CHAIR: Is it possible that you could provide to the committee on notice the specific incidents or issues that did give rise to each of those meetings?

Mr Innes-Brown: Yes, I can provide on notice the issues that generally were raised. There's a certain commonality amongst all of them, I'm afraid."

Answer

Meeting date	Issues that precipitated meeting
26 September 2022	The death of Mahsa (Jina) Amini and Iran's violent crackdown on the protests.
13 October 2022	The crackdown on protesters and reports the death toll had risen to the hundreds.
2 November 2022	Iran's response to the crackdown on protesters, notably live fire being used against protestors in Kurdistan province and in Khorramabad.
7 November 2022 (phone call)	Reports of apparent efforts by Iranian authorities to intimidate the Iranian community in Australia and Iran's response to the crackdown on protesters.

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15 November 2022	Reports of a protester being sentenced to death, the joint letter signed by 277 Iranian members of parliament supporting the death penalty for protesters and Iran's response to the crackdown on protesters.
22 November 2022	Iran's response to the ongoing protests and the violent crackdown in Kurdistan and Khuzestan provinces.
12 December 2022	The execution of a protester in Iran on 8 December 2022 and Iran's response to the crackdown on protesters.
14 December 2022	The execution of a second protester in Iran on 12 December 2022 and Iran's response to the crackdown on protesters.
19 December 2022	Australia's imposition of sanctions on Iranian persons and entities on 10 December 2022 and Iran's response to the crackdown on protesters.
10 January 2023	The execution of two protestors on 7 January 2023 and Iran's response to the crackdown on protesters.