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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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1	DFAT	Wong	GHOMM	<p>Ms Adamson: We are calling it the global heads of mission meeting.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When was the decision made to do this?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: When I became secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade it was something that I wanted to do in support of the white paper process. I saw considerable value in doing it also for the reasons I have outlined—the importance of our heads of missions connecting with Australians, explaining the work we do and listening to them. I then put a proposal to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When did you do that?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: It would have been certainly something I wrote to our heads of mission about in my first letter to them in early October. So around that time.</p> <p>Senator WONG: The submission had been agreed to at that time?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: It was not a full submission. This is a matter relating to the administration of a department.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sure, I am not suggesting that it was a cabinet submission. I thought you said that you put it before the ministers.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I said to the ministers I was proposing to hold</p>	Page 9	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>a meeting. This would be the purpose and they agreed.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When was that?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I would have to check my diary. We have a series of meetings to—</p> <p>Senator WONG: But before or after your letter?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: After my letter. I said that we were considering holding a meeting. I hoped we would be able to hold a meeting, and then we decided that we would hold a meeting.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Some time after October?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Prior to the last estimates?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I would have to check that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You can take that on notice what that date was.</p>			
2	DFAT	Wong	White Paper	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. Who made the decision that there would be a white paper?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: This was a decision of government.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Thank you. When was that decision made?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I am not able to tell you a direct date at which a decision was made. As we discussed last time, this came out of a commitment by the coalition during the election campaign to produce a foreign policy strategy in the form of a white paper, which we are now doing. I have next to me Mr Justin Hayhurst, first assistant secretary from the white paper taskforce.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Why can't you tell me when?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I became secretary of the department on 25 August. At what point the decision was translated from an election commitment to become a foreign policy white paper, I am not sure.</p>	Page 11	26/04/17	11/05/17

			<p>Senator WONG: What do you mean, you are not sure?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I am not sure. I was not present immediately after the election. My instructions were to produce a foreign policy white paper.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When were you advised that the election commitment would be produced as a white paper? When did you become aware that it would be a white paper?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I became aware when I became secretary. The foreign minister said to me that we would be producing a foreign policy white paper. This was something that I was very keen to do and we have got on with it ever since.</p> <p>Senator WONG: By the way, you said that this was a decision of government. Was that a formal decision? Was it a ministerial level decision or a cabinet decision?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I was asked to produce a foreign policy white paper and that is what we are doing.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I know that that is the sentence you want to keep repeating, Ms Adamson. I am asking you a very direct question: you have agreed in an answer to an earlier question that this was a decision of government. I am simply asking at which level the decision was made. It is a very reasonable question. Was it the minister only or was it a cabinet level decision?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I need to take that question on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Really?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Because, as I said, I became secretary of 24 August. I was asked to produce a foreign policy white paper. That is what we are doing.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I do not understand why people are so worried about this. I am just asking—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We are not worried about it, Senator. I just do not quite understand the purpose of your question.</p>			
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				<p>Senator WONG: Well, I get to ask questions.</p> <p>...</p> <p>CHAIR: Thank you. Can I just ask to return. So the question is: was it a decision of the government or the cabinet? If you cannot answer the question because it predates you, Ms Adamson—</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, that is not what she said.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: It would simply be to repeat what I said before.</p> <p>Senator WONG: This is something I asked previously. I also asked it on notice.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes, and we have answered it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, you did not answer it. That is the point. I will come back to that. I am asking it again and you are taking it on notice again. I do not understand the sensitivity about a date.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: It has been taken on notice, Senator Wong. That is the end of the matter.</p>			
3	DFAT	Wong	White Paper	<p>Senator WONG: I am not making a point about it; I just wanted to make sure we make that clear. You have previously referenced, Secretary, the election commitment. Are you aware as to whether or not DFAT was consulted on the timeframe that would be required for undertaking a white paper prior to that election commitment being made?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I am not aware.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I can take that on notice, yes.</p>	Page 14	26/04/17	11/05/17

4	DFAT	Wong	White Paper	<p>Ms Adamson: There is a detailed cabinet process. There has already been some discussion in cabinet. This is intended to be a whole-of-government white paper so there is, for example, a reflection of the fact that all ministers ultimately will be involved. There is a deputy secretary's board, I think we have called it, a whole-of-government board at deputy secretary level with a very wide range of representation. Mr Hayhurst can talk you through all the various departments if that would be helpful.</p> <p>Senator WONG: We do not have a lot of time. Can you give me the deputy secretary's board on notice?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We can handed it over today.</p>	Page 15	26/04/17	11/05/17

5	DFAT	Wong	White Paper	<p>Ms Adamson: Both Ms Bishop and Mr Ciobo though our lead ministers on this white paper.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And the Prime Minister's role?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: The Prime Minister is taking a very close interest in it and is involved in the development of it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Who briefs the Prime Minister about the white paper process? Is it you, is it Mr Maude, is it only PM&C or is it a group of you?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Mr Maude and I are briefing the Prime Minister and there will be additional briefings, I'm sure, provided by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. There is very regular interaction between the task force and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. I know the Prime Minister has been provided with regular updates. I have had several discussions with him. Mr Maude and I have also formally briefed him.</p> <p>Senator WONG: On notice, can you give me the dates on which the Prime Minister has been briefed, please?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I can give you those dates.</p>	Page 15	26/04/17	11/05/17
6	DFAT	Wong	White Paper	<p>Senator WONG: On notice, can I get the number of times the minister has met with members of the task force, the date on which she has been briefed on progress. Has the minister attended any public consultations as yet?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes she has. I will ask Mr Hayhurst to provide the detail.</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: Ms Bishop has attended to roundtable discussions as part of the consultation process on the task</p>	Page 15	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>force.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When were they?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: They were 3 February and 10 February this year.</p> <p>Senator WONG: With who?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: With a range of different stakeholders invited to discuss our international outlook. So it was part of a general roundtable discussion on the white paper process.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you have a list of attendees for those or can I get them later?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: I will have to search for the list of who actually attended.</p>				
7	DFAT	Wong	White Paper	<p>Senator WONG: Is 18 FTEs, from your perspective, the full complement?</p> <p>Mr Hayhurst: That is right.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Does it have a budget for an administered expenses?</p> <p>Mr Wood: No, it does not have a budget for administered expenses. The expenses the task force is incurring are departmental operating expenses.</p> <p>Senator WONG: If, for example, they made a decision to contract with an economic modeller to try and look at various scenarios for China's economic trajectory, could they do that? What would be the process by which they would do that?</p> <p>Mr Wood: The budget for the task force is in two components. Firstly, the staffing resources are covered by our centralised staffing budget. The operating costs for the</p>	Page 14	26/04/17	11/05/17	

				<p>task force were considered and agreed by the executive as part of the external budget planning process. So the task force has their own departmental operating budget and costs are incurred against that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What is the departmental operating budget?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I would need to come back to you with those details.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you include staff costs in that?</p> <p>Mr Wood: That would exclude staff costs. Staff costs are centralised in the central staffing budget.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Salaries and on-costs keep being paid by DFAT. It is all paid by DFAT. It is centrally allocated but then the operating budget would be for, what, travel?</p> <p>Mr Wood: Correct.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What about third-party contracts and so forth?</p> <p>Mr Wood: I expect those would be covered. In accounting jargon, it has its own cost centre. We could come back with some details on that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could you do that? Can you also tell me where the money was shifted from to create the operating budget?</p> <p>Mr Wood: It came as part of the consideration of the departmental budget and the allocations that occur during the year. But we can come back with some advice.</p>			
8	DFAT	Wong	Special Strategic Partnership with Japan	<p>Mr Fletcher: Under our special strategic relationship with Japan, prime ministers usually exchange visits every second year. So we expected Mr Abe would be able to visit in 2016. In the event, it was not possible so his visit was put off until January.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is the special strategic partnership called</p>	Page 24	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>the SSP? What do you call it?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: We just call it the special strategic partnership. We only have one.</p> <p>Senator WONG: How many prime ministerial visits have been held under the special strategic partnership?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I will have to take that on notice. Prime Minister Turnbull visited Japan in late 2015. I think Prime Minister Abe visited Australia in 2014. Prior to that, I don't remember. But we can take that on notice.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: When was the annual arrangement first entered in to?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I think in 2013, but I will take that on notice and confirm it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Do you know if the foreign minister attended the 2014 or the 2015 meeting?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: No.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You don't know or she didn't.</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I don't know that. But I can take it on notice.</p>			
9	DFAT	Kitching	Abe visit	<p>Senator KITCHING: As a point of comparison, when did you realise that Mr Ciobo would be involved in the program of events?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I would have to take that on notice. I am just going to—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: It was not on 12 January though, was it?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I think it was also in that week.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Okay. That is interesting. We might look at Mr Ciobo's diary.</p>	Page 26	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>Mr Fletcher: It was the January period. Not a lot of people are around and things needed finalising at the last minute.</p>			
10	DFAT	Abetz	Yasmin AM	<p>Senator ABETZ: That is understood. In the last 12 months, how many people have we assisted under the public diplomacy program? Can I call it a program or public diplomacy efforts? What do we call it so we do not talk past each other?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: We do refer to it as the department's public diplomacy program. It comprises a range of activities.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Alright. Can I just call it 'the program' for the purposes of this hearing? How many people have you assisted under the program in the past 12 months?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: We would have to take that detail on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Is it a handful or a dozen? Get me the detail or the exact number on notice.</p> <p>Mr Tranter: It would be a large number and it would comprise tours by Australian sports, science, cultural and media professionals and organisations.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If you could take on notice how many and who were assisted and the cost in relation for each one.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: As we are both being careful about the language we are using—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Yes. Quickly, for the record, Senator Moore would like that extended for three years.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Certainly.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I am trying to save costs here by only asking for 12 months. But the Labor Party always spend up big and want three years.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: It is certainly more efficient to do them as one</p>	Page 22	26/04/17	11/05/17

			<p>transaction. If I could just say, I think you cast the question in terms of us assisting them. In fact, they are assisting us—</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Of course.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: by agreeing to do this, sometimes at a personal inconvenience. But we regard them as working with us. I would just like to correct that.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: So how do we get these people?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Through a wide variety of ways. Normally public diplomacy teams at posts are alert to particular opportunities and needs.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: The people usually approach the department, don't they?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: No, not necessarily.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: No, I said 'usually' they approach the department.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: From my own experience, but we will certainly ask Mr Tranter to check, the majority of these public diplomacy programs, this element of it, is generated by posts recognising that there is a need to do whatever it is. We might, as I did once in China, directly approach people or we become aware through other reasons that they are travelling. Publicity is given for a particular thing, a notification that they are giving a lecture.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If it is not too much work, for the one year and the three years for Senator Moore, if you could just let us know, if you can, how the department became aware—whether the department approached the person or whether the person approached the department for assistance for the particular involvement in the program.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We will do our best, but I think, as you acknowledge, it may not always be possible to say.</p>			
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11	DFAT	Reynolds	West Australian Ballet	<p>Senator REYNOLDS: Thank you very much. Good afternoon. I have a couple of issues here that I would like to run through quickly with you. I am very happy, Secretary, for some of them to be taken on notice. The first one relates to cultural diplomacy and its increasing role in our foreign affairs policy. Are you aware of a Catalyst funding for the Western Australian Ballet who did a very successful exchange and tour in Indonesia with the Indonesian Ballet Company? First of all, are you aware of the visit at all?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I will ask Mr Tranter to come to the table. You are absolutely right that our cultural diplomacy is important, that we do work very closely with Australia's premier arts companies and that there is quite a lot going on, but in terms of the precise details let me ask Mr Tranter to help you.</p> <p>Mr Tranter: We are aware of that program and also the Catalyst proposal that you referenced.</p> <p>Senator REYNOLDS: The feedback that I have had from contacts in Indonesia and just having a look at the front page of the <i>Jakarta Post</i> and things, it just seemed to be an extraordinarily successful program. I wonder if you could perhaps take on notice anything more that you have on the diplomatic benefits or any outcomes of that particular visit because it seems to me that in using our wonderful arts companies across the spectrum that there are a lot of opportunities there, both economically and also culturally.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes. If I can just say you are absolutely right. The precise benefits are difficult to quantify but what they do go to is the strength of Australia's cultural companies and the diversity of our art forms. They often speak to a multicultural society and inevitably, in my experience, they are very warmly welcomed whenever these companies travel for whatever purpose. We would be happy to provide you</p>	44	26/04/17	11/05/17
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				with more details along the lines of your question.			
12	DFAT	Abetz	Yasmin AM	<p>Senator ABETZ: Thank you. Did Ms Abdel-Magied speak, for example, against the death penalty anywhere?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: I am not aware that she spoke directly to that point.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: What about female genital mutilation?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: Her key messages were to promote Australia as a destination for investment and education.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: No, I asked a specific question. Because you told us before that the public speeches are monitored, so that the department would be aware of whether those topics were mentioned. Given the laws in some of the countries visited, I am just wondering whether this speaker spoke against the death penalty or spoke against female genital mutilation at any stage or, indeed, the oppression of women at any stage in some of these countries.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We will certainly take that on notice, but if I could just say, they are all positions and policies which our embassies and posts in the region would be advocating to host governments. We would be making representations on those things.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: I am aware of that. I am asking about this person.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I would not expect a speaker who is engaged for the particular purpose that Ms Tranter has outlined to raise those issues. But, as I said, we will take your question on notice.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: She comes here to tell us on Q&A that</p>	Page 23	26/04/17	11/05/17

Islam is the most feminist religion of all. So I am just wondering if she did the other in those countries and invited comment or consideration of policies where, you know, women cannot get driver's licences et cetera in some of the countries visited. I was just wondering as to what the actual message was, that in Australia there is untold freedom, that women can get drivers licences, you do not get stoned for adultery or being a homosexual and that female genital mutilation is just completely unacceptable and in fact outlawed; that is why Australia is one of the greatest countries in the world. I am just wondering whether any of those things actually found their way into this particular tour by Ms Abdel-Magied?

Mr Tranter: I can give you a sense of the messages promoted through the visit.

Senator ABETZ: Can I ask whether these topics were approached. Time is very short now. So if you can take on notice for me whether the topics I have just raised were topics that were included in her speeches.

Mr Tranter: In general terms, the visit promoted Australia as a destination for investment and education. Ms Abdel-Magied also promoted the role of women in male dominated industries such as science, technology and engineering, drawing on her background as a mechanical engineer. She also met with female activists in the region, including in Saudi Arabia with activists who were promoting—

Senator ABETZ: You are telling me everything other than about the most egregious matters that are very oppressive in some of the societies and countries which she visited. But I am very mindful of the fact that we have already clicked past 10.30. So if you could take it on notice, I would be much obliged.

				<p>..</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: Do you have an in global figure rather than spending time, because I am hoping to be out of here by 10.30.</p> <p>Mr Tranter: It was \$11,485.</p> <p>Senator ABETZ: If you can give me the split up on notice.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We can table that in the course of the day.</p>			
13	DFAT	Ludlam	HRC bid	<p>Ms Adamson: We are naturally very focused on winning, and all of our efforts are being directed to that end.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is good to hear. In lobbying for votes, have any other countries raised concerns about Australia's human rights record, particularly in relation to our treatment of refugees?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: In our discussions about requesting support for our Human Rights Council candidacy that has not been the case.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: So our diplomatic representatives who are tasked with lobbying have not reported any instances of concerns raised about our refugee policy. Do you want to take that on notice and check the record?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: No. In more general discussions, yes, that has happened. In the precise discussions about our candidacy and request for support, I am not aware of any country directly raising those concerns. But I can check.</p>	Page 36	26/04/17	11/05/17
14	DFAT	Wong	Aid	<p>Senator WONG: So I would be asking you to disaggregate each of those into the administered regions that are in these tables. Can you do that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Wood: We can take that on notice. As you will recall, we didn't previously disclose this information in as much detail</p>	Page 23	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>and we have just broken that down.</p> <p>Senator WONG: No, that is actually really helpful. It used to be in the blue book or the aid book. The Orange book. Sorry, I can't keep up with all of it. I would have thought Conservatives would have liked the blue book, Chair.</p>			
15	DFAT	Wong	Aid budget	<p>Senator WONG: Is there any public articulation of where aid will get to? I thought that there was a 2025 figure?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I am not aware of that. I know that historically in estimates we give you the information across the forward estimates.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Sorry, I am not talking about the table now. Another publication. Has the government articulated where aid will be by 2025?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Not to my recollection, but we can check.</p> <p>Mr Wood: Budget Paper No. 1 just covers the forward estimates.</p>	Page 20	26/04/17	11/05/17
16	DFAT	Ludlam	Global gag rule	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes, I am. Let me put a specific question to you. I understand the point that you are making. Will Australia make any new pledges of financial support for sexual and reproductive health to organisations impacted by the global gag rule, to help fill that gap? This does not go to the overall quantum of aid, but here is a program which is immensely valuable, which Australia has been a part of supporting before. After President Trump cancelled US funding to these incredibly valuable support services for women, for example the Dutch government stepped up and said, 'We will help fill that gap'. Is that something the Australian Government could consider doing?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: As I said, we do not make our decisions by reference to the decisions of other countries. I am not aware</p>	Page 39	26/04/17	11/05/17

			<p>of what the Dutch government may have done.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: The program you mentioned has been in place since 2007. What was announced recently was the third phase of that program, which provides another \$9.5 million over the next three years, with a focus on our region—which goes to what I talked about earlier in terms of the focus of the program. In terms of the decision making around that, we entered into those arrangements in December of this year and therefore that program is a continuing program. Also in relation to the proposed or speculated aid reductions, there is no detail on that coming out of the administration at this point. There is a Mexico agreement that has been signed by the President, but beyond that the extent of that is not yet known.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: I will put this one on notice. Could you pass back to your minister whether Australia will consider stepping up to fill the gap as the Dutch government has done if the US administration follows through on its commitment to zero out its contribution? I do not expect an answer right here at the table.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Could you define the particular program that you are concerned about?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: In the US it is spoken of as the global gag rule—that anybody who is providing abortion services or family planning services to women they will no longer fund. I will provide some information on what the Dutch government's undertaking was, if that would be helpful.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: So you want to know whether, in the event that the Trump administration were to reduce assistance—</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: They have already announced that they are zeroing out of assistance.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: in relation to reproductive health in those</p>			
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				<p>countries where Australia provides aid for similar programs, Australia's contribution would increase correspondingly?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That is a reasonable summary.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Senator Moore and I were going to deal with the global gag this afternoon in the normal process. She may have questions now that she may want to add to that.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: We will come back later.</p>			
17	DFAT	Kitching	French election	<p>Senator KITCHING: If Marine Le Pen were to be successful in the French elections, she has indicated that France would have a Frexit. Would we also enter into an agreement with France, whether it is a single page or not?</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you take that on notice?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes.</p>	Page 56	26/04/17	11/05/17
18	DFAT	Wong	US resettlement arrangement	<p>Senator WONG: When did you become aware that the United States had requested that Australia reconsider settling Central American refugees under the auspices of the arrangement? Which arrangement is it? It is just referred to as the arrangement. Do you want me to repeat that?</p> <p>Dr Shaw: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I think it has been clear from what has been said, and evidence before more than one Senate committee, that the United States requested that Australia consider resettling Central American refugees under the auspices of the arrangement? I wanted to know when DFAT became aware of that request.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We would have to take that on notice. These really are questions for DIBP.</p>	Page 57	26/04/17	11/05/17

19	DFAT	Wong	US resettlement arrangement	<p>Senator WONG: So you will find out when the department first knew. We also know, because it has been the subject of much discussion, that there is an arrangement or there are arrangements which are being finalised—however one chooses to put it—in relation to the resettlement of people currently on Manus and Nauru with the United States. Yes?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And DFAT has some knowledge of that?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: DFAT does indeed have some knowledge of that.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When were you first aware of that proposition?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I would need to take that on notice. You are asking very specific questions and I am afraid I just do not carry that detail in my head.</p>	58	26/04/17	11/05/17
20	DFAT	Wong	US resettlement arrangement	<p>Senator WONG: So is DFAT involved in any official level meetings currently? I will rephrase that. Since the election of the new president have DFAT officials or staff been involved in any meetings where the Manus and Nauru arrangements have been discussed with members of the US administration?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Our embassy in the United States is mostly involved in one form or another in all aspects of our interactions with the United States on a very wide range of policy areas so I would say the answer to your question is yes. Certainly in the case of the embassy, whether there have been other officials who have also been involved, I would like to also take that on notice.</p>	58	26/04/17	11/05/17

21	DFAT	Kitching	Polo	<p>Senator KITCHING: Yes. When Minister Bishop did attend the polo in 2016, was she there in her official capacity as foreign minister?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I would have to take that question on notice.</p>	Page 28	26/04/17	11/05/17
22	DFAT	Kitching	Melbourne Cup	<p>Senator KITCHING: We have certainly seen photographs of it in light of Sussan Ley's entitlements rorts. Was the minister there at the Melbourne Cup in her official capacity?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Ms Bishop was the foreign minister in 2016. If she attended the Melbourne Cup then she was the foreign minister at the time she attended. No doubt she was invited by those who organised the event because it is an important national event to which senior ministers are invited, just as Mr Shorten, who was the Leader of the Opposition in 2016, attended the same event. Did Mr Shorten attend in his capacity as Leader of the Opposition?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: It is also not—of course, it is in his electorate, isn't it.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: Do we know where Mr Shorten travelled from to attend the 2016 Melbourne Cup? Was he in Melbourne that morning or was he elsewhere in Australia?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Chair, aren't I asking the questions and Senator Brandis is the respondent?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I am responding.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Thank you. If she was there, as you have said, in her capacity as foreign minister—</p> <p>Senator Brandis: No, I did not say she was there in her capacity as foreign minister; I said that in 2016 she was the foreign minister and it is not uncommon—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Has there been a reshuffle that we do not know about?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: for senior ministers to be invited to and to</p>	Page 28	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>attend important national events, of which the Melbourne Cup is one.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I ask: was she conducting ministerial business there, Ms Adamson?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I have never attended the Melbourne Cup, so I cannot—</p> <p>CHAIR: You are poorer for it, Ms Adamson, and the Melbourne Cup is the poorer for your absence.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Of course, it is the race that stops the nation. I have always watched it.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Did she arrive or depart in Comcars?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I will have to take this series of questions on notice.</p>			
23	DFAT	Kitching	Fashion manufacturers	<p>Senator KITCHING: I have one more question and then I will ask some questions to be put on notice. By comparison, there is a Victorian company that has developed a textile and that textile is actually being used in German automotive manufacturing. It is a textile that enables the audio systems in cars to be very enhanced. I just notice, for example, that going out to a manufacturer in I think eastern Melbourne is nowhere as glamorous, perhaps, as spruiking #fashiondiplomacy on the day of the race that stops the nation. So I am wondering if Ms Bishop—</p> <p>CHAIR: Isn't Portsea on the east side?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Is the department able to let me know of textile manufacturers that are not perhaps fashion manufacturers and if the foreign minister has visited those people. That is one question. Secondly, how many DFAT staff were involved in the briefings on fashion, how often do they give those briefings to the foreign minister and do they travel with her or do they travel to where the foreign</p>	Page 29	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>minister is attending events? CHAIR: Thank you—they are taken on notice.</p>			
24	DFAT	Leyonhjelm	Clinton Foundation	<p>Senator LEYONHJELM: That is good enough for me. At the previous estimates in October last year I asked about the Australian government funding to Clinton related charities. Mr McDonald: Yes. Senator LEYONHJELM: I was advised that payments were continuing to occur to the Clinton Health Access Initiative and that \$11 million was paid to this initiative in 2015-16. Then there was an article on news.com.au on 28 November last year which ran under the headline, 'Australia ceases multinational dollar donations to controversial Clinton family charities'. My question is: have any decisions regarding Australian government funding to Clinton related charities been made since the previous estimates? Mr McDonald: I do not believe so. I will check that on notice. I think when we discussed this last time there was one program continuing under the Clinton health initiative, as you mentioned, and that is the only one that I am aware of.</p> <p>---</p> <p>Mr Exell: Can I suggest that it is important to recognise the difference between the Clinton Foundation and the Clinton Health Access Initiative. The article that you are referring to referred to agreements with the Clinton Foundation, of which there have been none for a number of years. Senator LEYONHJELM: You may need to take this one on</p>	Page 84	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>notice. You said the Clinton Foundation was zero. For the Clinton Health Access Initiative so far in 2016-17 what is estimated for this year and next year? If you have that handy; otherwise you can take it on notice.</p> <p>Mr Exell: We will take that on notice. I would make one other point. You referred to a program in Vietnam. That program finished in December 2015.</p> <p>Senator LEYONHJELM: That is interesting because I was under the impression that the MOU was signed in 2014 and it was for a five-year collaboration. Is that not the case?</p> <p>Mr Exell: Again, we are confusing the broad MOU between the Clinton Health Access Initiative, which had no dollars and no specific activities, versus the Mekong activity that you referred to, which was a specific thing. I will double check. I will take it on notice but my understanding is that program finished in December 2015</p>			
25	DFAT	Wong	Special Envoy for Human Rights	<p>Senator WONG: Two more since October. Can I have, on notice, an updated list of trips taken including the original five trips, the purpose of each trip, a list of who he met with and for what purpose, a breakdown of costs for each trip, airfares, accommodation, ground transport, transportation, meals, incidentals and staff costs. Does he travel with personnel staff?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: No. He travels with one DFAT officer and usually the resident head of mission or another senior person from one of our missions.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you let me know, of those staff, have they been asked to meet any of Special Envoy Ruddock's costs whilst travelling. There might be a couple more questions on notice. I was a little confused about payment. We had a conversation on the last occasion where you said</p>	Page 49	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>that you presented him with a contract post him leaving parliament. He went and sought advice about his pension. Correct?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And that included legal advice? Did you get some legal advice about that?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: No, he sought advice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Which he then provided to you?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: And what did you do with that advice?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: We took note of it. His superannuation arrangements were a matter for him and the Department of Finance.</p>			
26	DFAT	Wong	Special Envoy for Human Rights	<p>Senator WONG: So he has essentially been paid both as the special envoy and his full pension without reduction for the period in between him leaving parliament and was it 13 February?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What was the quantum of that?</p> <p>Dr Strahan: I would have to give you that figure on notice.</p>	Page 49	26/04/17	11/05/17
27	DFAT	Wong	Syria	<p>Mr Innes-Brown: The amount of \$70 million in total since June 2014 for Iraq and that includes \$10 million that we announced in October for the commencement of the Mosul operation. We are keeping these issues under review and considering what we might do in the future, although we have not made any firm decisions about further humanitarian assistance.</p> <p>We are also, as you know, providing assistance inside Syria and in neighbouring countries. We announced in the budget a new \$220 million package of humanitarian assistance. That</p>	Page 52	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>is both inside Syria and also to assist Jordan and Lebanon with the refugee populations, and we are beginning to implement that.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Can I just ask?</p> <p>CHAIR: Senator Kitching.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Of the \$220 million that is being spent inside Syria, what is it going to?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: What is it going to?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I can understand, certainly, the refugee camps in Jordan, for example, but—</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: We are providing humanitarian assistance. It is via trusted partners like the World Food program and other international partners.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Could you provide, on notice perhaps, of the \$200 million, rather than—</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes, thank you.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you, on notice, give us how that is broken down?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: Sure.</p>			
28	DFAT	Moore	She Decides	<p>Senator MOORE: Who issued that invitation?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: The invitation went to the foreign minister.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: From?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: And we will be represented by the ambassador for women and girls.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Where did the invitation come from?</p> <p>Mr Exell: The Netherlands. It was co-hosted in the Netherlands. I will just double check the other co-host.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: All right. I know that there have been lots of discussions. You would have seen it all and I know many senators are very interested in this space. You would have seen that there has been a lot of international discussion from</p>	Page 60	26/04/17	11/05/17

			<p>the moment that order was signed about what the possible impacts could be. I know the Europeans have been taking a lead on that. So, on notice, if you can tell me who sent it. I am interested to know how this international work in this space is operating. We were formally invited through the Prime Minister, which would be appropriate, and we have sent the new ambassador for women and girls?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes. It is on today.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Are there any riding instructions on the ambassador about what she is allowed to say?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: She will go and make a statement on behalf of Australia at that event, I am sure, subject to how the meeting unfolds—</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Is that statement pre-approved? Is it something that we could get a copy of? I know that Dr Stone is more than capable of going into making her own statement. Is there an Australian statement that has been produced for her to make?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I think there will be and after that is delivered—</p> <p>Senator MOORE: After the event, certainly, if we could get a copy of that formally.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Do you know who has turned up to the She Decides conference? Do you have a list of attendance?</p> <p>Mr Exell: I do not have a list of attendance, no.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: When Dr Stone returns she may well have documentation. Can we put on notice to find out. It will probably go into the media but it would just be useful to have who was there from the formal aspect of the Australian</p>			
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				<p>government. Mr McDonald: We are happy to take that on notice.</p>			
29	DFAT	Fawcett	G'Day USA	<p>CHAIR: Senator Fawcett, do you have questions on the same area as G'Day? Senator FAWCETT: Yes. I just wanted to go to the question on notice that Senator Wong put on asking for some costings going back to 2013. I notice the program is 14 years old and that is probably a bit unreasonable to request but perhaps you can go back five years. Can you give us figures from 2012 rather than just 2013? Ms Adamson: Yes, certainly. Senator FAWCETT: That would be useful. Am I correct that industry pay sponsorship as part of funding the activity? Ms Adamson: Yes, that is correct. In fact, I will just find it. Industry, whether it is companies, academia and others, pay around 80 per cent of the actual costs. Senator FAWCETT: So clearly industry see value in it if they are prepared to stump up the vast majority of the cost. How many companies, bodies or agencies from Australia have gone? I do not know if you want to take that on notice in terms of breaking down numbers of how many Australian companies, how many American companies and people have visited and benefited from it? Ms Adamson: I would have to take that question on notice for the detail. I can give you some of the names as an example. So major Australian companies supporting G'Day USA—that is providing sponsorship, support, in-kind contributions and so on—include Qantas, Thomas Foods International, Westfield, a2 Milk Company, News Corp,</p>	Page 65	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>Village Roadshow and the Commonwealth Bank. There is a lot more but these are some of the major ones. There are US companies such as Netflix, Dow, Northrop Grumman, American Airlines, Warner Bros and Disney. Again, that is not a complete list. We can get you a complete if you want it but there are many companies. Those are the ones that are sponsors and major partners. There will, of course, be many others who participate in the various events that take place throughout the year.</p> <p>Senator FAWCETT: So those major sponsors would be responsible for that 80 per cent, roughly, of the funding of it?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes.</p>			
30	DFAT	Hanson-Young	Hela Province	<p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: During the period of analysis and approval of this project and the money that the Australian government spent in helping to establish it, what advice did the Department of Foreign Affairs give in relation to the unstable nature of that region?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I would have to take that on notice. With any business venture approach by individual companies we speak to the situation at the moment as it is on the ground, but that would be expressed in public documents such as the consular advice. With business we would talk about the risks involved in any particular market or the advantages that might be there.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Just so that it is clearly on the record, can you give us the figures for how much the Australian government invested in the PNG LNG project?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I would have to take that on notice to what extent we provided any money at all towards that project. I can come back to you. I will see if we can do that by this</p>	Page 67	26/04/17	11/05/17

afternoon.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: My understanding is that it was a loan of approximately US\$500 million or US\$350 million but if you could correct that.

Mr Sloper: My understanding is that there is a loan but I am not sure of the quantum of that.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: It would be very helpful if you could take that on notice and get back to us this afternoon. I would like to know what official documentation existed in relation to warnings or analysis of the situation prior to that loan being approved. If you need to take that on notice in terms of something that you can table, I am happy for you to do that.

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Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Are you aware of how many people have been killed in recent months in relation to this conflict?

Mr Sloper: I do not have those specific figures with me.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: The ABC reports that it is in the vicinity of dozens of people dead. Do you think those reports would be accurate or would you prefer to take that on notice?

Mr Sloper: I would need to take on notice the specific figures, but it would not be unusual for the figures to be in tens. I would note, in that context, as you would probably be aware, unfortunately there is a large number of deaths due to violence in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea each year. It is well beyond the tens; in fact, it is in the hundreds.

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: I accept that, and it is not something that we should ever turn a blind eye to, but I am

				<p>specifically interested in the impact that this project has made and the influence that it has had in creating another flashpoint, dare I say, for conflict and violence.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: If I may, I will come back to you with information on that.</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: : Could you take on notice as to whether there was any request for advice, specifically from your department, to either of the responsible Ministers in relation to the impact on social cohesion and unrest; that is, specifically to this project?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: Can I just confirm that your question is whether we were asked by our portfolio ministers for advice on social cohesion?</p> <p>Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Yes.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: We will take that on notice.</p>			
31	DFAT	Siewert	Cardinal Pell	<p>Senator SIEWERT: Does Cardinal Pell have diplomatic status with the Holy See?</p> <p>Ms Hand: We would have to take that on notice. I am not aware of where Cardinal Pell stands in terms of diplomatic immunity in the Vatican, but we could look into it.</p>	Page 71	26/04/17	11/05/17
32	DFAT	Wong	Human Rights Council bid	<p>Senator WONG: Can you tell me how much internally is allocated, over whatever period of time, for those two components of the budget—I assume up until the bid is determined—and if you could disaggregate what you have given me.</p> <p>Dr Strahan: Certainly.</p>	Page 74	26/04/17	11/05/17

33	DFAT	Wong	Inauguration	<p>Senator WONG: That is on notice. What role did the Department of Foreign Affairs play, if any, in procuring tickets for the President's inauguration obtained by Senator Roberts?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: The procurement of tickets was a matter for the Australian embassy in Washington.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Unless you want me to start asking Mr Hockey to come back for estimates, I am obliged to ask you these questions so I would appreciate—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: By all means.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can someone help me?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: You asked, and I said the Australian embassy in Washington.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I am going to ask questions about the sequence and what occurred so can someone assist?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I can assist you up to a point and it may be if I require assistance I will ask Ms Heckscher.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Just tell me what the sequence of events was.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: The sequence of events was obviously that the tickets for the inauguration are in quite some demand in Washington for any significant event. Tickets are often in demand. I think the embassy in Washington received quite a number of requests from Australians who were hopeful of being able to attend the event.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Did they receive any others, other than the one that is in the media which is from Senator Roberts, from any other Australian parliamentarians?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Ms Heckscher feels she can help with this.</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I understand that the answer is yes. I do not have the list but I understand that there were inquiries made of the embassy as to what the process was for getting hold of</p>	Page 74	26/04/17	11/05/17
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			<p>tickets.</p> <p>Senator WONG: From parliamentarians?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: Including from parliamentarians. I do not have a list of who they are but I gather that there were some, other than the one in the media.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Then what happened?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I understand that the embassy provided general advice to anyone who asked—whether parliamentarians, business or otherwise—as to the arrangements. The arrangements were that unless you were specifically invited then there were general admission tickets allocated to US senators and members of Congress and they could use those at their discretion. That was what the arrangements were and that was the advice that was given to anyone who inquired as to what were the arrangements for tickets.</p> <p>Senator WONG: What role, if any, did DFAT have in relation to Senator Roberts's request after the general advice was provided?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I understand that, having received a certain number of inquiries, having provided general advice about the process for getting hold of tickets, the embassy made inquiries as to whether or not there were general admission tickets available within contacts in Congress and Senate. I think that there are probably a number of tickets that are allocated that are unused so the embassy, being helpful as is the usual practice when there are particularly travelling parliamentarians, made inquiries as to whether there were any tickets available.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Of members of Congress?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: Of members of Congress.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Did they make those inquiries on behalf of</p>			
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				<p>anyone other than Senator Roberts?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: Insofar as I understand it, no.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Why was particular priority accorded to Senator Roberts, given that you have indicated to me more than one parliamentarian and I think a number of non-parliamentarians sought this?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: It was not a question of priority. From what I understand a number of people made inquiries, were given advice and then chose to let it go. Senator Roberts made a number of requests that we pursue whether there were tickets available.</p> <p>Senator WONG: A number of requests. How did he make those requests? Was it via email or phone calls? I am just trying to get a sense.</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: I may have to take that one on notice. I do not think that I have the detail about exactly how the requests were made.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator WONG: Also on notice the number of requests, how they were made by him, how they were communicated and whether there was any communication with the FMO or other ministerial officers within the government regarding his request. Did the embassy get any instructions about facilitating his request?</p>			
34	DFAT	Wong	Ambassador Hockey video	<p>Senator WONG: There was an article on 18 February 2017 with a headline, 'Aussie Joe woos Don with ode to mateship', a film about mateship being pitched by Ambassador Hockey to Foxtel. I just want to know what role the ambassador is playing there and whether DFAT has any—</p>	Page 76	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>Senator Brandis: Do you mean a role in the process as opposed to a role in the film?</p> <p>Senator WONG: I hope he is not playing a role in the film.</p> <p>Mr Tranter: That report referred to a proposal around a documentary on the military history between the United States and Australia with particular reference to the Battle of Hamel, which has its 100th anniversary next year on 4 July. More broadly, the embassy in Washington is planning a program of events to mark the anniversary. Related to that idea is a concept for a documentary which the embassy has presented to media, including Foxtel, to try to generate interest in developing a project to run alongside the anniversary events next year.</p> <p>Senator WONG: So where did this idea come from? Is this Mr Hockey's idea?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: It is being led by the ambassador.</p> <p>Senator WONG: That is a very good diplomat's answer, but whose idea was it?</p> <p>Senator BACK: You would have to get inside his head.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: There is a really active public diplomacy program run by the embassy in Washington.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I just want to know who.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Many people may want to take credit for a good idea, so we should check who wants to take the most credit for this good idea.</p>			
35	DFAT	Wong	Ambassador Hockey video	<p>Senator WONG: Who put the idea to the production house and how was that communicated.</p> <p>Mr Tranter: The embassy put the idea to Foxtel in a meeting which is referenced in the media article. I do not have the reference in front of me but it was in early December, as I recall, in a conversation which involved the ambassador and</p>	Page 76	26/04/17	11/05/17

			<p>public diplomacy staff with staff of Foxtel.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Who pays for it in terms of the pitch?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: There is no funding attached to the proposal. The department and the embassy have not made any financial commitments to the project.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But the pitching of the idea, the concept—does that involve, were it to come to fruition, an expectation or a possibility that public funds would be used for this?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: Not necessarily, given it is—</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is there a possibility?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: These projects have come to fruition in the past with a subsidy and without a subsidy. Very often they rely on cooperation with the Australian War Memorial to be able to access archives. These are the sorts of things that the department and the embassy can help to facilitate.</p> <p>Senator WONG: But if there has not been a decision as to whether there would be a subsidy or not, is it essentially a kind of casual tender process; a direct approach?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: No, it is not an exclusive arrangement. I understand that others have pitched the idea.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Who else has pitched the idea?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: I understand the Seven Network have also.</p> <p>Senator WONG: By Mr Hockey as well?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: And the embassy, yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is that it?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: There may be others but we will take that on notice.</p>			
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36	DFAT	McDonald	YWAM funding	<p>CHAIR: A question, Senator Macdonald.</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: Yes. It relates to PNG and it relates to YWAM, the medical supply ships, which has been funded through the department. The last time I inquired, which may have been at last estimates, there was some uncertainty as to ongoing funding. I know the officials are aware of this but, for anyone who might be listening, this is a voluntary group where everyone except the captain and the engineer on this big ship are volunteers, even the nurses, doctors, ophthalmologists and surgeons. They are all volunteers. They float around PNG doing wonderful work direct with the locals.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Is there a question?</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I have asked if the funding is clarified. For Senator Wong's benefit—she may not be interested—while Mr Sloper was getting here I was just explaining to anyone who might be listening what YWAM is. Senator Wong is not interested in these things because it involves people in PNG.</p> <p>CHAIR: The question is about the YWAM program and DFAT's funding of it.</p> <p>Senator WONG: When were you last there?</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: About two months ago.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Likewise. I am just making the point that you are always very quick to help people to get to a question.</p> <p>CHAIR: Neither one of you is helping Mr Sloper answer the question.</p> <p>Senator WONG: We have given him lots of time.</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I am very aware of YWAM's good work. Unfortunately, despite the interchange, I cannot give you a definitive answer now but I will come back to you this</p>	Page 78	26/04/17	11/05/17
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				<p>afternoon if I can.</p> <p>...</p> <p>Senator IAN MACDONALD: I am very interested in the answer because I have seen a lot of NGO programs over the years. This one, of course, takes aid direct from these medical specialists straight into the village. There is no intermediary, no cut off the top and no slice for whoever might be involved in PNG. So, on notice, can you get back to me and let me know where that is at if you would not mind?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I can.</p>			
37	DFAT	Wong	Syria	<p>Senator WONG: Thank you. I am finished on that one. Can I just ask you, on notice, about the update that you gave us on the Syria Crisis Humanitarian Resilience Package. Can you give us the budget over the forward estimates and actual expenditure to date for each of those components on notice?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: Sure.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I said I would come back to question on notice 324. My interest was sparked by an earlier conversation about what DFAT meant. It is answer number 4 on the second page of that. Turn it over. I can see it is double-sided. Can we be clear in this? Does DFAT there refer to DFAT Canberra or any post? You might need to take this on notice. Can I just go through it and then you can work out what you can answer?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: By all means.</p>	Page 80	26/04/17	11/05/17

38	DFAT	Wong	QoN 324	<p>Senator WONG: I said I would come back to question on notice 324. My interest was sparked by an earlier conversation about what DFAT meant. It is answer number 4 on the second page of that. Turn it over. I can see it is double-sided. Can we be clear in this? Does DFAT there refer to DFAT Canberra or any post? You might need to take this on notice. Can I just go through it and then you can work out what you can answer?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: By all means.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Does DFAT there refer to DFAT in Canberra only or any post? Can you tell me what is meant by 'complaints' there? Is there a distinction underpinning the definition that it has to be formal or written or a certain type of complaint? I assume 'Australian diplomatic missions' includes all posts. Is that right? Consuls?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Your question related to Australian diplomatic missions but I would always interpret that broadly.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Everything.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Embassies, high commissions, consulates, missions and posts.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Can you also tell me how is 'participants' defined? Do you want to take this on notice?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: No. I am very happy to give you my best understanding of it. A specific question was asked and a specific answer was given. This is obviously a serious matter and the answer reflects careful consideration of the question.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I would ask you to go back and make further inquiries in relation to number 4. I have a lot more but I am conscious others have, too. Secretary, can I just say obviously since getting this portfolio I have had the opportunity to travel overseas a fair bit and I just want to place on record my thanks to all of your staff for their</p>	Page 82	26/04/17	11/05/17
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				<p>assistance, particularly at the posts at which I have been. People have been extremely professional and extremely helpful.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Thank you. That is appreciated and it will be passed on.</p>			
39	DFAT	Ludlam	Indonesia	<p>Senator LUDLAM: Has the government received any recommendations from our embassy in Jakarta about what to include in its statement to UN Human Rights Council's universal periodic review process in Indonesia.</p> <p>Mr Cox: I am sorry, I could hear you properly.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Have there been any recommendations from our embassy in Jakarta about what to include in its statement to the UN Human Rights Council's universal periodic review process?</p> <p>Mr Cox: I am not aware of that matter. I do not know the answer to that question.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Are you able to take that on notice for us?</p> <p>Mr Cox: Yes.</p>	Page 83	26/04/17	11/05/17
40	DFAT	Ludlam	Israel	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I appreciate that. Can you tell me something about the recent embassy workshop in Tel Aviv at which the subject was, as I understand it, the trends, challenges and scenarios on Israel's northern border? I understand that this workshop was conducted with the Israel project. Is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: My information is that if you are referring to the round tables with what was called the Israel Foundation, I think they are the same thing. My understanding is there was a discussion about the security challenges facing Israel's northern border or northern area.</p>	Page 84	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>Senator LUDLAM: It says here that it is a project but let us assume that you right. You are closer to this than I am. This organisation is a supporter of the Australian government settlement building; is that correct?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I have asked that question but I am advised that the organisation is not currently pro settlement. It is actually considered to be a non-partisan NGO.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Just in the interests of time, I would appreciate if you are able to table any documentary evidence that would have helped you form that view. How much money did DFAT pay this organisation?</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I will have to take that on notice. I do not believe we paid them any money.</p>			
41	DFAT	Kitching	G'Day USA gala	<p>Senator KITCHING: I have a series of questions about the G'DAY USA black tie gala. The black tie gala was held at the governor's ballroom at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood. What was the venue hire cost?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I will need to ask my colleague, the head of the America division, and possibly with assistance from others. It may be that we need to take those sorts of detailed questions on notice, but let us see what we can do. We will have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: How many venues in total were requested to provide a higher quotation?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: We will certainly have to take that on notice. I do not have that detail with me.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: What I am interested in is if there is a general process that you normally do. So, for example, do you get three quotes; if that was followed and, if it was not, why not? On a per head basis what was the cost accounting for venue hire, food, beverages, decorations and</p>	Page 85	26/04/17	11/05/17

entertainment? That is on notice. Were flowers donated for the event and, if not, who paid the account and what was the total? Australian chefs, Neil Perry and Curtis Stone were there. Were they paid a fee to attend the event and, if so, what was each paid? Did DFAT cover their travel and accommodation expenses?

Ms Heckscher: We will take all of those questions on notice but just on the last question about whether DFAT paid, as we had a discussion earlier about the funding of the G'DAY USA, 80 per cent of the funding is provided by corporate sponsors and partners, for example, so DFAT's contribution, Austrade's contribution and Tourism Australia's contribution is actually quite a small percentage. It probably is not attributed to one particular thing but it forms part of a pool. So just to clarify, we will need to take all of the specific questions on notice but just to note that the bulk of the expenditure is actually funded by corporate sponsors and partners.

Senator KITCHING: So they may well have covered Neil Perry and Curtis Stone, for example?

Ms Heckscher: We would have to check. So, for example, some of the corporate sponsorship is provided in cash. Some of it is provided in kind; for example, Qantas is a major sponsor and it may have provided some of the airfares. We will just have to clarify all of these details.

Senator KITCHING: Was Wolfgang Puck, the American chef, paid to attend?

Ms Heckscher: Again, we will take that on notice.

Senator KITCHING: And where did he travel from? Were his travel and accommodation expenses covered by DFAT?

Ms Heckscher: Again, on notice.

Senator KITCHING: Yes. Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban

				<p>attended. Were they paid a fee to attend? If so, what was the fee for each? What did each of their travel expenses total? Did DFAT cover their costs? Were there any other Australian celebrities paid to attend? How many flew from Australia specifically to attend the event? US celebrities such as John Travolta were in attendance. Of those who attended which American celebrities were paid a fee to attend? Were his expenses covered by DFAT or another sponsor? Which hosts and performers did not receive a fee for their attendance and services?</p> <p>Ms Heckscher: We will take all of those on notice.</p>			
42	DFAT	Kitching	G'Day USA	<p>Senator KITCHING: What I am really asking is whether FCM, the travel agency, make the entire booking. So, did they make the booking at the hotel? I am sure she did pay the costs incurred while she was on annual leave.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: We have taken on notice your question about the foreign minister's accommodation when she was visiting in her official capacity and that is what we will make an inquiry about.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I would also like the FCM records for that trip. So, what was the travel agency? Did she make her own arrangements?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: If the official component of the trip was booked through FCM then so much of those records as are relevant to the official component of the trip we will seek to obtain.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: If it was a week before—I think it was the 28th—so say early around the 20th or whatever it was when she went to Los Angeles and then was on annual leave for a week, the dates on the FCM invoice or the dates that are detailed on that account, on that documentation, perhaps</p>	Page 87	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>to be broader. I would like that documentation as well.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have told you what we will take on notice.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: I would like the document. Presumably the document is as you say, Senator Brandis, and will reflect the official part of the trip, yes, but let us see. Did Ms Bishop use in-house hair and makeup professionals at her Los Angeles hotel to prepare herself for the event. If not, who provided these services? Did DFAT cover the costs. I would like the fully itemised accounts.</p> <p>You have mentioned sponsors. Was Ms Bishop supplied with any gowns, shoes, clutches, pearl earrings et cetera for the event? If so, who offered them to her, so who was the sponsor? Was it a gift and if it was a gift, were these gifts declared as required by parliamentary standards.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: We will take these questions on notice.</p>			
43	DFAT	Kitching	Kevin Andrews	<p>Senator KITCHING: Could I move on to another topic that is similarly another trip to the US. It is in relation to Kevin Andrews's attendance at the 64th Annual National Prayer Breakfast. It was a speech he delivered at The Heritage Foundation in February 2016. Did DFAT have any role in the issuing or response to the invitation? So, was DFAT involved in this at all?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator WONG: You are taking on notice whether or not any assistance was provided to Mr Andrews?</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: Yes. Was there a fee to attend the breakfast? Did any DFAT staff—</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I am not sure that we would be able to know whether a fee was involved in the breakfast as that would have been a matter between The Heritage Foundation and Kevin Andrews rather than the department; if I could note</p>	Page 87	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>that distinction.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: If you have any documents that relate to that that would be good to know. Was he provided with support from DFAT for the breakfast?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: We can take that on notice.</p>			
44	DFAT	Hinch	Child protection	<p>Senator HINCH: In November 2015 the foreign minister announced she launched the Australian government's child protection program in Manila with the Philippine's Department of Social Welfare and the secretary of the Department of Justice and gave \$2 million over three years to support efforts to protect children from online sexual abuse, exploitation, to reduce the risk of children being exploited online. I think some Australian companies like ANZ and Telstra also matched that money, so a total of \$4 million. Do you have any idea where that money has gone?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: I will invite my colleague, Mr Cox, to answer that question.</p> <p>Mr Cox: No, I am sorry I am not aware of where that funding has gone.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: Could you take that on notice?</p> <p>Mr Cox: Child protection matters are usually a matter of the Australian Federal Police and you might wish to follow up with the Australian Federal Police.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: But the money was out of DFAT; was the \$2 million a DFAT donation from the foreign minister?</p> <p>Mr Cox: I am not aware of that matter. I will have to take it on notice.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: Yes. Foreign Minister Bishop made a big deal of it. I have some advice that some of that money, being in the Philippines, has not gone to where it should have gone to. I am just trying to find out whether it has been put to</p>	Page 88	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>good use and whether we have any tangible results of reduction in child abuse in the Philippines because of it.</p> <p>Mr McDonald: I cannot talk specifically about that program, but I can certainly talk about how we have systems in place to track money in the aid programs. We have a monitoring and evaluation system. We have an approval system of investments and we have a performance assessment regime. All of those things are in place for all of our programs, so if that \$2 million is ODA eligible out of the aid program and, therefore, one of our programs, then it would be subject to that assessment and we would be able to provide that information.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: I would really appreciate if you could check</p>			
45	DFAT	Moore	ABC Shortwave	<p>Mr Tranter: The ABC talked with us in the lead-up to the announcement of the cessation of shortwave services. We were briefed rather than consulted on the directions of the internal review. It is not for DFAT to support or to agree with the decision—as you are aware, it is a decision for the ABC board—but we have been in close contact with the ABC as they have grappled with this issue over the last couple of years. They have telegraphed on a number of occasions that their belief is that shortwave is an outdated technology and there are other and better ways to reach remote communities in PNG and the Pacific.</p> <p>As we have seen the growth of mobile telephony and also other options with FM networks we have encouraged the ABC strongly to consider alternative technologies alongside the phase-out of shortwave and in coming to that decision they have flagged—and I think they presented this in the estimates hearing earlier in the week—that they would be</p>	Page 90	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>looking at replacing that coverage, to the extent possible, that was previously provided by shortwave through other options, in particular using an expanded FM network.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: Do you know which diplomats or people in embassies that they spoke with across the Pacific area?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: We can get the list for you on notice.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: That would be very useful.</p> <p>Mr Tranter: In the lead-up to the announcement embassies and high commissions were similarly advised of the decision alongside the ABC's advice direct to broadcast partners in the region. Again, they were briefed on the ABC's intended directions rather than seeking views. I am aware of those briefings in PNG, but also in the Mekong, and possibly also—</p> <p>Senator MOORE: So you can give me that information?</p> <p>Mr Tranter: We can get you that detail.</p>			
46	DFAT	Ludlam	Biological Weapons Convention	<p>Senator LUDLAM: My understanding is—and please correct me if I am getting this wrong—that there are still 12 states that have not signed or ratified that treaty and yet it still remains Australian government policy to uphold its objectives?</p> <p>Ms Hardy: Yes.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Is 12 about right?</p> <p>Ms Hardy: It is 12 for the Biological Weapons Convention?</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Yes, that still stay outside that framework?</p> <p>Ms Hardy: I would have to take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Over how many years in the last two decades has the CD managed to reach consensus on its program of work—in other words, its agenda—which</p>	Page 99	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>enables it to commence substantive deliberation?</p> <p>Ms Hardy: Over the last two decades, over 20 years, I believe the Conference on Disarmament has not been able to put into practice a work program.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: That surprises me a little bit. I thought there might be two, but you are saying that it may never have actually agreed on an agenda?</p> <p>Ms Hardy: I believe the overall work program has not been agreed but I will check that. I can follow up with more detailed information</p>			
47	DFAT	Singh	Nuclear disarmament	<p>Senator SINGH: Has Australia ever failed to participate in multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations in the past?</p> <p>Ms Hardy: Nuclear disarmament negotiations—there are only a few and some of the oldest date back to the 1970s. I would have to take that on notice but I do not believe we were at the very beginning of every single disarmament negotiation. These things sometimes take months or even years to ramp up. In terms of—</p> <p>Senator SINGH: If you could take on notice if we have ever failed to participate in a multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiation.</p> <p>Ms Hardy: Yes.</p>	Page 102	26/04/17	11/05/17

48	DFAT	Gallacher	TPP	<p>Mr Brown: What I am trying to say is that there is still an ongoing debate about the future of the TPP, notwithstanding the President's decision to withdraw from the agreement and to negotiate a series of bilateral agreements within the region.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I understand that debate. I tried to tightly construe a question and I appreciate you have answered it the best you can. My next question is: how many jobs would be immediately created if these regulations were passed?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: That is a hypothetical question, isn't it?</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: No. If you passed the regulations, how many jobs would be created?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: Why don't we take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Thank you. How many tariffs would immediately be cut?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: Why don't we take that on notice.</p>	Page 103	26/04/17	11/05/17
49	DFAT	Gallacher	TPP	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Do you have any clear precise instructions about who to negotiate with?</p> <p>Mr Brown: The government sees great value in the TPP in its current form. There is obviously considerable interest on our side in harvesting whatever benefits we can from it. But clearly once you take the United States out of an agreement like this, every country needs to make its own judgement as to where its interests lie, and I think that is the debate that is currently underway.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: And no individual nations have formally written and said 'let's get on with the deal without the United States,' as of today?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I would have to take that on notice but I am not aware of any such formal notice.</p>	Page 104	26/04/17	11/05/17

50	DFAT	Gallacher	TPP	<p>Senator GALLACHER: I have got some questions about Mr Ciobo's comments. If you have to take this on notice or if you have got it on top of your head, how much does foreign investment and trade add to Australia's GDP?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: I think we might have to take that on notice. I will try and come back to you later in the session.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: The question is simple: how much does foreign investment and trade add to Australia's GDP, and how many jobs have foreign investment and trade created in Australia?</p>	Page 105	26/04/17	11/05/17
51	DFAT	Gallacher	Indonesia	<p>Senator GALLACHER: I fully support that. That is what the whole parliament supports. Our largest democratic Muslim neighbour is a country of vast importance to Australia. Has the foreign minister of Indonesia raised concerns with the department or the minister about One Nation?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Again, not to my knowledge.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: And not to your knowledge, Minister McGrath?</p> <p>Senator McGrath: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Page 107	26/04/17	11/05/17
52	DFAT	Gallacher	TPP	<p>Mr Brown: We did not do any modelling on the TPP.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: But you advised the government of something.</p> <p>Mr Brown: Yes. As I said, we relied on and referred to some of the modelling that has been done elsewhere, including the Peterson Institute modelling and others.</p>	Page 109	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>Senator GALLACHER: Are there any publicly available figures of what would have been the benefit?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I will take that on notice. There probably is.</p>			
53	DFAT	Gallacher	ChAFTA	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Mr Brown, we have time constraints. I do not want to cut you off, but can you on notice provide the committee with a paper on nontariff barrier resolution. Can you include a description of it and where people would go should they run into one? I get that it is an extremely complex area, and we could probably talk about it until 11 o'clock. But I have four specific issues I would really like your advice on.</p> <p>Mr Brown: I am very happy to take that on notice and provide you with a paper.</p>	Page 113	26/04/17	11/05/17
54	DFAT	Gallacher	ChAFTA	<p>Senator GALLACHER: I gather that when we go through these questions we are going to get a degree of complexity about who deals with what. The next issue is Australian vitamins, herbs and mineral supplements, and a specific question: the China Food and Drug Administration has announced it will require all VHMS products to be blue-hat registered from 1 January 2018. I do not know what blue-hat registered means, but presumably the industry does not think it is going to be positive.</p> <p>Mr Brown: Again, this is an issue which we have officially raised with the Chinese authorities and which we have sought to take forward under the ChAFTA implementation banner. The concerns of our health supplements industry are very well known to us. We have had detailed conversations with the industry, and with the embassy in Beijing's assistance we are continuing to take forward their concerns with the Chinese authorities at all levels.</p>	Page 113	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>Senator GALLACHER: This is probably our most visible success in the free trade agreement—the Blackmore's example? They have been extremely successful. Does this blue-hat registration impinge on their success or access?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I would need to take that on notice to get you a precise answer to that.</p>			
55	DFAT	Gallacher	ChAFTA	<p>Senator GALLACHER: Now one very close to my own state: wine exports to China. Do we know what the value of that is at the moment? I have seen various reports of a 50 per cent increase. Could someone find the figure?</p> <p>Mr Brown: If you give us a moment, we will get that number for you.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Are there any potential threats in this export market? Are we aware of any re-occurring NTBs for Australian wine exports to China?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I am not aware of any imminent threats. Of course there is always the potential for new regulations to be introduced in any market, including China, which may negatively impact our interests. So anything from labelling to health standards to whatever it might be could impact in this area. One of the benefits of the FTA is that we do have commitments from China to maximise the transparency that it gives to Australia, to inform us in a timely way of changes to regulation that may have an impact on trade, so we do get some notice of these.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Do you know how many forms are required for Australian wine to be exported to China? Do we know what sort of paperwork chain there is?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I will have to take that on notice. You asked about the record of our wine exports in the Chinese market. The latest data that we have, which is for 2016, shows that exports</p>	Page 114	26/04/17	11/05/17

			<p>of bottled wine have increased by 38 per cent to 470 million.</p> <p>CHAIR: In what time frame?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I think that is for calendar year 2016. We have interpreted that as a direct result of the three tariff cuts that have now been recorded under the agreement since it entered into force.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I have been to China and seen how much they sell Australian wine for. It is not a bad dividend. How long does it take a shipment of Australian wine to pass Chinese customs? Do you have an average time for that? I can only presume this is an impediment.</p> <p>Mr Brown: I think we would have to take that on notice, unless the secretary knows.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: It depends which port they enter. Some goods come in by air, some by ship. There is often a problem in countries as large as China, where there are many ports of entry, in getting uniformity of knowledge and facilitation on these things. I think the answer would be that the time could vary quite widely depending on the time of year, who you encounter and all the rest of it.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: I would appreciate if you could give us an assessment of that on notice. What is the value of Australia's lucerne exports to China? Are we sending lucerne to China?</p> <p>Mr Brown: Our exports or our imports?</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Our exports.</p> <p>Mr Brown: I have a number for hay and chaff, but I do not have one for lucerne. We can take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Do we have a protocol for different types of hay and lucerne?</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes, we do.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps we could get that on notice. I</p>			
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				<p>would be really keen to find out what a blue-hat registration is, for my own education. It appears to be a cost of \$50,000 per product. Would that be correct, Mr Brown? The China Food and Drug Administration blue-hat market entry registration process takes between two and four years, at a cost of \$50,000 per product. Is that your understanding?</p> <p>Mr Brown: I do not have that information at my fingertips, but we will certainly look into it and give you as much information as we can.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Currently we can sell through Chinese e-commerce channels without completing this blue hat, however the CDFA has announced that from 1 January 2018 blue hat will apply to all imports. So this will put pressure on an already backlogged registration system. It is an extremely important issue.</p> <p>Mr Brown: It is a very common problem in many markets. We will certainly give you as much information as we can on notice.</p>			
56	DFAT	Gallacher	Australia-EU free trade agreement	<p>Senator GALLACHER: There is a suggestion that the upcoming French election might be a US election scenario again. Does whether or not it will happen depend on who wins the election?</p> <p>Mr Brown: It is certainly a big part of, shall we call it, the political climate in Europe. They are facing not just challenging parts of the political cycle; there is significant populist backlash against globalisation. There is no doubt in my mind that that is having an impact on the disposition of the European Commission in these types of processes. It is not an Australia-specific issue, but it is certainly making it a harder sell to get trade liberalisation accepted by the member states.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Would the scoping study be made public?</p>	Page 117	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>Mr Brown: We would not typically make it public. I will have to take that on notice. I think the European Commission has its own processes. We would need to confer with them before we would decide how to handle the release of such a document.</p>			
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57	DFAT	Abetz	Family Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. According to the International Planned Parenthood Foundation (IPPF) in 2015 Australia recommenced its unrestricted funding of IPPF, giving \$5m in that year. What is the current level of funding provided to IPPF under their 'unrestricted' classification? 2. How does the Government ensure the Family Planning and Aid Program Guiding Principles (2009) are met when the IPPF classifies this funding as unrestricted? 3. What led to the decision to give \$9.5 million to IPPF for the SPRINT program? 4. Does this represent an increase on Australia's previous 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

			<p>financial commitment to the SPRINT program? (If so, a) what are the reasons for this increase? And b) how big an increase is it?</p> <p>5. What proportion of this funding for SPRINT will be directed towards abortions?</p> <p>6. Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) is a member association of International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). It has recently been referred to the FBI and the US Justice Department for its trade in baby body parts. Given that the SPRINT program is delivered by other member associations of IPPF in developing countries (where regulations might be expected to be harder to monitor and enforce than they are in the US), please outline in detail what monitoring processes are in place to ensure AusAid funds are not used in unethical ways.</p> <p>7. The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Family Planning and Aid Program Guiding Principles (2009) outlines certain principles to which organisations receiving Australian foreign aid are expected to adhere. These principles place a gestational term limit on abortion of up to 20 weeks.</p> <p>With regard to any Australian foreign aid allocated to activities which relate to the provision of abortion</p>			
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				<p>(whether through SPRINT or through other programs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) What procedures are in place to ensure organisations receiving Australian funding adhere to this requirement? b) What would happen if an organisation receiving Australian aid acted contrary to these principles? c) What measures are in place to ensure abortions paid for by Australian foreign aid are not being used for sex-selection? d) What is the total amount of Australian foreign aid allocated to activities which allow for the provision of abortion? Please provide a breakdown into specific activities, organisations and projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Expended in 2015-16 ii) Budgeted for 201-2017; and iii) In the forward estimates for 2017-2018? <p>8. What is the total amount of Australian foreign aid allocated to these same organisations for services not related to abortion?</p> <p>9. What were the dates during which Australia banned international aid assistance to family planning organisations that promoted abortion?</p> <p>10. What amounts have been given to a) International Planned Parenthood Federation, b) Marie Stopes</p>			
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				<p>International, and c) the UN Fund for Population Activities – UNFPA in the years since Australia reversed its policy? Specifying the amount for each.</p> <p>11. a) What is the Department’s attitude to the Norwegian Government project (known as “She Decides”) designed to get around the US reinstatement of the Mexico City policy?</p> <p>b) i) Does the Australian Government contribute to that fund? If so, how much?</p> <p>ii) If not, does the Australian Government intend to contribute to that fund?</p> <p>12. Did the Department consider the possibility that its extra contribution to the IPPF’s SPRINT program on 15 February could be interpreted as a way of benefiting the IPPF after the US Government’s decision to cease funding the IPPF?</p> <p>13. What monitoring actions does the Department undertake so as to ensure that its aid funds are not being used for the promotion of abortion under the guise of family planning?</p>			
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58	DFAT	Roberts	Aid Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As I understand it \$9.5 million of foreign aid funds from the Australian Government will end up in the Indo-Pacific region. Is that correct? 2. Would it be fair to say women and girls in this region are desperately in need of clean water, sanitation, education, shelter, ante-natal and postnatal care and protection from child labour and sexual exploitation and the opportunity to learn skills to get or create small business jobs? Is that what some of the money is for? 3. Is any of Australia's foreign aid money going to end up being used to pay for abortions? If so, which organisations are funded to carry out these abortions? 4. Is there an inconsistency in approach with this aid money if on the one hand it is intended to help women and girls overcome their challenges in life, while at the same time funding coercive abortion providers (such as International Planned Parenthood Federation) to make money and push practices on them that reduce a more responsible life affirming lifestyle? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
59	DFAT	Rhiannon	Kangaroos and the United States	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Did former US Ambassador Kim Beazley visit California to lobby for the removal of the ban on kangaroo products passed by the Californian legislature? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>a. If so how many times did he visit and who did he meet while in California?</p> <p>2. When Mr Beazley attended these meetings was he accompanied by representatives of the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia?</p> <p>a. If so who were present at these meetings. Please supply dates of meeting and those in attendance.</p> <p>3. Mr Beazley in the Sacramento Bee wrote about the “painful economic consequences” for Australia and California if the ban is not lifted.</p> <p>a. Please detail those economic consequences?</p> <p>b. How was the economic cost of the ban estimated?</p> <p>4. Is the new Ambassador Joe Hockey working to remove the ban on kangaroo products?</p> <p>a. Please detail any meetings with advocates for the lifting on the ban?</p> <p>5. What is the government’s response to the complaint that was made to California’s corruption watchdog, the Californian Fair Political Practices Commission, about the Australian government’s failure to disclose that it had funded lobbying activities to persuade</p>			
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				<p>California legislatures to lift the ban on the import of kangaroo parts?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How much was the government fined following the investigation into the lobbying activities? b. Who paid this fine – was it from DFAT’s general budget, the budget of the Australian Embassy in the US or another budget and if so please nominate? <p>6. Please detail representations the Australian government has made in relation to lifting the Californian ban on kangaroo products. What is the strategy for this year?</p> <p>7. The Californian Fair Political Practices Commission found that Australian public funding was used to gut an already introduced Californian gambling bill and replace its contents with the Australian-drafted bill to allow kangaroo imports. This was then introduced into the Californian Senate as an urgent bill, avoiding the earlier legislative processes, in the last busy week of the Californian sitting year in 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Was the Australian government aware that the gutting and amending of Californian legislation is widely recognised and condemned in California as a subversion of due and accountable lawmaking processes? If not, why 			
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				<p>not?</p> <p>b. Would the Australian government support a gut and amend process in Australian political processes?</p> <p>c. California's daily newspaper, the Sacramento Bee, described the Australian government-KIAA's effort to influence Californian's ban on kangaroo products as 'unsavoury foreign government interference and industry money to influence with local government decision-making.' What is the Australian government's response to this observation?</p> <p>d. Why did Australia financially and politically support the underhand strategy in California in 2015?</p> <p>e. The offending gutted and amended bill is still 'live' in the Californian Senate, with the Australian government advising in October 2016 it would be working to get that bill passed into Californian law to permanently lift California's ban on kangaroo imports.</p> <p>i. Can the Minister confirm the Australian government still supports that contentious bill and its tactic to avoid the full Californian legislative process?</p> <p>ii. Does the author of that original gambling bill. Californian</p>			
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				<p>Assemblyman Mike Gipson, still support his gutted and amended bill?</p> <p>f. Our previous ambassador Kim Beazley was tweeting marketing messages about the sustainability of commercial kangaroo shooting precisely when the Californian Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water was considering whether to consider the bill or not. Does the Australian Government support its personnel or ambassadors tweeting to influence Californian or other legislators' decisions?</p>			
60	DFAT	Rhiannon	Kangaroos and Asia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide an update on the activities to open up the Asian market, especially China, for products made from commercially shot kangaroos. 2. What are the current events and strategies planned to effect this? 3. Please provide details of any meetings or introductions the department has facilitated between the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia and Asian stakeholders and interests. 4. What is the involvement of Australia's ambassador and embassy staff in each of the countries through Asia being lobbied to grow kangaroo exports. 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
61	DFAT	Xenophon	DFAT - Waste	<p>Given that government and opposition politicians have all raised concerns over time and had policies on government waste:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is there a central government authority responsible for the elimination of waste? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>2. If so</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is there a government wide definition on the meaning of 'waste', and if so, what is that definition? b. How does this central government authority monitor and manage waste within the Department? c. Is there a central government mechanism (e.g. phone number, email address, web site) for public servants or contractors to report Departmental waste? d. How much Departmental waste was identified by the central government authority in FY 13/14, FY 14/15 and FY 15/16? <p>3. If not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is there a departmental definition on the meaning of 'waste', and if so, what is that definition? b. What are the Department's arrangements for monitoring and managing waste? c. Is there a central Departmental mechanism (e.g. phone number, email address, web site) for public servants or contractors to report Departmental waste? d. How much waste was identified by the Department in FY 13/14, FY 14/15 and FY 15/16? <p>4. In either case:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can Departmental officers or contractors report waste anonymously? b. Are they afforded a protection if they do so? 			
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62	DFAT	Xenophon	East Timor	<p>In reference to recent reports on the revoking of Australia's oil and gas treaty with East Timor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prior to revoking the treaty, what were the disputes between Australia and East Timor? 2. Have any disputes been dropped? Why? 3. Do any disputes remain? Which ones? <p>When East Timor invoked compulsory conciliation against Australia under Article 298 of UNCLOS as a means of permanently settling outstanding maritime boundaries, DFAT argued that the Conciliation Commission did not have competence. That argument was rejected by the Commission in its ruling of 19 September 2016.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What were the weaknesses in DFAT's arguments? <p>There was also a separate arbitration in which East Timor sought a declaration of the invalidity of CMATS (Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea) on the ground that its conclusion was tainted by the alleged planting of listening devices in 2004 by the Australian Secret Intelligence Service in Timor-Leste's cabinet room.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the status of this arbitration? 2. Why was it dropped? 3. Can it be revived? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
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63	DFAT	Xenophon	Rotterdam Treaty	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is Australia doing in respect of lobbying for chrysotile to be recognised as asbestos? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
64	DFAT	Xenophon	DFAT – WTO Government Procurement Agreement Negotiations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the status of the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (WTO GPA) negotiations? 2. Have and or will the negotiations now take into consideration the Commonwealth Procurement Rules that came into effect on 01 March 2017. 3. If not, why not? 4. Will the WTO GPA have any effect of the operation/interpretation and enforcement of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules that came into effect on 01 March 2017? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
65	DFAT	Gallacher	Procurement – Tender for EOI DFAT-127	<p>In regards to the current tender for EOI DFAT-127:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the value of the tender? 2. What are the required services 3. How long are the required services expected to take? 4. How many expressions of interest have been received? 5. What is the \$80,000,000 value listed on eTender expected to be spent on? 6. Please provide a breakdown of how the \$80,000,000 value figure was reached. 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

66	DFAT	Kitching	Sussan Ley's travel to the USA - February 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Who was responsible for making travel arrangements, both to and from Australia and internal travel from within the USA when Ms Ley travelled to the US in February 2016? 2 What support was provided by DFAT to Ms Ley with respect to this trip? 3 Who accompanied Ms Ley to the USA in terms of staff – her own staff and/or DFAT officials? 4 Was Ms Ley accompanied by her partner or any family members? Did DFAT provide support to those family members? What form of support was provided? 5 How did Ms Ley transit from San Francisco to Houston? 6 Who did Ms Ley meet with in San Francisco and Houston? 7 Where did Ms Ley and her accompanying staff stay in San Francisco and Houston? 8 It is reported that the purpose for this trip was for Ms Ley to attend the MedTech stream of the Australia-US Business Week to generate business. It is now 12 months since the trip. What business has actually been generated by Ms Ley's attendance? 9 How did it occur that DFAT created duplicate invoices in its system with respect to Ms Ley's travel? 10 How often has DFAT experienced administrative errors of this nature? 11 Once this error was highlighted, what action did DFAT take to ensure that a similar error had not occurred in the past? What action did DFAT take to ensure that a similar error will not occur again in future? 12 A duplication of the ground transport bill of \$12,143 would have totalled \$24,286, not \$21,271. Further, if a 		26/04/17	11/05/17
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				duplication error had occurred, the reported cost of accommodation and meals of \$5,944 should have been \$11,888, not \$11,230 as first reported. How did these discrepancies occur?			
67	DFAT	Kitching	Kevin Andrew's travel to the USA - February 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 What role did DFAT play in arranging or responding to the breakfast invitation? 2 Was there a fee to attend the breakfast? If yes, what was the sum and who paid it? 3 Which DFAT staff accompanied Mr Andrews to the breakfast? 4 What was the nature of DFAT support provided to Mr Andrews for the trip to the USA and/or the breakfast attendance? 5 On which date did DFAT provide a briefing to Mr Andrews prior to his departure from Australia? 6 Who from the Embassy met with Mr Andrews during his stay in the USA? 		26/04/17	11/05/17
68	DFAT	Kitching	Portsea Polo and #fashiondiplomacy – January 2017	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 In relation to Prime Minister Abe's visit, on which date did the call arrive to give notice of the impending visit? When exactly did DFAT know that the visit would occur? 2 On which date was Minister Ciobo informed that he would be involved in the program of events? Please provide extracts from Minister Ciobo's schedule of pertinent information. 3 Did Minister Bishop attend other events in the afternoon/evening of 14 January 2017 besides the dinner for Prime Minister Abe? If so, please provide details and schedule extracts. 4 Did Minister Bishop attend any events associated with 		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>Prime Minister Abe's visit on 15 January 2017?</p> <p>5 Did Minister Bishop attend the 2016 Portsea Polo in her official capacity as Foreign Minister? If so, please detail the nature of the business conducted at the event which constitutes ministerial business.</p> <p>6 On how many other occasions has Minister Bishop attended the Portsea Polo as Foreign Minister? Which years?</p> <p>7 Has Minister Bishop attended the Melbourne Cup as Foreign Minister and on how many occasions? If so, please detail the nature of the business conducted at the event which constitutes ministerial business.</p> <p>8 Has DFAT provided any personnel or support to the Foreign Minister at the Melbourne Cup or the Portsea Polo?</p> <p>9 Did DFAT advise Minister Bishop to spruik the hashtag #fashiondiplomacy at the Melbourne Cup?</p> <p>10 Of the textile manufacturers based in greater Melbourne, whom has been visited by Minister Bishop?</p> <p>11 Which DFAT divisions are responsible for briefing the Foreign Minister on fashion? How often are briefings of this nature provided to the Foreign Minister?</p> <p>12 Is it usual practice for DFAT staff to travel with the Foreign Minister, or travel separately to locations where the Foreign Minister is attending events?</p>			
69	DFAT	Kitching	G'Day USA Black Tie Gala held in Hollywood - 28 January 2017	<p>1 What was the venue hire cost for the 28 January 2017 G'Day USA Gala event? What was the process for selecting a venue? Was there a tender process?</p> <p>2 How many venues in total were requested to provide a hire quotation?</p> <p>3 On a per head basis, what was the cost accounting for</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>venue hire, food, beverages, decorations and entertainment?</p> <p>4 Were flowers donated for the event? If not, who paid the account and what was the total?</p> <p>5 Were Australian chefs Neil Perry and Curtis Stone paid a fee to attend the event? If so, what were each paid? In addition, did DFAT cover their travel and accommodation expenses? Please detail their travel expenses.</p> <p>6 Was American chef Wolfgang Puck paid to attend? Where did he travel from? Were his travel and accommodation expenses covered by DFAT?</p> <p>7 Were Australian celebrities Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban paid a fee to attend? If so, what was the fee for each? What did each of their travel expenses total? Did DFAT cover their costs?</p> <p>8 Which other Australian celebrities were paid to attend? How of those who attended flew from Australia specifically to attend the event?</p> <p>9 Of those American celebrities who were in attendance, which were paid a fee to attend?</p> <p>10 Were John Travolta's expenses covered by DFAT or another sponsor?</p> <p>11 Which hosts and performers did not receive a fee for their attendance and services?</p> <p>12 Who from the US government attended?</p> <p>13 Who from the Australian Consulate-General in Los Angeles attended?</p> <p>14 Have similarly scaled and priced events been organised by DFAT in countries of our other major trade partners? If yes, when and where?</p> <p>15 At which hotel did Minister Bishop stay during her</p>			
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				<p>16 official government commitments in Los Angeles? Of Minister Bishop's USA trip in January 2017, which aspects were arranged by DFAT? Can the Department provide a copy of Minister Bishop's itinerary excluding the component relating to personal leave?</p> <p>17 Did DFAT provide or cover the costs of any hair or beauty services in Los Angeles?</p> <p>18 Was Minister Bishop supplied with any of a gown, shoes, a clutch and/or pearl earrings for the event? If so, who offered them to her? Was it a gift? Were parliamentary compliance standards surrounding gifts complied with?</p> <p>19 Which Australian designer label gown was the Minister wearing at the event?</p> <p>20 On which date did DFAT brief Minister Bishop prior to her departure from Australia?</p>			
70	DFAT	Kitching	Julie Bishop's annual leave in the USA – January 2017	<p>1 It is understood that Minister Bishop took approximately a week's annual leave immediately prior to the commencement of the G'Day USA events and that her annual leave was spent in the USA. What were the dates of her annual leave? On which date did she arrive in the USA?</p> <p>2 Which date did she return to work?</p> <p>3 Was she met at the airport by DFAT or consular officials? If so, how many?</p> <p>4 How did she transit from the airport to her accommodation? Did DFAT or anyone other than Minister Bishop cover this expense?</p> <p>5 Was Minister Bishop's personal travel arrangements – those enjoyed during her annual leave – arranged by DFAT?</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>6 Throughout Minister Bishop’s time in California, for both personal and government business, did she stay at the same hotel? Was all of her accommodation at this hotel booked in one reservation? How was the hotel bill paid? Who paid it?</p> <p>7 Did DFAT cover the cost of any travel arrangements for Minister Bishop, her partner or her staff? If so, did DFAT contribute and/or review Minister Bishop’s travel request before it was submitted to the Prime Minister for approval?</p> <p>8 How many of Minister Bishop’s staff accompanied her to the USA for the business component of the trip?</p> <p>9 From the time Minister Bishop landed in the USA until the time she departed, excluding Minister Bishop, her partner and DFAT, was any air travel, ground transport or meals, outside of G’Day USA events, sponsored by any other parties? If so, who provided/paid for what?</p>			
71	DFAT	Kitching	Australian Embassy in Washington	<p>We refer to Supplementary Estimates Question on Notice #82 and seek clarification answers to parts i, j and k:</p> <p>1. Is it correct that the residence could previously accommodate 4 live-in staff and 4 visitors in addition to the family?</p> <p>2. Is it correct that following \$8,500 in renovations, the property can only accommodate 3 live-in staff and 3</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>visitors – so two fewer people?</p> <p>3. It is unclear from the response what the reason for this is – could the Department provide a further clarification as to why a renovation was undertaken which allows for two fewer people to be accommodated on the property?</p>			
72	DFAT	Moore	Gender Specialist	<p>1. Has the position of Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality been filled? If ‘yes’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many applications were received for the position? ii. How many interviews did DFAT undertake before selecting the successful candidate? iii. What was the time frame for the decision to create the position, to the start date of the Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality? <p>2. How will the new Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality and the Ambassador</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>for Women and Girls, be involved in discussions on Australia's response to the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG Goal 5?</p> <p>3. What strategies and objectives will the new Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality take with progressing gender equality with the Trade?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Is the Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality consulted with Australian Trade negotiations and developing Trade policy? ii. How many gender-responsive trade policies has the Department implemented or tried to implement in trade partnerships and with whom? 			
73	DFAT	Moore	Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy	<p>1. When the Department's <i>Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy</i> notes economic participation, does the Department consider workforce participation to be included in economic participation?</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>2. Does the Department have a position on domestic violence leave entitlements– either internally or as a suggestion for inclusions in strategies such as the <i>Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment Strategy</i>?</p> <p>3. Has the Department had discussion with our pacific neighbours in forums on domestic violence leave entitlements?</p> <p>4. Is the Department aware of any government in our region who is considering introducing domestic violence leave entitlements?</p>			
74	DFAT	Moore	PNG Health	<p>1. Can you confirm the total amount of funding the Australian Government is providing and the total amount the PNG government is contributing to Angau Hospital rebuild?</p> <p>2. Has there been a reduction in Australian Government</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>funding the overall funding for the new Angau Hospital during 2015-16-17?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. If yes, what the process undertaken in making this decision? <p>3. Is the department aware of the delays in the rebuild of the Angau Hospital?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. If 'yes', is the Department aware of the impact has this had on patients? <p>4. Is the Department aware of any reduction in staffing at Angau Hospital?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. DFAT's Papua New Guinea Aid Program Performance Report 2015/16 states that "PNG's National Health Plan mid-term review concluded the drivers of sluggish performance were the lack of investment in the workforce" (Page 6)i. Is DFAT concerned this will impact on the quality of treatment patients will receive at the new Hospital?			
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				<p>ii. What support, if any, is the Department providing to the current and future workforce training of Aganu Hospital?</p> <p>5. Will the reduction in funding for Aganu Hospital and the delay in completion of the redevelopment of the Hospital as well as the transition of Australia to capacity build rather than service delivery of HIV AID programs impact on the treatment of patients with HIV/AIDS in PNG?</p> <p>6. DFAT’s Papua New Guinea Aid Program Performance Report 2015/16 states that “HIV treatment for pregnant women worsened”. Can the Department please provide more detail on this?</p> <p>i. The report also states that “In the absence of Australian support we would expect national performance to be lower against relevant indicators.”</p> <p>Why does the Department anticipate performance to lower without Australia’s</p>			
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				<p>ongoing support?</p> <p>ii. In aggregate terms what is the number of pregnant women in PNG who will be negatively affected by Australia's move to core public health capacity rather than service delivery?</p> <p>7. What consultation has been undertaken by the Department, including through the High Commissioner, in-country service providers, PNG's AIDs Council and the NDoH (Papua New Guinea's Health Department) on the changes to Australia's funding for HIV AID programs in PNG?</p> <p>8. Can DFAT outline its plans to ensure that this sudden retraction of services in 2017, and the resulting imminent threat to health outcomes, is addressed?</p> <p>9. Can the Department confirm which programs for Sexual and Reproductive Health in PNG's funding has ceased in 2016 and provide details of how much</p>			
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				<p>funding NGO's delivering these services in PNG received as well as what their beneficiaries were estimated to be?</p> <p>10. Can the Department confirm which programs that address specific HIV/AIDS care, prevention and treatment programs are funded through Australian Aid and are any under review or had funding ceased in the last 6 months?</p> <p>11. What analysis both before and after has DFAT undertaken to ensure a responsible transition of these services to the PNG government for addressing an AIDS/HIV strategy?</p> <p>12. Is the Department going to continue to monitor HIV/AIDS service delivery programs in PNG with regards to the NDoH taking on responsibility for Service Delivery and there have in the past been issues with relation to the NDoH management of similar programs?</p>			
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75	DFAT	Moore	Yemen	<p>1) What preparation is the Department making to support the 18.8 million people in Yemen that the United Nations estimates need some kind of assistance or protection in order to meet their basic needs, including 10.3 million who are in acute need?</p> <p>2) What will the Australian Government's contributions be to aid and humanitarian organisations that are operating in Yemen to assist during the current crisis?</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17
76	DFAT	Moore	Sustainable Development Goals - IDC	<p>1. Can you please provide an update on the Inter-Departmental Committee on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many times has the IDC now met ii. Who was in attendance? iii. Can you provide agendas or minutes of the meeting? iv. Have any decisions been made on how the Government will reach the SDG targets? <p>2. How will the Inter-Departmental Committee on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>ensure that Australia prioritises gender equality and women’s empowerment as central to achieving all sustainable development goals?</p> <p>3. How will the coordination work of the IDC, the first assistant secretary committee and action on SDGs across departments be resourced?</p> <p>4. Has the mapping work across the SDGs, being undertaken by the first assistant secretary committee, been completed? When will this be made publicly available?</p> <p>5. The Government has committed to assisting countries in our region with SDGs implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Can details of this proposed assistance be provided? ii. How will this be resourced? iii. How will the Australian Government promote the role of diverse women and women’s rights organisations as leaders on the 2030 agenda with other countries in our region? <p>6. How is the Australian Bureau of Statistics being resourced to address existing gaps in data against the Global Indicator Framework?</p>			
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77	DFAT	Moore	DFAT Internal Committee on SDGs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can you please provide an update on DFAT's internal committee on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many times has the committee met ii. Who was in attendance? iii. Can you provide agendas or minutes of the meeting? iv. What goals and targets have been recommended to the Department for action? 2. How will the Committee ensure that DFAT prioritises gender equality and women's empowerment as central to achieving all sustainable development goals in Australia's region? 3. The Government has committed to assisting countries in our region with SDGs implementation. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Can details of this proposed assistance be provided by DFAT? ii. How will this be resourced by DFAT? iii. How will DFAT promote the role of diverse women and women's rights organisations as leaders on the 2030 agenda with other countries in our 		26/04/17	11/05/17
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78	DFAT	Moore	Australian aid transparency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can DFAT provide a commitment to reduce time lag to at most a year, to be re-evaluated each estimates? 2. By way of clarification, are all current projects listed on the DFAT website? 3. If not, is there a process for determining which projects appear online and which do not, and at which level these decisions are made ? 		26/04/17	11/05/17
79	DFAT	Moore	ABC's shortwave transmission in the Pacific	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Has the Department provided written advice to the ABC regarding their decision to cease broadcasting shortwave radio in the Pacific? 2) Has the Department undertaken any analysis of Australian communication effectiveness and outcomes in the Pacific? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If 'yes' what are they? 3) Is the Department aware of any civil and political strengthening programs operating in affected nations that will be negatively affected by the ceasing of shortwave radio? 4) In light of shortwave radio ceasing and given the upcoming elections in PNG, what is the Department's assessment of how and what additional support will be needed to ensure information on the election and voter 		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>education information is received by all PNG voters?</p> <p>5) RAMSI is withdrawing in June of this year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Is there a communication strategy surrounding the RAMSI withdraw? ii. Was shortwave radio originally or at any stage a part of the RAMSI withdraw strategy? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If yes, what new strategies have been put in place? <p>6) Has the Department provided advice internally or to the Minister that DFAT should explore options to provide communication transmissions in the Pacific and our region from within their own Budget?</p>			
80	DFAT	Moore	2017 Annual Aid Evaluation Program	<p>The government has provided the annual aid evaluation plan and has listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanitarian Assistance in the Pacific; • The effectiveness of Australia’s response to Cyclone Pam; • Combating pandemics and emerging infectious disease; • Electoral systems strengthening; • Disability inclusive development; and 		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change assistance. <p>These are explained to be strategic evaluations to be published in 2017.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Can the department advise why these topics were prioritised over the 14 other topics listed as “programs which will undertake evaluations in future years” in the document released earlier in 2017? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Does this list indicate the department’s priority in any way as to the SDGs the department will be focusing on? 2. The Independent Evaluation Committees’ (IEC) communiqué from 1 December 2016 lists Tropical Cyclone Pam as being the final report. Has this report been published on the Department’s website? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. If yes, where can it be accessed? ii. Does the publication of the report meet with the department’s usual time frame for completion of reporting? iii. Does the publication of the report meet with the 			
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				<p>department's usual time frame for making reports publicly available?</p> <p>3. Can the Department provide an indicative time frame for when each of the Strategic Evaluations listed in the 2017 Aid Evaluation Plan will be completed and published on the DFAT website?</p> <p>i. What is the expected time between completion of report and publishing?</p> <p>4. The ODE's Review of Operational Evaluations conducted in 2014 stated that 50 reports had failed to be published. Has the Department made any effort to address the failure to publish the listed 50?</p> <p>i. If yes, where can each report be accessed?</p> <p>ii. How long did it take for the reports to be published after the findings of the ODE's Review?</p> <p>5. When will the evaluation processes commence for those strategic and program evaluations listed in the 2017 Aid Evaluation Plan but not identified in the</p>			
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				<p>IEC's December communiqué?</p> <p>6. What is the link between the strategic evaluations and program evaluation outlined in the 2017 Aid Evaluation Program?</p> <p>i. Can program evaluations occur before strategic evaluations are completed?</p>			
81	DFAT	Moore	Program Evaluation	<p>1. DFAT's Aid Evaluation Plan for 2017 makes specific note of the fact that "All programs evaluations will include a management response which will be completed by the relevant DFAT program." Given the ODE own operational review was only able to identify 16 of possible 35 management responses, has the Department introduced any new strategies to ensure management responses occur?</p> <p>2. The IEC Communiqué of 1 December 2016 notes that a progress update was received for the Strategic Evaluation of the Electoral System Strengthening. Can the Department advise of the Evaluation's current status?</p> <p>3. Can the Department explain where the Program Evaluations for Bougainville Governance Program and Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development will sit within this Strategic Evaluation as well as explain consideration was given to the upcoming PNG national and local elections in June/July of this year throughout this evaluation process?</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>4. The 2017 Aid Evaluation Program list the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development as being evaluation under PNG (\$58m component) and the Pacific Regional (\$320 investment). Can the Department explain why the evaluation has been split in this way?</p> <p>5. The Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development is listed in the 2017 Aid Evaluation Program, can the Department please advise how the Advisory Board of the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development program participates in this evaluation process?</p>			
82	DFAT	Moore	Business Partnership Platform (Round 1)	<p>1. Can the Department confirm if 9 or 10 partnerships are currently funded as part of BPP Round 1?</p> <p>i. Was the total funds allocated for Round 1 exhausted?</p> <p>ii. Did any partnerships fail to progress?</p> <p>a. If Yes – was the funding for the program re-allocated?</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17
83	DFAT	Moore	Business Partnership Platform (Round 2)	<p>1. According to the Business Partnership Platform page on DFAT’s website EOI for Round 2 have been shortlisted:</p> <p>i. How many applications were received overall?</p> <p>ii. How many EOI have been shortlisted?</p> <p>iii. Have all those EOI shortlisted by the Department</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>engaged in the further assessment process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. What is the breakdown of EOI by country and sector for Round 2? v. What is the breakdown of those shortlisted, again by country and sector? <p>2. Who are the current members of the Business Partnership Platform Selection Committee?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. On what basis are members appointed to the BPP Selection Committee? ii. Have any members of the selection committee changed since Round 1? <p>3. The most recent round of the Business Partnership Platform initiative required a gender equality plan. Can you confirm if the Department measures gender equality plans submitted on the basis of the OECD DAC Gender market when weighing the applications?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. If the OECD DAC Gender marker is used - can the Department advise of those proposals shortlisted, the number that has been identified as principal or significant? 			
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				<p>ii. How does this compare to the initial round?</p> <p>4. The Business Partnership Platform encourages NGOs to partner with the Private Sector to achieve development outcomes. Does the Department provide any avenues of support to facilitate relationships between likeminded NGOs and Private Sector organisations?</p> <p>i. Has the Department received any feedback from the NGO sector with regard to the ability to identify private sector partners?</p> <p>ii. Can you provide a breakdown of the characteristic of partnering Private Sector organisations – in terms of do they operate globally, in Australia or in the local economy – has this been consistent across the two rounds?</p> <p>iii. Did the number of NGOs who were partnering organisations for EOI increase or decrease?</p>			
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. How many NGOs placed multiple EOIs? v. Did this have any bearing on the outcome of their EOI being shortlisted, or ultimately selected? 			
84	DFAT	Moore	Disability Inclusiveness (Round 1)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given projects funded in Round 1 are either coming to an end or reaching the half way point in their funding cycle, can the Department outline which projects funded in round 1 identified disability inclusivity and how these concerns have been met to date? 2. The Core Selection criteria also weighed projects on the basis of their measurement of disability outcomes. Can the Department advise of changes in disability outcomes measured by projects funded in Round 1? 		26/04/17	11/05/17
85	DFAT	Moore	Disability Inclusiveness (Round 2)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are organisations still required to undertake assessment of partnerships on the grounds of disability inclusivity as they were in Round 1? 		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>i. If 'no', why?</p> <p>2. Did any applications, which did not have disability outcomes as a priority area, i.e not those in Cambodia and Fiji, give consideration to disability inclusion as part of their proposal?</p> <p>3. Were any EOI received and subsequently shortlisted which aligned with the priority areas of either:</p> <p>i. Cambodia –Disability or</p> <p>ii. Fiji - Business employing or assisting people with disabilities?</p> <p>4. Is the Department identified that the decision to remove the private sector focus on disability inclusivity will hinder Australia's efforts to meet outcomes set out in Agenda 2030?</p>			
86	DFAT	Moore	Aid For Trade	<p>1. The Strategy for Australia's Aid for Trade Investments lists economic empowerment of women as a priority area. How does the Department measure and evaluate</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>the impact of Aid for Trade investments on women?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Can the Department provide comparisons of the level of empowerment attained in Aid for Trade investments compared to other areas of ODA?ii. Would it be correct to say that Aid for Trade in PNG has an infrastructure focus?iii. Can the Department explain how it measures the level of empowerment as well as determining the dollar value allocated to gender targets for infrastructure investments? <p>2. What strategies are in place to ensure Aid for Trade investments, particularly those that engage the private sector provide economic empowerment to women under the principal of do no harm?</p> <p>3. The Department's Strategy for Australia's Aid for Trade Investment has listed craft cooperatives for women in the South Pacific and linking into tourism as an example of Aid for Trade. What other programs</p>			
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				<p>and/or public private partnerships facilitate women's engagement with the formal economy in the Pacific?</p> <p>4. The Department's Strategy for Australia's Aid for Trade Investment states that only 30% of the expenditure of DFAT initiatives in Aid for Trade sectors list gender equality as a principal or significant objective.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Can the Department provide a breakdown of those investments/programs that are listed as principal and those listed as significant? ii. Would the Department be satisfied if the target of 80% for Aid for Trade investments is reached if these improvements were measured as significant in nature rather than principal? <p>5. What is the aggregate number of Aid for Trade investments that list gender equality as a principal objective?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Have there been any changes in the number of Aid for Trade investments with gender equality 			
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				<p>as a principal objective since the release of the Aid for Trade strategy document in July 2015?</p> <p>ii. Of those investments that list gender equality as a <u>principal objective</u>, would the Department classify these investments as falling under the classification of ‘Trade Policy & Regulations and Trade Related Adjustment’, ‘Economic Infrastructure’ or ‘Building Productive Capacity’?</p> <p>iii. Of the Aid for Trade investments listing gender as a <u>principal objective</u>, which programs are assessed as having short – term outcomes, immediate outcomes and higher development outcomes?</p> <p>iv. Of the Aid for Trade Investments listing gender as a <u>principal objective</u> how many engage the private sector, and what is the nature of the private sector engagement for each?</p> <p>6. What is the aggregate number of Aid for Trade investments that list gender equality as a <u>significant</u></p>			
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				<p><u>objective?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Has there been any change in the number of Aid for Trade investments with gender equality as a <u>significant objective</u> since the release of the Aid for trade strategy document in July 2015? ii. Of those investments listed as gender equality as a <u>significant objective</u> would the Department classify these investments as falling under the classification of Trade Policy & Regulations and Trade Related Adjustment, or Economic Infrastructure or Building Productive Capacity? iii. Of the Aid for Trade investments listing gender as a <u>significant objective</u> which programs are assessed as having short – term outcomes, immediate outcomes or higher development outcomes? iv. Of the Aid for Trade Investments listing gender as a <u>significant objective</u> how many engage the private sector, and in what way is the private 			
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				sector engaged?			
87	DFAT	Moore	Aid programs in the Pacific aimed at ending violence against women	<p>1. The Department advised that AidWorks would be redeveloped during the 2016 to 2018 period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Can you provide a general update on the progress of this redevelopment? ii. Advise if the Department has given any consideration as to how AidWorks can be used to meet these reporting requirements for SDG indicator reporting? iii. What systems are in place to ensure unified data is collected across all departments to ensure Australia is able to accurately report against SDG indicators? 		26/04/17	11/05/17
88	DFAT	Moore	Humanitarian Assistance - Pacific Women Mentoring Program	<p>Following up on the response to Question on Notice #119 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20Oct)</p> <p>1. Please provide guidelines of the full design and procurement process for Pacific Women Mentoring program.</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>2. In the interest of removing vague references, please provide a full outline of what specific leadership activities and under each activity and how women are supported.</p> <p>3. Please provide details of how Pacific women are to be connected with female leaders in Australia and details how they will be chosen from the public and private sectors.</p>			
89	DFAT	Moore	Gender - Reproductive Health Care Funding	<p>Following up on the response to Question on Notice #57 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20Oct)</p> <p>1. Please provide a list of specific programs that were funded under the 2012 pledge and indicate the funding provided for each project for each year.</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17
90	DFAT	Moore	Climate Change and Development Working Group	<p>Following up on the response to Question on Notice #134 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20Oct)</p> <p>1. Please provide further details of who within DFAT is involved with the Climate Change and Development Working Group.</p> <p>2. How is the working group incorporating the 2030 Agenda into its principles-based framework?</p> <p>3. Can you provide an outline of the ‘principles-based framework for climate action and development’.</p> <p>4. Please provide details of all representatives from other agencies participating in the working group.</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17

91	DFAT	Moore	Climate Change - DFAT International Climate Change Engagement program	<p>Following up on the response to Question on Notice #62 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20Oct)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please provide details of DFAT's International Climate Change Engagement program, including the funding allocation and the expenditure to date. 2. Please provide details of the initiatives funded to support Pacific Island Countries effectively engaging in climate negotiations. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. How is 'effectiveness' measured for these initiatives? ii. How is 'capacity building' accounted for in these initiatives? 		26/04/17	11/05/17
92	DFAT	Moore	Green Climate Fund	<p>Following up on the response to Question on Notice #61 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20Oct)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Across these Green Climate Fund funded projects, clarify and provide details related to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. what does 'scale up' mean for USD12.29M to scale up climate information in Malawi? ii. what infrastructure, type plus details, in USD40M for climate resilient infrastructure in Bangladesh? iii. in what way is aid involved in USD22M for an energy efficiency green bond programme in Latin America and the Caribbean? iv. in what way is aid involved in USD21.7M for an energy savings insurance scheme for private v. energy efficiency investments in El Salvador? vi. details of the USD49M for a solar energy development 		26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>programme in Chile</p> <p>vii. how does aid get spent supplying ‘planning instruments’ and define what is meant by ‘planning instruments’ in USD41.17M on financial and land-use planning instruments to reduce emissions from deforestation in Ecuador?</p> <p>viii. given concerns over mislabeling of coal as ‘clean’, provide substantially more details of USD378M for a sustainable energy financing project across countries in Africa, Asia Pacific & Eastern Europe.</p> <p>2. What guidelines underpin the Department fulfilling the PM’s 2016 Pacific Islands Forum, commitment to \$225M of ‘climate smart’ investment?</p>			
93	DFAT	Moore	InnovationXchange	<p>Following up on the response to Question on Notice #137 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20Oct)</p> <p>1) Can the Department clarify whether Dr. Bjorn Lomborg is still a member of the international reference group?</p> <p>2) Can the Department confirm this group continues to provide the Minister with strategic guidance on the priorities and investments for the innovationXchange?</p>		26/04/17	11/05/17
94	DFAT	Whish-Wilson	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)	<p>1. Has Australia advocated for the AIIB’s Energy Strategy to be more accommodative of investment in fossil fuel power generation?</p> <p>2. Did Australia advocate for the AIIB’s Energy Strategy to be amended to better allow for funding of coal fired power stations?</p> <p>3. What evidence did Australia present to support this</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>advocacy?</p> <p>4. What was the outcome of this advocacy?</p> <p>5. Did the Department consult with the minerals industry in preparing its position in relation to the AIIB's Energy Strategy?</p> <p>6. Did the Department consult with any other stakeholders in preparing its position in relation to the AIIB's Energy Strategy?</p>			
95	DFAT	Wong	White Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can the Department provide copies of the suggestions provided in writing by heads of mission on the white paper which was referred to by Secretary Adamson during the hearing? • Can the Department provide a direct answer to part B of Question No 84 on the white paper as discussed during the hearing? • When did the government formally determine that DFAT would undertake a foreign policy white paper? • When was the formal decision to undertake a foreign policy white paper announced? • What will the process be by which Mr Maude and his taskforce record and incorporate feedback and material from the GHOMM into the white paper? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the total budget on which the white paper taskforce is being run?• From what projects or other operations were funds diverted to pay for the taskforce operations?• For the white paper taskforce, can the department provide estimated breakdowns of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Staff salaries○ Overheads of operating the taskforce○ Staff travel○ Stakeholder travel○ Venue hire○ Catering costs○ External consultant fees○ Cost of report production including copyediting and design• On how many occasions has Minister Bishop met with Mr Maude and/or the taskforce? Where did each meeting occur? What was the purpose of each meeting? How long did each meeting last?			
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On how many occasions has Minister Ciobo met with Mr Maude and/or the taskforce? • Has Prime Minister Turnbull met with Mr Maude and/or the taskforce? If so, on how many occasions? For what purpose on each occasion? 			
96	DFAT	Wong	Minchin Order	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There are nearly 20 positions vacant on various boards and reference committees falling under DFAT. What is the reason for the high number of vacant positions? 2. Since 16 Feb, when the Minchin order was last updated, have any of these positions been filled? 3. Have any more become vacant? 4. Does the Department have a plan to fill these positions? 5. The Australia Indonesia Institute appears to have the Chairperson role as well as two member positions vacant – is this still the case? 6. How many people are meant to be on the board of the Australia Indonesia Institute, and how many are on it at present? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>7. How long has the Chairperson role been vacant?</p> <p>8. The Australia Japan Foundation appears to have the Chairperson role as well as one member position vacant – is this still the case?</p> <p>9. How many people are meant to be on the board of the Australia Japan Foundation, and how many are on it at present?</p> <p>10. How long has the Chairperson role been vacant?</p>			
97	DFAT	Wong	Prime Minister Abe's January 2017 Australia visit	<p>1. Can the Department provide a full program of Prime Minister Abe's visit in Sydney?</p> <p>2. Can the Department clarify exactly which parts of the program Minister Bishop participated in?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
98	DFAT	Wong	PNG	<p>What role does DFAT have in supporting travel by former Prime Minister Abbott?</p> <p>Does he receive support over and above what other backbench MPs/Senators would receive?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

			<p>Is there a protocol relating to his travel as a former Prime Minister?</p> <p>Does DFAT expect former Prime Minister Abbott to advise when he is travelling overseas or when he has high profile engagements/events overseas?</p> <p>How many trips has DFAT supported Mr Abbott on since he ceased to be Prime Minister?</p> <p>Prime Minister Abbott visited PNG late last year. When was DFAT first aware that former Prime Minister Abbott was paying a visit to PNG?</p> <p>How did they become aware of his visit?</p> <p>When did the Papua New Guinean government become aware of the visit?</p> <p>How did the Papua New Guinean government become aware of the visit – did the DFAT post tell them?</p> <p>Was the Papua New Guinean government supportive of the visit?</p> <p>Did DFAT assist with his visit? What was the purpose of his visit?</p> <p>Has Prime Minister Turnbull visited PNG since assuming the</p>			
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				<p>Prime Ministership?</p> <p>Has Prime Minister Turnbull been invited to PNG?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When exactly was Turnbull invited? • Who invited him? • How many days have passed since the invitation was extended? <p>How frequently did former Prime Minister Abbott visit PNG as PM?</p>			
99	DFAT	Wong	Philippines	<p>What is the Department's assessment of the Philippines' war on drugs?</p> <p>Is the Department aware that the death penalty is likely to be reinstated in the Philippines?</p> <p>Is the Department aware that the age of criminal responsibility is likely to be lowered from 15 to nine in the Philippines' legal system?</p> <p>Is the Department concerned about these developments?</p> <p>What has the Department or the Foreign Minister done to address these concerns? Have concerns been raised – how</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>many times and at what levels?</p> <p>What is the Department doing to monitor the situation?</p> <p>Has the Foreign Minister said anything publicly since 2 October?</p>			
100	DFAT	Wong	Myanmar	<p>What is the Department's assessment of the current situation facing the Rohingya people in Myanmar?</p> <p>Is the Department concerned about the situation?</p> <p>What has the Department or the Foreign Minister done to address these concerns?</p> <p>What is the Department doing to monitor the situation?</p> <p>Has the Foreign Minister said anything publicly on the Rohingya?</p> <p>Does the Foreign Minister plan on saying anything publicly about the Rohingya?</p> <p>Will the Government be supporting UN Human Rights Council resolution 31/24 supporting an international investigation into the situation in Rakhine State?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

101	DFAT	Wong	Turkey	<p>What is the Department's assessment of the current situation in Turkey following the July 2016 coup attempt?</p> <p>What are the ongoing effects of the coup attempt?</p> <p>Has there been the impact on the number of people in indefinite detention?</p> <p>Has there been the impact on media operations and freedom of the press?</p> <p>What are the expectations around the conclusion or lifting of the state of emergency?</p> <p>Is the Department concerned about the situation?</p> <p>What has the Department or the Foreign Minister done to address these concerns? Have concerns been raised – how many times and at what levels?</p> <p>What is the Department doing to monitor the situation?</p> <p>Has the Foreign Minister said anything publicly on this matter?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
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102	DFAT	Wong	Ethiopia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What were the terms of Mr Abdi Mohamoud Omar's visit to Australia? Was it an official visit, or a visit sponsored by the Australian government? 2. What is the Australian Government doing through diplomacy and other means to press the Ethiopian government regarding the 32 relatives of Australians who were arrested and detained in Ethiopia's Somali Regional State following Mr Abdi's return to Ethiopia? 3. How many times has the matter been raised, and at what level? How often? 4. What was the response given by the Ethiopian government? 5. Given the concerns raised about torture and serious abuses including the alleged detention of relatives of Australians following Abdi Mohamoud Omar's visit to Australia, will the government ensure that he does not return to Australia in the future? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
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103	DFAT	Wong	US Election	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prior to the November 2016 US election, how many briefings did the Foreign Minister receive from DFAT on the possible election outcomes? To what extent were these briefings balanced in addressing both possible election outcomes? 2. Prior to the November 2016 US election, how many meetings did the Foreign Minister have with the Clinton transition team? 3. Prior to the November 2016 US election, how many meetings did the Foreign Minister have with the Trump transition team? 4. Prior to the November 2016 US election, how many meetings did DFAT personnel or the US Embassy have with the Clinton transition team? 5. Prior to the November 2016 US election, how many meetings did DFAT personnel or the US Embassy have with the Trump transition team? 6. Can the Department provide a list of people/parties who requested tickets or made inquiries about tickets for President Trump's inauguration? How many of them were provided tickets with DFAT's assistance? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
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104	DFAT	Wong	AUSMIN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is it correct that AUSMIN is normally an annual occurrence? 2. Was AUSMIN held last year (2016)? Why not? 3. Will there be an AUSMIN in 2017? Who will host? What are the likely dates or what part of the year? 4. Might there be two AUSMIN meetings in 2017? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
105	DFAT	Wong	UN Human Rights Council	<p>On Thursday 9 February 2017 the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)-NGO forum on Human Rights that was held at the Australian National Museum in Canberra.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Which organisations were invited? ii. Which organisations attended? iii. What was DFAT's agenda that was communicated on the day? iv. How is DFAT seeking to engage with NGO community in Australia in the process of bidding for 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				the UN Human Rights Council position?			
106	DFAT	Wong	UN Human Rights Council	<p>On Thursday 9 February 2017 the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)-NGO forum on Human Rights that was held at the Australian National Museum in Canberra.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Which organisations were invited? ii. Which organisations attended? iii. What was DFAT’s agenda that was communicated on the day? iv. How is DFAT seeking to engage with NGO community in Australia in the process of bidding for the UN Human Rights Council position? <p>DFAT is currently engaged in the “voluntary pledging” process in relations to the UN Human Rights Council bid.</p> <p>Can the Department provide an update on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. What’s the purpose of this process? ii. When will the pledges be internally finalised? iii. Will they be approved by the Minister? Will they be approved by Cabinet? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

			<p>iv. When will the pledges be shared with the UN?</p> <p>v. When will the pledges be made public?</p> <p>vi. Has there been a consultation process on forming the pledges? Internally? Externally?</p> <p>vii. Does Special Envoy Ruddock have a role? What is it?</p> <p>What will the mechanisms be for enforcing, monitoring and measuring Australia's performance against commitments?</p> <p>Who looks after these mechanisms?</p> <p>What is the total estimated cost to the Department of undertaking this bid? Over how many years?</p> <p>What is Minister Bishop's role in the bid for the UN Human Rights Council?</p> <p>How has the Foreign Minister prioritised the bid?</p> <p>How many events has the Foreign Minister attended in Australia in the interests of promoting Australia's bid for the council position?</p> <p>How many dedicated trips has she made overseas for the purpose of pursuing the council position?</p> <p>On how many occasions overseas has she raised the issue of Australia's bid?</p>			
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				How many events has she attended overseas in the interests of promoting Australia's bid for the council position?			
107	DFAT	Wong	Death Penalty	<p>What is the Australian Government position on the death penalty?</p> <p>Can the Department update the Committee on funding it is providing for civil society organisations to advocate for death penalty abolition?</p> <p>In 2016-17 what funding has been provided for which organisations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In which countries? • For what objectives/purpose? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
108	DFAT	Wong	Nuclear	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the Australian Government position on North Korea's nuclear program? ii. How has the Australian Government responded to North Korea's recent missile tests? iii. What is the Australian Government position on Iran's nuclear program? iv. How has the Australian Government responded to 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				Iran's recent missile tests?			
109	DFAT	Wong	New Colombo Plan	<p>In relation to the New Colombo Plan Scholarship program can you please provide, for each year since 2014, the number of applications received, the number of scholarships awarded, and the average dollar value of scholarships awarded?</p> <p>In relation to the New Colombo Plan Mobility program, can you please provide, for each year since 2014:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The number of mobility project applications received from Australian universities; ii. The number of mobility projects funded; iii. The number of student mobility grants offered; iv. The number of individual students funded; v. The average dollar value of grants received by individual students. <p>Can you also provide a table of every grant issued under the Colombo Plan, the table should include the following: the</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

			<p>type of grant issued, amount issued, number of students funded through the grant if it was a mobility grant, country where student used the grant to study?</p> <p>What is the maximum dollar amount a single New Colombo Scholar can receive?</p> <p>Is there a maximum dollar amount students can receive under a New Colombo Mobility grant? If so, what is it?</p> <p>What are the other sources of Government support available to students participating in the New Colombo Plan?</p> <p>What is the total dollar amount of support that students can receive, taking into account all other possible sources of government support?</p> <p>Can the Department provide, for each year since 2014, a summary of the number of students who received government support in addition to the New Colombo Scholarships or</p>			
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				<p>Mobility Grants – and the source of this support?</p> <p>How many students participating in the New Colombo Plan, for each year since 2014, have sought consular support?</p> <p>What measures are in place to ensure students who receive grants or scholarships are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds?</p> <p>What measures are in place to ensure students who receive grants or scholarships are from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds?</p> <p>If there are measures in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Can the Department please provide a summary of the number of students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who received either a New Colombo Scholarship, or a New Colombo Mobility grant, for each year since 2014?- What criteria or categories do you use to measure a student’s economic background?			
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			<p>- Can you please provide a summary of the number of students from each of these categories who received either a New Colombo Scholarship, or a New Colombo Mobility grant, for each year since 2014?</p> <p>In 2015-16, total funding for the program was \$27,302,000, is that correct?</p> <p>Can you please provide a breakdown of the total amount spent directly on scholarships and grants, administrative costs in the Department, and administrative costs in third parties?</p> <p>Can you please provide a similar breakdown for each year in the forward estimates?</p> <p>Noting that the New Colombo Plan Program Guidelines provide: “The Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Tourism and International Education will be advised of outcomes prior to the notification of successful and unsuccessful applicants,” for each completed NCP round,</p>			
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				<p>have there been any occasions on which a Minister has sought to vary the outcomes approved by Program Delegates? If yes, please provide details.</p>			
110	DFAT	Wong	Australian Awards	<p>Under which program are the Australia Awards funded?</p> <p>What was the total funding for Australia Awards in the following financial years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2013-14; - 2014-15; - 2015-16; and - 2016-17? <p>Can the Department provide a table for Australia Awards for each of the above financial years which breaks down by country:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - total funding for Australia awards broken down between short-term and long-term awards; - the number of applications received, broken down between short-term and long-term awards; and 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				- the number of applications granted, broken down between short-term and long-term awards.			
111	DFAT	Wong	innovationXchange	<p>Can the Department please provide an update on projects currently being worked on by the innovationXchange?</p> <p>Can the Department provide an updated version of the table listing current projects with their purposes and timeframes from the response to Part C of question on notice #113?</p> <p>Can the Department provide a comprehensive list of projects completed by the innovationXchange, the purpose of each, and the outcomes of each?</p> <p>Can the Department please provide an update on the number of full time equivalent staff working for the innovationXchange?</p> <p>Can the Department please provide an estimated breakdown of operational cost for the innovationXchange including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Staff salaries ii. Operational overheads iii. Staff travel 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> iv. Venue hire v. Catering costs vi. External consultant fees 			
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114	DFAT	Gallacher	News subscriptions	<p>1) What was the total cost of all subscriptions by you and your staff to online news services, newspapers, magazines, journals and periodicals from 1 January 2016?</p> <p>a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
115	DFAT	Moore	Sprint Program	<p>1. The Partnership for Health and Rights is listed to have its evaluation published in 2017 under the Department's Aid Evaluation Plan . DFAT's website lists the program funding for a period of 2015 to 2017, can the Department please advise:</p> <p>i. What is the date funding will cease in 2017?</p> <p>ii. What is the current status of the program evaluation?</p> <p>2. Is the Partnership for Health and Rights the main source of funding for IPPF in the Pacific Region, specifically Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Kiribati, Tuvalu Samoa Tonga and the Cook Islands?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<ol style="list-style-type: none"><ol style="list-style-type: none">i. What is the Department’s understanding of the impact of loss of funding to IPPF as a result of the US Administration’s “global gag rule.”?ii. How will this impact on the rights of women and girls in the Pacific Region to access sexual and reproductive health?3. DFAT provides funding to the IPPF through the Partnership for Health and Rights and the SPRINT program. Given the Foreign Minister has announced additional funding for the SPRINT program, has the Department provided any recommendation to the Foreign Minister or the Minister for International Development and the Pacific as to funding beyond 2017?4. Does DFAT consider the continued funding for Sexual and Reproductive Health a funding priority given the potential impact of the loss of funding as a result of changes to US polices in this area?			
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				<p>5. Can you confirm funding for the SPRINT program through IPPF commenced in 2007?</p> <p>6. To date \$26.3million funding has been provided to the IPPF for phases 1 and 2 of the SPRINT Program, how was funding broken-down across the two funding phases?</p> <p>7. The Foreign Minister announced a further \$9.5 million funding over three years for the IPPF , to undertake a third phase of the SPRINT program. When will the funding for phase 2 conclude and funding for phase 3 commence?</p> <p>8. When did the Department and Foreign Minister and /or the Minister for International Development and the Pacific first discuss the additional \$9.5million funding for the SPRINT program?</p> <p>9. What advice did the Department provide as to the amount of further funding to SPRINT program? Is the</p>			
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				<p>amount announced by the Foreign Minister consistent with this advice?</p> <p>10. When did the Department engage the IPPF in discussion on their funding needs for the future of the SPRINT program? Did the IPPF express a view of the amount of funding required for the third phase of the SPRINT program, is this consistent with the Foreign Minister's announcement of \$9.5 million over three years?</p> <p>11. Has the IPPF raised concern with the Department or either the Foreign Minister or the Minister for International Development and the Pacific on the need for greater funding from Australia to meet the funding gap resulting from the "global gag rule."?</p> <p>i. If yes what have been the outcome of these discussions?</p> <p>12. Given the substantive funding loss the IPPF will experience internationally as a result of the global gag</p>			
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				<p>rule, how did the Department decide upon \$9.5million in funding for the third SPRINT phase?</p> <p>13. The Minister has announced \$9.5million over a three-year period of further funding for IPPF to implement Phase 3 of the SPRINT program, is consistent with overall funding levels of the program to date?</p> <p>14. The \$9.5million the Foreign Minister announced for phase 3 of the SPRINT program is this additional funding to the overall aid budget or has it been reallocated from within the Department's existing budget or another fund?</p> <p>15. Can you advise on the breakdown of the \$9.5 million of the SPRINT funding over the three-year period?</p> <p>16. Has the Department placed any limitations on the geographic areas in which Phase 3 of SPRINT program funding can be spent?</p>			
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116	DFAT	Gallacher	Gifts	<p>1) What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the department since 1 January 2016?</p> <p>a. What were the gifts purchased?</p> <p>i. Who were they gifted to?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
117	DFAT	Gallacher	Water	<p>1) Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for your department?</p> <p>a. What is the monthly cost of this?</p> <p>2) Do you provide fruit for your department?</p> <p>a. What is the monthly cost of this?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
118	DFAT	Gallacher	Taxi use	<p>1) What is the total bill for your department since 1 January 2016:</p> <p>a. Taxi hire</p> <p>b. Limousine hire</p> <p>c. Private hire care</p> <p>d. Hire car rental</p> <p>e. Ridesharing services</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

119	DFAT	Gallacher	Communications consultants	<p>8) How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the department?</p> <p>9) What is the forecast for the current financial year for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?</p> <p>10) What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department?</p> <p>32. How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016? n.Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts.</p> <p>11) How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2015-16?</p> <p>13/ Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 1 January 2016?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Social media <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services b. Photography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services c. Acting training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services d. Ergonomics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. And the cost of these services 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
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120	DFAT	Gallacher	Redundancies	<p>14/ Have any staff who received a redundancy from the Department in the last two years undertaken any paid work or provided any paid services for the Department?</p> <p>a. What was the nature of these works/services?</p> <p>b. What was the total cost of these works or services?</p> <p>15/ How many redundancies were processed by the Department since 1 January 2016?</p> <p>c. Of these redundancies, how many were:</p> <p>i. Voluntary?</p> <p>ii. Forced?</p> <p>d. What was the total cost of all redundancies?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
121	DFAT	Gallacher	Technology	<p>16/ Does the department have an iTunes account?</p> <p>a. What is the total expenditure since 2016 on iTunes?</p> <p>i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes? 131.</p> <p>17/Does the department have an Android account?</p> <p>b. What was the total expenditure in 2015-16 on Android?</p> <p>c. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?</p> <p>18/ What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the department this year?</p> <p>19/ What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

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122	DFAT	Gallacher	Milk	<p>20/ How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff?</p> <p>21/Does any office have coffee machines?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many? b. What was their purchase cost? c. What is their maintenance cost? d. Who has access to them? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
123	DFAT	Gallacher	Mobile phones	<p>22/ How many mobile phones are given to staff?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. How many new mobile phones in the last year? b. What is the total cost of these phones? c. How many had to be replaced due to damage? d. How many were reported as lost? <p>23/ How many tablets are given to staff?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> e. How many new tablets in the last year? f. What is the total cost of these tablets? g. How many had to be replaced due to damage? h. How many were reported as lost? <p>24/ How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet? <p>25/ How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> j. By how much? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

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124	DFAT	Gallacher	Stationary	26. What was the annual cost of stationary?	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
125	DFAT	Gallacher	Paper	<p>27. What brand of paper does the Department use?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Is this paper Australian made? <p>28. Were any refurbishments on office buildings carried out in the last year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. What were they? e. What was the cost? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
126	DFAT	Gallacher	Building fitout/	<p>29. Were any internal fitouts/maintenance carried out on office buildings in the last year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. What was the cost? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
127	DFAT	Gallacher	Functions	<p>30. How many functions did the Department cater for since 1 January 2016?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g. List of functions, h. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff; i. Function venue; 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

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128	DFAT	Gallacher	Board appointments	31. Please provide a list of all statutory, board and legislated office vacancies and other significant appointments vacancies within the department, including length of time vacant and current acting arrangements.	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
129	DFAT	Gallacher	Media monitoring	<p>32. How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> p. Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts. <p>33. How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 January 2016?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> q. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided. <p>35. Has the Department undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

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130	DFAT	Gallacher	Staff	<p>34. Were any members of your department charged with fraud?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> r. How many staff members? s. What disciplinary action was taken? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
131	DFAT	Gallacher	RECEP	<p>36. How many full time staff or equivalent are working on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will RCEP include Investor State Dispute Settlement clauses? b. Will RCEP include the removal of labour market testing? c. Will RCEP extend the patent time period on biologics? d. Will RCEP include enforceable labour standards? 	Written	3/05/17	11/05/17
132	DFAT	Gallacher	Japan and US	<p>37. What would the potential effect be on Australia's economy if Japan and the United States signed an FTA, given Australia and the United States produce very similar exports? Has this situation been considered by DFAT and if so, what were the findings?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

133	DFAT	Gallacher	Legal	<p>12.How much has the Department spend in legal costs since 1 January 2016?</p> <p>a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
134	DFAT	Gallacher	Paper	<p>38.How much paper does Australia import? What is the tariff on paper imports?</p> <p>b. Are equal tariffs applied to all imported paper?</p> <p>c. How much paper is imported from?</p> <p>i. China?</p> <p>ii. Brazil?</p> <p>iii. Indonesia?</p> <p>iv. Thailand?</p> <p>d. Has Australia agreed to cut the tariff on Indonesian paper in the upcoming FTA?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
135	DFAT	Gallacher	Australia/India	<p>39.What is the scheduled conclusion date for the Australia/ India free trade agreement?</p> <p>e. How many full time staff or equivalent are working on the Australia/ India free trade agreement.</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
136	DFAT	Gallacher	PACER Plus	<p>40. When were negotiations of PACER Plus meant to have been concluded? (2016)</p> <p>f. Why were they not concluded by this date?</p> <p>g. When is it likely that negotiations will be concluded?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> h. Does this negotiation remain a priority for the Government? i. How many people are working on this negotiation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many of these people are full time? 			
137	DFAT	Gallacher	Bilateral FTAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Has any analysis of a bilateral FTA between Australia and Canada been conducted by the department? 3) Has any analysis of a bilateral FTA between Australia and Mexico been conducted by the department? 4) Has any analysis of a bilateral FTA between Australia and Peru been conducted by the department? 5) Has any analysis of a bilateral FTA between Australia and Vietnam been conducted by the department? 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
138	DFAT	Gallacher	Tarrifs	<p>45. Non-tariff barrier staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Are staff charged with maximising the benefit of the entire FTA, multiple industries or just one industry? b. Is the performance of these staff members measured? c. How is their performance measured? <p>What action does the Department take if trade in a particular industry has negative growth?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

139	DFAT	Gallacher	TiSA	<p>47.Has the Trade Minister made representations on TiSA to other countries since October 2016?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. What are the reasons for the delay in concluding negotiations? e. What is the Government/DFAT position on the leaked EU TiSA proposal on dispute settlement that, whilst notionally not including an investor-state dispute mechanism, appears to allow private litigants to take action related to TiSA breaches under separate treaty mechanisms? f. Has the Government and/or DFAT made representations to stakeholders concerned that privatisation of government services may result because of TiSA? g. What measures are DFAT/Government planning in order to allay concerns about TiSA? h. Did the Government develop a set of goals for negotiations of TiSA? Will the Government release them? i. Will the Government commit to giving regular updates on negotiations of TiSA? j. Has the Government considered releasing draft text or outlines of TiSA? If so, why has it not done so? If not, why not? k. Will the Government table the proposed TiSA text to Parliament before signing? l. Will the Government ask the Productivity Commission to review TiSA before signing? m. [If not] Will the Government perform any public benefit-cost analysis of TiSA? <p>51.In relation to the ongoing negotiations of TiSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is the Government/DFAT position on the 	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
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140	DFAT	Gallacher	Staffing on FTDs, FTD	<p>48.How many full time equivalent staff are working on the RCEP?</p> <p>49.How many full time equivalent staff are working on the TPP?</p> <p>50.How many full time equivalent staff are working on the free trade agreement between Australia and Indonesia?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
141	DFAT	Gallacher	RCEP FTD	52.Who represented the Australian delegation to Kobe, Japan for the Seventeenth Round of Negotiations of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership – 27 February - 3 March 2017?	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
142	DFAT	Gallacher	OTN	<p>53/What was the total dollar figure spent on Australian delegations to official TPP negotiations between 2010-2015, including Chief Negotiators Meetings and Ministers Meetings?</p> <p>54/Who represented the Australian delegation to the trade summit in Vina del Mar, Chile on 14-15 March 2017?</p> <p>55/What was the total cost of the delegation sent to Vina del Mar, Chile 14-15 March 2017?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17
143	DFAT	Gallacher	NAD	<p>Chinese controls of surging capital flows</p> <p>a. How will the Chinese Government's recent changes to capital flows affect the Australian economy?</p> <p>b. What has been done by the Department and Government to mitigate these effects?</p>	Written	26/04/17	11/05/17

144	DFAT	Kitching	NAD	<p>Senator KITCHING: Certainly there were reports that the sponsors and a clothing company, namely Hugo Boss, were expecting the foreign minister's attendance. I am interested in the evidence of whether you knew that the foreign minister was, on the week beginning 9 January, going to attend Prime Minister Abe's visit. You can't be more specific about that date?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I think it was 12 January that it was finalised.</p> <p>Senator KITCHING: When did the first call come through? Was it on that day? Was it a series of discussions on the 12th?</p> <p>Mr Fletcher: I will have to take that on notice.</p>	Spoken	26/04/17	11/05/17
145	DFAT	Fawcett	MAD	<p>Senator FAWCETT: I am very happy to hear about the support for Jordan and Lebanon. I met with representatives of Jordan four weeks ago and they outlined the incredible burden that that country is carrying but what also was highlighted was that other than the official programs there are many refugees, particularly from minority groups, that are essentially hosted within the community. I am wondering if we have any programs in place to try and support people who are not necessarily in UN-sponsored camps or to support the communities who are hosting and looking after them.</p> <p>Mr Innes-Brown: I would say broadly—and I would have to take some of that on notice—the idea of our assistance inside Jordan and Lebanon is actually to help provide assistance for those communities. It is not just the Syrian refugees themselves but the broader community. What we are planning to do in Jordan and Lebanon, besides humanitarian assistance, a key thrust was actually education, which has been a big issue in making sure that particularly the refugee children have access. Obviously we are keen avoid a sense that there is</p>	Spoken	26/04/17	11/05/17

				a sort of double standard, if you will, that the refugee children are getting this high quality education and the local children are not. Often, as has been suggested, these refugees are in impoverished areas of those countries, so the design of the program is meant to support the communities as well as the refugees themselves.			
146	DFAT	Wong	DPD	<p>Senator WONG: Have you done an analysis of the potential scope and quantum?</p> <p>Mr Exell: We are working with those partners. We do not know the extent of their funding from the US directly so we are relying on them.</p> <p>Senator WONG: It is a fairly relevant matter for us, given our place in the region, to have an understanding of what the net effect of that policy is on our near neighbours. We are just trying to understand. Will you be in a position to be able to tell us, at an appropriate point, the effect of that on the Pacific region, in which we have a particular interest, or the ASEAN region, et cetera where, 'We think it is in the order of X'?</p> <p>Mr Exell: Those are exactly the questions that we are asking our partners.</p> <p>Senator WONG: Shall we put it on notice or should we wait?</p> <p>Mr McDonald: Yes.</p> <p>Senator WONG: I will put it on notice. When you have done it can we have that?</p>	Spoken – page 62	26/04/17	11/05/17
147	DFAT	Hinch	Extradition	<p>Ms Cooper: Diplomatic immunity for Australia's diplomats applies to our diplomats.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: Yes, I understand that.</p> <p>Ms Cooper: It comes under the Vienna Convention. Cardinal Pell is not an Australian diplomat so he is not—</p> <p>Senator HINCH: I understand any Australian citizen whom</p>	Spoken, page 91	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>the Australian AFP or government want to get back, to extradite back to Australia—and Cardinal Pell is an Australian citizen—that with a country that does not have a treaty with us it has to be an application virtually from the Prime Minister's department. It cannot be through foreign affairs or anywhere else; it has to be through the PM's department.</p> <p>Ms Cooper: In terms of extradition, that is a matter that is led by the Attorney-General's Department and as the secretary quite rightly said, there are bilateral treaties but there are also other broader treaties that enable extraditions to take place without a bilateral treaty. That question is most properly directed to the Attorney-General's Department.</p> <p>Senator Brandis: And Australia, under those multilateral treaties to which Ms Cooper has referred, may make a request of the proper authority of a nation with which we do not have a bilateral treaty.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: So would that come from the Attorney-General's Department and not from the Prime Minister's department?</p> <p>Senator Brandis: I have not encountered a case since I have been the Attorney, I must say, so let me check for you.</p> <p>Senator HINCH: Thank you very much. That is all.</p>			
148	EFIC	Gallacher	Remuneration for Board Members	<p>Senator GALLACHER: What do you pay a board member?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: I will just refer that to my general counsel, John Hopkins.</p> <p>Mr Hopkins: It is on the Remuneration Tribunal rate.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps on notice we could have the</p> <p>Mr Hunter: We can give you the specific numbers on those.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: You obviously have the committee's audit compliance and</p> <p>Mr Hunter: That is correct. It does vary depending on whether</p>	Page 130	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>they are on the audit committee. Senator GALLACHER: If we could get that on notice, that would be fine.</p>			
149	EFIC	Gallacher	Book and asset allocation	<p>Mr Hunter: The gross value of our book is in the annual report. In terms of guarantees and loans- Senator GALLACHER: Mr Hunter, I do not think any of the taxpayers listening would have read your annual report. That is why I am asking. Mr Hunter: It is in the order of \$3 billion, loans and guarantees. Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps on notice, could you give us the asset allocation of that. Is your book all the same, or is it speculative or conservative? How do you Mr Hunter: We assign each loan an individual risk rating. Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps on notice we could get a look at that. Mr Hunter: We can give you some details on notice</p>	Page 131	26/04/17	11/05/17
150	EFIC	Gallacher	Boikarabelo	<p>Mr Hunter: We have been approached by the sponsor of a project in South Africa called Boikarabelo. Senator GALLACHER: That is the one. Mr Hunter: We are considering that project, but we have not made a decision to invest. Part of our due diligence and our decision on whether or not to support that project will be based on the Australian content in the project and specifically the provision of mining services from world-class Australian companies. Senator GALLACHER: You could paint the picture that it is closer to our customer and it would be competing against Australian ventures. It would be easier to ship from there to</p>	Page 132	26/04/17	11/05/17

				<p>India than, say, any of our two ports.</p> <p>Mr Hunter: That is part of our due diligence of the entire project when we assess the economics of it. On that project, I think it is important to note that we have been approached. We have not made an investment decision in fact, we talked about this briefly at last estimates. We have made very little progress on that project since last estimates.</p> <p>Senator GALLACHER: If you were to provide on notice the value of your book in the areas of investment, it would be very helpful.</p>			
151	EFIC	Ludlam	Fossil Fuel Investment	<p>Senator LUDLAM: I am going to follow up on an issue that was raised briefly by Senator Gallacher and formally broke the ice and showed us how to pronounce Boikarabelo, the proposed coalmine in South Africa. For context, how much of your loan book is tied up in fossil fuel investments coal, oil, gas or related infrastructure?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: Could I take that on notice, because I do not know the specific breakdown? I will just check with my chief credit officer.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: If it is not at the table, that is fine; it is late.</p> <p>Mr Hunter: We will take that on notice.</p> <p>Senator LUDLAM: Can you provide a break-up by whatever categories however you account for these things?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: We can do that.</p>	p.133	26/04/17	11/05/17
152	EFIC	Ludlam	Climate screening	<p>Senator LUDLAM: And do you guys have any climate screening on your investment portfolio at all that would maybe cause you to have second thoughts about funding a coalmine anywhere in the world?</p> <p>Mr Hunter: We will take that on notice.</p>	p.135	26/04/17	11/05/17

153	DFAT	Moore	Shortwave	<p>Senator MOORE: The other question I asked was whether the communications minister had spoken to the minister about this issue and he said no. He said that he did not know about these particular times and dates, that it was something of which he was unaware, but that is other evidence.</p> <p>Ms Adamson: Yes.</p> <p>Senator MOORE: If I can take on notice to see whether I can get copies of correspondence that was there and also in terms of the ongoing discussions. Is the expectation from you that those discussions will come through to the head office of DFAT through your area rather than going directly to the various high commissions around the Pacific? How do you expect them to find out what is now happening on the ground?</p> <p>Mr Sloper: I would expect, in the first instance, that consultation would be with the department in Canberra. Then we may circulate that advice ourselves directly to our posts in the region or the ABC may engage with some of the ones in which they have operations. So, for example, they may already be in some of those countries for business. They may then choose that opportunity to brief our high commissions or embassies but we would certainly be there. Our embassies or high commissions are quite aware of the current situation.</p>	Page 92	26/04/17	11/05/17
154	DFAT	Wong	Trump phone call	<p>On notice could you please advise who gave Ambassador Hockey the number?</p>	Page 45	16/05/17	