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Topic: Global Heads of Mission Meeting (GHOMM)

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

Ms Adamson: We are calling it the global heads of mission meeting.

Senator WONG: When was the decision made to do this?

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.

Senator WONG: When did you do that?

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.

Senator WONG: The submission had been agreed to at that time?

Ms Adamson: It was not a full submission. This is a matter relating to the administration of a department.

Senator WONG: Sure, I am not suggesting that it was a cabinet submission. I thought you said that you put it before the ministers.

Ms Adamson: I said to the ministers I was proposing to hold a meeting. This would be the purpose and they agreed.

Senator WONG: When was that?

Ms Adamson: I would have to check my diary. We have a series of meetings to—

Senator WONG: But before or after your letter?

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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.

Senator WONG: Some time after October?

Ms Adamson: Yes.

Senator WONG: Prior to the last estimates?

Ms Adamson: I would have to check that.

Senator WONG: You can take that on notice what that date was.

Answer

The Secretary discussed the proposed meeting with portfolio ministers on 8 and 10 November. A ministerial submission was provided on 30 November.

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Topic: White Paper

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

Senator WONG: Thank you. Who made the decision that there would be a white paper?

Ms Adamson: This was a decision of government.

Senator WONG: Thank you. When was that decision made?

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.

Senator WONG: Why can't you tell me when?

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.

Senator WONG: What do you mean, you are not sure?

Ms Adamson: I am not sure. I was not present immediately after the election. My instructions were to produce a foreign policy white paper.

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?

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.

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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?

Ms Adamson: I was asked to produce a foreign policy white paper and that is what we are doing.

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?

Ms Adamson: I need to take that question on notice.

Senator WONG: Really?

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.

Senator WONG: I do not understand why people are so worried about this. I am just asking—

Ms Adamson: We are not worried about it, Senator. I just do not quite understand the purpose of your question.

Senator WONG: Well, I get to ask questions.

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—

Senator WONG: No, that is not what she said.

Ms Adamson: It would simply be to repeat what I said before.

Senator WONG: This is something I asked previously. I also asked it on notice.

Ms Adamson: Yes, and we have answered it.

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.

Senator Brandis: It has been taken on notice, Senator Wong. That is the end of the matter.

Answer

Minister Bishop announced on 23 June 2016 that a Coalition government would, if re-elected, prepare a “contemporary and comprehensive foreign policy strategy for the 21st century”. In the months following the 2 July 2016 election, and in line with this commitment, Minister Bishop instructed the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to produce a foreign policy strategy or white paper. In the various discussions between the Minister and the Department between August and October 2016, the terms strategy and white paper were used interchangeably. At what level the original decision to commit to producing a foreign policy strategy or white paper was made, is not known to the Department.

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Ms Adamson: I am not aware.

Senator WONG: Can you take that on notice?

Ms Adamson: I can take that on notice, yes.

Answer

The department was not consulted on the timeframe for undertaking the White Paper prior to the election commitment being made.

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Topic: White Paper

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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.

Senator WONG: We do not have a lot of time. Can you give me the deputy secretary's board on notice?

Ms Adamson: We can handed it over today.

Answer

The Deputy Secretaries' Board comprises senior executive representatives from the following departments and agencies:

- Attorney General's Department
- Australian Federal Police
- Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Department of Defence
- Department of Education and Training
- Department of Finance
- Department of Health
- Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- Department of Industry Innovation and Science
- Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
- Department of the Environment and Energy
- Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Office of National Assessments
- The Treasury

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Topic: White Paper

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

Ms Adamson: Both Ms Bishop and Mr Ciobo are our lead ministers on this white paper.

Senator WONG: And the Prime Minister's role?

Ms Adamson: The Prime Minister is taking a very close interest in it and is involved in the development of it.

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?

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.

Senator WONG: On notice, can you give me the dates on which the Prime Minister has been briefed, please?

Ms Adamson: I can give you those dates.

Answer

Taskforce Head Richard Maude and Secretary Frances Adamson briefed the Prime Minister on 6 February 2017. Further details of the Prime Minister's briefing and engagement outside of the taskforce can be requested from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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Topic: White Paper

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Ms Adamson: Yes she has. I will ask Mr Hayhurst to provide the detail.

Mr Hayhurst: Ms Bishop has attended to roundtable discussions as part of the consultation process on the task force.

Senator WONG: When were they?

Mr Hayhurst: They were 3 February and 10 February this year.

Senator WONG: With who?

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.

Senator WONG: Do you have a list of attendees for those or can I get them later?

Mr Hayhurst: I will have to search for the list of who actually attended.

(Attachment – list of attendees – request of line area)

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Sydney general roundtable - Chaired by Foreign Minister

Expert stakeholder	Position	Organisation
Dr Imran Lum	Associate Director, Islamic Capital Markets	Corporate & Institutional Banking, National Australia Bank Limited
Mr Robert Milliner	Senior adviser, International Affairs	Wesfarmers Limited
Ms Christine Holgate	CEO & Managing Director	Blackmores
Professor Fiona Docherty	Vice President, International Marketing & Communications	The University of Sydney
Ms Kadi Taylor	Head, Strategic Engagement & Government Relations	Navitas Ltd
Mr Tony Wheelens	Executive Manager, International & Regulatory Affairs	Qantas Airways Limited
Mr Barry O'Farrell	Special Envoy for the NSW – India Relationship	
Professor Tyrone Carlin	Deputy Vice-Chancellor	University of New South Wales
Professor Barney Glover	Vice-Chancellor and President	Western Sydney University
Dr Alan Dupont	CEO	Cognoscenti Group
Mr Kevin McCann AM	Former Macquarie Chairman	
Mr Nicholas Moore	Chief Executive Officer	Macquarie Group
Mr Simon Jackman	Chief Executive Officer	United States Studies Centre
Mr Andrew Wood	Chief Executive Officer	WorleyParsons
Mr Nick Greiner	Chair	Europe Australia Business Council

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Perth general roundtable - Chaired by Foreign Minister

Expert stakeholder	Position and Organisation
Jacqui Baker	Lecturer in Southeast Asian Studies, Murdoch University
Susan (Sue) Boyd	Immediate Past President of Australian Institute of International Affairs (WA Branch)
Andrew Crane	CEO, CBH Group
Gordon Flake	CEO, Perth USAsia Centre
Andrew Forrest	Chairman, Fortescue Metals Group
Richard Goyder	Managing Director, Wesfarmers
Vanessa Guthrie	Chair, Minerals Council of Australia
Tracey Horton	Former UWA Business School Dean; Navitas
Seth Kunin	Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Curtin University
Ben Marland	Vice President Sales and Marketing, Austal
Peter Quinn	Executive Director, International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research (ICRAR)
Benjamin Reilly	Dean, Sir Walter School of Public Policy & Int'l Affairs, Murdoch University
Chris Salisbury	Chief Executive Iron Ore, Rio Tinto
Diane Smith-Gander	Former Tourism WA commissioner; AGL Energy
Larissa Taylor	CEO, Grains Industry Association of Western Australia (GIWA)
Richard Walley	Lecturer, School of Indigenous Studies, University of Western Australia
Sam Walsh	Board Member Australia Council; Former Rio Tinto CEO
Deidre Willmott	CEO, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia
Samina Yasmeen	Director, Centre for Muslim Studies, University of Western Australia

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Topic: White Paper

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

Senator WONG: Is 18 FTEs, from your perspective, the full complement?

Mr Hayhurst: That is right.

Senator WONG: Does it have a budget for an administered expenses?

Mr Wood: No, it does not have a budget for administered expenses. The expenses the task force is incurring are departmental operating expenses.

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?

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 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.

Senator WONG: What is the departmental operating budget?

Mr Wood: I would need to come back to you with those details.

Senator WONG: Do you include staff costs in that?

Mr Wood: That would exclude staff costs. Staff costs are centralised in the central staffing budget.

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?

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Mr Wood: Correct.

Senator WONG: What about third-party contracts and so forth?

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.

Senator WONG: Could you do that? Can you also tell me where the money was shifted from to create the operating budget?

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.

Answer

The operating budget allocated to the White Paper Taskforce is \$701,062. The operating budget was allocated from the department's central contingency fund. As of 28 March 2017, \$157,403 of the budget had been spent. Any unspent funds will be returned nearer the end of the financial year.

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Topic: Australia-Japan: Special Strategic Partnership

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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.

Senator WONG: Is the special strategic partnership called the SSP? What do you call it?

Mr Fletcher: We just call it the special strategic partnership. We only have one.

Senator WONG: How many prime ministerial visits have been held under the special strategic partnership?

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.

Senator WONG: When was the annual arrangement first entered in to?

Mr Fletcher: I think in 2013, but I will take that on notice and confirm it.

Senator WONG: Do you know if the foreign minister attended the 2014 or the 2015 meeting?

Mr Fletcher: No.

Senator WONG: You don't know or she didn't.

Mr Fletcher: I don't know that. But I can take it on notice.

Answer

There have been three visits under the Special Strategic Partnership [including the visit during which the Special Strategic Partnership was announced in July 2014].

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The Special Strategic Partnership was announced in July 2014 [*during the visit to Australia by Prime Minister Abe*].

In July 2014 Ms Bishop did not attend the meeting between former Prime Minister Abbott and Prime Minister Abe but did attend a meeting with former Prime Minister Abbott and Prime Minister Abe and Australian Ministers.

In December 2015 Ms Bishop did not attend the meeting in Japan.

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Topic: Australia-Japan: Visit by President Abe

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Senator Kimberley Kitching

Question

Senator KITCHING: As a point of comparison, when did you realise that Mr Ciobo would be involved in the program of events?

Mr Fletcher: I would have to take that on notice. I am just going to—
Senator KITCHING: It was not on 12 January though, was it?

Mr Fletcher: I think it was also in that week.

Senator KITCHING: Okay. That is interesting. We might look at Mr Ciobo's diary.

Mr Fletcher: It was the January period. Not a lot of people are around and things needed finalising at the last minute.

Answer

The Department became aware on 4 January that Minister Ciobo's Office was considering Mr Ciobo's involvement.

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Senator Eric Abetz

Question

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?

Mr Tranter: We do refer to it as the department's public diplomacy program. It comprises a range of activities.

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?

Mr Tranter: We would have to take that detail on notice.

Senator ABETZ: Is it a handful or a dozen? Get me the detail or the exact number on notice.

Mr Tranter: It would be a large number and it would comprise tours by Australian sports, science, cultural and media professionals and organisations.

Senator ABETZ: If you could take on notice how many and who were assisted and the cost in relation for each one.

Ms Adamson: As we are both being careful about the language we are using—

Senator ABETZ: Yes. Quickly, for the record, Senator Moore would like that extended for three years.

Ms Adamson: Certainly.

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.

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Ms Adamson: It is certainly more efficient to do them as one transaction. If I could just say, I think you cast the question in terms of us assisting them. In fact, they are assisting us—

Senator ABETZ: Of course.

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.

Senator ABETZ: So how do we get these people?

Ms Adamson: Through a wide variety of ways. Normally public diplomacy teams at posts are alert to particular opportunities and needs.

Senator ABETZ: The people usually approach the department, don't they?

Ms Adamson: No, not necessarily.

Senator ABETZ: No, I said 'usually' they approach the department.

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.

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.

Ms Adamson: We will do our best, but I think, as you acknowledge, it may not always be possible to say.

Answer

The preparation of a complete list of public diplomacy activities over the past three years would require a disproportionate diversion of departmental resources. However, we are able to provide an indicative sample of activities during this period, including costs and origins of activity (attached).

Further information on DFAT's public diplomacy activities is available on the department's website at <http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/public-diplomacy>.

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Participant/s (Profession/Organisation)	Country	Year	Theme: Activity	TOTAL Grant value/cost to DFAT	Initiated by DFAT
Trent Dalton (Australian), Caro Meldrum-Hann (ABC TV Four Corners) and Steve Pennells (West Australian)	China	2016	People-to- people links: Australia- China media exchange	\$ 25,000.00	Yes
William Yang (Photographer)	China	2016	People-to- people links: Promoting Australian artistic excellence	\$ 25,000.00	No
Zhou Xiaoping and Curtis Taylor (Multimedia Artists)	China	2017	Innovation diplomacy: Promotion of Australian creative industries.	\$ 40,000.00	No
DJUKI MALA dance troupe	Egypt, Israel and Lebanon	2016	Cultural diplomacy: Promoting Australian Indigenous arts and culture	\$ 33,000.00	No
Jack Turner (Author)	India	2014	People-to- people links: Australia- India Council Authors Tour	\$ 3,000.00	Yes
Melanie Stutsel (Director, Health, Environment & Community Policy, Minerals Council of Australia)	India	2014	2014 Environment Speakers Tour	\$ 10,000.00	Yes
Professor Fiona Wood (Director, Burn Injury Research Unit, University of WA)	India	2014	2014 Australia- India Council Speakers Exchange Program	\$ 5,500.00	Yes

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Nicole Lockwood (Infrastructure Australia Board Member)	India	2015	People-to-people links: Australia-India Council Speakers Exchange Program	\$ 9,000.00	Yes
Martin Small (Australian Road Safety Expert)	India	2016	People-to-people links: Australia-India Council Speakers Exchange Program	\$ 13,300.00	Yes
Omar Musa (author) and Jane Camens (author)	India	2016	People-to-people links: Australia-India Council Authors Exchange	\$ 16,400.00	Yes
Barry O'Farrell (Australia-India Council Board Member)	India	2017	People-to-people links: Participation in Vibrant Gujarat and Raisina Dialogue	\$ 9,500.00	Yes
Bernard Lane (Deputy Editor Higher Education, The Australian)	Indonesia	2014	Elizabeth O'Neill Journalism Award	\$ 10,000.00	Yes
Philip Lasker (ABC), Elizabeth Knight (Sydney Morning Herald), David Uren (The Australian) and Jewel Topsfield (The Age)	Indonesia	2014	Targeted Media Visit to Indonesia (4 participants)	\$ 100,000.00	Yes
Latika Bourke (Sydney Morning Herald)	Indonesia	2015	People-to-people links: Elizabeth O'Neill Journalism Award	\$ 10,000.00	Yes
Professor Barry Marshall (Australian physician and Nobel Prize Laureate in Physiology)	Indonesia	2016	People-to-people links: Australia Indonesia	\$ 15,000.00	Yes

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			Medical and Health Initiative		
Ms Julia Baird (ABC News Digital), Mr Angelos Frangopolous (Australian News Channel), Ms Patricia Karvelas (ABC Radio), Mr Chris Kenny (The Australian), Mr Brett McCarthy (The West Australian), Mr Gaven Morris (ABC News), Mr Maher Mughrabi (The Age and The Sydney Morning Herald), Mr Greg Sheridan (The Australia), Mr Tony Walker (Australian Financial Review) and Mr Stuart Washington (Sydney Morning Herald)	Indonesia	2016	People-to-people links: Media Exchange Program 2016 (10 participants)	\$ 55,000.00	Yes
Cameron Stewart (Associate Editor, The Australian)	Indonesia	2016	People-to-people links: Elizabeth O'Neill Journalism Award	\$ 10,000.00	Yes
Tom Nicholson (Australian artist)	Israel	2014	Participation in the Jerusalem Show VII to promote mutual understanding and positive, accurate and contemporary images of Palestinian and Australian society.	\$ 18,414.00	No
Patrick Helean and Renae Sayers (Questacon)	Japan	2014	Science exchange.	\$ 50,000.00	Yes
Warren Mundine (Chair of the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory	Papua New Guinea	2016	Economic and cultural diplomacy: To	\$ 10,000.00	Yes

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Council)			promote Indigenous business at APEC's Business Advisory Council meeting.		
Mr James Deverell (Director CSIRO Futures, Australia) and Mr Paul Heithersay (Deputy Chief Executive, Resources and Energy, SA Government)	Peru	2015	Economic diplomacy: Collaboration on mining	\$ 32,000.00	No
Ms Sandra Margon, A/Prof Salim Farrar, Dr Mark Melatos and Mr Christopher D'Cotta (Professors at University of Sydney)	Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates	2014	Innovation diplomacy: Collaboration on food, water and energy security	\$ 27,500.00	Yes
Peter Kaufmann (Film producer)	Republic of Korea	2014	Economic diplomacy: Screen industry collaboration	\$ 6,002.00	Yes
Prof Fariba Dehghani (University of Sydney)	Republic of Korea	2015	Innovation diplomacy: Collaboration on green energy	\$ 7,000.00	Yes
Myles Morgan (SBS), Phoebe Wearne (The West Australian) and Angela MacDonald-Smith (The Australian Financial Review)	Republic of Korea	2016	People-to-people links: Australia-Korea Media Exchange	\$ 33,000.00	Yes
Andrew Tillett (The West Australian), Lucy McNally (ABC News) and Patrick Witton (contributing editor of The Big Issue Australia)	Republic of Korea	2015	People-to-people links: Australia-Korea media exchange	\$ 40,000.00	Yes

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Prof Fergal Grace and Dr Blake Peck (Federation University Australia)	Saudi Arabia	2017	People-to-people and institutional links: Exchanging Best Practice and Leadership Building in Nursing/Allied Health	\$ 44,000.00	Yes
Adam Gilchrist (Australian Cricketer)	United Arab Emirates	2014	Economic and sports diplomacy: To promote Australian business and sport in the Middle East	\$ 10,000.00	Yes
Brian Yecies and Richard Howson (Senior academics from University of Wollongong)	United Arab Emirates	2016	Innovation diplomacy: Dialogue with innovation hub managers and female entrepreneurs	\$ 11,000.00	Yes

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Senator Reynolds, Linda

Question

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?

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.

Mr Tranter: We are aware of that program and also the Catalyst proposal that you referenced.

Senator REYNOLDS: The feedback that I have had from contacts in Indonesia and just having a look at the front page of the Jakarta Post 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.

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 with more details along the lines of your question.

Answer

The tour by the West Australian Ballet (WAB) to Indonesia in August 2016 demonstrated to Indonesian audiences the depth of Australian artistic excellence. It also reinforced perceptions of Australia as a creative and innovative nation. As a consequence of the visit, WAB is now supporting four Indonesians to undertake an internship. The wider benefits include a deeper cultural connection between Australia and Indonesia and stronger people-to-people links through collaboration of 30 Australian ballet dancers and 20 Indonesian dancers. The visit also helped establish strong institutional links with WAB, Ballet Indonesia Foundation and Theatre Jakarta.

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Senator Abetz, Eric

Question

Senator ABETZ: Did they approach Ms Abdel-Magied to undertake it or was she on a tour in any event?

Mr Tranter: No, the department, through those embassies, approached Ms Abdel-Magied.

Senator ABETZ: So who paid for her travel?

Mr Tranter: Her international travel to the region was sponsored by Qantas, and the department, through the budgets of our embassies in the region, paid for her domestic travel.

Senator ABETZ: Travel, accommodation, incidentals?

Mr Tranter: Travel and accommodation only.

Senator ABETZ: Alright, if you can give me the costs associated with that in due course on notice.

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.

Mr Tranter: It was \$11,485.

Senator ABETZ: If you can give me the split up on notice.

Ms Adamson: We can table that in the course of the day.

Senator ABETZ: Thank you. Did Ms Abdel-Magied speak, for example, against the death penalty anywhere?

Mr Tranter: I am not aware that she spoke directly to that point.

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Senator ABETZ: What about female genital mutilation?

Mr Tranter: Her key messages were to promote Australia as a destination for investment and education.

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.

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.

Senator ABETZ: I am aware of that. I am asking about this person.

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.

Senator ABETZ: She comes here to tell us on Q&A that 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—

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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.

Answer

1) If you can give me the split up on notice.

Travel	\$3,246.20
Accommodation	\$4,605.87
Incidentals	\$3,632.93
Total	\$11,485

2) 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.

No. Ms Abdel-Magied promoted Australia as a destination for investment and education and helped broaden knowledge and understanding of Australia's modern, open, diverse, and inclusive society. She also promoted the role of women in male dominated industries such as science, technology and engineering, drawing on her background as a mechanical engineer.

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Topic: United Nations: Human Rights Council Candidacy

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Senator Ludlam, Scott

Question

Ms Adamson: We are naturally very focused on winning, and all of our efforts are being directed to that end.

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?

Dr Strahan: In our discussions about requesting support for our Human Rights Council candidacy that has not been the case.

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?

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.

Answer

Australia's human rights policies, including asylum seeker policies, are raised regularly in discussions with foreign officials. No country has explicitly linked its support or otherwise for Australia's Human Rights Council candidacy to a single policy issue.

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Topic: Aid Program

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Mr Wood: We can take that on notice. As you will recall, we didn't previously disclose this information in as much detail and we have just broken that down.

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.

Answer

Country/Region	2015-16 Estimated Outcome (\$m)			2016-17 Budget Estimate (\$m)		
	Bilateral	Regional /Global	Total	Bilateral	Regional /Global	Total
Papua New Guinea	471.0	34.1	505.1	477.3	34.6	511.9
Solomon Islands	93.2	24.2	117.4	92.7	23.4	116.1
Vanuatu	43.1	16.9	60.0	41.9	19.5	61.4
Fiji	50.3	26.0	76.3	51.0	23.2	74.2
Samoa	23.6	11.0	34.6	23.6	11.7	35.3
Nauru	21.2	2.7	23.9	21.2	2.9	24.2
Kiribati	20.2	8.0	28.2	20.2	8.2	28.5
Tonga	17.6	8.0	25.6	17.6	8.6	26.2
Tuvalu	6.6	2.5	9.1	6.6	2.6	9.2
Niue and Tokelau	1.8	1.3	3.1	1.8	1.3	3.1
Cook Islands	1.9	1.6	3.5	1.9	1.5	3.4
North Pacific ¹	5.2	4.8	10.0	5.0	4.9	9.8
Pacific Regional ²	0.0	114.0	114.0	0.0	120.0	120.0
Pacific Total	755.7	255.1	1,010.8	760.9	262.4	1,023.3

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Indonesia	313.9	59.9	373.8	296.0	63.6	359.6
Timor-Leste	70.0	16.4	86.4	68.0	14.6	82.5
Philippines	68.4	12.5	80.9	67.0	10.4	77.4
Cambodia	62.4	25.4	87.8	62.4	25.0	87.3
Vietnam	61.4	20.5	81.8	58.4	20.3	78.7
Myanmar	53.8	21.5	75.3	42.1	17.5	59.6
Laos	24.2	16.1	40.3	20.6	14.9	35.5
Mongolia	6.4	4.1	10.5	5.9	4.1	10.0
East Asia Regional ²	0.0	64.3	64.3	0.0	57.4	57.4
South East and East Asia Total	660.4	240.6	901.0	620.4	227.7	848.0
Afghanistan	83.0	4.1	87.1	78.5	4.2	82.7
Bangladesh	42.1	14.2	56.3	42.1	12.7	54.8
Pakistan	48.8	6.9	55.7	39.4	7.4	46.8
Sri Lanka	20.1	6.8	26.9	19.9	7.6	27.5
Nepal	16.6	16.4	33.0	15.6	17.6	33.2
Bhutan	3.8	4.6	8.4	2.1	4.9	7.0
Maldives	3.3	3.4	6.7	1.8	3.4	5.3
South and West Asia Regional ²	0.0	24.5	24.5	0.0	21.0	21.0
South and West Asia Total	217.6	81.0	298.6	199.4	78.8	278.2
Palestinian Territories	20.5	22.4	42.9	20.5	23.1	43.6
Middle East and North Africa	93.5	2.4	95.9	0.0	51.8	51.8
Sub-Saharan Africa	31.8	72.8	104.6	31.8	43.1	74.9
Latin America and the Caribbean	0.0	12.5	12.5	0.0	11.0	11.0
Other ODA not attributed to particular countries or regions ³	0.0	1,055.4	1,055.4	0.0	1,011.5	1,011.5
Departmental (ODA)			240.8			242.9
Adjustments ⁴			-40.0			-57.5
Grand Total	1,779.7	1,742.1	3,722.6	1,633.0	1,722.4	3,527.8

1: Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and Republic of Marshall Islands.

2: Includes amounts attributable to the region, but not a specific country.

3: Includes payments to some UN and Commonwealth organisations and UN peacekeeping operations. The ODA eligible components of cash payments to the International Development Association, Asian Development Fund, Global Environment Facility, Heavily Indebted Poor Countries Initiative, Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative and the Montreal Protocol Multilateral Fund are also included.

4: Includes expected outcome for adjustments as estimated at May 2016. 'Adjustments' includes adjustments to reconcile expenses to ODA, which are reported on a cash basis. This includes adjusting accrued expenses to cash and excluding non-ODA eligible departmental and administered expenditure. The adjustments also exclude non-ODA eligible administered expenditure such as miscellaneous receipts and GST payments.

Note: This table may contain minor rounding differences.

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Topic: Aid Budget

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

Senator WONG: Is there any public articulation of where aid will get to? I thought that there was a 2025 figure?

Mr McDonald: I am not aware of that. I know that historically in estimates we give you the information across the forward estimates.

Senator WONG: Sorry, I am not talking about the table now. Another publication. Has the government articulated where aid will be by 2025?

Mr McDonald: Not to my recollection, but we can check.

Mr Wood: Budget Paper No. 1 just covers the forward estimates.

Answer

The Government articulates Official Development Assistance (ODA) expenditure across the forward estimates in Budget Paper No. 1.

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Topic: Sexual Reproductive Health

Senator Ludlam, Scott

Question

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?

Senator Brandis: As I said, we do not make our decisions by reference to the decisions of other countries. I am not aware of what the Dutch government may have done.

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.

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.

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Senator Brandis: Could you define the particular program that you are concerned about?

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.

Senator Brandis: So you want to know whether, in the event that the Trump administration were to reduce assistance—

Senator LUDLAM: They have already announced that they are zeroing out of assistance.

Senator Brandis: in relation to reproductive health in those countries where Australia provides aid for similar programs, Australia's contribution would increase correspondingly?

Senator LUDLAM: That is a reasonable summary.

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.

Senator MOORE: We will come back later.

Answer

Australia is continuing to assess the potential impact the US funding decision may have in our region and will consider implications in the context of the 2017-18 aid budget.

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Topic: France - Elections

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Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

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?

Senator WONG: Can you take that on notice?

Ms Adamson: Yes.

Answer

EU and Australian officials are now close to concluding the joint scoping exercise for an Australian-EU Free Trade Agreement, and hope to launch formal negotiations in 2017. France, as a member of the EU, would be a party to those negotiations. Should the status of France in the EU change in future, we would look to review our bilateral trade and investment settings at that time, in light of France's circumstances.

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Dr Shaw: Yes.

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.

Ms Adamson: We would have to take that on notice. These really are questions for DIBP.

Answer

US officials asked Australia to settle refugees from Central America in March 2016, and DFAT was aware of this request at that time.

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Ms Adamson: Yes.

Senator WONG: And DFAT has some knowledge of that?

Ms Adamson: DFAT does indeed have some knowledge of that.

Senator WONG: When were you first aware of that proposition?

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.

Answer

Discussions with the US on resettling refugees from Nauru and PNG began in January 2016

- DFAT was aware of and involved in discussions from the beginning of the process.

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

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.

Answer

DFAT officials have been involved in discussions on the US settlement arrangement since the election of the new US President

- these discussions have mostly involved senior officials from our Embassy in Washington DC, but have also included telephone discussions by Canberra-based officials.

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Topic: Ms Bishop - Polo

Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

Senator KITCHING: Yes. When Minister Bishop did attend the polo in 2016, was she there in her official capacity as foreign minister?

Ms Adamson: I would have to take that question on notice.

Answer

This is a question for the Foreign Minister as she has discretion over events she attends.

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Topic: Ms Bishop – 2016 Melbourne Cup

Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

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?

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?

Senator KITCHING: It is also not—of course, it is in his electorate, isn't it.

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?

Senator KITCHING: Chair, aren't I asking the questions and Senator Brandis is the respondent?

Senator Brandis: I am responding.

Senator KITCHING: Thank you. If she was there, as you have said, in her capacity as foreign minister—

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—

Senator KITCHING: Has there been a reshuffle that we do not know about?

Senator Brandis: for senior ministers to be invited to and to attend important national events, of which the Melbourne Cup is one.

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Senator KITCHING: I ask: was she conducting ministerial business there, Ms Adamson?

Ms Adamson: I have never attended the Melbourne Cup, so I cannot—

CHAIR: You are poorer for it, Ms Adamson, and the Melbourne Cup is the poorer for your absence.

Ms Adamson: Of course, it is the race that stops the nation. I have always watched it.

Senator KITCHING: Did she arrive or depart in Comcars?

Ms Adamson: I will have to take this series of questions on notice

Answer

This is a question for the Foreign Minister as she has discretion over events she attends

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Topic: Public Diplomacy: Fashion Diplomacy

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Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

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—

CHAIR: Isn't Portsea on the east side?

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 minister is attending events?

CHAIR: Thank you—they are taken on notice.

Answer

- 1) *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.*

The Foreign Minister has visited Cotton On, Woolmark (both offices) and 2xU. DFAT promotes Australian creative excellence internationally to advance our economy and national interest. As part of this work, DFAT staff engage with Australian manufacturers and exporters of technical textiles, including automotive and industrial textiles.

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The Department also engages with several key textile peak bodies including:

- the Woolmark Company on wool innovation and cool wool;
- Cotton Australia on their partnership with the Better Cotton Initiative under DFAT's Business Partnerships Platform; and
- the Council of Textile and Fashion.

The Foreign Minister opened the 85th International Wool Textile Organisation Congress in Sydney on 4 April 2016, at which she engaged with a wide range of participants in the textile industry.

2) 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 minister is attending events?

Since January 2016, four fashion related briefs have been prepared for the Foreign Minister. Briefings were provided in writing by Public Diplomacy, Communications and Scholarships Division and were cleared through usual departmental processes.

When traveling overseas the Minister would normally be accompanied by a senior officer from the relevant Embassy or High Commission throughout her program, including any elements that might relate to fashion.

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Topic: Clinton Foundation

Senator Leyonhjelm, David

Question

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.

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 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.

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.

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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?

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.

Answer

DFAT has not made any funding commitments to Clinton-related charities since the October 2016 estimates.

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Topic: United Nations: Human Rights Candidacy – Travel Costs

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

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.

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 that you presented him with a contract post him leaving parliament. He went and sought advice about his pension. Correct?

Dr Strahan: Yes.

Senator WONG: And that included legal advice? Did you get some legal advice about that?

Dr Strahan: No, he sought advice.

Senator WONG: Which he then provided to you?

Dr Strahan: Yes.

Senator WONG: And what did you do with that advice?

Dr Strahan: We took note of it. His superannuation arrangements were a matter for him and the Department of Finance.

Senator WONG: The reason it does not contemplate a special envoy is this is a new thing that has been created under certainly this government. Was there one previously? Certainly this government has created a few special envoys.

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Dr Strahan: We would, in fact, see the term 'special envoy' as interchangeable with 'ambassador'. It performs the same role and other individuals in the past have been appointed to such roles.

Senator WONG: That is an ambassador.

Ms Adamson: We can check that for you. It seemed to me not to be new but we would have to go back and have a look at what happened previously.

Senator WONG: How many meetings since we last met has he had with the foreign minister?

Dr Strahan: I am not aware of that and I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

Mr Ruddock attended the 6th World Congress Against the Death Penalty in Oslo on 21 – 23 June 2016 to advocate for the universal abolition of the death penalty. The purpose of Mr Ruddock's other travel has been to promote Australia's Human Rights Council candidacy. On each trip he met a range of Ministers and Senior Officials in host governments and other local interlocutors and visited, where relevant, Australian-funded development projects.

Travel costs are as follows:

Geneva (29 February – 3 March 2016)

Flights	\$19 327
Accommodation	\$6 289
Transport	\$144
Travel Allowance	\$1636

East Africa (12 – 24 April 2016)

Flights	\$19 403
Accommodation	\$4 233
Transport	\$1 596
Travel Allowance	\$788

Oslo (21 – 23 June 2016)

Flights	\$14 709
Accommodation	\$2 590
Transport	\$329
Travel Allowance	\$2 122

Caribbean (2 – 7 July 2016)

Flights	\$19 295
Accommodation	\$6 001
Transport	\$287
Travel Allowance	\$1 306

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Southern Africa (9 – 14 October 2016)

Flights	\$18 594
Accommodation	\$2 526
Transport	\$162
Travel Allowance	\$886

Middle East (12 – 22 December 2016)

Flights	\$22 369
Accommodation	\$4 589
Transport	\$1 464
Travel Allowance	\$1 365

Central America (4 – 17 February 2017)

Flights	\$28 762
Accommodation	\$6 536
Transport	\$0
Travel Allowance	\$1 091

Staff accompanying Mr Ruddock have, on occasion, made payment for shared meals. This expenditure has subsequently been reconciled in conjunction with the usual travel acquittal process.

Mr Ruddock has had one formal meeting with the Foreign Minister in person since 20 October 2016 but has kept her updated of his activities through informal channels on an ongoing basis.

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Topic: United Nations: Human Rights Candidacy - Costs

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Dr Strahan: Yes.

Senator WONG: What was the quantum of that?

Dr Strahan: I would have to give you that figure on notice.

Answer

The department made salary payments of \$23 274 to Mr Ruddock between him leaving parliament and 13 February 2017.

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Topic: Syria

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Senator Penny Wong

Question

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. 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 is both inside Syria and also to assist Jordan and Lebanon with the refugee populations, and we are beginning to implement that.

Senator KITCHING: Can I just ask?

CHAIR: Senator Kitching.

Senator KITCHING: Of the \$220 million that is being spent inside Syria, what is it going to?

Mr Innes-Brown: What is it going to?

Senator KITCHING: I can understand, certainly, the refugee camps in Jordan, for example, but—

Mr Innes-Brown: We are providing humanitarian assistance. It is via trusted partners like the World Food program and other international partners.

Senator WONG: Could you provide, on notice perhaps, of the \$200 million, rather than—

Senator KITCHING: Yes, thank you.

Senator WONG: Can you, on notice, give us how that is broken down?

Mr Innes-Brown: Sure.

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Answer

The design of the Syria Crisis Humanitarian and Resilience Package is publicly available on DFAT's website at: <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/syria-crisis-humanitarian-resilience-package-design.aspx>. The annual breakdown of funding under the package is presented in a table on page 17 of the document

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Topic: Ambassador for Women and Girls – Function ‘She Decides’

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

Senator MOORE: Who issued that invitation?

Mr McDonald: The invitation went to the foreign minister.

Senator MOORE: From?

Mr McDonald: And we will be represented by the ambassador for women and girls.

Senator MOORE: Where did the invitation come from?

Mr Exell: The Netherlands. It was co-hosted in the Netherlands. I will just double check the other co-host.

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 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?

Mr McDonald: Yes. It is on today.

Senator MOORE: Are there any riding instructions on the ambassador about what she is allowed to say?

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—

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?

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Mr McDonald: I think there will be and after that is delivered—

Senator MOORE: After the event, certainly, if we could get a copy of that formally.

Mr McDonald: Yes.

Senator MOORE: I am taking on board the question that Senator Brandis clarified before lunch. Is there any indication in that statement about an ability to be part of an international funding round?

Mr McDonald: The key thing from the Australian government's point of view is that our commitment to sexual and reproductive health is well known, including from the foreign minister. The foreign minister recently announced in February a third phase of the SPRINT program.

Senator MOORE: I have some questions around that too, because it is longstanding.

Mr McDonald: Yes. What we do each year, as I said earlier, is the foreign minister will make decisions on the aid budget for the next financial year. So our commitments this year are being met, as we stipulated. We do not have control over external things that happened during that time but, depending on the outcome of these conferences, then I am sure the foreign minister will consider that in the context.

Senator MOORE: We understand that.

Senator SINGH: You must know whether or not, today, when Brussels wakes up and the She Decides funding initiative gets underway, whether or not Australia will be making any new pledges like so many other countries are and will today in Brussels. Will we or won't we make a new pledge?

Mr McDonald: Yes, I am aware of what is likely to be said but I think it should be delivered by Australia. It is not my statement; it is a statement on behalf of the Australian government which will be delivered later today. As I said earlier, that will be known because it will be made in the context of the She Decides conference.

Mr Exell: If I can also add, part of the conversation with the Netherlands in the preparation was that it is not just a funding conference. Yes, some countries will be making funding statements but that is not the sole purpose; it is broadly support of family planning. It is not just a pledging or funding conference.

Senator SINGH: I know that but it is focusing on this massive cut in US aid that has now come about because of the decision by the new Trump administration to implement the global gag rule. Funding pledges is a fairly

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major part of this initiative. I understand it is in the context of family planning and sexual and reproductive health initiatives, but a lot of countries have already made it very clear they want to chip in.

Mr Exell: Yes, I understand that. Part of the issue for Australia is understanding the implications in our region for the partners and the countries that we work with and we do not yet have full clarity on those implications.

Mr McDonald: I think it is important to restate that on 15 February the foreign minister announced \$9.5 million over three years for the SPRINT program.

Senator SINGH: That is a continuation of a program—which I know Senator Moore has questions on—that started in 2007. That is completely outside of what we are talking about that is going on in Brussels today in the sense of new pledges.

Mr McDonald: Yes, but not all countries will make pledges at these events. That never occurs. We are all caught by different budget arrangements and different situations that we are in. So, as I said, I think Australia being represented shows a commitment to the work in this area. Then, as we go forward, I am sure the Australian government will consider that amongst its development priorities for the next financial year.

Senator MOORE: And the minister has made her position clear by going out early and responding to the invitation from this particular grouping, so that is important. We will wait. I understand totally that we have to wait for it to be announced.

One of the things that we talked about previously was any possible impact on UNFPA because we have the cuts. From what I have seen from the order—and I have read it—when you read it, it says, 'Any organisation that does not sign up to ceasing any direct or indirect support for abortion will not be funded out of the aid program.' From your understanding of the process where does UNFPA fit into that scene? That is the UN element. The US has been providing significant funding to UNFPA over the last few years. From your experience of the research that you have done do you believe that UNFPA funding could be caught up in this particular global gag rule?

Mr Exell: Yes, we think that there is a likelihood that UNFPA will also be impacted, not by the same clauses that you have referred to, but the Castan amendment.

Senator MOORE: Yes.

Mr Exell: As we understand it that is something that has also been included. Again, we do not know the specifics and how it is being implemented, but there is that chance, yes.

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Senator MOORE: Do you know who has turned up to the She Decides conference? Do you have a list of attendance?

Mr Exell: I do not have a list of attendance, no.

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 government.

Mr McDonald: We are happy to take that on notice.

Answer

1. In relation to who sent the invitation for the She Decides conference, this was answered in the Hansard on page 66.
2. Statement made by Dr Stone at the She Decides conference on 2 March 2017 is available at:
<http://dfat.gov.au/news/speeches/Pages/statement-by-dr-sharman-stone-australian-ambassador-for-women-and-girls-she-decides-ministerial-conference.aspx>

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3. A list of attendance attached.

last_Name	first_Name	Title	Company	StatusDescription	Country
Danesh	Akbar	Advisor to the Minister of Women Affairs of Afghanistan	Ministry of Women Affairs-Afghanistan	Confirmed	Afghanistan
Nazari	Delber	Minister of Women Affairs- Afghanistan	Government of Afghanistan-Ministry of Women Affairs	Confirmed	Afghanistan
Barjaba	Kosta	Senior Adviser to Minister	Ministry of Health	Confirmed	Albania
Elliott	Kathryn	Director, Health Programs and Performance	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)	Confirmed	Australia
Stone	Sharman	Australian Ambassador for Women and Girls	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)	Confirmed	Australia
Klösch	Bernadette	Deputy Head of Mission Vice president of the European	Austrian Embassy	Confirmed	Austria
Lunacek	Ulrike	Parliament	EP	Confirmed	Austria
Meindl	Jürgen	Ambassador	Austrian Embassy in Brussels	Confirmed	Austria
Imaan	Najrana	Team Leader, SHOKHI Project	Bangladesh Legal Aid and Services Trust (BLAST)	Confirmed	Bangladesh

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Agbenyo	John		Savana Signatures -		
Alexander	Stephen	Executive Director	Ghana	Confirmed	Belgium
	Sophie	Professor	ULB	Pending	Belgium
Alhassan	Fouzia Tua	Project manager	Savana Signatures - Ghana	Confirmed	Belgium
Ameganvi	Hon. Manavi Isabelle	Member of Parliament	National Assembly of Togo / FPA	Confirmed	Belgium
Arena	Maria	Député Européen	Politique	Confirmed	Belgium
Arsic	Vesna	Ambassador	Embassy of Serbia	Confirmed	Belgium
Aurélie	Vanossel	Policy officer	Conseil de le Jeunesse	Pending	Belgium
Banovcanin	Irena	Minister Counselor HEAD OF CABINET OF	Embassy of Serbia	Confirmed	Belgium
BEHRNDT	NILS	COMMISSIONER MIMICA	EUROPEAN COMMISSION	Confirmed	Belgium
Bellens	Rita	Kamerlid	Kamer van Volksvertegenwoordigers België	Confirmed	Belgium
Berizzi	Paolo	Member of Cabinet	European Commission	Confirmed	Belgium
Bhandari	Ghanshyam	Counsellor	Embassy of Nepal	Confirmed	Belgium
BOIS d'ENGHIE	Charles	Deputy Director General	MFA Belgium	Pending	Belgium
Bosmans	Marleen	Expert Human Rights & Gender	BTC Belgian Development Agency	Confirmed	Belgium
Casier	Marlies	policy advisor	Sensoa	Confirmed	Belgium

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Charlier	Sophie	Chargée de mission et de recherche	Le Monde selon les femmes	Confirmed	Belgium
Compernelle	Lou	Consultant / Senior advocacy advisor	PAI Population Action International	Confirmed	Belgium
Croes	Silvia	Humanitarian Desk officer	Belgian MFA	Confirmed	Belgium
Crosse	Dearbhla	Communications Advisor	IPPF	Confirmed	Belgium
Cuéllar	Felipe	Bilateral Affaires México- Belgium	Embassy of Mexico in Belgium	Confirmed	Belgium
Danielle	BAVAY	Assistante administrative	Ministère des affaires Etrangères	Confirmed	Belgium
D'Auchamp	Paul	Acting Regional Representative for Europe	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights	Confirmed	Belgium
Davidashvili	Marina	Senior Policy Officer	EPF	Confirmed	Belgium
De Bassompierre	Christophe	Advisor	Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Belgium
De Clerck	Luc	Program Manager	Philips Healthcare (Africa)	Confirmed	Belgium
De cock	Lieve	advisor	Office minister Alexander De Croo	Confirmed	Belgium
De Coster	Griet	Institutional Funding Advisor	Handicap International Belgium	Confirmed	Belgium
De Croo	Alexander	Deputy Prime Minister and ministr for Development Cooperation	Deputy Prime Minister and minister for Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium
De Geest	Ellen	Development Cooperation	Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Belgium

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De Potter	Sara	policy officer UN youth delegates	Vlaamse Jeugdraad	Confirmed	Belgium
DEBRABANDERE	Régine	Director	Plan Belgium // Plan Belgie // Plan Belgique	Confirmed	Belgium
Delvaux	Thérèse	Senior Researcher	Institute of Tropical Medicine	Confirmed	Belgium
Dimitriadou	Maria	Sr. International Affairs Officer	World Bank	Confirmed	Belgium
DRICOT	Yves	Directeur/ D2 - Direction thématique/ coop multilatérale	DG Développement et aide humanitaire/ Ministère Affaires étrangères	Confirmed	Belgium
Druyts	Sebastiaan	Advisor	Policy Unit to the Belgian Deputy-Prime Minister Alexander De Croo	Confirmed	Belgium
Dubruux	Anne-Sophie	UN Youth Delegate for Sustainable Development	French-speaking Youth Council of Belgium	Pending	Belgium
Duquesnoy	Marie-Paule	senior programme officer	FPS Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium
Frankinet	Benedicte	Special Envoy	SPF Affaires étrangères	Confirmed	Belgium
Ghys	An	First Secretary Human Rights	Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Belgium
Gigante	Catherine	Head of Unit Programme and Partnership	Directore General for Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium
Gillois	Laurence	Specialist	UN Women	Confirmed	Belgium

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Goicochea Esteno	SE Norma	Ambassador of Cuba	Cuban Embassy in Belgium	Confirmed	Belgium
Haas	Lea	Parliamentary Assistent	European Parliament	Confirmed	Belgium
Haelterman	Els	Development Advisor	Office of Deputy Prime Minister De Croo	Confirmed	Belgium
Hagenaars	Carmen	Head of Unit International Cooperation and Trade	Permanent Representation of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the EU	Confirmed	Belgium
Hemelseoet	Dirk	public policy and governmental manager	MSD	Confirmed	Belgium
Hendrickx	Jan	Stagiair	DGD	Confirmed	Belgium
INGRAM	SIMON	SENIOR COMMUNICATION ADVISER	UNICEF	Confirmed	Belgium
Ivers	Claire	Senior EU Advocate	Human Rights Watch	Confirmed	Belgium
Jekelfalussy	Surena	Research Analyst	Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	Confirmed	Belgium
Joosten	Veronique	Deputy director human rights department	Belgian MFA	Confirmed	Belgium
Joppen	Hans	Attaché	FPS Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Belgium
Kern	Alena	Partnership Analyst	UN Women	Confirmed	Belgium

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Konen	Aur�lie	EU Coordination Programme Coordinator and Liaison Specialist	FPS Foreign Affairs - DGD	Confirmed	Belgium
Krysostan	Nadine		UNFPA	Confirmed	Belgium
Lannoye	Joke	Senior Officer	EuroNGOs - The European NGOs for SRHR, Population and Development	Confirmed	Belgium
Leaney	Tara	Second Secretary	Australian Embassy and Mission to the EU and NATO	Confirmed	Australia
Lerusse	Amandine	Intern	DGD	Confirmed	Belgium
Lhoest	Sara	Intern	UN Women Brussels	Confirmed	Belgium
Lipponen	Marianna	Senior Policy Assistant	European Commission, Dg International cooperation and Development	Confirmed	Belgium
Luc	Timmermans	Head of unit	Ministry Foreign Affairs - Directorate for Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium
Makaroff	Alexandra	EU Representative	Plan International EU office	Confirmed	Belgium
Maquestiau	Pascale	Charg�e de mission Deputy	Le Monde selon les femmes	Confirmed	Belgium
Mareel	Michael	Spokesperson	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Belgium
Marike	Lefevre	stagiaire	D2.1	Confirmed	Belgium

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Marinaki	Maria	Ambassador Maria Marinaki, EEAS Principal Advisor on Gender and on UNSCR 1325/WPS	European External Action Service	Confirmed	Belgium
Mekari	Estelle	Intern WHO	Ministry of External Affairs	Confirmed	Belgium
Meulenbergs	Leen	Representative to the EU	WHO	Attended	Belgium
Michalowicz	Anna	Communications & Campaigns	IPPF European Network	Confirmed	Belgium
Michielsens	Kristien	Professor	Ghent University	Pending	Belgium
MIMICA	NEVEN	MEMBER OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION	EUROPEAN COMMISSION	Confirmed	Belgium
Moors	Peter	Head of Staff Development Coopération	Deputy Prime Minister and minister for Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium
Mutafchieva	Radostina	Political adviser , Development, ACP countries	European Parliament	Pending	Belgium
Neijens	Tom	Counsellor	Cabinet Minister De Croo	Confirmed	Belgium
Nguini Effa	Hon. Marie Rose	Member of Parliament	National Assembly of Cameroon / Panafrican Parliament / FPA	Confirmed	Belgium
Ni Giolla Comhaill (Coyle)	Fiona	Lead Global and Sustainable Development	IPPFEN	Confirmed	Belgium
Noya	Sophie	Director Public Policy	MSD	Confirmed	Belgium

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Paduart	Julie	Intern	ministère des affaires étrangères et de la coopération au développement	Confirmed	Belgium
Pandian	Hannah	Senior Communications Officer	Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition	Confirmed	Belgium
Peeters	Emilie	Advocacy Officer	Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition	Confirmed	Belgium
Pertuisel	Astrid	Intern Programme Officer-SRHR, HIV Prevention and Youth	UN Women	Confirmed	Belgium
Picardo	Charmaine		SAfAIDS Zimbabwe	Confirmed	Belgium
Raes	Lisa	Intern	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development	Confirmed	Belgium
Rayee	Guy	Deputy Director-general	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium
Ronse	Ignace	Health networks coordinator	DGD	Confirmed	Belgium
Roosen	Tim	Coordinator Be-Cause Health platform	Institute of Tropical Medicine - ITM, Antwerp	Confirmed	Belgium
Roumans	Alexandra	Communications Advisor	Cabinet De Croo	Confirmed	Belgium
Ryckaert	Martine	Personal Assistent	Cabinet of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium

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Schraepen	Elisabeth	Director Corporate Affairs Director, UN Women Brussels Office	Pfizer	Pending	Belgium
Schumacher	Dagmar		UN Women	Confirmed	Belgium
Smolinski	Manuela	Policy Officer Policy Officer Development Cooperation	EPF - European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development	Confirmed	Belgium
Spanoghe	Sander		Departement Buitenlandse Zaken	Confirmed	Belgium
Swalens	Jean-Michel	Head of Office D4.1	SPF Affaires Etrangères	Confirmed	Belgium
Thapa	Lok Bahadur	Ambassador	Embassy of Nepal	Confirmed	Belgium
Thizon	Marine	Policy Adviser	Australian Embassy and Mission to the EU and NATO	Confirmed	Australia
Thwaites	Nadine	Political Officer	Canadian Mission to the European Union	Confirmed	Belgium
TRAORE	Diénéba Yasmine	Ministre Conseiller Communication / Belgian Development Cooperation	AMBASSADE DU BURKINA FASO	Confirmed	Belgium
Van Aken	Mia		SPF Affaires étrangères	Confirmed	Belgium
Van Braeckel	Dirk	Director F&A	ICRH	Confirmed	Belgium
Van de Voorde	Wim	Policy Officer	Sensoa	Confirmed	Belgium

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Van de Vreken	Mark	Deputy Chief of Staff	Office of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Development Cooperation Alexander De Croo	Confirmed	Belgium
Van der Pluijm	Bruno	Director General First Embassy	Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium
van Eyll	Carole	Secretary	Belgian Foreign Ministry	Confirmed	Belgium
Van Landschoot	Delphine	Attaché	MFA	Pending	Belgium
Van Ravestyn	Ysaline	Trainee D2	Belgian Foreign Affairs DGD (D2)	Confirmed	Belgium
Van Wetter	Jean	General Director	Handicap International	Confirmed	Belgium
Vandendriesche	Lise-Marie	Development Cooperation Officer	FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation	Pending	Belgium
Vangeel	Liesbet	Policy officer	FOS	Confirmed	Belgium
Vanhamme	Sandrine	Gender Advisor	Development Cooperation Directorate - Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium
Vestraeten	Rudi	Director for Press and Communication	FPS Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Belgium
Verstraelen	Eva	Consular attaché	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Belgium	Confirmed	Belgium

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Vlamijnck	Michael	Press Officer	FPS Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium
Willemaers	Eric	Advisor Communications and Public Affairs	Cabinet Minister Development Cooperation	Confirmed	Belgium
Willemen	Johan	Officer	Embassy of Canada in Brussels	Confirmed	Belgium
Yared	Dima	Acting Deputy Regional Representative for Europe	Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	Confirmed	Belgium
Zhang	Wei-Hong	Senior Reseracher, Senior project coordinator. Expert of Family Planning and Abortion	Ghent University, International centre for Reproductive Health (ICRH)	Confirmed	Belgium
Zianga	Fotini	Political assistant to the EEAS Principal Advisor on Gender and on UNSCR 1325/WPS	European External Action Service	Confirmed	Belgium
Kapetanovic, MP	Hon. Nermina	Member of Parliament	Parliament of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Confirmed	Bosnia and Herzegovina
DINKOVA	DIMITRINKA	ATTACHE CULTUREL	AMBASSADE DE BULGARIE QU ROYAUME DE BELGIQUE ET LUXEMBOURG	Confirmed	Bulgaria

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UWIMANA	DONAVINE	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	ASSOCIATION BURUNDAISE POUR LE BIEN ETRE FAMILIAL	Confirmed	Burundi
Anderson	Julia	Director, Operations	Canadian Partnership for Women and Children's Health	Confirmed	Canada
Baker	Amy	Director General	Global Affairs Canada	Confirmed	Canada
Bibeau	Marie-Claude	Minister of International Development and La Francophonie	Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada	Confirmed	Canada
Boutin	Bernard	Press Secretary to Minister Bibeau	Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada	Confirmed	Canada
Bowman	Alan	Deputy Head of Mission	Mission of Canada to the EU	Confirmed	Canada
Cote	Christian	Security to Minister Bibeau	Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada	Confirmed	Canada
Delahanty	Julie	Executive Director	Oxfam Canada	Confirmed	Canada
Diguer	Lorraine	Counsellor	Mission of Canada to the European Union	Confirmed	Canada
Faveri	Christine	Deputy Director, Health and Nutrition Bureau	Global Affairs Canada	Confirmed	Canada
Fountain Smith	Sarah	Assistant Deputy Minister	Global Affairs Canada	Confirmed	Canada

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Guerin	Madeleine	Protocol Officer	Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada	Confirmed	Canada
		Member of Parliament, Conservation Party of Canada	Parliament of Canada	Confirmed	Canada
Harder Harper	Rachael Malayah	General secretary	World ywc	Pending	Canada
Ivanszky	Peter	political officer	embassy of canada	Confirmed	Canada
Johns	Alexandra	Executive Director Trade Commissioner	Asia PACific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (APA)	Confirmed	Canada
Marneth	Grégoire	Assistant Trade Commissioner	Embassy of Canada	Confirmed	Canada
Marneth	Grégoire	Assistant Director, Policy & Government Relations	Embassy of Canada	Confirmed	Canada
McWilliam	Cicely		Save the Children	Confirmed	Canada
Montpetit	Geoffroi	Chief of Staff to Minister Bibeau	Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada	Confirmed	Canada
Nicoloff	Olivier	Ambassador	Embassy of Canada, Brussels	Confirmed	Canada
Prasad	Sandeep	Executive Director	Action Canada for Sexual Health and Rights	Confirmed	Canada

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Thwaites	Nadine	Political Officer - Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Section	Canadian Mission to the EU (attending in framework of Minister Bibeau's participation)	Confirmed	Canada
Marie Rose	Nguini Effa	M.P	Forum des parlementaires africains sur population et développement	Confirmed	Central African Republic
Zhu	Yi	Doctor	The Second Affiliated Hospital of Chongqing Medical University	Confirmed	China
Royo	Marta	Executive Director	Profamilia	Confirmed	Colombia
Edumbadumba	Hon. Pierre César	Member of Parliament	National Assembly of DRC / FPA	Confirmed	Congo, The Democratic Republic of
Andrassy	Irena	Deputy Head of Cabinet	European Commission	Confirmed	Croatia
Boric	Radojka	President of Centre for Women's Studies Zagreb, lecturer	Women's Network Croatia/European Women's Lobby	Pending	Croatia
Christensen	Bjarne	Secretary General	Danish Family Planning Association	Confirmed	Denmark
Frost Helt	Sanne	Chief Advisor SRHR, HIV/AIDS and Global Health	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Denmark
Gregersen	Laust Leth	Head of Advocacy	Save the Children Denmark	Confirmed	Denmark

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Grinsted	Anne Louise	Private secretary to the Minister for Development Cooperation	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Denmark
Halsboe-Joergensen	Ane	Member of the Danish Parliament	The Danish Socialdemocratic Party	Confirmed	Denmark
Jespersen	Morten	Under-secretary for Global Development and Cooperation	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Denmark
Jespersen	Louise Bang	Ambassador	Danish Embassy	Confirmed	Denmark
Kirch Kirkegaard	Laura	International Director	AIDS-Fondet	Confirmed	Denmark
Pedersen	Jørgen Mærsk	Counsellor	Permanent Representation of Denmark to the European Union	Pending	Denmark
Pedersen	Marianne Lynghøj	Special Adviser to the Minister for Development Cooperation	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Denmark
Tørnæs	Ulla	Minister for Development Cooperation	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Denmark
Wendt	Susanne	Policy Officer	EEAS	Confirmed	Denmark
Cuevas	Karen	Health Services Manager	Profamilia DR / IPPFWHR	Confirmed	Dominican Republic
Vela	Maria Soledad	Parliamentarian	IAPG	Confirmed	Ecuador

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Terras	Kaili	Director, Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Division	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Estonia
Ashagre	Robel Admassu	2nd Sectetary	Embassy of Ethiopia	Pending	Ethiopia
Lemango	Ephrem Tekle (Dr.)	Maternal and Child Health Directorate	Ministry of Health	Confirmed	Ethiopia
Mitke	Yifru Berhan (Prof.)	Minister of Health	Ministry of Health	Confirmed	Ethiopia
Blumenthal	Gisela	Senior Adviser, Development Policy, health questions	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland	Confirmed	Finland
Hautala	Heidi	MEP	EP	Confirmed	Finland
Koivuranta	Eija	Managing Director	Vaestoliitto, the Family Federation of Finland	Confirmed	Finland
Koskela	Marja	Diplomatic Adviser to the Minister	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland	Confirmed	Finland
Mykkänen	Kai	Minister for Foreign Trade and Development of Finland	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland	Confirmed	Finland
Rajala	Pasi	Special Adviser to the Minister	Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland	Confirmed	Finland
Sarkkinen	Hanna	Member of Parliament	Parliament of Finland	Confirmed	Finland
Bannwarth	Marguerite	Advocacy officer	Equilibres & Populations	Confirmed	France

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Collin	Laura	Chargée de mission à la division Relations avec les élus et les acteurs économiques	Agence Française de Développement	Confirmed	France
Coutelle	Catherine	MP, National Assembly, France	National Assembly, France	Confirmed	France
Datta	Neil	Secretary	EPF: European Parliamentary Forum on Population and Development	Confirmed	France
Laurence	ROSSIGNOL	MINISTRE	Ministre des Familles de l'enfance et des droits des femmes	Confirmed	France
Laurent	Dujardin	sécurité	Ministère droits des femmes	Confirmed	France
Lignieres-Cassou	Martine	MP - Députée	Parliament - Assemblée nationale	Confirmed	France
MERT	Sybille	Première conseillère	Ambassade de France à Bruxelles	Confirmed	France
Savoye	Nina	Conseillère parlementaire chargée, de la santé des droits sexuels et reproductifs.	Cabinet de la Ministre de la Famille, de l'Enfance et des Droits des Femmes.	Confirmed	France
Suzat	Eléna	Counsellor of Laurence Rossignol, Minister of Families, Childhood and Women's Rights	Minister of Families, Childhood and Women's Rights	Pending	France
Tétart	Hon. Jean- Marie	Member of Parliament	French National Assembly	Confirmed	France

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Tsereteli, MP	Hon. George	Member of Parliament	Parliament of Georgia	Confirmed	Georgia
Baehr	Renate	Executive Director	DSW	Confirmed	Germany
Reintke	Terry	MEP	European Parliament	Confirmed	Germany
Ricken	Stefanie	Political Advisor	Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament	Confirmed	Germany
Giannakaki	Maria	Secretary General for Transparency and Human Rights	Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights	Pending	Greece
Bac	Delia	Parliamentarian	IAPG	Confirmed	Guatemala
Diallo	Hon. Zalikatou	Member of Parliament	National Assembly of Guinea / FPA	Confirmed	Guinea
Ellertsdóttir	Bergdís	Ambassador of Iceland	Embassy of Iceland	Confirmed	Iceland
Eysteinsdottir	Sigrídur	First Secretary	Embassy of Iceland / Icelandic Mission to the EU	Confirmed	Iceland
Mac Aodha	Eamonn	Ambassador of Ireland	Embassy of Ireland	Confirmed	Ireland
Sailaukyzy	Saulekul	Counsellor	Embassy of Kazakhstan	Confirmed	Kazakhstan
Gondi	Joel	Head, Reproductive and Maternal Health Services Unit (RMHSU)	MINISTRY of health	Confirmed	Kenya
Marienga	Edward	Executive Director	Family Health Options Kenya	Confirmed	Kenya

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Nyambura	Cathetrine	Advocacy Program Associate	FEMNET	Confirmed	Kenya
Okondo	Elena May	Executive Director	WREPA Kenya	Confirmed	Kenya
Temmerman	Marleen	Professor	Aga Khan University/ Aga Khan Development Network	Confirmed	Kenya
KIM	Hyoung-zhin	Ambassador	Embassy of	Confirmed	Korea, Republic of
PARK	INHYO	Second Secretary	Embassy of Republic of Korea	Confirmed	Korea, Republic of
Abrashi	Arban	Minister	Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare	Confirmed	Kosovo
Haxholli	Fatmir	Adviser	Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare	Confirmed	Kosovo
Stokenberga	Liva	Senior Desk Offices/Gender Equality Expert	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia	Confirmed	Latvia
Wiseler	Cathy	Attachée de Légation	Ministère des Affaires étrangères et européennes	Confirmed	Luxembourg
Kolevska	Hilda	Director for Economic Diplomacy	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia	Confirmed	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Itaye	Tikhala	Tikhala Itaye	African Youth and Adolescent Network on Population and Development	Confirmed	Malawi
Thanenthiran	Sivananthi	Executive Director	Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women	Confirmed	Malaysia

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COUMARE	Mama	Directeur National de la santé	Ministère de la Santé et de l'Hygiène Publique	Confirmed	Mali
DICKO	Adma	YAM	IPPF	Confirmed	Mali
Cantú Segovia	Amb. Eloy	Ambassador of Mexico	Embassy of Mexico	Pending	Mexico
Fuentes	Victoria	Executive Director	Mexfam	Confirmed	Mexico
Navarro	José Alberto	Cooperation Affairs	Embassy of Mexico	Pending	Mexico
Ochoa	Maria	Parliamentarian	IAPG	Confirmed	Mexico
Dumbraveanu	Viorica	Deputy Minister	Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family of the Republic of Moldova	Confirmed	Moldova, Republic of
Grigoras	Stela	Minister	Ministry of Labour, Social Protection and Family of the Republic of Moldova	Confirmed	Moldova, Republic of
Ayush	Tsogtsetseg	Minister of Health	Ministry of Health of Mongolia	Confirmed	Mongolia
Sukhbaatar	Bolormaa	Officer, Division of International Cooperation	Ministry of Health of Mongolia	Confirmed	Mongolia
RADULOVIC	VLADIMIR	AMBASSADOR	EMBASSY OF MONTENEGRO	Confirmed	Montenegro
SOFRANAC	MILENA	SECOND SECRETARY	EMBASSY OF MONTENEGRO	Confirmed	Montenegro
Mbofana	Francisco	National Director of Public Health	Ministry of Health	Confirmed	Mozambique

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Simione	Santos	Executive Director	AMODEFA - Associação Moçambicana para o Desenvolvimento da Família	Confirmed	Mozambique
Adhikary	Ramesh Prasad	Chief Public Health Administrator	Ministry of Health	Confirmed	Nepal
ADHIKARY	RAMESH PRASAD	Public Health Administrator	MINISTRY OF HEALTH	Confirmed	Nepal
UPRETI	SENENDRA RAJ	Secretary of Health	MINISTRY OF HEALTH	Confirmed	Nepal
Upreti	Senendra Raj	Secretary	Ministry of Health	Confirmed	Nepal
Blankhart	Susanna Theodora	member She Decides Taskforce	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Netherlands
Bogaarts	Yvonne	Manager Advocacy	Rutgers	Confirmed	Netherlands
Brodnjak	Jelena	Board Member of CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality	CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality	Confirmed	Netherlands
Buijs	Reina	Deputy Director-General for International Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Netherlands
Busstra	Marjolein	Spokesperson for the minister for Foreign Trade and Development	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Netherlands
Call	Douglas	Executive Director	PSI Europe	Confirmed	Netherlands
Coenen	Ton	Executive Director	Rutgers	Confirmed	Netherlands

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Ernsting	Michele	Program Director	RNW Media	Confirmed	Netherlands
Gigler	Amanda	Director of Philanthropic Partnerships and Communications	Mama Cash	Confirmed	Netherlands
Grijns	Lambert	Dutch SRHR Ambassador	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Netherlands
Kopmels	Marcel	business development manager	PharmAccess Foundation	Confirmed	Netherlands
Lansink Dodero	Katinka	Business Development and Partnership Manager	dance4life foundation	Confirmed	Netherlands
Ploumen	Lilianne	Minister of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Netherlands
Scheffer	Miral	Press Officer	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Pending	Netherlands
Steneker	Sietske	Director, UNFPA Brussels Office	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	Confirmed	Netherlands
Thijssen	Sanne	Dutch Youth Ambassador For Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ CHOICE for Youth and Sexuality	Confirmed	Netherlands
Van Deirse	Alexander	Deputy Head Political Affairs	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Confirmed	Netherlands

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Van den Heuvel	Maryem	Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Belgium	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	Confirmed	Netherlands
Van der Kolk	Meyndert	Private Secretary to the Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Netherlands
Van Deth	Louise	executive director	Aidsfonds	Confirmed	Netherlands
Van Dijk	Denise	President Global Public Sector	Female Health Company	Confirmed	Netherlands
Van Dijk	Nadine	secretary She Decides taskforce	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Netherlands
Van Kessel	Kiki Kristine	Thematic Advisor SRHR	Save the Children	Confirmed	Netherlands
Van Oranje	Mabel	Chair	Girls Not Brides	Confirmed	Netherlands
Van Roemburg	Rebekka	advisor	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Netherlands
Van 't Hek	Monique	National Director	Plan Nederland	Confirmed	Netherlands
Verlinde	Sunita	diplomat	MFA of The Netherlands	Confirmed	Netherlands
Vullings	Wieneke	coordinator She Decides taskforce	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Netherlands
Williams	Morillio	Public Affairs Officer SRHR	Simavi	Confirmed	Netherlands
Sargison	Georgina	First Secretary	NZ Mission to the EU	Confirmed	New Zealand
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Espinoza	Maria-Brit	Head of Communications	Ministry of Children and Equality	Confirmed	Norway
Hauge Riisøen	Kari	Deputy Director	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Norway
Haugland	Line	Communication Officer	Mission of Norway to the EU	Confirmed	Norway
Horne	Solveig	Minister of Children and Equality	Ministry of Children and Equality	Confirmed	Norway
Huitfeldt	Anniken	MP, Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee	Norwegian Parliament, Labour Party	Confirmed	Norway
Petersson	Eivind Vad	Political Advisor	Norwegian Parliament, Labour Party	Confirmed	Norway
Schulerud	Ingrid	Norwegian Ambassador to Belgium	Norwegian Embassy Belgium	Confirmed	Norway
Soldic	Marko	First Secretary	Mission of Norway to the EU	Confirmed	Norway
Strøm	Nina	Senior Adviser	Norad	Confirmed	Norway
Thorsdalen	Sissel	Program advisor	FOKUS - Forum for Women and Development	Confirmed	Norway
Fatima	Syeda Tasneem	Director Health Services	Marie Stopes Society	Confirmed	Pakistan
Rivera Avni	Carla	Executive Director	IAPG	Confirmed	Panama
Albuquerque	João	Adviser for the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Portugal

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Magalhães	Sandra		Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Portugal
		Counsellor - Permanent Representation of Portugal to the EU	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Portugal
Marques	Gonçalo				
		Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Portugal
Ribeiro	Teresa				
Bodog	Florian Dorel	Minister of Health	Ministry of Health	Confirmed	Romania
		Advocacy and External Relations Program Manager	Intrahealth/Ouagadougou Partnership Coordination Unit	Confirmed	Senegal
Ba	Marie Bocar		Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention	Confirmed	Senegal
Daff	Mamadou	Directeur	National Assembly of Senegal / FPA	Confirmed	Senegal
Diakhate	Hon. Mously	Member of Parliament		Confirmed	Senegal
			Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU	Confirmed	Slovakia
Hutka	Matus	Diplomat		Confirmed	Slovakia
			Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU	Confirmed	Slovakia
Wursterova	Karla	CODEV Delegate		Confirmed	Slovakia

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Aleksandra	Stanic-Petkovic	Minister Plenipotentiary	Permanent Representation of Slovenia to the European Union	Confirmed	Slovenia
Matjaz	SINKOVEC	Ambassador Extraordinary and plenipotentiary	Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia to the Kingdom of Belgium	Confirmed	Slovenia
Gunthorp	Jonathan	Executive Director	Southern African Aids Trust	Confirmed	South Africa
Gunthorp	Jonathan	Executive Director	Southern African AIDS Trust	Confirmed	South Africa
Mofokeng	Tlaleng	Medical Doctor	Sexual and Reproductive Justice Coalition of South Africa	Confirmed	South Africa
Phiri Chibawe	Caroline	Director Public Health	Ministry of Health	Pending	South Africa
De Riquer Iparragirre Bemposta	Blanca Maria Eugenia	European parliament Assistant Senator	European Parliament	Confirmed	Spain
Martínez Bocos	Laura	Counsellor	Ambassade d'Espagne	Confirmed	Spain
PEREZ GUTIERREZ	CRISTINA	Policy Adviser to the Cabinet of the Secretary of State for International Cooperation and for Latin	MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION	Confirmed	Spain
RUGGIERO	FILOMENA	RESPONSIBLE ADVOCACY AREA	FEDERACION PLANIFICACION FAMILIAR ESTATAL	Confirmed	Spain

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Urtasun	Ernest	MEP	European Parliament	Confirmed	Spain
WULFF BARREIRO	MARIA VICTORIA	CODEV COUNSELLOR	SPANISH PERMANENT REPRESENTATION	Confirmed	Spain
BUYNE	Jo-Ann C.	Second Secretary	Embassy of the Republic of Suriname	Confirmed	Suriname
Andersson	Maria	Executive Director	RFSU, Swedish Association for Sexuality Education	Confirmed	Sweden
Corazza Bildt	Anna Maria	MEP	European Parliament	Confirmed	Sweden
Danielsson	Lars	Head of the Swedish Representation to the EU	Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU	Confirmed	Sweden
Engstrom	Linnea	Member of the European Parliament	European Parliament	Confirmed	Sweden
Flensburg	Annika	Press Secretary to Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation and climate Isabella L	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Sweden
Hellström	Katarina	Political Advisor to Swedish Minister for International Development Cooperation and climate Isabella	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Sweden
Karlsson, MP	Hon. Ulrika	Member of Parliament	Parliament of Sweden, EPF	Confirmed	Sweden

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Lennung Malmqvist	Jenny	Director Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate	Permanent representation of Sweden to EU	Confirmed	Sweden
Lövin	Isabella	Desk Officer for Media and Communication	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Sweden
Lund	Anna	Parliamentary Assistant	Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU	Confirmed	Sweden
Nilsson	Charlotte	Desk Officer, UN Policy Department	European Parliament	Confirmed	Sweden
Nylander	Fanny	ASRHR Advisor	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Sweden
Österlund	Sara	Parliamentary Assistant	Plan International Sweden	Confirmed	Sweden
Papa	Valentina	Deputy Head of UN Policy Department	European Parliament	Confirmed	Sweden
Pedersen	Harriet	Director of Public Health	Ministry for Foreign Affairs	Confirmed	Sweden
Phiri Chibawe	Caroline	Counsellor, Head of the Regional SRHR Team	Ministry of Health, Zambia	Confirmed	Sweden
Sundelin	Dag		Embassy of Sweden in Lusaka	Confirmed	Sweden
Svensén	Ann	Secretary General	IM Individuell Människohjälp - Swedish Development Partner	Confirmed	Sweden
Wetterqvist	Ingrid	Director	Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU	Confirmed	Sweden

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ASKEW	Ian		World Health Organization	Confirmed	Switzerland
Bathija	Heli	Representative Assistant Director- General	Global Fund for Women World Health Organization	Confirmed	Switzerland
Bustreo	Flavia	Chief Human Rights and Gender		Confirmed	Switzerland
Cabal	Luisa		UNAIDS	Confirmed	Switzerland
Fogstad	Helga	Executive Director	Partnership for Maternal, Newborn & Child Health (hosted by World Health Organization)	Confirmed	Switzerland
Harper	Malayah	General Secretary Global Programme Manager	World YWCA	Confirmed	Switzerland
Okondo	Hendrica		World YWCA	Confirmed	Switzerland
STRAUSS	PIERRE	1st secretary	Swiss mission to the EU	Confirmed	Switzerland
Van Roy	Ilse	Director Institutional Business Africa, Family Planning and Vaccines	MSD	Confirmed	Switzerland
Ben cheikh	Sonia	President General Director	Ministry of Health Embassy of Tunisia in Belgium	Confirmed	Tunisia
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HUMAIDAN	Ghalia	Chargée d'affaires a.i.	UAE Embassy in Brussels	Confirmed	United Arab Emirates
Amuzu	Joseph	Executive Director	Planned Parenthood Association of Ghana	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Ash	Jerry	Deputy Team Leader - SRHR	DFID	Pending	United Kingdom
Bajpai	Divya	Director: Programmes	International HIV/AIDS Alliance	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Baker	Jo	Programme Officer, Women's Rights	The Sigrid Rausing Trust	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Berer	Marge	International Coordinator	International Campaign for Women's Right to Safe Abortion	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Bermejo	Alvaro	Executive Director	CIFF	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Blanchard	Claire Victoria	Head of Policy & Advocacy Health & Nutrition	Save the Children	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Boonen	Simon	IPPF sound	International Planned parenthood Federation	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Cerrell	Joe	Managing Director, Global Policy and Advocacy	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Cidonelli	Maria	Online Content Adviser	International Planned parenthood Federation	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Cooke	Simon	CEO	Marie Stopes International	Confirmed	United Kingdom

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Deponti Afonso	Andre	Manager, Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF)	Safe Abortion Action Fund (SAAF)	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Elliott	Megan	Vice-President and Director of Strategy & Development	Marie Stopes International	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Halford	Stuart	Senior Representative to the United Nations for the SRI	Sexual Rights Initiative	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Halmshaw	Caroline	Head of SRHR	Plan International UK	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Hohn	Chris	Co-Founder	CIFF	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Jeewa	Atia	Senior Communications Adviser	International Planned Parenthood Federation	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Kelland	Zoe	Digital Campaigner	Global Citizen	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Kemplay	Miles	Director Acting Fund Director,	CIFF	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Khadduri	Rolla	AmplifyChange	MannionDaniels	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Lehtimaki	Marko	Board Member	Methodology Group	Pending	United Kingdom
Lindley	Matthew	Director of Resource Mobilization	International Planned Parenthood Federation	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Margolis	Hillary	Women's Rights Researcher	Human Rights Watch	Confirmed	United Kingdom
McAvan	Linda	MEP, Chair of the Development Committee	European Parliament	Confirmed	United Kingdom

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McCormick	Sabrina	Special Advisor	CIFF	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Melesse	Tewodros	Director General	International Planned Parenthood Federation	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Ouellette	Liska	Special Advisor	CIFF	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Petersen	Grethe	Director, Policy & Advocacy	The Children's Investment Fund Foundation	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Radsma	Laura	Special Assistant to Founder	Childrens Investment Fund Foundation	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Ramakrishnan	Aparajita	Deputy Director, Donor Government Relations	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Van Min	Maaike	Director Strategy and Development	Marie Stopes International	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Wechsberg	Anna	Policy Director	DFID	Pending	United Kingdom
Werdefroy	Daan	IPPF cameraman	International Planned parenthood Federation	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Woodside	Jennifer	Senior Adviser	Girls Not Brides	Confirmed	United Kingdom
Addico	Gifty	Chief, Commodity Security Branch	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	Confirmed	United States
Alcalde	Maria Antonieta	Director of Advocacy	International Planned Parenthood Federation / Western Hemisphere Region	Confirmed	United States
Arney	Leslie	Program Associate	The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	Confirmed	United States

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Barari	Lindsey	Senior Program Officer	The Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	Confirmed	United States
Barringer	Erin	Associate Partner	Dalberg Global Development Advisors	Confirmed	United States
Brown	Rebecca	Director of Global Advocacy	Center for Reproductive Rights	Confirmed	United States
Carino	Giselle	Regional Director	International Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region	Confirmed	United States
CLAESON	EVA MARIAM	Director	Global Financing Facility	Confirmed	United States
Early	Katie	Director of Development	Ipas	Confirmed	United States
Ehlers	Suzanne	President & CEO	PAI	Confirmed	United States
Erken	Arthur	Director, Division of Communications & Strategic Partnerships	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	Confirmed	United States
Fynn- Nyame	Faustina	Women's Health Director	PSI	Confirmed	United States
Galati	Alanna	Senior Policy Manager	Guttmacher Institute	Confirmed	United States
Hetherington	John	Chief Executive Officer	Ipas	Confirmed	United States
Hofmann	Karl	President/CEO	Population Services International (PSI)	Confirmed	United States
Jordan	Sandra	Senior Director, Global Advocacy, Rights and Youth	FP2020	Confirmed	United States

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Kelly	Linda	Partnerships Coordinator	Global Financing Facility Secretariat, The World Bank Group	Confirmed	United States
Kowalski	Shannon	Director of Advocacy and Policy	International Women's Health Coalition	Confirmed	United States
McKenna	Brian	Deputy Director	Reproductive Health Supplies Coalition (RHSC)	Confirmed	United States
Mitchell	Katy	Sr. Program Officer - International Programs	Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation	Confirmed	United States
Mlambo-Ngcuka	Phumzile	Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director	UN Women	Confirmed	United States
Morse	Michelle	Acting Vice President, Girls and Women Strategy	UN Foundation	Confirmed	United States
Muller	Ulla	CEO & President	EngenderHealth	Confirmed	United States
Mwale	Amos	Executive Director	Centre for Reproductive Health and Education	Confirmed	United States
Nollette	Elyce	International Program Associate	Catholics for Choice	Confirmed	United States
O'Brien	Jon	President	Catholics for Choice	Confirmed	United States
Osothimehin	Babatunde	Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund	United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	Confirmed	United States
Overholt	True	Senior Advisor	DKT International	Confirmed	United States

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Papp	Susan	Director of Policy and Advocacy	Women Deliver	Confirmed	United States
Pfeffer	Leticia	Senior Coordinator, Global Policy and Advocacy	Global Citizen	Confirmed	United States
Purdy	Christopher	President & CEP Chair,	DKT International	Confirmed	United States
Seims	Sara	AmplifyChange	Independent Consultant	Confirmed	United States
Sheldrick	Michael	Global Policy and Advocacy Director	Global Citizen	Confirmed	United States
Simutami	Lisa	Chief Operating Officer	Ipas	Confirmed	United States
Sippel	Serra	President	Center for Health and Gender Equity	Confirmed	United States
Starrs	Ann	CEO and President	Guttmacher Institute	Confirmed	United States
Waller	Kimberly	Director Technical Services SRHR	Pathfinder International	Pending	United States
Pizarro	Miguel	Parliamentarian	IAPG	Confirmed	Venezuela

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Topic: G'Day USA

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Senator Fawcett, David

Question

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, 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.

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There will, of course, be many others who participate in the various events that take place throughout the year.

Senator FAWCETT: So those major sponsors would be responsible for that 80 per cent, roughly, of the funding of it?

Ms Adamson: Yes.

Answer

G'Day USA funding

G'Day USA is mostly sponsored by the private sector and corporate sponsors (approximately 80%). Corporate support for G'Day USA includes both cash and in-kind contribution.

Total G'Day USA funding from all sources from 2012-13 is as follows:

YEAR	\$AUD
2012-13	1,818,362
2013-14	1,967,666
2014-15	2,188,355
2015-16	1,928,066
2016-17*	2,494,994*

* 2016-17 is an estimate of information available for the year to date. Not all sponsorship agreements have been finalised and we expect that the corporate sponsorship figure and ticket sales will rise.

Involvement in G'Day USA

A number of Australian and American companies and other organisations and bodies have been involved with G'Day USA for a number of years. G'Day USA sponsors and partners for 2016-17 include:

- a2 Milk Company;
- AECOM;
- American Airlines;
- American Australian Association;
- Animal Logic;
- Ausfilm;
- Austal;
- Austrade;
- Austral Fisheries;
- BHP Billiton;
- Boeing;
- BuckITdream;

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- CMAX;
- Commonwealth Bank;
- Coopers;
- CSIRO;
- Department of Defence.
- DFAT;
- Disney;
- DOW;
- Fox;
- Group of Eight;
- Lee Fish;
- Lendlease;
- Lockheed Martin;
- Margot McKinney;
- Monash University;
- NBC Universal;
- Netflix;
- NewsCorp;
- Northrop Grumman;
- Penfolds;
- Perth USAsia Centre;
- Qantas;
- RatPac;
- Raytheon;
- Saab Australia;
- Screen Australia;
- Screenwise;
- State Government of New South Wales;
- State Government of Victoria;
- Thomas Foods International;
- Tourism Australia;
- United States Studies Centre;
- Village Roadshow;
- Warner Bros;
- Westfield;
- Westpac; and
- Wine Australia;

G'Day USA events and activities over the past 12 months (to end January 2017) attracted approximately 44,000 attendees.

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Topic: Pacific – Hela Province

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Senator Hanson-Young, Sarah

Question

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?

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.

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?

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 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.

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

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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 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.

Mr Sloper: If I may, I will come back to you with information on that.

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?

Mr Sloper: Can I just confirm that your question is whether we were asked by our portfolio ministers for advice on social cohesion?

Senator HANSON-YOUNG: Yes.

Mr Sloper: We will take that on notice.

Answer

The Export Finance Investment Corporation (EFIC) provided a loan of US\$350 million to the PNG LNG Project, approved in 2009, comprising US\$250 million on the Government's National Interest Account and US\$100 million on EFIC's Commercial Account.

In advance of loan approval, the Department provided advice to ministers about the potential benefits and risks of the project, and on social issues and intermittent unrest in the Papua New Guinea Highlands.

Reports suggest that six people were killed in the recent violence in Hela Province in a dispute that is not related to the PNG LNG project. However, DFAT is not in a position to confirm the accuracy of these figures or the circumstances of disputes.

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Topic: United States: Resettlement Arrangement

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Senator Siewert, Rachel

Question

Senator SIEWERT: Does Cardinal Pell have diplomatic status with the Holy See?

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.

Answer

No.

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Topic: United Nations: Human Rights Candidacy - Costs

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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.

Dr Strahan: Certainly.

Answer

The campaign public diplomacy budget for 2015-16 was \$271 500. For 2016-17 it is \$255 050. The travel budget for 2015-16 was \$100 000. For 2016-17 it is \$465 790. An internal bidding process is underway that will determine the budget allocation for the 2017-18 financial year.

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Topic: United States of America: Inauguration of President Trump

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Ms Adamson: The procurement of tickets was a matter for the Australian embassy in Washington.

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—

Ms Adamson: By all means.

Senator WONG: Can someone help me?

Ms Adamson: You asked, and I said the Australian embassy in Washington.

Senator WONG: I am going to ask questions about the sequence and what occurred so can someone assist?

Ms Adamson: I can assist you up to a point and it may be if I require assistance I will ask Ms Heckscher.

Senator WONG: Just tell me what the sequence of events was.

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.

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?

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Ms Adamson: Ms Heckscher feels she can help with this.

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 tickets.

Senator WONG: From parliamentarians?

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.

Senator WONG: Then what happened?

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.

Senator WONG: What role, if any, did DFAT have in relation to Senator Roberts's request after the general advice was provided?

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.

Senator WONG: Of members of Congress?

Ms Heckscher: Of members of Congress.

Senator WONG: Did they make those inquiries on behalf of anyone other than Senator Roberts?

Ms Heckscher: Insofar as I understand it, no.

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?

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

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go. Senator Roberts made a number of requests that we pursue whether there were tickets available.

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.

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.

Answer

We have received further information from the Embassy of Australia to the United States in Washington DC of the precise arrangements in relation to tickets to the Presidential inauguration.

The Embassy received a number of telephone inquiries in relation to inauguration tickets. Records were not kept of these inquiries. The Embassy's approach was to inform inquirers that tickets were not allocated to the Embassy and if they were to be obtained would have to be sought from members of Congress who might have some of their allocation to spare, that they would be for general admission areas only, that security would be very tight, waiting times long and the weather likely inclement.

The Office of Senator for Queensland Malcolm Roberts emailed the Embassy on 5 January 2017, asking if the Embassy could help Senator Malcolm Roberts obtain a number of tickets. The Embassy replied advising of the process, cautioning of the security and other issues, but advising that it would check with contacts in Congress to see if there were any unallocated general access tickets.

Senator Roberts' Office replied and asked about the chances and timing for availability of general access tickets.

On 16 January 2017 the Embassy advised Senator Roberts' Office that it was successful in obtaining two tickets. On 16 January 2017, Senator Roberts' Office replied that it would let Senator Roberts and Senator Hanson know.

Later on the same day, Senator Roberts' Office advised the Embassy that Senators Roberts and Hanson were unable to attend. Senator Roberts' Office asked whether Senator for New South Wales Brian Burston could use the tickets instead. On 17 January 2017, the Embassy confirmed the tickets could be transferred to Senator Burston. Senator Roberts' Office replied thanking the Embassy.

On 17 January 2017, the Office of Senator Brian Burston, emailed the Embassy to confirm Senator Burston and his wife were able to pick up the tickets. The Embassy replied with advice on how to pick up tickets. Senator

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Burston's Office replied advising that Senator Burston would appreciate an Embassy official meeting Senator Burston at his hotel.

On 19 January 2017, Senator Burston emailed the Embassy confirming his arrival and hotel address. The Embassy replied confirming it was working on a delivery method for the tickets. Senator Burston replied thanking the Embassy. The Embassy replied saying it would be possible to meet at the hotel at around 1.30 in the afternoon.

The Embassy has confirmed that it advised the Foreign Minister's Office that the Embassy was arranging tickets for Senator Roberts. The Foreign Minister's Office did not provide any instructions to the Embassy.

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Topic: Ambassador Hockey - Video

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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—

Senator Brandis: Do you mean a role in the process as opposed to a role in the film?

Senator WONG: I hope he is not playing a role in the film.

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.

Senator WONG: So where did this idea come from? Is this Mr Hockey's idea?

Mr Tranter: It is being led by the ambassador.

Senator WONG: That is a very good diplomat's answer, but whose idea was it?

Senator BACK: You would have to get inside his head.

Ms Adamson: There is a really active public diplomacy program run by the embassy in Washington.

Senator WONG: I just want to know who.

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.

Answer

The concept of a documentary on the military history between Australia and the United States was generated by our Embassy in Washington. Ambassador Hockey has characterised it as a team effort involving a number of Embassy staff.

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Topic: Ambassador Hockey - Video

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

Senator WONG: Who put the idea to the production house and how was that communicated.

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 public diplomacy staff with staff of Foxtel.

Senator WONG: Who pays for it in terms of the pitch?

Mr Tranter: There is no funding attached to the proposal. The department and the embassy have not made any financial commitments to the project.

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?

Mr Tranter: Not necessarily, given it is—

Senator WONG: Is there a possibility?

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.

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?

Mr Tranter: No, it is not an exclusive arrangement. I understand that others have pitched the idea.

Senator WONG: Who else has pitched the idea?

Mr Tranter: I understand the Seven Network have also.

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Senator WONG: By Mr Hockey as well?

Mr Tranter: And the embassy, yes.

Senator WONG: Is that it?

Mr Tranter: There may be others but we will take that on notice.

Answer

The concept has been pitched to a number of media organisations in Australia and the United States.

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Topic: PNG – YWAM Funding

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Senator Macdonald, Ian

Question

CHAIR: A question, Senator Macdonald.

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.

Senator WONG: Is there a question?

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.

CHAIR: The question is about the YWAM program and DFAT's funding of it.

Senator WONG: When were you last there?

Senator IAN MACDONALD: About two months ago.

Senator WONG: Likewise. I am just making the point that you are always very quick to help people to get to a question.

CHAIR: Neither one of you is helping Mr Sloper answer the question.

Senator WONG: We have given him lots of time.

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 afternoon if I can.

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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?

Mr Sloper: I can.

Answer

No decision has been taken on funding to YWAM beyond 2016-17. As our existing funding arrangements are due to conclude on 30 June 2017, a call for new grant proposals was made on 31 March 2017 under the PNG Partnership Fund. Documentation relating to the call for proposals is available at www.abtassociates.com.au/png-partnership-fund/. Partners including YWAM will be able to apply for grants under the new fund to begin in the 2017-18 year.

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Topic: Middle East – Syria Crisis Humanitarian Resilience Package

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Mr Innes-Brown: Sure.

Answer

The design of the Syria Crisis Humanitarian and Resilience Package is publicly available on DFAT's website at: <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/syria-crisis-humanitarian-resilience-package-design.aspx>. The annual breakdown of funding under the package is presented in a table on page 17 of the document. As of 2 March 2017, \$18 million had been expended, comprising \$8 million to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and \$10 million to international humanitarian organisations. At their request, DFAT does not disclose the names of those international humanitarian organisations in order to protect their staff from reprisal attacks due to perceived alignment with the donor countries that fund them.

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Topic: Diplomatic Missions - Question on Notice 324

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Ms Adamson: By all means.

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?

Ms Adamson: Your question related to Australian diplomatic missions but I would always interpret that broadly.

Senator WONG: Everything.

Ms Adamson: Embassies, high commissions, consulates, missions and posts.

Senator WONG: Can you also tell me how is 'participants' defined? Do you want to take this on notice?

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.

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 assistance, particularly at the posts at

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which I have been. People have been extremely professional and extremely helpful.

Ms Adamson: Thank you. That is appreciated and it will be passed on.

Answer

‘DFAT’ refers to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade headquarters in Canberra. ‘Participants’ refers to DFAT staff at post, accompanying Canberra-based DFAT staff, ministerial staff and ministers themselves. ‘Complaints’ has been interpreted in a conventional, common sense way.

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Senator Ludlam, Scott

Question

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.

Mr Cox: I am sorry, I could not hear you properly.

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?

Mr Cox: I am not aware of that matter. I do not know the answer to that question.

Senator LUDLAM: Are you able to take that on notice for us?

Mr Cox: Yes.

Answer

Yes, on 4 April, the Embassy sent a report.

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Topic: Middle East - Israel

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Senator Ludlam, Scott

Question

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?

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.

Senator LUDLAM: It says here that it is a project but let us assume that you are right. You are closer to this than I am. This organisation is a supporter of the Australian government settlement building; is that correct?

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.

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?

Mr Innes-Brown: I will have to take that on notice. I do not believe we paid them any money.

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Answer

The Israel Project's website provides a detailed outline of the NGO's mandate:

<http://www.theisraelproject.org/what-is-tip/>

According to this website:

The Israel Project (TIP) is a non-partisan American educational organization dedicated to informing the media and public conversation about Israel and the Middle East...TIP does not lobby and is not connected to any government.

DFAT did not pay any money to the Israel Project.

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Topic: Public Diplomacy - G'Day USA Gala Event

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Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

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?

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.

Senator KITCHING: How many venues in total were requested to provide a higher quotation?

Ms Heckscher: We will certainly have to take that on notice. I do not have that detail with me.

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 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.

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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 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?

Ms Heckscher: We will take all of those on notice.

Answer

See response to written Question on Notice 69.

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Topic: G'Day USA

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Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

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.

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.

Senator KITCHING: I would also like the FCM records for that trip. So, what was the travel agency? Did she make her own arrangements?

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.

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 to be broader. I would like that documentation as well.

Senator Brandis: I have told you what we will take on notice.

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.

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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.

Senator Brandis: We will take these questions on notice.

Answer

Foreign Minister's Accommodation while on official travel:

The Australian Consulate-General in Los Angeles made the bookings for the travelling party's accommodation for the official visit. Questions regarding Minister Bishop's private travel should be directed to the Foreign Minister.

FCM records:

Details for Ministerial travel are available from the Department of Finance (DoF), which is responsible for the cost of airfares, accommodation, meals and incidentals, ground transport, non-portfolio-related hospitality and miscellaneous incidentals for Ministers and their staff. DoF tables a document on Ministerial Travel expenses every six months. Questions regarding the Minister's private travel should be directed to the Foreign Minister.

Foreign Minister's hair and make-up in LA:

See response to written Question on Notice 69.

Foreign Minister's dress items:

See response to written Question on Notice 69.

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Topic: United States of America: Travel by Mr Kevin Andrews

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Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

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?

Ms Adamson: We will take that on notice.

Senator WONG: You are taking on notice whether or not any assistance was provided to Mr Andrews?

Senator KITCHING: Yes. Was there a fee to attend the breakfast? Did any DFAT staff—

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 that distinction.

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?

Ms Adamson: We can take that on notice.

Answer

The Embassy of Australia to the United States in Washington played no role in issuing or responding to the breakfast invitation.

The Embassy of Australia to the United States in Washington does not know whether there was a fee to attend the breakfast.

The Embassy of Australia to the United States in Washington did not support Mr Andrews's trip to the USA and/or breakfast attendance.

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Topic: Australian Government's Child Protection Program

Senator Hinch, Derryn

Question

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?

Ms Adamson: I will invite my colleague, Mr Cox, to answer that question.

Mr Cox: No, I am sorry I am not aware of where that funding has gone.

Senator HINCH: Could you take that on notice?

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.

Senator HINCH: But the money was out of DFAT; was the \$2 million a DFAT donation from the foreign minister?

Mr Cox: I am not aware of that matter. I will have to take it on notice.

Answer

The Australia-Philippines Child Protection Against Online Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Program is a three-year program (2016-2018) to install mechanisms that safeguard Filipino children against online sexual abuse and exploitation, serve justice to victims, and facilitate recovery and reintegration of victims and their families.

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The total funding for the program currently stands at \$3.081 million. Of that, \$3.035 million comes from DFAT, comprised by \$2 million announced by the Minister for Foreign Affairs in November 2015 and additional \$1.035 million from the Philippines country program. Contribution by interested businesses to date stands at \$46,000 (from QBE Philippines).

The program objectives are:

- work against online sexual abuse and exploitation
- increase knowledge on child online protection to mitigate risks and prevent violence against children; and
- support child protection program in the Philippines.

The program is being implemented through three program partners for the three objectives: The Asia Foundation, Philippines; UNICEF and the Australian Federal Police.

Planned activities include research; lobbying Congress for a bill on child protection against child offenders; advocacy of child-sensitive rules in family courts; training of judges, prosecutors, investigators and social workers; and assistance with developing a community strategy to promote online child safety.

Implementation started in mid-2016 and will conclude in 2018.

Progress to date includes the family court system to make its rules and facilities more child-sensitive; development of a 'one-stop-shop' where child victims and their families can approach for medical, legal and welfare assistance; development of a child-tested online safety website (<http://alambau.ph/>) and equipping of two forensic interview rooms to make them more child-sensitive.

This program is being implemented in accordance with DFAT development program guidelines and processes.

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Topic: Public Diplomacy – ABC and Shortwave Radio Service

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Senator Moore, Claire

Question

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.

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 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.

Senator MOORE: Do you know which diplomats or people in embassies that they spoke with across the Pacific area?

Mr Tranter: We can get the list for you on notice.

Senator MOORE: That would be very useful.

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—

Senator MOORE: So you can give me that information?

Mr Tranter: We can get you that detail.

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Answer

The ABC briefed the following staff at the Australian Embassy in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea:

- Deputy Head of Mission;
- Counsellor, Governance; and
- First Secretary, Civil Society and Community.

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Topic: Biological Weapons Convention

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Senator Ludlam, Scott

Question

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?

Ms Hardy: Yes.

Senator LUDLAM: Is 12 about right?

Ms Hardy: It is 12 for the Biological Weapons Convention?

Senator LUDLAM: Yes, that still stay outside that framework?

Ms Hardy: I would have to take that on notice.

Answer

As at 2 March 2017 there were twelve States that have neither signed nor ratified the Biological Weapons Convention.

Question

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 enables it to commence substantive deliberation?

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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

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Answer

The Conference on Disarmament (CD) managed to agree on a program of work in two instances in the past twenty years : 1998 and 2009. However, neither of these instances developed into a negotiation on any of the four core agenda items : nuclear disarmament, fissile material, prevention of an arms race in outer space and negative security assurances. The CD agenda is distinct from a program of work and is routinely agreed to each year by the CD plenary.

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Topic: Nuclear Disarmament

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Senator Singh, Lisa

Question

Senator SINGH: Has Australia ever failed to participate in multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations in the past?

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—

Senator SINGH: If you could take on notice if we have ever failed to participate in a multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiation.

Ms Hardy: Yes.

Answer

No. As noted, however, the Australian Government has not been part of every multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiation from the commencement of negotiations. The Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty is an example of this.

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Answer

In practice, the CD agrees on an agenda each year. A separate issue is its program of work. Whilst there were two occasions when a program of work was agreed to in the past two decades, these did not result in any negotiations on the four core agenda items.

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Topic: TPP

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Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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.

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?

Senator McGrath: That is a hypothetical question, isn't it?

Senator GALLACHER: No. If you passed the regulations, how many jobs would be created?

Senator McGrath: Why don't we take that on notice.

Senator GALLACHER: Thank you. How many tariffs would immediately be cut?

Senator McGrath: Why don't we take that on notice.

Answer

The passage of TPP implementing legislation to ratify the TPP is a necessary step for Australia to benefit from the TPP once in force.

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Topic: TPP

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

Senator GALLACHER: Do you have any clear precise instructions about who to negotiate with?

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.

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?

Mr Brown: I would have to take that on notice but I am not aware of any such formal notice.

Answer

Minister Ciobo met with representatives from all other TPP countries (except the United States) in Chile on 14 and 15 March 2017 to discuss ways to capture the benefits of the TPP.

You can read more about the visit at http://trademinister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/sc_mr_170314a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D

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Topic: TPP

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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?

Senator McGrath: I think we might have to take that on notice. I will try and come back to you later in the session.

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?

Answer

Net exports made a 0.2 percentage point contribution to GDP growth in the December quarter and 1.4 percentage point contribution to GDP growth in 2016.

The system of national accounts does not allow a similar calculation for foreign investment as for net exports.

Econometric analysis undertaken by the Centre for International Economics in 2009, *Benefits of trade and trade liberalisation*, reported that 1 in 5 workers were involved in trade related activities.

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Topic: Indonesia

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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?

Ms Adamson: Again, not to my knowledge.

Senator GALLACHER: And not to your knowledge, Minister McGrath?

Senator McGrath: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

No.

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Topic: TPP

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

Mr Brown: We did not do any modelling on the TPP.

Senator GALLACHER: But you advised the government of something.

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.

Senator GALLACHER: Are there any publicly available figures of what would have been the benefit?

Mr Brown: I will take that on notice. There probably is.

Answer

There is a wide range of publicly available modelling on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement – conducted both before and after the conclusion of negotiations.

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Topic: ChAFTA

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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.

Mr Brown: I am very happy to take that on notice and provide you with a paper.

Answer

What are NTMs?

In addition to tariffs, trade in goods is subject to a range of non-tariff measures (NTMs) that can affect the ease and costs of trading. NTMs can take a variety of forms such as: product standards; labelling and certification requirements; environmental measures; import licensing; quarantine; and customs procedures.

Many of these measures, such as health standards, can be justified with reference to a legitimate policy objective. However, the way in which they are implemented can impose additional and unnecessary costs on business. In addition, the need to comply with different sets of rules in different markets also entails a cost to business, especially for SMEs. When NTMs are applied without a legitimate policy objective or are overly trade restrictive, they are considered non-tariff barriers (NTBs).

The World Trade Organization (WTO) estimates that NTMs are today at least twice as restrictive as tariffs. Approximately two-thirds of these measures are estimated to affect primary sector goods such as agriculture and food.

What is the government doing?

The government has already been active in addressing NTMs. Our FTAs and WTO processes provide avenues for addressing NTMs. WTO rules are designed to ensure Members apply regulations in a manner that is not more trade restrictive than necessary to fulfil a legitimate policy objective. Australia regularly raises concerns about the WTO consistency of particular NTMs through various WTO committees.

In addition to these WTO processes, most of our FTAs include mechanisms for dialogue and cooperation on regulatory-related barriers and to address specific problems and issues. A number of other dialogue and consultative mechanisms are also in place with our trading partners, including trade/economic, agriculture/food and political dialogues, which offer opportunities to raise NTMs.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) negotiates quarantine protocols to provide access for agricultural commodities in markets that require specific treatment methods to mitigate the spread of pests and disease. A whole-of-government approach achieved a successful outcome on red meat exports to China during Premier Li's March 2017 visit when agreement was reached to expand chilled meat trade and list further establishments eligible to export meat to China along with advancing access for other meat products. In mid-2016 Australia and China agreed export conditions for Australian nectarines followed by the agreement in late 2016 on export conditions for Australian bovine blood and blood product exports.

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science negotiates mutual recognition agreements of conformity assessments, enabling the testing and certification of products to be undertaken in the country of export – rather than being retested when imported.

In addition to these processes, the government is active in seeking to shape the way regulations are developed in key markets. This work stream takes many different forms, including within APEC, the OECD, Codex and the World Customs Organisation (WCO). These organisations establish or influence standards and norms that can have an impact on Australia's commercial interests.

The Government has been working with key stakeholders in the business sector to identify major NTMs, particularly in supply chain logistics, services and agricultural products, in order to examine how market access can be improved for Australian exports. As part of this, DAWR has established a government-industry NTM Working Group to coordinate collective efforts to identify and deal with agricultural NTMs.

What can industry do?

To effectively address NTMs, DFAT and other agencies need further engagement from industry to understand the nature of the barriers and unnecessary regulations they face, the impact and to make an assessment of the most effective way of tackling these issues.

Addressing NTMs can be difficult, resource-intensive and time-consuming. It is, therefore, important that issues are clearly understood so that scarce government resources can be deployed effectively. Given the nature and complexity of many issues, strong and ongoing inter-agency coordination and stakeholder engagement is vital.

Businesses wishing to report a NTM, can contact DFAT at: business@dfat.gov.au, tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au and services.negotiations@dfat.gov.au. If an NTM relates to an FTA partner, DFAT also has a range of dedicated online FTA enquiry points.

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Topic: ChAFTA

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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.

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.

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?

Mr Brown: I would need to take that on notice to get you a precise answer to that.

Senator GALLACHER: ... I 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?

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 well can.

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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.

Mr Brown: It is a very common problem in many markets. We will certainly give you as much information as we can on notice.

Answer

Under Chinese regulation, supplements and health foods making functional claims, or primarily consisting of recognised ingredients above certain thresholds, are required to undergo safety and efficacy testing in a China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA) laboratory. This process results in 'Blue Hat' certification for retail sale. Industry representatives in China have advised that this process can take up to three years and the cost of testing ranges from RMB30,000 to RMB250,000 per functional claim per formula.

For products using pre-qualified ingredients, as determined by CFDA, official notification filing, instead of approval, is sufficient. Supplements and health foods that complete an official notification filing will be granted a notification filing number, which allows consumers to confirm the product has met Chinese filing requirements.

Blue Hat registration is not currently required for the cross-border e-commerce channel to China, making this a commercially attractive channel for complementary medicines exports to China.

A Ministry of Commerce statement on 17 March 2017 indicated that from 1 January 2018 cross-border e-commerce (CBEC) trade would temporarily be administered as "personal goods", which do not generally require Blue Hat registration. The Chinese Government announced it would continue to develop measures to supervise CBEC trade and manage health and safety risks.

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Topic: ChAFTA

Question

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?

Answer: This is a question for the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

Senator GALLACHER: What is the value of Australia's lucerne exports to China? Are we sending lucerne to China?

Answer: Australia exported \$513,000 worth of lucerne seed for sowing to China in 2016.

Senator GALLACHER: Do we have a protocol for different types of hay and lucerne?

Ms Adamson: Yes, we do.

Senator GALLACHER: Perhaps we could get that on notice.

Answer: This question should be directed to the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

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Topic: FTA Negotiations - Europe

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Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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?

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.

Senator GALLACHER: Would the scoping study be made public?

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.

Answer

FTA negotiating texts remain confidential until an international agreement is completed, in order to facilitate candid and productive negotiations. It is not EU practice to release publicly FTA scoping papers that are concluded with trading partners; Australia would only release the paper with the EU's consent.

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Topic: Family Planning

Senator Abetz, Eric

Question

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 financial commitment to the SPRINT program? (If so, a) what are the reasons for this increase? And b) how big an increase is it?
5. What proportion of this funding for SPRINT will be directed towards abortions?
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.
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.
With regard to any Australian foreign aid allocated to activities which relate to the provision of abortion (whether through SPRINT or through

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other programs):

- 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:
 - i) Expended in 2015-16
 - ii) Budgeted for 201-2017; and
 - iii) In the forward estimates for 2017-2018?
8. What is the total amount of Australian foreign aid allocated to these same organisations for services not related to abortion?
9. What were the dates during which Australia banned international aid assistance to family planning organisations that promoted abortion?
10. What amounts have been given to a) International Planned Parenthood Federation, b) Marie Stopes International, and c) the UN Fund for Population Activities – UNFPA in the years since Australia reversed its policy? Specifying the amount for each.
- 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?
 - b)
 - i) Does the Australian Government contribute to that fund? If so, how much?
 - ii) If not, does the Australian Government intend to contribute to that fund?
11. 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?
12. 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?

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Answer

1. DFAT provided \$3.6 million in core funding to IPPF in 2016-2017.
2. IPPF is required to deliver its programs in accordance with the scope of the core funding agreement with DFAT and to comply with all relevant Australian Government policies, including the Government's *Family Planning and the Aid Program: Guiding Principles*. It must also comply with local law. DFAT engages regularly with IPPF to ensure that the funds are being managed in accordance with the scope of the funding agreement. DFAT meets annually with IPPF and monitors its operations and performance. IPPF also provides DFAT with regular reporting.
3. This commitment is for the third phase of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Program in Crisis and Post-Crisis Situations (also known as 'SPRINT'), which began in 2007. The first and second phases of SPRINT were assessed as strongly performing programs that made a clear contribution to saving lives and reducing injuries in crisis settings. There remains a large unmet need for sexual and reproductive health services in humanitarian situations. The third phase of SPRINT builds on the work of the previous phases to help address this need.
4. No.
5. None.
6. See answer to Question 2.
7.
 - a) See answer to Question 2.
 - b) Non-compliance would constitute a breach of contract which could lead to penalties such as loss of funding, a requirement to repay funds and penalties under local law.
 - c) See answer to Question 2.

Country	Implementer	Activity Description	Agreement / project value \$AUD
Cambodia	MSI Cambodia	Supporting the Cambodian Government to increase access to family planning and safe abortion services. Includes training in and quality assurance of safe abortion (2013-14 to 2018-19)	\$8,983,855

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Vietnam	MSI Australia	Private Partnerships to Deliver Vietnam's Health Goals: Supporting sexual and reproductive health social networks to improve access to quality services, including family planning and safe abortion (2015-16)	\$202,610
Nepal	MSI Australia	Chat to Youth: Supporting improvement of the sexual and reproductive health status of youth through increased availability and uptake of services, including the support for service provision and counselling for safe abortion (2015-16)	\$435,931
Global	IPPF	May include abortion-related services where legal (2015-16 to 2017-18)	\$11,800,000

d) DFAT funds the following programs which include abortion related services in the relevant financial years. Funding in each financial year varies according to budget allocations and program outcomes.

8. Funding provided to these organisations does not specify amounts to be expended on specific sexual and reproductive health services.

9. The Australian aid program's Family Planning and the Aid Program: Comprehensive Guide that applied from 1996 to 2009 prevented Australian aid funds from being used for abortion related activities. The Guidelines did not ban funding to organisations which provided abortion related services.

10. In accordance with the *Family Planning and the Aid Program: Guiding Principles* in the period 2008-2009 to 2014-15, total funding provided to these three organisations (including core, humanitarian and program funding) is as follows:

International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF): \$53,869,475.

Marie Stopes International (MSI): \$32,578,724

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA): \$138,415,793

11. (a) Australia attended the 'She Decides' Conference co-organised by the Governments of the Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden and Denmark.

(b)(i) No.

(b)(ii) The Government has no current plan to contribute to the 'She Decides' initiative.

12. The decision to fund SPRINT was made independently of the US Government's decision to reinstitute the Mexico City Policy.

13. See answer to Question 2.

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Topic: Aid Funding

Senator Roberts, Malcolm

Question

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?

Answer

1. The Government's aid policy, *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*, calls for at least 90 per cent of aid to be directed to the Indo-Pacific region. The Sexual and Reproductive Health Program in Crisis and Post-Crisis Situations (also known as 'SPRINT') is focused on 15 countries in the Indo-Pacific region. In the event of a humanitarian crisis outside the Indo-Pacific region, SPRINT may support a response, subject to approval by DFAT or the Minister for Foreign Affairs.
2. SPRINT provides safer birthing environments, family planning services, HIV prevention and treatment, protection against sexual violence and assistance to survivors of rape and violence in crisis-affected places.

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3. The Australian aid program's *Family Planning and the Aid Program: Guiding Principles* introduced in 2009 enable the aid program to support the same range of services for women in developing countries as are available to women in Australia. This includes abortion related services where legal in countries where programming is delivered. The focus of the *Guiding Principles* is to reduce maternal deaths and injury and it makes the prevention of unwanted pregnancies the highest priority, with every attempt being made to minimise the need for abortion. DFAT currently provides funding to Marie Stopes International and the International Planned Parenthood Federation, which implement programs that may include abortion related services.

4. All Australian aid funding agreements include a clause requiring organisations to comply with the *Australian Government's Family Planning and the Aid Program: Guiding Principles*. Organisations supported by DFAT through the aid program such as the International Planned Parenthood Foundation (IPPF) have clinical and operational standards in place to ensure termination is not coercive. Access to sexual and reproductive health, particularly family planning is critical to women's empowerment, improving gender equality and reducing maternal and child mortality.

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Topic: United States of America: Kangaroo Exports

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Senator Rhiannon, Lee

Question

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?
 - a. If so how many times did he visit and who did he meet while in California?
2. When Mr Beazley attended these meetings was he accompanied by representatives of the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia?
 - a. If so who were present at these meetings. Please supply dates of meeting and those in attendance.
3. Mr Beazley in the Sacramento Bee wrote about the “painful economic consequences” for Australia and California if the ban is not lifted.
 - a. Please detail those economic consequences?
 - b. How was the economic cost of the ban estimated?
4. Is the new Ambassador Joe Hockey working to remove the ban on kangaroo products?
 - a. Please detail any meetings with advocates for the lifting of the ban?
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 California legislatures to lift the ban on the import of kangaroo parts?
 - a. How much was the government fined following the investigation into the lobbying activities?

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- 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?

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?

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:
 - 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 not?
 - b. Would the Australian government support a gut and amend process in Australian political processes?
 - 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?
 - d. Why did Australia financially and politically support the underhand strategy in California in 2015?
 - 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.
 - i. Can the Minister confirm the Australian government still supports that contentious bill and its tactic to avoid the full Californian legislative process?
 - ii. Does the author of that original gambling bill. Californian Assemblyman Mike Gipson, still support his gutted and amended bill?

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- 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?

Answer

1. The former Australian Ambassador to the United States, Kim Beazley, visited California in support of efforts to overturn the ban on kangaroo products.

- a. Mr Beazley visited California for meetings with Californian officials and State Senators related to kangaroo market access on three occasions.

2. Representatives of the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia did not attend any meetings with Mr Beazley.

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- a. Kangaroo hides and skins are grouped under non-cattle hides and skins in Australia's ABS trade data so it is not possible to quantify the current or potential value of kangaroo related exports. The United States is a priority market for our food, agriculture and agribusiness sectors and exports of kangaroo products fall under this category.

- b. As above

4. Ambassador Hockey has not met with the Californian government or legislative representatives.

- a. Questions relating to engagement with kangaroo industry stakeholders should be directed to Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR).

5. Questions regarding the FPPC investigation should be referred to DAWR.

- a. Questions regarding the government response should be referred to DAWR. DFAT understands no fine was imposed.

- b. Questions regarding the government response should be referred to DAWR. DFAT understands no fine was imposed.

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6. DFAT has not made representations on lifting the Californian ban on kangaroo products in 2016 or 2017 to date. Questions on a possible strategy for 2017 should be referred to DAWR.
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- a. Broader questions regarding government policies or responses in relation to the Californian ban on kangaroo products should be referred to DAWR.
 - b. This is a question on Australia's political processes and policy that should be referred to the Government.
 - c. Broader questions regarding government policies or responses in relation to the Californian ban on kangaroo products should be referred to DAWR.
 - d. Broader questions regarding government policies or responses in relation to the Californian ban on kangaroo products should be referred to DAWR.
 - e.
 - (i) This is a question for DAWR, however DFAT understands that any bills that were 'live' but not passed during the 2015-16 Californian legislative session expired on 31 August 2016 when the session came to an end.
 - (ii) This is a question for Assemblyman Gipson.
 - f. It is part of the role of Australia's heads of missions and posts to support Australian market access and trade interests.

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Topic: Trade - Kangaroos

Senator Rhiannon, Lee

DFAT Response:

The record from November 2016 Additional estimates (Question 27 in SQ16-000136 and Question 32 in SQ16-000141) remains a valid account of the work relating to trade in kangaroo products and the answers provided below are an update since this time.

Question 1. Please provide an update on the activities to open up the Asian market, especially China, for products made from commercially shot kangaroos.

Activities to establish access for edible kangaroo meat to new Asian markets are focused on technical market access negotiations, and are thus being led by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

Question 2. What are the current events and strategies planned to effect this?

See response to Question 1. This is a matter for Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

Question 3 and 4. Please provide details of any meetings or introductions the department has facilitated between the Kangaroo Industry Association of Australia and Asian stakeholders and interests. What is the involvement of Australia's ambassador and embassy staff in each of the countries through Asia being lobbied to grow kangaroo exports.

Bangkok Embassy (Austrade and Department of Agriculture and Water Resources) provided advice to one kangaroo meat exporter for the Thai market in 2016. A number of Post-run events in Myanmar, Cambodia and Thailand held 'Australia Day Receptions', featuring dishes including kangaroo meat. In Japan, Austrade provided a customer networking opportunity as a wider service to Australian food exporters participating in Foodex Japan March 2017.

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Topic: DFAT - Waste

Senator Xenophon, Nick

Question

Given that government and opposition politicians have all raised concerns over time and had policies on government waste:

1. Is there a central government authority responsible for the elimination of waste?
2. If so
 - 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?
3. If not:
 - 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?

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4. In either case:
- a. Can Departmental officers or contractors report waste anonymously?
 - b. Are they afforded a protection if they do so?

Answer

- 1. Refer to the Department of Finance's response to Additional Senate Estimates Question F128'.
- 2. Refer to the Department of Finance's response to Additional Senate Estimates Question F128'.
- 3.
 - a. No.
 - b. The Department is required to comply with the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act, 2013, which provides rules on the proper use of public money. The Department has also implemented several initiatives to reduce and eliminate administrative red tape.
 - c. The Department has a Conduct & Ethics Unit.
 - d. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, we do not consider the additional work can be justified.
- 4.
 - a. Yes
 - b. The Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013 (the Act), enables departmental officers, former departmental officers and contractors to report (anonymously) a number of categories of complaint including maladministration, and the waste/misuse of Commonwealth resources. It affords significant protections for the informant.

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Topic: East Timor

Senator Xenophon, Nick

Question

In reference to recent reports on the revoking of Australia's oil and gas treaty with East Timor:

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?

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.

1. What were the weaknesses in DFAT's arguments?

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.

1. What is the status of this arbitration?
2. Why was it dropped?
3. Can it be revived?

Answer

Disputes with Timor-Leste

1. Prior to revoking the treaty, what were the disputes between Australia and East Timor?

Timor-Leste had commenced four separate legal proceedings against Australia.

In April 2013, Timor-Leste initiated arbitration before an *ad hoc* tribunal established under the dispute settlement provisions of the 2002 *Timor Sea Treaty* (TST) challenging the validity of the 2006 *Treaty on Certain Maritime Arrangements in the Timor Sea* (CMATS).

In December 2013, Timor-Leste took action in the International Court of Justice (ICJ) seeking a declaration on certain materials relevant to the arbitration initiated in April 2013.

In September 2015, Timor-Leste initiated another arbitration before another *ad hoc* tribunal established under the dispute resolution provisions of the TST concerning the application of Article 8(b) of the TST on jurisdiction over the pipeline from Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA) to the Darwin LNG facility.

In addition, Australia and Timor-Leste are currently engaged in conciliation under Article 298 and Annex V of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) concerning delimitation of permanent maritime boundaries before an *ad hoc* Commission established under UNCLOS. These proceedings were commenced by Timor-Leste in April 2016.

2. Have any disputes been dropped? Why?

Timor-Leste discontinued the ICJ proceedings in June 2015.

Timor-Leste terminated both arbitrations (of April 2013 and September 2015) it had commenced as part of a package of confidence building measures proposed by the Conciliation Commission. See the joint statement by the Governments of Timor-Leste and Australia and the Conciliation Commission of 24 January 2017 at <https://pcacases.com/web/sendAttach/2053>.

3. Do any disputes remain? Which ones?

Australia and Timor-Leste remain engaged in a conciliation under UNCLOS.

Conciliation Competence decision by the Commission

1. What were the weaknesses in DFAT's arguments

The reasons for the Conciliation Commission's decision on its competence in relation to maritime boundaries between Australia and Timor-Leste are available at <https://pcacases.com/web/sendAttach/1921>.

Status of arbitration challenging the CMATS Treaty

1. What is the status of this arbitration?

Refer to answer 2 above.

2. Why was it dropped?

Refer to answer 2 above.

3. Can it be revived?

The arbitration has been withdrawn permanently.

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Topic: Rotterdam Treaty

Senator Xenophon, Nick

Question

What is Australia doing in respect of lobbying for chrysotile to be recognised as asbestos?

Answer

The Australian Government has been at the forefront of efforts to list chrysotile asbestos under the Rotterdam Convention, encouraging action at each of the Convention's Conferences of Parties since 2006. In 2011, Australia led efforts towards a declaration signed by more than 67 countries calling for listing the substance.

DFAT will continue to work closely with the Department of Environment and Energy, which leads the Australian Government's engagement with this Convention, to seek the listing of chrysotile asbestos at the upcoming Eighth Conference of Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (24 April to 5 May 2017).

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Topic: DFAT - WTO–Government Procurement Agreement Negotiations

Senator Xenophon, Nick

Question

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?

Answer

1. Negotiations for Australia's assession to the WTO GPA are continuing. Australia's initial offer was made in September 2015 and a revised offer made on 30 September 2016. Negotiations based on the revised offer are continuing with WTO GPA parties, most recently in February 2017.
2. Yes.
3. N/A
4. No.

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Topic: Procurement – Tender for EOI DFAT-127

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

In regards to the current tender for EOI DFAT-127:

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.

Answer

EOI DFAT-127 is the Philippines-Australia Trade and Inclusive Economic Growth Facility.

1. The total value of the tender is \$80 million.
2. The Trade and Inclusive Economic Growth Facility is seeking a managing contractor to provide the services as described in the Request for Tender documentation (refer hyperlink below under Q5). These services will support the Australian Government's engagement with the Government of the Philippines under five engagement areas:
 - EA1: Connecting the Philippines with the global economy - aid for trade;
 - EA2: Improving competitiveness through domestic regulatory reform;
 - EA3: Increasing inclusiveness and better jobs;
 - EA4: Responding to emerging economic issues; and
 - EA5: Strengthening government institutions.

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3. The requirement is for an initial period of four years (2017-2021), with an option to extend for a further four years until 2025, subject to a relevant recommendation through an independent review in the third year of implementation.
4. The request for tender process is currently open. Potential bidders have until 20 April 2017 to submit their bids. As per the requirements of the Commonwealth Procurement Rules, DFAT will not comment on individual bidders.
5. The value of this tender will support the overarching goal of the Facility, which is to support the Philippines in building the foundations for sustained and inclusive economic growth. The program objectives for engagement with the Government of the Philippines includes activities that will benefit trade and investment in the Philippine economy. Details can be found in the Request for Tender documentation: <https://www.tenders.gov.au/?event=public.atm.show&ATMUUID=7C975FB5-B343-12C8-6E2C09616E9888A5>

The tender is underpinned by a Framework document that can be found on the DFAT website:

<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/business-opportunities/tenders/Pages/framework-trade-inclusive-economic-growth-facility.aspx>

6. The budget for this initiative has been constructed based on the outcomes sought for the investment, comparison of the costs of similar facility initiatives in the Philippines, dialogue with the Government of the Philippines and other stakeholders, and the broader context of strategic, budgetary and financial planning within DFAT. The cost assumptions are listed in the Request for Tender documentation. DFAT is streamlining program management of a number of related investments by including them under this Facility. This will achieve efficiencies in staff time and management costs.

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**Topic: United States of America – Travel in February 2016 by the
Hon Ms Sussan Ley MP**

Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

- 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

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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 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?

Answer

1. Ms Ley's Office was responsible for making travel arrangements for her and accompanying Ministerial staff. The Department of Health was responsible for travel arrangements of its officials.
2. DFAT and Austrade assisted with developing a visit program, arranging accommodation and ground transport for Ms Ley's visit to Washington DC, Houston and San Francisco. The Washington leg was later cancelled. A DFAT officer in Houston assisted Austrade with visit planning and accompanied Ms Ley to relevant meetings.
3. Ms Ley was accompanied by two Advisors from her office; two Department of Health officers; and one officer from the National Health and Medical Research Council. Support on the ground was provided by DFAT and Austrade.
4. Ms Ley was not accompanied by her partner or any family members.
5. Ms Ley travelled to Houston via Los Angeles on a commercial flight. Ms Ley then travelled by commercial aircraft from Houston to San Francisco.
6. **San Francisco**- Ms Ley undertook meetings with medical officials, medical researchers and officials at the Australia United States Business Week (AUSBW). **Houston**- Ms Ley undertook meetings with medical officials, medical researchers and officials at the AUSBW
7. **San Francisco** - Grand Hyatt Hotel. **Houston** - Houston Marriott Medical Center.
8. The focus of the MedTech program for AUSBW in 2016 was to support the establishment of institutional links, improving and growing networks with tech companies and engaging with potential investors. The bulk of the program centred on visiting leading medical research institutions and universities to discuss the role of collaboration between education, finance and government in the manufacturing sector in creating globally competitive research intensive companies.

Austrade opened an office in Boston in October 2016 to focus on trade and investment particularly in tech-driven sectors, and will support the

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development of partnerships between Australian and US MedTech companies.

9. In June 2016, our Embassy in Washington double counted several invoices in error when they sought reimbursement from the Department of Finance for costs associated with Ms Ley's visit to San Francisco and Houston in February 2016.
10. To our knowledge, administrative errors of this nature have not been made in recent times.
11. The process of reconciling of accounts undertaken by the Embassy in Washington DC, Department of Finance and Ministers' offices provides the necessary cross-checking to identify errors. The embassy has put in place new procedures to avoid duplicate charges in the future.
12. There was a duplication of some invoices for accommodation and ground transport, but not all.

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Topic: United States of America: Travel by the Hon Mr Kevin Andrew MP

Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

- 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?

Answer

1. The Embassy of Australia to the United States in Washington played no role in arranging or responding to Mr Andrews' breakfast invitation.
2. The Embassy of Australia to the United States in Washington does not know whether there was a fee for Mr Andrews to attend the breakfast, or who paid it if there was such a fee.
- 3./4. The Embassy of Australia to the United States in Washington did not support Mr Andrews's trip to the USA and/or breakfast attendance.
5. DFAT did not provide any briefing to Mr Andrews for his attendance at the breakfast.

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6. The Hon. Joe Hockey, Australian Ambassador to the United States of America, met Mr Andrews along with other attendees at the National Prayer Breakfast

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Topic: Mr Ciobo and Ms Bishop – Official Commitments

Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

- 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 Prime Minister Abe's visit on 15 January 2017?
- 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.
- 6 On how many other occasions has Minister Bishop attended the Portsea Polo as Foreign Minister? Which years?
- 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.
- 8 Has DFAT provided any personnel or support to the Foreign Minister at the Melbourne Cup or the Portsea Polo?
- 9 Did DFAT advise Minister Bishop to spruik the hashtag #fashiondiplomacy at the Melbourne Cup?

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- 10 Of the textile manufacturers based in greater Melbourne, whom has been visited by Minister Bishop?
- 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?
- 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?

Answer

- 1 The Department was aware of a likely January visit from early December 2016.
- 2 The Department was aware on 4 January that Minister Ciobo's Office was considering Mr Ciobo's involvement.
- 3 Foreign Minister Bishop attended a business reception hosted by Prime Minister Turnbull at Kirribilli House, and a dinner hosted by the Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee for Japanese and Australian business leaders.
- 4 No.
- 5 This is a question for the Foreign Minister as she has discretion over events she attends.
- 6 This is a question for the Foreign Minister as she has discretion over events she attends.
- 7 This is a question for the Foreign Minister as she has discretion over events she attends.
- 8 No.
- 9 No.
- 10 The Foreign Minister's diary is a matter for her office.
- 11 Public Diplomacy, Communications and Scholarships Division (PCD) is responsible for briefing the Foreign Minister on creative industries, including fashion. Since January 2016 four fashion related briefs have been prepared for the Foreign Minister.

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Topic: G'Day USA - Events

Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

- 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?
- 2 How many venues in total were requested to provide a hire quotation?
- 3 On a per head basis, what was the cost accounting for venue hire, food, beverages, decorations and entertainment?
- 4 Were flowers donated for the event? If not, who paid the account and what was the total?
- 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.
- 6 Was American chef Wolfgang Puck paid to attend? Where did he travel from? Were his travel and accommodation expenses covered by DFAT?
- 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?
- 8 Which other Australian celebrities were paid to attend? How of those who attended flew from Australia specifically to attend the event?
- 9 Of those American celebrities who were in attendance, which were paid a fee to attend?
- 10 Were John Travolta's expenses covered by DFAT or another sponsor?

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- 11 Which hosts and performers did not receive a fee for their attendance and services?
- 12 Who from the US government attended?
- 13 Who from the Australian Consulate-General in Los Angeles attended?
- 14 Have similarly scaled and priced events been organised by DFAT in countries of our other major trade partners? If yes, when and where?
- 15 At which hotel did Minister Bishop stay during her official government commitments in Los Angeles?
- 16 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?
- 17 Did DFAT provide or cover the costs of any hair or beauty services in Los Angeles?
- 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 parliamentarian compliance standards surrounding gifts complied with?
- 19 Which Australian designer label gown was the Minister wearing at the event?
- 20 On which date did DFAT brief Minister Bishop prior to her departure from Australia?

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Answer

- 1-4 The majority of the funding for G'Day USA, including the G'Day USA Los Angeles Gala, is provided by corporate sponsors and through ticket sales. Decisions on venues for G'Day USA events are made by the G'Day USA Steering Committee on advice from the G'Day USA production office. A number of venues were considered for the Los Angeles Gala and a final decision was based on price, availability, location, suitability and capacity. There was no specific venue cost as it was provided as part of an overall package for the event. Gala tickets ranged from USD 250 (AUD 350.58) to USD 1,000 (AUD 1,402.32) per head. The entire cost of the evening, including food and beverages, venue, decorations including flowers, and staging of entertainment was covered by sponsorship and ticket sales.
- 5 and 6
Neither Curtis Stone or Neil Perry were paid to attend the G'Day USA Los Angeles Gala. No travel expenses were incurred by DFAT for their attendance. Wolfgang Puck resides in Los Angeles and was the head chef for the catering at the Dolby Ballroom. He was not paid to attend the Gala.
- 7-9 No celebrities – Australian or American – were paid to attend the G'Day USA Los Angeles Gala. No travel expenses were incurred by DFAT for any celebrity attendance.
- 10 John Travolta attended the G'Day USA Los Angeles Gala as a guest of Qantas.
- 11 No hosts or performers were paid a fee for their attendance or services.
- The United States Government was not officially represented at the G'Day USA Los Angeles Gala.
- 13 The Australian Consul-General and Deputy Consul-General from the Australian Consulate-General in Los Angeles attended the G'Day USA Los Angeles Gala.
- 14 Major events like the G'Day USA Los Angeles Gala are often held as part of major public and economic diplomacy initiatives. Examples of similar scaled economic and cultural diplomacy programs include Australia Week in China, Ozraeli in Israel, and the Australia Now cultural festival. Information on other public diplomacy programs can be found at <http://dfat.gov.au/people-to-people/public-diplomacy/Pages/public-diplomacy.aspx>.
- 15 The Montage Hotel.

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- 16 The Foreign Minister made her flight arrangements privately. DFAT managed other aspects of the Foreign Ministers official program for G'Day USA. Details for Ministerial travel are available from the Department of Finance (DoF).
- 17 No.
- 18 This question should be directed to the Foreign Minister.
- 19 This question should be directed to the Foreign Minister.
- 20 19 January 2017.

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Topic: Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade: Travel and Leave

Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

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?
2. Which date did she return to work?
3. Was she met at the airport by DFAT or consular officials? If so, how many?
4. How did she transit from the airport to her accommodation? Did DFAT or anyone other than Minister Bishop cover this expense?
5. Was Minister Bishop's personal travel arrangements – those enjoyed during her annual leave – arranged by DFAT?
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?
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?
8. How many of Minister Bishop's staff accompanied her to the USA for the business component of the trip?
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?

Answer

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- 1&2. Questions regarding Minister Bishop's private travel should be directed to the Foreign Minister.
3. Minister Bishop was met on arrival into the US by two officials. Minister Bishop made her own arrangements for transit on return to official duties.
4. Minister Bishop made her own arrangements for transit on return to official duties.
5. No.
6. Questions regarding Minister Bishop's private travel should be directed to the Foreign Minister. During official travel Minister Bishop stayed at the Montage Hotel.
7. Details for Ministerial travel are available from the Department of Finance (DoF), which is responsible for the cost of airfares, accommodation, meals and incidentals, ground transport, non-portfolio-related hospitality and miscellaneous incidents for Ministers and their staff. DoF tables a document on Ministerial Travel expenses every six months.
8. Two.
9. DFAT did not coordinate arrangements for air-travel, ground transport or meals outside of G'Day USA events.

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Topic: Australian Embassy in Washington

Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

We refer to Supplementary Estimates Question on Notice #82 and seek clarification answers to parts i, j and k:

1. Is it correct that the residence could previously accommodate 4 live-in staff and 4 visitors in addition to the family?
2. Is it correct that following \$8,500 in renovations, the property can only accommodate 3 live-in staff and 3 visitors – so two fewer people?
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?

Answer

1. Yes
2. and 3. The staff and visitor numbers reflect the family composition of past and present Ambassadors.

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Senator Moore, Claire

Topic: Appointment of Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist - Gender Equality

Question

1. Has the position of Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality been filled? If 'yes':
 - 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?
2. How will the new Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality and the Ambassador for Women and Girls, be involved in discussions on Australia's response to the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG Goal 5?
3. What strategies and objectives will the new Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality take with progressing gender equality with the Trade?
 - 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?

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Answer

1. Yes.
 - i. 32
 - ii. 5
 - iii. The Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality position is a long-standing one. It became vacant on 21 October 2016. The new Assistant Secretary and Principal Sector Specialist Gender Equality commenced on 20 March 2017. There was someone acting in the position for the five month period during the recruitment process.
2. The Principal Sector Specialist is closely involved in the Department's development of gender responsive approaches to implementation of the SDGs, in discussions with other government agencies and international advocacy. The role of the Ambassador for Women and Girls is principally one of external advocacy highlighting Australia's response and urging others to pursue a similarly gender responsive approach.
3. The [Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy](#) mandates the promotion of gender equality across all aspects of the Department's work. The Assistant Secretary and Sector Specialist helps work areas, including trade, to embed the Strategy's priorities into their work. Along with other senior staff, members of the Gender Equality Branch and fellow Sector Specialists across DFAT and Posts, she engages, on a case by case basis, with gender equality as it intersects with other areas including, but not limited to, trade.

DFAT's [Strategy for Australia's Aid for Trade Investments](#) is gender responsive. This strategy, combined with the [Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy](#), directs our international development efforts to encourage reform in developing countries necessary to achieving sustained economic growth, including improved working conditions for women, access for women to training, resources and markets, and the creation of an enabling environment for women to pursue entrepreneurial opportunities.

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Senator Moore, Claire

Topic: Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy

Question

1. When the Department's Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy notes economic participation, does the Department consider workforce participation to be included in economic participation?
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 Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy?
3. Has the Department had discussion with our pacific neighbours in forums on domestic violence leave entitlements?
4. Is the Department aware of any government in our region who is considering introducing domestic violence leave entitlements?

Answer

1. Yes. Workforce participation is included in our focus on economic participation. The Department's development program focuses on the quality as well as the rate of participation by women in the workforce in countries where our investments promote women's economic empowerment.
2. Yes. DFAT has developed guidance for staff on domestic and family violence, based closely on APSC guidance. It applies in all DFAT workplaces. A central tenet of this guidance concerns access to leave provisions.

The guidance promotes access to existing Personal/Carer's Leave entitlements for reasons such as: attending medical or counselling appointments; moving into emergency accommodation and seeking more permanent safe housing; attending court hearings; attending police appointments; accessing legal advice; and organising alternative care and educational arrangements for children, or other family members. The guidance also promotes consideration of flexible work arrangements.

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Ending violence against women and girls is one of the three priorities of the Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Strategy. Australia's response includes "assisting governments and organisations to improve health sector and workplace responses to violence against women", but does not address the specific issue of domestic violence leave.

3. No.
4. Yes. The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering the Domestic Violence Victims' Protection Bill. If enacted, the Bill would offer victims 10 days of paid leave.

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Topic: PNG Health

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Senator Moore, Claire

Question

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?
2. Has there been a reduction in Australian Government funding the overall funding for the new Angau Hospital during 2015-16-17?
 - i. If yes, what the process undertaken in making this decision?
3. Is the department aware of the delays in the rebuild of the Angau Hospital?
 - i. If 'yes', is the Department aware of the impact has this had on patients?
4. Is the Department aware of any reduction in staffing at Angau Hospital?
 - 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)
 - ii. Is DFAT concerned this will impact on the quality of treatment patients will receive at the new Hospital?
 - iii. What support, if any, is the Department providing to the current and future workforce training of Aganu Hospital?
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?

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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?
 - i. The report also states that "In the absence of Australian support we would expect national performance to be lower against relevant indicators."

Why does the Department anticipate performance to lower without Australia's ongoing support?
 - 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?
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?
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?
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 funding NGO's delivering these services in PNG received as well as what their beneficiaries were estimated to be?
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?
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?
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?

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Answer

1. Australia has allocated up to \$207 million for the redevelopment of the ANGAU Hospital in Lae, including funding to strengthen health systems in Morobe Province. Discussions with the Government of Papua New Guinea on its co-funding contribution are ongoing.
2. There has not been any reduction in total funding for the project.
3. The redevelopment of ANGAU Hospital is progressing as planned.
4. No. Workforce and recruitment at the hospital is a matter for the Government of Papua New Guinea. However, health system strengthening, including health workforce is a focus of DFAT's PNG Health Program and the redevelopment of ANGAU Hospital. A component of this is the building of the new Lae School of Nursing co-located with ANGAU Hospital and funded by Australia which will soon be completed. Australia also supports scholarships and capacity assistance for nursing, midwifery and community health worker training across PNG, including at the Lae School of Nursing.
5. There has been no reduction in Australian funding, nor delays, to the ANGAU Hospital redevelopment. The redevelopment of ANGAU Hospital will not have an impact on the treatment of patients with HIV/AIDS in Papua New Guinea.
6. This refers to the national indicator for HIV treatment to reduce the risk of mother-to-child transmission. Papua New Guinea's 2015 Sector Performance Annual Review reported that the percentage of HIV positive mothers receiving Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) had reduced from 55.26 per cent in 2014 to 33.22 per cent in 2015.
 - i. The Australian Government is committed to supporting health in Papua New Guinea, and has been a significant partner to the Government of Papua New Guinea in its efforts to improve health outcomes. Australia supports a wide range of activities across the Papua New Guinea health system, such as funding training of nurses, midwives and community health workers, infrastructure projects at hospitals and community health posts, improving public financial management in the health system, specific grants to Church and NGO health providers, and a targeted TB response to improve treatment and care of TB in Western Province. Without Australian support in these areas we would expect relevant performance to decrease.

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- ii. Australia will continue to provide assistance to the Government of Papua New Guinea to deliver health and HIV services using its resources and systems. Our support aims to strengthen the Government of Papua New Guinea and non-state organisations to deliver higher quality and a wider reach of services to pregnant women. We expect this will contribute to improvements in the health of mothers and babies.

7. The Australian aid program has been working in agreement with the Government of Papua New Guinea to transition to a country led and sustainable response to HIV since 2012. The Australian High Commission in Port Moresby has communicated changes in Australia's funding to specific NGO grants for HIV/AIDS services throughout 2015 and 2016. Consultation has been through numerous avenues including:
 - Face to face meetings with Government of PNG and Development Partners
 - DFAT grant recipient monitoring and evaluation workshops
 - Briefing roundtables with Civil Society organisations
 - NGO Development Council Meeting
 - Monthly HIV/AIDS Technical Working Group Meetings
 - Monthly Global Fund Country Coordinating Mechanism
 - Monthly Development Partners Meeting
 - Grant management meetings.

8. The Government of Papua New Guinea is responsible for the delivery of basic services to its people. DFAT will continue to support Papua New Guinea and international organisations to deliver effective and efficient health services. As our existing funding arrangements are due to conclude on 30 June 2017, a call for new grant proposals was made on 31 March 2017 under the PNG Partnership Fund. Documentation relating to the call for proposals is available at www.abtassociates.com.au/png-partnership-fund/. We will continue to fund organisations delivering health and HIV support that directly provide treatment until the upcoming grants round is complete. We also continue to work with the Government of Papua New Guinea and other funding partners, such as the Global Fund, to ensure HIV services are adequately and sustainably financed.

9. The Australian Aid program continues to provide a broad range of support across the Papua New Guinea health system including for sexual and reproductive health. Most NGO grants ended in the period up to December 2016 at the conclusion of the contracts, except for grants supporting HIV treatment and care, which will

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continue to 30 June 2017. A call for new grant proposals was made on 31 March 2017 under the PNG Partnership Fund. Documentation relating to the call for proposals is available at www.abtassociates.com.au/png-partnership-fund/.

10. Please see above.
11. We monitor all health indicators, including HIV closely. We recognise the limitations of data available in Papua New Guinea so we also invest in improvements in data collection and use. In particular, Australia is funding the Demographic and Health Survey which has an extensive section on sexual and reproductive health and the Integrated Bio Behavioural Survey which is a key data source for the next Papua New Guinea National HIV Strategy. The impending call for new grant proposals for future funding will include an increased focus on measuring results and impact. In addition, the Australian High Commission in Port Moresby has been working closely with the National Department of Health and partners (WHO, CDC, UNAIDS, Global Fund) in developing the new costed National HIV Strategy 2018-2023 to incorporate the changing epidemiology of HIV in Papua New Guinea.
12. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, as a matter of course, monitors the functions of the Papua New Guinea health system where the delivery of Australian development assistance is concerned. This includes HIV/AIDS services in Papua New Guinea.

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Topic: Humanitarian Assistance: Yemen

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

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?
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?

Answer

DFAT has provided more than \$21 million in humanitarian assistance to Yemen since 2009. Over the past three years DFAT has also contributed \$33 million to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, which allocated \$20 million in 2016 and around \$60 million in 2015 to Yemen. In addition, DFAT has provided \$340 million in core funding over the past three years to international humanitarian partners which operate in Yemen, including the World Food Programme, International Committee of the Red Cross, UN High Commissioner for Refugees and UN Children's Fund, enabling them to respond to the most urgent humanitarian needs globally. DFAT continues to monitor the humanitarian situation in Yemen, and is in close contact with humanitarian partners and other donors.

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Senator Moore, Claire

Topic: Sustainable Development Goals - IDC

Question

1. Can you please provide an update on the Inter-Departmental Committee on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
 - 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?
2. How will the Inter-Departmental Committee on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development ensure that Australia prioritises gender equality and women's empowerment as central to achieving all sustainable development goals?
3. How will the coordination work of the IDC, the first assistant secretary committee and action on SDGs across departments be resourced?
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?
5. The Government has committed to assisting countries in our region with SDGs implementation.
 - 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?
6. How is the Australian Bureau of Statistics being resourced to address existing gaps in data against the Global Indicator Framework?

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Answer

- 1i. The Deputy Secretary level Committee (IDC) has met once and is scheduled to meet again on 16 May.
- 1ii. The following Agencies attended the IDC meeting:
- Attorney General's Department
 - Australian Bureau of Statistics
 - Australian Federal Police
 - Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
 - Department of Communications
 - Department of Education and Training
 - Department of Employment
 - Department of Environment and Energy
 - Department of Finance
 - Department of Health
 - Department of Immigration and Border Protection
 - Department of Industry, Innovation and Science
 - Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development
 - Department of Social Services
 - Treasury
 - Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
 - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- 1iii. Documents relating to the meetings are internal working documents.
- 1iv. The Government is giving effect to the 2030 Agenda through its domestic and international policies and programs. DFAT will help developing countries make progress towards the SDG targets through the six investment priorities of Australia's aid program:
- Infrastructure, trade facilitation and international competitiveness (SDGs 2, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 17);
 - Agriculture, fisheries and water (SDGs 2, 6, 12, 13, 14 and 15);
 - Effective governance: policies and institutions and functioning economies (SDGs 8, 10, 16 and 17);
 - Education and health (SDGs 3, 4, 5 and 6);
 - Building resilience: humanitarian assistance, disaster risk reduction and social protection (SDGs 1, 11 and 13); and
 - Gender equality and empowering women and girls (SDGs 1, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 16).
2. The Office for Women, within the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, participates in the 2030 IDC process. As noted in the answer to question 1 iv), gender equality and empowering women and girls is one of the six investment priorities of Australia's aid program.

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3. Coordination will be managed within existing resources.
4. The mapping work is a continual process. It is informing other work by the IDC and the First Assistant Secretary Working Group.
- 5i. The Government is assisting countries in our region make progress towards the SDGs through the aid program. The aid program's six priority investment areas are outlined in answer 1 iv.

Implementation and reporting of the 2030 Agenda is voluntary and country-led and each country will determine how they best implement, measure and report on progress.

Examples of specific assistance the Government is providing to help countries shape their implementation of the SDGs includes:

- Funding for Indonesia's SDG Secretariat to assist with Indonesia's implementation of the 2030 Agenda (\$312,000 per year for three years);
 - Funding for UN Women's programme, 'Making every woman and girl count: supporting the monitoring and implementation of the SDGs through better production and use of gender statistics.' This Program will help governments to better respond to gender inequality and violence against women and girls by improving data collection, enhancing the technical capacity of national statistics agencies and promoting greater access to data collected, (\$6.5 million over four years, 2016-2020);
 - Funding to Pacific partners to support attendance at the 2017 Financing for Development Forum (\$50,000);
 - Funding to UNDP's New Deal Implementation Support Facility to assist fragile and conflict-affected countries effectively implement and monitor SDG progress (\$480,000); and
 - Funding evidence-based data collection on measuring peace by country partners, particularly in the Pacific, (\$230,000 in 2017-18 to the Institute for Economics and Peace, an organisation that develops metrics to analyse peace and quantify its economic value).
- 5ii. This assistance is being resourced through the Government's aid budget.
 - 5iii. Australia will work closely with gender-focused organisations in our region to achieve shared development priorities, including SDG5 and the gender-sensitive implementation of the SDGs overall.

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One example of this work is our relationship with the International Women's Development Agency (IWDA) and Australian National University, to deliver the Individual Deprivation Measure (IDM). The IDM is an individual, gender-sensitive and multi-dimensional measure of poverty. It measures the poverty of individuals and the differences in how women and men experience poverty.

6. This question should be directed to the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

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Topic: Sustainable Development Goals: DFAT Internal Committee

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

1. Can you please provide an update on DFAT's internal committee on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
 - 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.
 - 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 region?

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Answer

Question 1:

- i DFAT does not have a formal internal committee process established on the 2030 Agenda. Many areas of DFAT work on the 2030 Agenda and meet as required to discuss particular aspects.
- ii N/A
- iii N/A
- iv N/A

Question 2

See response to Question No 76, Part 2.

Question 3

- i See response to Question No 76, Part 5(i).
- ii This assistance is being resourced through the Government's aid budget.
- iii See response to Question 76 Part 5(iii).

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Topic: Aid Program - Transparency

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

Can DFAT provide a commitment to reduce time lag to at most a year, to be re-evaluated each estimates?

By way of clarification, are all current projects listed on the DFAT website?

If not, is there a process for determining which projects appear online and which do not, and at which level these decisions are made ?

Answer

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) is committed to the timely publication of information on the Australian aid program on its website. For example, over 450 new aid-related documents were published on DFAT's website in 2015-16, ranging from annual budget and performance documents to specific investment plans, reports and evaluations. DFAT's website includes forty thematic and geographic factsheets, which are updated biannually. DFAT's Aid Program Transparency Guidance requires the regular publishing of detailed information on the aid program on the DFAT website. DFAT does a stocktake every six months to review the currency of this material.

Information on all current Australian aid investments is available on DFAT's website and updated quarterly. The level of detail can be limited by the *Privacy Act 1988* and certain categories of sensitive information are not published as outlined in the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*.

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Topic: ABC Radio – Shortwave Transmission in the Pacific

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

- 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?
 - 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 education information is received by all PNG voters?
- 5) RAMSI is withdrawing in June of this year.
 - 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?
 - a. If yes, what new strategies have been put in place?
- 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?

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Answer

- 1) No.
- 2) No.
- 3) No.
- 4) In response to a request from the Papua New Guinea (PNG) Government, Australia is providing a range of support to assist the PNG Government to deliver the 2017 national election. This includes:
 - technical assistance for developing the PNG Electoral Commission's (PNGEC) Election Awareness Strategy, through the International Foundation for Electoral System;
 - assisting PNG's National Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) repair transmitters to ensure medium-wave radio transmission from Port Moresby and six regional centres, prior to the issuing of writs for the 2017 elections;
 - supporting the PNGEC to produce voter awareness print and electronic communication materials; and
 - assisting the NBC to broadcast PNGEC voter awareness announcements, providing election training for journalists, and supporting public forums and debates on key policies and issues.
- 5) (i) Yes. The Solomon Islands Government and Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) agreed on a Joint Communications Plan in August 2016, to inform national, provincial and community leaders and citizens, to explain why RAMSI was concluding and the preparations ahead of its departure. The Plan also contemplated engagement with the governments, people and media of RAMSI's 15 contributing nations.

(ii) Yes. The Communications Plan emphasises face-to-face consultations and engagement with Solomon Islands media outlets—specifically, the national broadcaster the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation (SIBC) which has the greatest audience reach in the country, and the two national newspapers. SIBC has a shortwave service that relays its news and current affairs programs and RAMSI's monthly Talking Truth program to the remotest areas of Solomon Islands. Solomon Islands Government and RAMSI officials have also accepted interview requests from the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and Radio New Zealand International (RNZI), conscious that they might be repeated by SIBC or aired via the ABC and RNZI shortwave services.

(ii)(a) The strategy has not altered.
- 6) No.

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Topic: Annual Aid Evaluation Program

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

The government has provided the annual aid evaluation plan and has listed:

- 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
- Climate change assistance.

These are explained to be strategic evaluations to be published in 2017.

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?
 - 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?
 - 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 department's usual time frame for making reports publicly available?

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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?
 - i. What is the expected time between completion of report and publishing?
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?
 - i. If yes, where can each report be accessed?
 - ii. How long did it take for the reports to be published after the findings of the ODE's Review?
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 IEC's December communiqué?
6. What is the link between the strategic evaluations and program evaluation outlined in the 2017 Aid Evaluation Program?
 - i. Can program evaluations occur before strategic evaluations are completed?

Answer

1. The strategic evaluations outlined in the Annual Aid Evaluation Plan represent the cross-program, cross-country evaluations that the Office of Development (ODE) will undertake. The "programs which will undertake evaluations in future years" are individual DFAT sectoral or thematic programs. These programs determine the timing and priority for their program evaluations, separate to decisions taken by ODE on strategic evaluations.
 - i. No. Evaluations are selected based on principles outlined in the DFAT Aid Evaluation Policy.

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2. Yes.

i. <http://dfat.gov.au/aid/how-we-measure-performance/ode/other-work/Pages/evaluation-of-effectiveness-australias-response-cyclone-pam.aspx>

ii. Yes. The evaluation report was published within three months of completion.

iii. Yes. The evaluation report was published within three months of completion.

3.

Strategic evaluation	Indicative/actual completion date	Indicative/actual publication date
Humanitarian assistance in the Pacific: The effectiveness of Australia's response to Cyclone Pam	Completed Dec 2016	Published Feb 2017
Combatting pandemics and emerging infectious disease	May 2017	July 2017
Electoral systems strengthening	August 2017	Oct 2017
Disability-inclusive development	Sep 2017	Dec 2017
Climate change assistance	Nov 2017	Dec 2017

i. Less than three months.

4. Yes. Staff have been reminded to publish evaluations in a timely manner.

i. Of the 50 evaluations, 21 have been published, eight have been formally exempted from publication (for example, because they are sensitive in nature), three have been removed from the dataset as they were erroneously identified as evaluations, and eighteen have not been published. Published evaluations are available at the links below.

Program evaluation	Location
Afghanistan Capacity for Media & Elections First Mid Term Review	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/afghan-capacity-for-media-and-elections-first-midterm-review.aspx
Afghanistan Capacity for Media & Elections Second Mid Term Review	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/afghan-capacity-for-media-and-elections-second-midterm-review-final-report.aspx
Children of Uruzgan Mid Term Review Report	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/children-of-uruzgan-evaluation.aspx

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Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) Vietnam: Phase III DFAT Mid-Term Review	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/vietnam-chai-phase-3-mtr-report.aspx
Final Evaluation Transparency International Asia Pacific Regional Programme	https://www.transparency.org/whoweare/accountability/evaluations/0/
Second Independent Corporate Review of SPREP: The Pacific Regional Environment Programme	https://www.sprep.org/legal/2014-governance
Independent Review of the Livelihood Strengthening Program in Border Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkwa	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/pakistan-livelihood-strengthening-program-border-districts-eval-report.aspx
Review of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF)	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/final-report-review-of-the-asia-pacific-forum.aspx
High Level Strategic Review: Fiji Health Sector Support Program	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Documents/fiji-health-sector-support-program-strategic-review-2014.pdf
Impact Evaluation of the Zimbabwe Analytical Multi-Donor Trust Fund (A-MDTF)	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/impact-evaluation-of-the-zimbabwe-analytical-multi-donor-trust-fund.aspx
Improving Health Service Delivery in Myanmar: UN Joint Program on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Independent Review	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/improving-health-service-delivery-in-myanmar-un-joint-program-on-maternal-newborn-and-child-health.aspx
Independent completion report for Lighting Vanuatu	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/independent-completion-report-lighting-vanuatu.aspx
Independent evaluation for early childhood care and education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/pakistan-early-childhood-care-education-evaluation-report-man-resp.aspx
Lao PDR: Technical Assistance for Capacity Building in the Hydropower and Mining Sectors Project	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/laos-hydropower-and-mining-technical-assistance-final-evaluation-report.aspx
Mid Term Review - Support for Implementing the Action Plan for Transport and Trade Facilitation in the Greater Mekong Subregion	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/greater-mekong-subregion-trade-transport-facilitation-project-mid-term-review-report.aspx
Mid-Term Evaluation of UNICEF WASH in Palestinian Schools	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/palestinian-territories-unicef-wash-schools-mid-term-eval.aspx
Mid-Term Review of the Mekong River Commission Programmes Climate Change and Adaptation Initiative	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/mekong-river-commissions-climate-change-adaptation-

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	initiative-mid-term-review-report.aspx
Nepal Public Financial Management Support Multi Donor Trust Fund (MDTF) Mid-Term Evaluation	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/mid-term-review-nepal-public-financial-management-summary.aspx
Research on Documenting the Development and Implementation of the Strategic Partnership Arrangement (SPA) between BRAC, DFID and DFAT	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/bangladesh-research-study-dev-implementation-spa-brac-dfid-dfat.aspx
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Final Independent project evaluation of Project Childhood	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/project-childhood-final-evaluation-report.aspx
Yumi Evriwan i Protektem ol Pikinini Tool Review Save the Children - Vanuatu Evaluation Report	http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/yumi-evriwan-i-protektem-pikinini-yepp-tool-community-pilots-evaluation-report.aspx

- ii. The timeframes within which these evaluations were published vary significantly. Obtaining this information for each evaluation covered by the Review of Operational Evaluations would require a disproportionate amount of limited departmental resources.
5. All strategic evaluations listed in the 2017 Annual Aid Evaluation plan are identified in the IEC's December communiqué. Planned or confirmed commencement dates for program evaluations are listed below.

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Program	Program evaluations	Planned/ confirmed commencement (as of Dec 2016)
Papua New Guinea	1) Australian Transport Sector Support Program Phase 2	Nov 2016
	2) Bougainville Governance Program	Jan 2017
	3) Australian response to El Nino in PNG	April 2017
	4) PNG Health and HIV Multilateral Partnership	June 2017
	5) Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development, including PNG bilateral funding	May 2017
Pacific Regional	1) Pacific Financial Inclusion Program	Sep 2016
	2) Partnerships for Health and Rights	Nov 2016
	3) Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development	Aug 2016
Solomon Islands	1) Education Sector Program 2 – Annual Joint Performance Review	May 2017
	2) Education Sector Program 2 – Mid-term review	March 2017
	3) Health Sector Support Program Phase 3	April 2017
Fiji	1) Fiji Community Development program	Aug 2016
	2) Access to Quality Education program	Nov 2016
Vanuatu	1) Tropical Cyclone Pam Recovery program	Feb 2017
Samoa	1) Samoa Inclusive Education Demonstration program	Aug 2016
North Pacific	1) Cleared Ground De-Mining project in Palau	Jan 2017
Indonesia	1) Australia's Education Partnership	Aug 2016
	2) Australia Indonesia Partnership Rural Economic Development Program	Sep 2016
	3) Eastern Indonesia National Road Improvement Project	Sep 2016
	4) Indonesia Infrastructure Initiative Phase 2	Sep 2016
Timor-Leste	1) National Program for Village Development Support Program	Oct 2016
	2) Australian support for improved nutrition in Timor-Leste	April 2017
Philippines	1) Australia's support for peace in Mindanao	Sep 2016
	2) Basic Education Sector Transformation Program	July 2017
Cambodia	1) 3i – Investing in Infrastructure	July 2016
	2) Cambodia Agricultural Value Chain Phase 1	May 2017
Vietnam	1) Integrated Coastal Management Program	Jan 2017
	2) Southern Coastal Corridor program	Dec 2016
	3) Mekong Transport Infrastructure project	June 2016
Myanmar	1) Myanmar Decentralising Funding for Schools	Feb 2017

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	project	
South East Asia Regional	1) Mekong Business Initiative	Jan 2017
	2) Greater Mekong Water Resources program	Oct 2016
Afghanistan	1) Afghanistan Reconstruction Trust Fund	Nov 2016
	2) Australia Afghanistan Community Resilience Scheme	TBC
Bangladesh	1) Support to Vulnerable Communities in Cox's Bazar	July 2017
Pakistan	1) Pakistan Ending Violence Against Women Program	Sep 2016
	2) Pakistan Trade and Investment Policy Program	Nov 2016
Sri Lanka	1) Community Forestry program	Jan 2017
Nepal	1) Australia's response to Nepal earthquakes	April 2017
Humanitarian	1) Tropical Cyclone Winston education response	Dec 2016
	2) Australia's humanitarian assistance to Myanmar	Feb 2017

6. All evaluations draw on relevant available material, including other evaluations, as needed. However, there is no requirement for program and strategic evaluations to be formally linked.

i. Yes.

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Topic: Aid – Program Evaluation

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

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?
2. The IEC Communique 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?
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?
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?
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?

Answer

1. Yes. The DFAT Aid Evaluation Policy, introduced in November 2016, includes greater senior management oversight of evaluation planning and management responses. It is anticipated this will help ensure management responses are completed for evaluations.
2. Evaluation field work will be undertaken in the Solomon Islands in April 2017, followed by further field work in Indonesia and Canberra in May 2017. After further analysis and research in June-July, the evaluation report is expected to be published in October 2017.
3. The *ODE Evaluation of Australian Electoral Assistance*, the *Bougainville Governance Program Evaluation* and the *Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development Program Evaluation* are separate evaluations. The *ODE Evaluation of Australian Electoral Assistance* will consider information from other relevant evaluations.

The *ODE Evaluation of Australian Electoral Assistance* will draw on existing studies and selected interviews to ensure key lessons on Australian electoral assistance to PNG from 2006 to 2016 are included in the evaluation report. The PNG election in June 2017 falls outside the scope of the *ODE Evaluation of Australian Electoral Assistance*.

4. The 2017 Annual Aid Evaluation Plan contains two, separate, evaluations for the *Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development* (Pacific Women) investment. First, at a whole of program level, an independent assessment is being undertaken of achievement toward the entire Pacific Women (\$320 million) program, which includes an analysis of the extent to which capacity, resources and relationships have been established and action in key result areas is evident across all the investment's country and regional programs. Second, at a country program level, an independent assessment is being conducted of the challenges and successes of implementing the \$58 million Papua New Guinea country program component of the Pacific Women investment.
5. 11 out of 12 Advisory Board members were contacted for their input as part of the evaluation. Australia's former Ambassador for Women and Girls, who is an observer to the Board, was also consulted. One member of the Advisory Board was also a member of the evaluation's Reference Group.

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Topic: Business Partnership Platform (Round 1)

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

1. Can the Department confirm if 9 or 10 partnerships are currently funded as part of BPP Round 1?
 - i. Was the total funds allocated for Round 1 exhausted?
 - ii. Did any partnerships fail to progress?
 - a. If Yes – was the funding for the program re-allocated?

Answer

1. There are 9 partnerships currently funded as part of BPP Round 1.
 - i. No. The funding allocation for the Business Partnerships Platform is to cover two rounds. The funds remaining from Round 1 will be used in Round 2.
 - ii. Yes. One project did not progress past the due diligence assessment stage in Round 1.
 - a. Yes. The funding was re-allocated to Round 2.

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Topic: Business Partnership Platform (Round 2)

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

1. According to the Business Partnership Platform page on DFAT's website EOI for Round 2 have been shortlisted:
 - i. How many applications were received overall?
 - ii. How many EOI have been shortlisted?
 - iii. Have all those EOI shortlisted by the Department engaged in the further assessment process.
 - 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?

2. Who are the current members of the Business Partnership Platform Selection Committee?
 - i. On what basis are members appointed to the BPP Selection Committee?
 - ii. Have any members of the selection committee changed since Round 1?

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?
 - 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?
 - ii. How does this compare to the initial round?

4. The Business Partnership Platform encourages NGOs to partner with the Private Sector to achieve development outcomes. Does the

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Department provide any avenues of support to facilitate relationships between likeminded NGOs and Private Sector organisations?

- i. Has the Department received any feedback from the NGO sector with regard to the ability to identify private sector partners?
- 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?
- iii. Did the number of NGOs who were partnering organisations for EOI increase or decrease?
- iv. How many NGOs placed multiple EOIs?
- v. Did this have any bearing on the outcome of their EOI being shortlisted, or ultimately selected?

Answer

1.
 - i. Ninety-six applications were received for Round 2.
 - ii. Twelve applications have been shortlisted for Round 2.
 - iii. Yes, all 12 applications have progressed to the business plan stage.
 - iv. Please see attached spreadsheet.
 - v. Please see attached spreadsheet.

2. Assistant Secretary, Private Sector, Development Finance and Agricultural Development Branch – Chair
 - Assistant Secretary, Gender Equality Branch
 - Assistant Secretary, Development Policy and Education Branch
 - Principal Adviser, Investment Design Section
 - External Member (private sector representative)
 - i. Representatives were selected on the basis of policy relevance and technical background.
 - ii. Two new positions were added for Round 2 including the Advisor from the Investment Design Section and the External Representative. All other positions remained unchanged.

3. The most recent round of the Business Partnerships Platform (BPP) required applicants to address a series of questions related to gender equality and women’s empowerment in the application form. These included the DAC gender equality policy marker. Accordingly, applicants were asked to select whether their initiative targets gender equality as a ‘principal’ or ‘significant’ objective. DFAT assessed the responses to this question, together with the responses to the other questions on the selection criteria, during the selection process.

The second phase of the application process for the most recent BPP round also requires applicants to submit a full business plan. The business plan

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requires a detailed assessment of how the proposed initiative will address gender equality.

- i. As noted, the OECD DAC gender equality marker was used in the most recent round of the BPP. As the selection process for Round 2 is ongoing, it is not possible to comment on the shortlisted proposals.
 - ii. The application form for the initial round of the BPP did not include the DAC gender equality policy marker, rather it contained a specific question regarding how the partnership would improve women's economic or social development. For the second round of the BPP, DFAT adjusted the questions on gender to communicate more clearly to applicants the centrality of gender to DFAT's work. To enhance the focus on gender for the BPP initiatives selected through the first round, the managing contractor has recruited, at DFAT's request, a gender advisor who is working with partners to support the mainstreaming of gender equality in these initiatives.
4. The Business Partnerships Platform provides advice to potential partners while a funding round is open and between funding rounds, including NGOs.
- i. Yes.
 - ii. The Business Partnerships Platform is open to Australian, global and foreign organisations of all sizes undertaking activities of a commercial nature.

The characteristic of partnering private sector organisations is as follows:

Round 1 Partnership	Characteristic – global, Australian or local economy
Improving access to global cotton markets for farmers in Pakistan	Global and Australian
Mobile banking for the poor in Vietnam	Global and local economy
Ethical cotton production in Kenya	Australian, global and local economy
Connecting communities to clean energy and the digital economy in PNG	Local economy
Improving access to critical health services for women factory workers in Vietnam	Global and local economy
Improving child nutrition in Indonesia	Local economy
Promoting inclusion of Myanmar	Australian

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small and medium enterprises in the tourism industry	
Linking ethical fashion enterprises in Myanmar to global markets	Global and local economy
Community-based ecotourism venture in Nepal	Australian

- iii Under Round 1, the application form did not ask applicants to specify whether the partnering organisation was a not-for-profit organisation. As such, a comparative assessment cannot be made.
- iv As above.
- v Applications are assessed on a competitive basis. The selection panel does not take into account the number of applications when assessing an application.

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Topic: Disability Inclusiveness (Round 1)

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

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?

Answer

1. Round 1 partnership initiatives have either just commenced, or will commence soon. None of the partnerships nominated disability inclusivity as a core development outcome to be addressed.
2. All of the funded projects were assessed on their understanding of gender equality and disability inclusiveness as per the criteria. However, none of the funded projects in Round 1 sought to track disability outcomes.

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Topic: Disability Inclusiveness (Round 2)

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

Disability Inclusiveness Round 2

1. Are organisations still required to undertake assessment of partnerships on the grounds of disability inclusivity as they were in Round 1?
 - i. If 'no', why?
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?
3. Were any EOI received and subsequently shortlisted which aligned with the priority areas of either:
 - i. Cambodia –Disability or
 - ii. Fiji - Business employing or assisting people with disabilities?
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?

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Answer

1. Organisations were not required to undertake an assessment of partnerships on the grounds of disability inclusivity in Round 1. However, the selection criteria, used by the Department for assessing applications, included “Equality and Inclusiveness”, such as demonstrating an understanding of disability inclusiveness. For Round 2, application criteria were modified, in consultation with Posts, to include a stronger focus on social impact, and gender equality and women’s empowerment.
 - i. See Answer 1.
2. Yes.
3. No.
4. Disability inclusion remains a cross cutting priority for the Australian aid program. No departmental decision has been taken to remove a private sector focus on disability inclusivity.

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Topic: Aid for Trade

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

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 the impact of Aid for Trade investments on women?
 - 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?
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?
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 and/or public private partnerships facilitate women's engagement with the formal economy in the Pacific?
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.
 - i. Can the Department provide a breakdown of those investments/programs that are listed as principal and those listed as significant?

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- 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?
5. What is the aggregate number of Aid for Trade investments that list gender equality as a principal objective?
- i. Have there been any changes in the number of Aid for Trade investments with gender equality as a principal objective since the release of the Aid for Trade strategy document in July 2015?
 - ii. Of those investments that list gender equality as a principal objective, 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'?
 - iii. Of the Aid for Trade investments listing gender as a principal objective, which programs are assessed as having short – term outcomes, immediate outcomes and higher development outcomes?
 - iv. Of the Aid for Trade Investments listing gender as a principal objective how many engage the private sector, and what is the nature of the private sector engagement for each?
6. What is the aggregate number of Aid for Trade investments that list gender equality as a significant objective?
- i. Has there been any change in the number of Aid for Trade investments with gender equality as a significant objective since the release of the Aid for trade strategy document in July 2015?
 - ii. Of those investments listed as gender equality as a significant objective 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 significant objective 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 significant objective how many engage the private sector, and in what way is the private sector engaged?

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Answer

1.
 - i In 2015-16, 78 per cent of aid investments were rated as satisfactorily addressing gender equality during their implementation. For investments in Aid for Trade sectors, the figure in 2015-16 was 74 per cent, up from 69 per cent the previous year.
 - ii In addition to the investments in trade enabling infrastructure, there are Aid for Trade investments in market access, livelihoods and productivity, vocational skills training and financial inclusion.
 - iii Gender equality is a key feature of Australia's Strategy for Investments in Economic Infrastructure, which outlines the framework for considering the level of gender equality in infrastructure investments. Please see <http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/strategy-for-australias-investments-in-economic-infrastructure.aspx>.
2. Aid for trade investments employ the same aid risk management, fraud control and safeguards policies as other DFAT aid investments.
3. The Department undertakes a range of efforts that seek to help women entrepreneurs build livelihoods and increase income. For example, one such investment is 'PacificRise', which funds technical assistance for social enterprises to make them investment ready and improve the capacity for gender lens investing. Another investment in the International Trade Centre's Women and Trade Programme is connecting bilum weavers in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu with international buyers. Investment in 'Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development' includes support for the PNG Business Coalition for Women, the Markets for Change Program and the Women's Business Resource Centre in PNG. For more detail on these and other related investments see <http://dfat.gov.au/geo/pacific/pages/the-pacific.aspx>.
4.
 - i See responses to question 5 and 6 below.
 - ii The Department is currently focussed on ensuring that more than 80 per cent of all aid investments effectively address gender issues.
5. In 2015-16, of the 77 investments in Aid for Trade sectors that have a total value over \$3 million, 2 self-identified as having gender as their principal objective.
 - i. Comparison of the number of aid investments over time is not meaningful in the context of the Government's strategic target of reducing the number of individual investments by 20 per cent by 2016-17 to focus efforts and reduce transaction costs.
 - ii. In 2015-16, the largest activity was "Building Productive Capacity".

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- iii. For 2015-16, investment duration ranged from six to ten years.
 - iv. All aid for trade investments are designed to benefit the private sector in developing countries, and all investments explore innovative ways to engage the private sector in achieving development outcomes.
6. In 2015-16, of the 77 investments in Aid for Trade Sectors that have a total value over \$3 million, 36 self-identified that they had gender as a significant objective.
- i. Comparison of the number of aid investments over time is not meaningful in the context of the Government's strategic target of reducing the number of individual investments by 20 per cent by 2016-17 to focus efforts and reduce transaction costs.
 - ii. In 2015-16, "Building Productive Capacity" was the largest category.
 - iii. For 2015-16, investment duration ranged from two to ten years.
 - iv. All aid for trade investments are designed to benefit the private sector in developing countries, and all investments explore innovative ways to engage the private sector in achieving development outcomes.

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Topic: Pacific: Aid Programs Aimed at Ending Violence Against Women

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

1. The Department advised that AidWorks would be redeveloped during the 2016 to 2018 period:
 - 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?

Answer

1.
 - i. The AidWorks redevelopment project is on track to deliver the improvements outlined in the Department's Aid Programming Guide (<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/aid-programming-guide.aspx>) by the end of 2018.
 - ii. To ensure consistency and comparability in reporting, activities in AidWorks are allocated against OECD-Development Assistance Committee (DAC) Purpose Codes. There is an OECD-DAC working group investigating how to measure SDGs with one possibility being mapping of OECD-DAC Purpose Codes.
 - iii. The Department collects Official Development Assistance (ODA) information from other Australian government departments within AidWorks, which is also allocated against OECD-DAC Purpose Codes.

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Topic: Humanitarian Assistance: Pacific Women Mentoring Program

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Senator Moore, Claire

Question

Following up on the response to Question on Notice #119 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20 October 2016).

1. Please provide guidelines of the full design and procurement process for Pacific Women Mentoring program.
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.
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.

Answer

1. The design and procurement for the program will be undertaken in accordance with procedures outlined in DFAT's Aid Programming Guide (<http://dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/aid-programming-guide.aspx>).
2. The program design will be released publically as part of the open tender process. To ensure no advantage is given to potential tenderers, we are unable to comment on aspects of the design until it has been released publically with the Request for Tender documentation.
3. The program design will be released publically as part of the open tender process. To ensure no advantage is given to potential tenderers, we are unable to comment on aspects of the design until it has been released publically with the Request for Tender documentation.

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Topic: Gender – Reproductive Health Care Funding

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

Following up on the response to Question on Notice #57 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20Oct)

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.

Answer

1. Australia's announcement included a reference to funding for two existing funding initiatives: increased core funding to UNFPA of \$70 million over four years, and committed to providing continued assistance to SPRINT (through Phase II). Beyond these two commitments, Australia's announcement was in the context of an increased aid budget, with the estimated increase in Family Planning expenditure anticipated to grow in line with the growth of the aid program.

Core funding to UNFPA for the period 2012 – 2016 was: 2012-2013 \$15.0 million, 2013-14 \$15.0 million, 2014-2015 \$15.4 million, 2015-16 \$9.24 million and 2016-17 \$9.24 million. Australia also provided \$11 million for the second phase of SPRINT as follows:

- 2011-12: \$3.5 million
- 2013-14: \$1 million
- 2014-15: \$2 million
- 2015-16: \$3.5million
- 2016-17: \$1 million

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Topic: Climate Change and Development Working Group

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

1. Following up on the response to Question on Notice #134 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20Oct)

Please provide further details of who within DFAT is involved with the Climate Change and Development Working Group.

2. How is the working group incorporating the 2030 Agenda into its principles-based framework?
3. Can you provide an outline of the 'principles-based framework for climate action and development'?
4. Please provide details of all representatives from other agencies participating in the working group.

Answer

1. The Climate Change and Development Working Group ('Working Group') is co-chaired by the Assistant Secretaries of the Sustainability and Climate Change Branch and the Development Policy and Education Branch.

Participation is open and varies from meeting to meeting. Meetings are typically attended by representatives of geographic divisions implementing the aid program, key development teams, and teams similarly integrating investment priorities across the aid program, such as the Office of Trade Negotiations.

Core participating functional areas of the Department include the Sustainability and Climate Change Branch, Development Policy and Education Branch, Governance and Fragility Branch, Pacific Aid Effectiveness and Advice Branch, and South-East Asia Mainland and Regional Division.

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- 2&3. A framework for climate action and development is currently under development. It will take into account the 2030 Agenda and other relevant agreements and frameworks, such as the Paris Agreement. Integrating climate action into the aid program is part of Australia's commitment to sustainable development, consistent with the 2030 Agenda.

4. Participation in the Working Group from other agencies will vary over time, and has included representatives from the Department of the Environment and Energy and Austrade.

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Page: Climate Change - DFAT International Climate Change Engagement Program

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

Following up on the response to Question on Notice #62 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20 October 2016):

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.
 - i. How is 'effectiveness' measured for these initiatives?
 - ii. How is 'capacity building' accounted for in these initiatives?

Answer

1. The International Climate Change Engagement (ICCE) program supports pursuit of Australia's interests on international international climate change.
 - The ICCE program is a non-aid fund with an annual allocation of \$3 million.
 - In 2016-17, the Program is focussing on engaging with Indo-Pacific countries.
 - As at 23 March 2017, \$2,680,543 has been expended.
 - The 2016-17 budget has been allocated to 15 projects or contributions (Attachment A)
2. Australia's capacity-building initiatives to support Pacific Island Countries engagement in climate negotiations are funded in response to training priorities identified by the region. Since 2015, DFAT has funded three workshops for 56 Pacific women delegates new to international climate change negotiations. The workshops respond to UN mandates to enhance the role of women in driving solutions to climate change.

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They focus on developing negotiation, communication and leadership skills with the aim of strengthening participants' capacity to engage in the UNFCCC. Participants and partner governments provide feedback which is used to improve subsequent rounds of training.

More broadly in the context of the UNFCCC, Australia has worked with regional partners Japan and Singapore to support workshops for negotiators and technical experts from Asia and the Pacific on domestic preparation and implementation of national climate change targets and the measurement and reporting of emissions. These workshops aim to support PICs to meet their commitments under the UNFCCC. They are a valuable mechanism for experts from the region to engage in technical peer-to-peer exchanges, share best practice on implementation, and strengthen networks.

International Climate Change Engagement Program 2016/17 – Funded Projects

<p><u>Pacific</u> Enhancing Gender Equality in Climate Change Negotiations: Capacity-building of Female Representatives from the Pacific – (\$125,000) - <i>DFAT and ANU</i> To support WEDO to expand the work of the Women’s Delegate Fund to the Pacific including: delivering a negotiations training workshop in Suva; facilitating the participation of Pacific delegates to UNFCCC meetings; and providing on ground training and support to these delegates at UNFCCC meetings.</p>
<p><u>Indonesia</u> Contributing to Indonesia’s Nationally Determined Contribution by reducing emissions in East Kalimantan’s working forests – (\$184,059) - <i>The Nature Conservancy</i> Assist The Nature Conservancy (TNC) support Indonesia's NDC commitments by unlocking the potential of the East Kalimantan forest sector to significantly expand investment in climate-compatible forestry.</p> <p>Support to the Indonesian National Carbon Accounting System (INCAS) – (\$250,000) - <i>Department of the Environment and Energy</i> Support INCAS to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be used to generate future land sector emissions reporting• be expanded to cover agricultural emissions, and• allow Indonesia to share its experience with other regional developing countries
<p><u>China</u> Australia-China Collaboration On National Greenhouse Gas Inventories – (\$132,727) - <i>Department of the Environment and Energy</i> Support collaboration between the Department of the Environment and Energy’s Inventories team and China to assist development of China’s national GHG emissions inventory system.</p> <p>China's climate change policy: the role of markets – (\$155,000 excluding GST) - <i>ANU</i> Support academic collaboration between Australia and China on carbon market and energy policies including an Australia-China Climate Change Forum in Beijing with government and business.</p> <p>International Effort on Coal Mine Fugitive Methane Emissions Abatement – (\$59,000) - <i>CSIRO</i> Support continuation of a 2015/16 funded project. Using research results from phase 1 to develop a pilot project plan to trial one novel abatement technology at a coal mine in China.</p>
<p><u>PNG</u> Supporting Implementation of PNG’s Nationally Determined Contribution in the Land Sector – (\$137,491) - <i>The Nature Conservancy</i> Support build the capacity of land sector stakeholders in the Madang Province to engage and work on minimising the impact of their developments on terrestrial carbon stocks which will assist the PNG government achieve its NDC.</p>
<p><u>India</u> A low energy method to efficiently capture CO2 – (\$125,000) - <i>CSIRO</i> Support build the capacity of land sector stakeholders in the Madang Province to engage and work</p>

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on minimising the impact of their developments on terrestrial carbon stocks which will assist the PNG government achieve its NDC.

Timor-Leste

Assistance to the Government of Timor-Leste to develop an implementable intended national determined contribution (INDC) – (\$200,000 excluding GST) - Baker & McKenzie

To work with the Timor-Leste Government to further develop a detailed intended national determined contribution (INDC) including a clear implementation plan.

Singapore

Australia-Singapore collaboration on climate change capacity building – (\$92,250) - DFAT and Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs

To provide capacity building to Pacific nations on green-house gas measurement, verification and reporting under the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Japan

26th Asia-Pacific Seminar on Climate change – (\$30,000) - DFAT and Japan Ministry of Environment

Held annually since January 1991 (Australia has partnered with Japan since 2004). A regional vehicle for climate change experts to discuss major issues arising in the UNFCCC, build capacity for implementation, and strengthening networks across traditional negotiating blocs.

Multilateral

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) engagement – (\$253,000) - Department of the Environment and Energy

Funding supports:

- Australia's annual voluntary contribution to the IPCC Trust Fund assists developing country expert participation in the work of the IPCC, and
- Australian engagement in the IPCC's highest impact deliverables: Special Reports, the AR6 Working Group reports and refinement of the 2006 National Greenhouse Gas Inventory guidelines.

Support the establishment of the International Partnership for Blue Carbon (the Partnership) – (\$200,000) - Department of the Environment and Energy

To assist the facilitate cooperation between Governments, technical institutions and other stakeholders to promote action. Blue carbon can deliver significant climate mitigation and adaptation outcomes, including in the Indo-Pacific region.

UNFCCC contribution - (\$959,861) - UNFCCC

Non-discretionary contribution for the core budget under the Convention and Kyoto Protocol for 2016.

Indo-Pacific

Public-private collaboration on carbon markets in the Indo-Pacific – (\$71,800) - The Carbon Market Institute (CMI)

Enhance understanding of emerging carbon markets in the Indo-Pacific and help develop relationships to support implementation of countries' nationally determined contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement.

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Topic: Green Climate Fund

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

Following up on the response to Question on Notice #61 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20 October 2016)

1. Across these Green Climate Fund funded projects, clarify and provide details related to:
 - 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 programme in Chile
 - 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?
 - 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.

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2. What guidelines underpin the Department fulfilling the PM's 2016 Pacific Islands Forum, commitment to \$225M of 'climate smart' investment?

Answer

In response to the first part of the question, the Green Climate Fund ensures the details of every approved funding proposal is publicly available on its website:

<http://www.greenclimate.fund/projects/browse-projects>

- i. The details of proposal FP002 in Malawi can be found on the GCF website.
- ii. The details of proposal FP004 in Bangladesh can be found on the GCF website.
- iii. The GCF is an Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible international organization. The GCF's status as an ODA eligible organisation is reviewed annually by the OECD's Development Assistance Committee's Working Party on Development Finance Statistics. GCF investments can therefore be considered ODA. The details of proposal FP006 in Latin America and the Caribbean can be found on the GCF website.
- iv. See the response above to question iii regarding the use of ODA. The details of proposal FP009 in El Salvador can be found on the GCF website.
- v. See the response above to question iv.
- vi. The details of proposal FP017 in Chile can be found on the GCF website.
- vii. See the response above to question iii regarding the use of ODA. The details of proposal FP019 in Ecuador can be found on the GCF website.
- viii. The details of proposal FP025 across countries in Africa, Asia Pacific & Eastern Europe can be found on the GCF website.

In response to the second part of the question, DFAT expects to finalise in coming months a design for a program to deliver the Prime Minister's commitment. The program will focus on adaptation and deliver \$75 million through Australia's Pacific regional aid investments. It will also assist bilateral aid programs to invest \$150 million aligned with Pacific national priorities for addressing climate change. We anticipate implementing the program in 2018.

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Topic: InnovatrionXChange

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

Following up on the response to Question on Notice #137 from Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 (FADT 20 October 2016):

- 1) Can the Department clarify whether Dr. Bjorn Lomborg is still a member of the international reference group?
- 2) Can the Department confirm this group continues to provide the Minister with strategic guidance on the priorities and investments for the innovationXchange?

Answer

- 1) Yes
- 2) Yes



Australian Government

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

23 May 2017

David Sullivan
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade

Dear Mr Sullivan

The Department wishes to correct the record on QoN #94 from Additional Estimates in March 2017. The question relates to the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

Part of this question, in particular #94 (question 4), requested details of Australian advocacy concerning the proposed AIIB Energy Strategy.

The response originally provided to the Committee stated that the AIIB released an Issues Note on the Energy Strategy for public consultation on 12 September 2016. I have been advised that the Issues Note was, in fact, released for public consultation on 14 October 2016 on the AIIB website.

We have updated the question attached to reflect this.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

John Larkin
Assistant Secretary
Banks and Infrastructure Finance Branch

Question on Notice #94
March 2017 Senate Estimates
(Senator Whish-Wilson)

Question

1. Has Australia advocated for the AIIB's Energy Strategy to be more accommodative of investment in fossil fuel power generation?
2. Did Australia advocate for the AIIB's Energy Strategy to be amended to better allow for funding of coal fired power stations?
3. What evidence did Australia present to support this advocacy?
4. What was the outcome of this advocacy?
5. Did the Department consult with the minerals industry in preparing its position in relation to the AIIB's Energy Strategy?
6. Did the Department consult with any other stakeholders in preparing its position in relation to the AIIB's Energy Strategy?

Answer

1. Yes. Australia's Director on the AIIB Board of Directors has advocated for the proposed AIIB Energy Strategy to facilitate investment in a range of sustainable approaches to address energy deficiencies in Asia, including investing in low emissions fossil fuel power generation.
2. See answer to question 1.
3. Australia drew on the International Energy Agency's World Energy Outlook 2016 as well as data from the Asian Development Bank on the number of people in the Asia-Pacific region without access to electricity.
4. Advocacy is ongoing. The AIIB released an Issues Note on the Energy Strategy for public consultation on 14 October 2016 and a subsequent Discussion Draft of the Energy Strategy for public consultation on 24 January 2017.
5. The Treasury leads on consultations on the AIIB's proposed Energy Strategy. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade supported Australia's Director on the AIIB Board to engage with regional member countries, members of Australia's constituency on the AIIB Board, and a range of Australian stakeholders from industry and non-government organisations.
6. See answer to question 5.

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Topic: Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Senator Whish-Wilson, Peter

Question

1. Has Australia advocated for the AIIB's Energy Strategy to be more accommodative of investment in fossil fuel power generation?
2. Did Australia advocate for the AIIB's Energy Strategy to be amended to better allow for funding of coal fired power stations?
3. What evidence did Australia present to support this advocacy?
4. What was the outcome of this advocacy?
5. Did the Department consult with the minerals industry in preparing its position in relation to the AIIB's Energy Strategy?
6. Did the Department consult with any other stakeholders in preparing its position in relation to the AIIB's Energy Strategy?

Answer

1. Yes. Australia's Director on the AIIB Board of Directors has advocated for the proposed AIIB Energy Strategy to facilitate investment in a range of sustainable approaches to address energy deficiencies in Asia, including investing in low emissions fossil fuel power generation.

2. See answer to question 1.

3. Australia drew on the International Energy Agency's World Energy Outlook 2016 as well as data from the Asian Development Bank on the number of people in the Asia-Pacific region without access to electricity.

4. The AIIB released an Issues Note on the Energy Strategy for public consultation on 12 September 2016 and a subsequent Discussion Draft of the Energy Strategy for public consultation on 24 January 2017.

5. Not directly. The Treasury leads on consultations on the AIIB's proposed Energy Strategy. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade continues to support Australia's Director on the AIIB Board to engage with regional member countries, members of Australia's constituency, and a range of Australian stakeholders from industry and non-government organisations.

6. See answer to question 5.

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Topic: White Paper

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

- a) 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?
- b) Can the Department provide a direct answer to part B of Question No 84 on the white paper as discussed during the hearing?
- c) When did the government formally determine that DFAT would undertake a foreign policy white paper?
- d) When was the formal decision to undertake a foreign policy white paper announced?
- e) 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?
- f) What is the total budget on which the white paper taskforce is being run?
- g) From what projects or other operations were funds diverted to pay for the taskforce operations?
- h) For the white paper taskforce, can the department provide estimated breakdowns of:
 - o Staff salaries
 - o Overheads of operating the taskforce
 - o Staff travel
 - o Stakeholder travel
 - o Venue hire
 - o Catering costs
 - o External consultant fees
 - o Cost of report production including copyediting and design.

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- i) 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?
- j) On how many occasions has Minister Ciobo met with Mr Maude and/or the taskforce?
- k) Has Prime Minister Turnbull met with Mr Maude and/or the taskforce? If so, on how many occasions? For what purpose on each occasion?

Answer

- a) No. These are working documents and therefore not suitable for public release. The White Paper will be released in due course.
- b) Please refer to QoN 2.
- c) Please refer to QoN 2.
- d) Please refer to QoN 2.
- e) The White Paper Task Force, including its head Richard Maude, will participate in and observe the GHOMM. Note-takers will record discussions, observations and ideas raised during the meeting which will inform the taskforce's deliberations.
- f) The operating budget allocated to the White Paper Taskforce is \$701,062. As of 28 March 2017, \$157,403 of the budget had been spent. Any unspent funds will be returned nearer the end of the financial year.
- g) The operating budget was allocated from the department's central contingency fund.

h)

	Spend to 28 March
Staff salaries	758,051*
Overheads of operating the taskforce	N/A**
Staff travel	\$98,717
Stakeholder travel	\$435
Venue hire	\$2,910
Catering costs	\$6,013
External consultant fees	\$2,966
Cost of report production including copyediting and design	NIL

*As at 28 February 2017

** Within the time frame, the department is unable to estimate

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the overheads for the White Paper Taskforce. As no New Policy Proposal funding was provided to the taskforce, an allocation of overheads from the department's budget was not made.

- i) The taskforce is regularly engaging Minister Bishop and her office about the development of the White Paper through a range of meetings, submissions and conversations. Minister Bishop met a member or members of the taskforce on 19 October in Canberra, 1 December in Canberra, 13 December in Canberra, 3 February in Perth, 13 February in Canberra and 20 March in Canberra to discuss progress of the White Paper.
- j) The taskforce is regularly engaging Minister Ciobo and his office about the development of the White Paper through a range of meetings, submissions and conversations. Minister Ciobo met a member or members of the taskforce on 9 November, 1 December and 20 March to discuss progress of the White Paper.
- k) Please refer to QoN 5.

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Topic: Minchin Order

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?
7. How long has the Chairperson role been vacant?
8. The Australia Japan Foundation appears to have the Chairperson role as well as one member position vacant – is this still the case?
9. How many people are meant to be on the board of the Australia Japan Foundation, and how many are on it at present?
10. How long has the Chairperson role been vacant?

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Answer

1. DFAT manages a large and diverse portfolio of boards. Each board will have vacancies at various times, as terms come to an end or incumbents move on. DFAT is committed to ensuring all Board positions are held by individuals with the appropriate expertise and this can sometimes take time.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. Yes.
5. No.
6. The Order constituting the Australia- Indonesia Institute states that the Board must consist of a Chairperson, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) or their representative appointed as an ex-officio member and not less than four and not more than 12 other members. Typically the board has seven members. Presently it has six members.
7. It is not vacant.
8. No.
9. The Board of the Australia Japan Foundation must have no fewer than four, and no more than nine members. Presently it has seven members.
10. It is not vacant.

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Topic: Japan: Prime Minister Abe's Visit to Australia in January 2017

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

1. Can the Department provide a full program of Prime Minister Abe's visit in Sydney?
2. Can the Department clarify exactly which parts of the program Minister Bishop participated in?

Answer

1. No, as the visit and program for Prime Minister Abe was managed by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet/CERHOS.
2. Foreign Minister Bishop attended a business reception hosted by Prime Minister Turnbull at Kirribilli House, and a dinner hosted by the Australia-Japan Business Cooperation Committee for Japanese and Australian business leaders.

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Topic: PNG

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

1. What role does DFAT have in supporting travel by former Prime Minister Abbott?
2. Does he receive support over and above what other backbench MPs/Senators would receive?
3. Is there a protocol relating to his travel as a former Prime Minister?
4. Does DFAT expect former Prime Minister Abbott to advise when he is travelling overseas or when he has high profile engagements/events overseas?
5. How many trips has DFAT supported Mr Abbott on since he ceased to be Prime Minister?
6. Prime Minister Abbott visited PNG late last year. When was DFAT first aware that former Prime Minister Abbott was paying a visit to PNG?
7. How did they become aware of his visit?
8. When did the Papua New Guinean government become aware of the visit?
9. How did the Papua New Guinean government become aware of the visit - did the DFAT post tell them?
10. Was the Papua New Guinean government supportive of the visit?
11. Did DFAT assist with his visit? What was the purpose of his visit?
12. Has Prime Minister Turnbull visited PNG since assuming the Prime Ministership?

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- 13.** Has Prime Minister Turnbull been invited to PNG?
- When exactly was Turnbull invited?
 - Who invited him?
 - How many days have passed since the invitation was extended?
- 14.** How frequently did former Prime Minister Abbott visit PNG as PM?

Answer

- 1-3.** Successive governments have agreed to extend certain courtesies to former Prime Ministers in recognition of the office they held. Such assistance typically takes the form of arranging airport facilitation, ground transport and some meetings where appropriate. DFAT provides assistance at the discretion of the head of mission and within the scope of existing resources, as it would for other serving parliamentarians depending on the circumstances of their visit.
- 4.** It is at the discretion of former PMs whether they advise DFAT of their overseas travel.
- 5.** DFAT has provided assistance to former Prime Minister Tony Abbott on 13 occasions since September 2015.
- 6-7.** The Australian High Commission in Port Moresby became aware of Mr Abbott's forthcoming visit to PNG in October 2016 through its regular interaction with the PNG Government.
- 8-10.** Questions regarding how and when the Papua New Guinean government became aware of the visit, and whether they were supportive, are best answered by the Papua New Guinean government.
- 11.** The Australian High Commission in Port Moresby provided airport transfers for Mr Abbott and arranged one meeting for him. Mr Abbott was a guest speaker at an Anglicare dinner.
- 12-13.** Questions regarding travel by Prime Minister Turnbull are best answered by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- 14.** Questions regarding travel by former Prime Minister Abbott to Papua New Guinea in his capacity as Prime Minister, are best answered by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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Topic: Philippines

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

1. What is the Department's assessment of the Philippines' war on drugs?
2. . Is the Department aware that the death penalty is likely to be reinstated in the Philippines?
3. Is the Department aware that the age of criminal responsibility is likely to be lowered from 15 to nine in the Philippines' legal system?
4. Is the Department concerned about these developments?
5. What has the Department or the Foreign Minister done to address these concerns? Have concerns been raised – how many times and at what levels?
6. What is the Department doing to monitor the situation?
7. .Has the Foreign Minister said anything publicly since 2 October?

Answer

1. The Australian Government is monitoring closely the human rights situation in the Philippines and is concerned at the extrajudicial killings associated with the 'war on drugs'.
2. Yes, this is under discussion in the Philippines Congress.
3. Yes, this is under discussion in the Philippine Congress.
4. Yes.
5. The Foreign Minister has raised the Australian Government's human rights concerns on a number of occasions, including three times with her counterpart, the Foreign Secretary. During her visit to the

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Philippines in March 2017 she also discussed the issue with President Duterte, several Cabinet Secretaries and civil society representatives.

Australian Embassy officials in Manila raise human rights concerns on a regular basis with Cabinet Secretaries, Congresspersons, and government officials. As part of their representations Embassy officials encourage the Philippine Government to undertake investigations of human rights violations and to afford all Filipino citizens their rights according to the country's criminal justice system. We have also raised the issue at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

In addition, the Australian Government is supporting Philippine Institutions and organisations, including the Commission on Human Rights and civil society, to promote human rights and the rule of law. We are also working with partners to support the Philippine Government to develop a public health-oriented approach to illicit drug use and rehabilitation.

6. Australian Embassy officials in Manila regularly liaise with likeminded embassies, human rights NGOs and activists, Congress people and others in the Philippines to discuss policy approaches and gather information about the human rights situations. Departmental officials in Canberra also discuss the situation with senior Philippine visitors from both government and civil society.
7. The Foreign Minister made the following comments about the Philippines situation in her Human Rights Day speech to the Lowy Institute on 12 December:

“Australia continues to appeal to our counterparts in the Philippines to ensure the cessation of all extrajudicial killings and have offered support to the Philippines Government to support improvements in health-focussed drug policies. Australia also sincerely hopes the Philippines will reconsider moves to reinstate the death penalty. For as two of the few abolitionist countries in our region, we have worked closely together in the past in seeking an end to this practice.”

In addition, following her March 2017 visit to the Philippines the Foreign Minister made a number of public comments about her discussions with Philippine Government interlocutors that canvassed human rights.

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Topic: Myanmar

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

1. What is the Department's assessment of the current situation facing the Rohingya people in Myanmar?
2. Is the Department concerned about the situation?
3. What has the Department or the Foreign Minister done to address these concerns?
4. What is the Department doing to monitor the situation?
5. Has the Foreign Minister said anything publicly on the Rohingya?
6. Does the Foreign Minister plan on saying anything publicly about the Rohingya?
7. Will the Government be supporting UN Human Rights Council resolution 31/24 supporting an international investigation into the situation in Rakhine State?

Answer

1. While the Department is unable to provide independent verification, it has deep concerns about reports of human rights abuses against people identifying as Rohingya during government security operations in northern Rakhine State in recent months. Government "clearance operations" have now concluded. According to UN estimates, 74,000 Rohingya have crossed the border into Bangladesh as a result of these operations, with a further 23,000 displaced internally. Some internally displaced people have started to return to their homes. Humanitarian access to northern Rakhine State is improving, although restrictions remain. The World Food Programme has been allowed to restart activities, with two rounds of emergency food distributions estimated to have reached over 55,000 people.

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2. Yes.
3. The Foreign Minister wrote to Myanmar's State Counsellor, Aung San Suu Kyi, on 11 January 2017 expressing the Australian Government's deep concern about the situation in Rakhine State and its expectation of a thorough, credible and impartial investigation into alleged human rights abuses, as well as urging the restoration of full and unfettered humanitarian access to affected areas. The Foreign Minister expressed similar views to Myanmar's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, U Kyaw Tin, in a meeting in Canberra on 28 November 2016. On 17 March 2017, the Foreign Minister issued a media release welcoming the Government of Myanmar's endorsement of the interim report and recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State and calling on the Government of Myanmar to do everything in its power to protect all its citizens, including persecuted minorities in Rakhine State in particular. The Foreign Minister's media release can be found at http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170317a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

DFAT has consistently raised its concerns with the Government of Myanmar over alleged human rights abuses against the Rohingya. The Australian Embassy in Yangon has made multiple representations to the Government of Myanmar over the situation in Rakhine State. On 9 March 2017, DFAT Deputy Secretary Quinlan reiterated Australia's concerns to Myanmar's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, U Kyaw Tin, during a meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. On 15 March 2017, the Minister for International Development and the Pacific (Sen Fierravanti-Wells) met with State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi in Nay Pyi Taw and again conveyed Australia's concerns directly.

Since 2012, Australia has provided more than \$32 million of humanitarian and development assistance to Rakhine State, comprising: \$22 million for food, shelter, protection and education for displaced people; \$6.9 million to improve people's incomes; and \$3.5 million to support dialogue and reconciliation. This includes a contribution of \$2 million to support relief operations by the World Food Programme in northern Rakhine State (contribution made on 25 January 2017).

Australia also provides practical assistance to Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh, contributing \$11.9 million to the World Food Programme's humanitarian operation in the Cox's Bazar district since 2014.

4. The Australian Embassy in Yangon is monitoring the situation closely. This includes visits to Rakhine State, although restrictions remain around access to the northern part of the state. On 7-8 March 2017,

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DFAT Deputy Secretary Quinlan visited Rakhine State and met with the Rakhine State Government (including the Chief Minister), UN agencies and humanitarian partners and visited a camp for internally displaced people.

DFAT also engages closely with humanitarian and development actors with a presence in northern Rakhine State (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, CARE, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, World Food Programme), and receives regular reporting and updates from these organisations.

The Australian High Commission in Bangladesh, through its ongoing engagement with the Bangladesh Government and an official visit by the Australian High Commissioner to Cox's Bazar on 8-9 February 2017, is monitoring the situation of Rohingya refugees.

5. Yes. On 17 March 2017, the Foreign Minister issued a media release welcoming the Government of Myanmar's endorsement of the interim report and recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State (chaired by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan) and calling on the Government of Myanmar to do everything in its power to protect all its citizens, including persecuted minorities in Rakhine State in particular.

The Foreign Minister's media release can be found at http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170317a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2F1S0K%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D.

6. Further public statements will be made at the Foreign Minister's discretion.
7. On 24 March 2017, the Australian Government co-sponsored a resolution in the UN Human Rights Council establishing an international fact-finding mission to investigate allegations of human rights abuses by Myanmar security forces in Rakhine State.

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Topic: Turkey

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

1. .What is the Department's assessment of the current situation in Turkey following the July 2016 coup attempt?
2. What are the ongoing effects of the coup attempt?
3. Has there been the impact on the number of people in indefinite detention?
4. Has there been the impact on media operations and freedom of the press?
5. What are the expectations around the conclusion or lifting of the state of emergency?
6. Is the Department concerned about the situation?
7. What has the Department or the Foreign Minister done to address these concerns? Have concerns been raised – how many times and at what levels?
8. What is the Department doing to monitor the situation?
Has the Foreign Minister said anything publicly on this matter?

Answer

What is the Department's assessment of the current situation in Turkey following the July 2016 coup attempt?

Turkey is continuing to work through the consequences of the coup attempt. The State of Emergency declared after the coup attempt—renewed twice since that time, most recently until 20 April—has greatly increased the power of Turkey's authorities, including the President.

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What are the ongoing effects of the coup attempt?

The Turkish authorities have blamed the Gulen Movement for orchestrating the coup attempt and have arrested or dismissed those whom they have identified as supporters of the coup and the Gulenist Movement.

Has there been the impact on the number of people in indefinite detention?

Trials of some coup suspects have begun, but the vast majority remain in custody pending trial.

Has there been the impact on media operations and freedom of the press?

Since the coup attempt, Turkish authorities have restricted the activities of media whom they have identified as supporters of the coup attempt or the Gulenist movement.

What are the expectations around the conclusion or lifting of the state of emergency?

The current State of Emergency is due to expire on 20 April 2017. The Turkish Government has not indicated at this stage whether it will be extended or renewed after that date.

Is the Department concerned about the situation?

The Government believes that those responsible for attempting the coup should be brought to justice in accordance with law, but that law enforcement needs should be balanced by commitment to due process and the rule of law.

What has the Department or the Foreign Minister done to address these concerns? Have concerns been raised – how many times and at what levels?

They have been regularly raised by senior officials.

What is the Department doing to monitor the situation?

Australian officials in Ankara and Canberra are closely monitoring the situation in Turkey, including by engaging with Turkish and like-minded counterparts in Ankara and Canberra.

Has the Foreign Minister said anything publicly on this matter?

No, messages have been appropriately conveyed by senior officials.

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Topic: Ethiopia

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Answer

1. The June 2016 visit by a delegation from Ethiopia's House of Federation, which included Mr Abdi Mohamoud Omar, was instigated and funded by the Ethiopian Government to study Australia's federal system.
2. Australia has raised human rights issues, including the issue of the 32 relatives of Australians who were allegedly arrested and detained, with the Government of Ethiopia.
3. The issue has been raised on several occasions since the visit, including by the Australian Ambassador in Ethiopia, First Assistant Secretary, Middle East and Africa Division, and most recently, Minister for International Development and the Pacific during her visit to Ethiopia when she met the Foreign Minister.

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4. Our Embassy in Addis Ababa has followed up on the Ambassador's representations on a number of occasions but has not had a substantive response from the Ethiopian Government.
5. Any future visa application by Mr Omer applies will be dealt with through the normal processes.

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Topic: United States of America: US Election

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Answer

1. DFAT provided ongoing advice to the Foreign Minister's Office throughout the pre-election period, and during the primary and presidential campaigns. DFAT cannot provide details as to the contents of briefing provided to the Foreign Minister.

2./3. As part of her normal broad political engagement with influential Republicans and Democrats the Foreign Minister met some individuals who were associated with the transition preparations of both Clinton and Trump.

4./5. As part of normal engagement, DFAT personnel met with various Republicans and Democrats who were associated with the transition preparations of their parties.

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6. We have received further information from the Embassy of Australia to the United States in Washington DC in relation to tickets to the Presidential inauguration.

The Embassy received a number of telephone inquiries in relation to inauguration tickets. Records were not kept of all these inquiries. The Embassy's approach was to inform inquirers that tickets were not allocated to the Embassy and if they were to be obtained would have to be sought from members of Congress who might have some of their allocation to spare, that they would be for general admission areas only, that security would be very tight, waiting times long and the weather likely inclement.

The Offices of both Senator for Queensland Senator Malcolm Roberts, and Member of the New South Wales Legislative Council, Reverend the Honorable Fred Nile MLC each asked the Embassy for tickets via email, which the Embassy actioned. The Hon. Fred Nile did not take up the tickets.

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Topic: United States of America: Inauguration of President Trump

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

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?

Answer

1. The Australia–US Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN) are held on a regular basis. This has generally, but not always, meant annual consultations.
2. No. Mutually convenient dates were unable to be identified.
3. Australia expects to host the next AUSMIN in 2017. We are working with the United States to identify suitable dates.
4. No.

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Senator Wong, Penny

Topic: United Nations Human Rights Council

Question

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.

- 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?

Answer

- i. The following list of organisations were invited to attend the *DFAT-NGO Forum on Human Rights* on 9 February 2017.

DFAT also invited the listed organisations to pass the invitation on to other interested groups and organisations. The Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), for example, circulated the invitation through its contact network.

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Act for Peace
Action Aid
Amnesty International Australia
Anti-slavery Australia
APHEDA - Union Aid Abroad
Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (APF)
Association for the Prevention of Torture
Assyrian Australian National Federation (AANF)
Assyrian Universal Alliance (AUA)

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Attorney-General's Department
Australian Association of Former International Civil Servants
Australian Baha'i Community
Australian Catholic Social Justice Council
Australian Centre for Disability Law
Australian Council for Human Rights Education (ACHRE)
Australian Council for International Development (ACFID)
Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS)
Australian Council of Trade Unions
Australian Disability and Development Consortium
Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO)
Australian Forum of Human Rights Organisations (AFHRO)
Australian Human Rights Centre, UNSW Law (plus: Megan Davis, UNSW based Chair of United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples)
Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC)
Australian Institute of International Affairs
Australian Islamic Cultural Centre
Australian Lawyers for Human Rights (ALHR)
Australian Lutheran World Service
Australian Press Council
Australian UN Youth - UN Youth Australia
Australina National University
Care Australia
Castan Centre for Human Rights Law
Catholic Mission
Catholic Women's League Australia
CBM Australia
Christian Faith and Freedom (formerly Tears of the Oppressed)
Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW)
Civil Liberties Australia
COTA Australia
Diplomacy Training Program
Disabled People's Organisations Australia
Edge Effect
Equality Rights Alliance - Women's Voices for Gender Equality
Falun Dafa Association of Australia Inc
Family Planning NSW
Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA)
First Peoples Disability Network Australia (FPDN)

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Global Compact Australia
Global health Alliance
Gulf Institute for Democracy and Human Rights
Human Rights Council of Australia
Human Rights Law Centre
Human Rights Watch
International Commission of Jurists
International Service For Human Rights (ISHR)
International Women's Development Agency
Jesuit Social Services
Jubilee Australia
Kaleidoscope Australia Human Rights Foundation
Kingsford Legal Centre, UNSW
Law Council of Australia
Medecins San Frontieres / Doctors Without Borders
Middle East Concern
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (NATSILS)
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Alliance
National Alliance for Action on Alcohol
National Association of Community Legal Centres - Community Legal Centres NSW (NACLC)
National Children's and Youth Law Centre
National Congress of Australia's First Peoples
National Council of Women ACT
National Council of Women Australia
National Ethnic Disability Alliance
North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
NSW Council For Civil Liberties
Organisation Intersex International Australia (OII Australia)
Oxfam Australia
Pakistani Christian Community
PEN International Sydney
People with Disability Australia
PLAN International Australia
PM&C - Office for Women
Public Health Association of Australia
Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Quaker Service Australia
Quaker Service Australia

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Red Cross
Refugee Council of Australia
Reprieve Australia Inc
Salvation Army - Freedom Partnership
Save the Children
Sexual Health and Family Planning Australia
Slavery Links Australia Inc
The Australia Institute
The Australian Coptic Movement Association Ltd
UN WOMEN
UNICEF Australia
United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA)
Uniting Justice Australia, Uniting Church in Australia, National Assembly
Victorian Aboriginal Islander Legal Services (VALS)
Victorian Gay and Lesbian Rights Lobby
Women with Disabilities Australia (WWDA)
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom
World Vision
Young Women Christian Association

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- ii. The following list of NGOs RSVPd to attend the *DFAT-NGO Forum on Human Rights* on 9 February 2017.

Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia
Actionaid
Amnesty International Australia
Anti-slavery Australia
The Australia Institute
Australian Baha'i Community
Australian Catholic Social Justice Council
Australian Centre for Disability Law
Australian Coptic Movement Association
Australian Council for Human Rights Education
Australian Council for International Development
Australian Council of Trade Unions
Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
Australian Human Rights Centre, UNSW
Australian Human Rights Commission
Australian Human Rights Commission
Australian Institute of International Affairs
Australian Lawyers for Human Rights
Australian Lutheran World Service
CARE Australia
Castan Centre for Human Rights Law
Catholic Mission Australia
Christian Faith and Freedom
Civil Liberties Australia
Diplomacy Training Program
Disabled People's Organisations Australia
Edge Effect
Equality Rights Alliance
Falun Dafa Association of Australia Inc
Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia
First Peoples Disability Network Australia
Global Compact Network Australia
Global Health Alliance
Gulf Institute for Democracy and Human Rights
Human Rights Law Centre
Human Rights Council of Australia

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Human Rights Watch
International Commission of Jurists Victoria
International Women's Development Agency
Kingsford Legal Centre
Law Council of Australia
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services
National Association of Community Legal Centres
National Congress of Australia's First Peoples
National Council of Women Australia
National Council of Women ACT
National Ethnic Disability Alliance
National Ethnic Disability Alliance
New South Wales Council of Civil Liberties
Organisation Intersex International Australia
Oxfam Australia
Pakistani Christian Community
People with Disability Australia
PLAN International Australia
Public Health Association of Australia
Quaker Service Australia
Reconciliation Australia
Reprieve Australia
Salvation Army - Freedom Partnership
Slavery Links Australia Inc.
Sydney PEN
UNICEF Australia
United Nations Women National Committee Australia
United Nations Association of Australia
Victorian Gay & Lesbian Rights Lobby
World Vision

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- iii. All NGOs were invited to indicate priority issues for discussion at the *DFAT-NGO Forum on Human Rights* via an online survey. The final Agenda for the Forum is set out below:

AGENDA – 2017 DFAT-NGO FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS
Thursday 9 February 2017 – National Museum of Australia, Canberra

Item	
1.	0845-0915 Registration
2.	0915-0930 Housekeeping and welcome from DFAT Chair
3.	0930-1015 Australia’s international human rights engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Rights Council 2016 • Australia’s Human Rights Council Campaign and pledges • Bilateral engagement • International thematic meetings • UN General Assembly Third Committee 2016 (UNGA71) • Universal Periodic Review 2015 – actions/progress in 2016
4.	1015-1030 Morning Tea
5.	1030-1100 Remarks <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Julie Bishop, M.P. and the Attorney-General, Senator the Hon. George Brandis, Q.C.</i>
6.	1100-1140 Plenary Discussion Topic One: Business and human rights
7.	1140-1220 Plenary Discussion Topic Two: The rights of indigenous peoples
8.	1220-1320 Lunch
9.	1320-1450 Plenary Discussion Topic Three: DFAT’s Foreign Policy White Paper
10.	1450-1510 Afternoon Tea
11.	1510-1630 Plenary: Open Discussion
12.	1630 Close

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iv. How is DFAT seeking to engage with NGO community in Australia in the process of bidding for the UN Human Rights Council position?

DFAT regularly meets with members of the NGO community on human rights. At times NGOs raise our HRC campaign.

Australia's candidacy for election to the HRC was a topic of discussion at the 2016 and 2017 DFAT-NGO Human Rights Forums, as well as the 2016 AGD-NGO Human Rights Forum. NGOs have been invited to make submissions on what 'voluntary pledges' Australia should make as part of our HRC campaign.

In March 2016 the Special Envoy for Human Rights, Mr Phillip Ruddock, met with members of the NGO community in Sydney and Melbourne at roundtables convened by the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Australian Human Rights Law Centre respectively.

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Topic: United Nations Human Rights Council

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

1. DFAT is currently engaged in the “voluntary pledging” process in relations to the UN Human Rights Council bid. Can the Department provide an update on:
 - 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?
 - iv. When will the pledges be shared with the UN?
 - v. When will the pledges be made public?
 - vi. Has there been a consultation process on forming the pledges? Internally? Externally?
 - vii. Does Special Envoy Ruddock have a role? What is it?
2. What will the mechanisms be for enforcing, monitoring and measuring Australia’s performance against commitments? Who looks after these mechanisms?
3. What is the total estimated cost to the Department of undertaking this bid? Over how many years?
4. What is Minister Bishop’s role in the bid for the UN Human Rights Council?
5. How has the Foreign Minister prioritised the bid?
6. How many events has the Foreign Minister attended in Australia in the interests of promoting Australia’s bid for the council position?

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7. How many dedicated trips has she made overseas for the purpose of pursuing the council position?
8. On how many occasions overseas has she raised the issue of Australia's bid?
How many events has she attended overseas in the interests of promoting Australia's bid for the council position?

Answer

1. DFAT is currently engaged in the "voluntary pledging" process in relations to the UN Human Rights Council bid. Can the Department provide an update on:
 - What's the purpose of this process?
 - When will the pledges be internally finalised?
 - Will they be approved by the Minister? Will they be approved by Cabinet?
 - When will the pledges be shared with the UN?
 - When will the pledges be made public?
 - Has there been a consultation process on forming the pledges? Internally? Externally?
 - Does Special Envoy Ruddock have a role? What is it?

The United Nation's General Assembly establishing the Human Rights Council (UNGA Resolution 60/251) states that:

OP8. Decides that the membership in the Council shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations; when electing members of the Council, Member States shall take into account the contribution of candidates to the promotion and protection of human rights and their voluntary pledges and commitments made thereto; the General Assembly, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, may suspend the rights of membership in the Council of a member of the Council that commits gross and systematic violations of human rights

DFAT is seeking to finalise voluntary pledges (called for by UNGA Resolution 60/251), to enable their submission to the UN following approval by the Foreign Minister. The agreement of other Minister's will be sought if required.

Once submitted to the UN, the pledges will be made public – both by Australia and by the UN.

NGOs have been invited to make submissions on what 'voluntary pledges' Australia should make as part of our HRC Campaign. DFAT has consulted with relevant government agencies on proposed pledges, and will engage with agencies as required once the civil society suggestions have been reviewed.

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The role of the Special Envoy for Human Rights, Mr Ruddock, is to advocate for Australia's election to the Human Rights Council. As such, he has not been consulted on the voluntary pledges.

2. What will the mechanisms be for enforcing, monitoring and measuring Australia's performance against commitments? Who looks after these mechanisms?

Mechanisms for monitoring Australia's performance against the voluntary pledges have not yet been determined.

3. What is the total estimated cost to the Department of undertaking this bid? Over how many years?

The department has budgeted \$1 092 340 for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 financial years for public diplomacy materials and travel to support the campaign. This funding has been absorbed from within existing resources. An internal bidding process is underway that will determine the budget allocation for the 2017-18 financial year.

4. What is Minister Bishop's role in the bid for the UN Human Rights Council?

As Australia's lead international advocate, the Foreign Minister routinely raises our candidacy in interactions with representatives of a wide range of foreign governments.

5. How has the Foreign Minister prioritised the bid?

In addition to her personal engagement, Ms Bishop has instructed the department, including all Heads of Mission, to make campaign advocacy as a high priority. Ms Bishop has appointed the Hon Philip Ruddock and Mr William Fisher as Special Envoys to advocate for Australia's candidacy. Ms Bishop has enlisted the support of colleagues (Minister Fierravanti-Wells has for instance raised our candidacy with the representatives of foreign governments).

6. How many events has the Foreign Minister attended in Australia in the interests of promoting Australia's bid for the council position?

The Foreign Minister addressed the HRC campaign launch event in Canberra on 19 October 2015. Ms Bishop also addressed the Lowy Institute on 12 December 2016 on the theme of human rights, Australia's HRC candidacy featured prominently. Ms Bishop also discussed the HRC campaign with Heads of Mission at the Global Heads of Mission Meeting in Canberra on 28 March 2017. The Foreign Minister has also promoted Australia's HRC candidacy at other events in Australia and during incoming bilateral visits.

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7. How many dedicated trips has she made overseas for the purpose of pursuing the council position?

Advocacy for Australia's Human Rights Council candidacy is a standard inclusion in the Foreign Minister's international travel. While a high priority, the candidacy is not Australia's sole foreign policy concern, meaning that no trip has been dedicated to pursuing the candidacy alone.

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Senator Wong, Penny

Topic: Death penalty

Question

What is the Australian Government position on the death penalty?
Can the Department update the Committee on funding it is providing for civil society organisations to advocate for death penalty abolition?
In 2016-17 what funding has been provided for which organisations?

- In which countries?
- For what objectives/purpose?

Answer

Australia has a bipartisan, long-standing and principled opposition to the death penalty in all circumstances for all people (not just Australians). We consider the death penalty to be fundamentally inconsistent with human rights, including the right to life. It constitutes cruel, inhuman and degrading punishment. The death penalty is irrevocable, it denies the offender any possibility of rehabilitation, it is not an effective deterrent, and it is unfair, being used disproportionately against the poor, mentally ill and minority groups. Global abolition of the death penalty is a central tenet of the Australian Government's human rights policy and a key theme of our human rights advocacy abroad.

The Government's response to the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade inquiry into Australia's advocacy for the abolition of the death penalty was tabled on 1 March and is available at www.dfat.gov.au/about-us/publications/Pages/aus-gov-response-jscfad-report-a-world-without-the-death-penalty.aspx

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The Australian Government has allocated \$320,000 per annum for the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years to support civil society organisations advocating for abolition of the death penalty. In 2016-17, the organisations supported are:

- Together Against the Death Penalty (\$110,000) for activities to strengthen and support the work of key abolitionist actors in Indonesia and Malaysia;
- Parliamentarians for Global Action (\$100,000) to support parliamentary campaigns for abolition in India, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Korea;
- Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions (\$50,000) for its work to strengthen the capacity of National Human Rights Institutions in retentionist countries in the Asia-Pacific; and
- Reprieve Australia (\$50,000) for activities to oppose the death penalty in the United States and Asia, and to raise awareness of the death penalty debate in Australia.

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Topic: Nuclear

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

1. What is the Australian Government position on North Korea's nuclear program?
2. How has the Australian Government responded to North Korea's recent missile tests?
3. What is the Australian Government position on Iran's nuclear program?
4. How has the Australian Government responded to Iran's recent missile tests?

Answer

1. The Australian Government condemns North Korea's nuclear program, which is in clear breach of relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions and threatens global peace and stability.
2. The Australian Government has consistently called upon North Korea to cease its ballistic missile program, which is also in clear breach of relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions. To this end, Australia implements UN Security Council sanctions and autonomous sanctions, and works closely with other nations for the strongest possible responses to North Korea's development of ballistic missile technology. Australia co-sponsored UN Security Council Resolutions 2270 and 2321, which place additional UN sanctions on North Korea. In early December 2016, Australia designated an additional four persons and five entities for targeted financial sanctions under Australia's autonomous sanctions regime. Consolidated list of persons and entities: <http://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions/Pages/consolidated-list.aspx>
 - a. The Prime Minister and Foreign Minister issued a joint statement (on 12 February 2017) condemning North Korea's 12 February ballistic missile

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- launch. http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170212.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D
- b. On 28 February, the Foreign Minister opened public consultation on new, proposed autonomous sanctions against North Korea. Consultations ended on 17 March 2017. http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2017/jb_mr_170228a.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D
- c. The Australian Government regularly discusses and coordinates on North Korea issues with its international partners in response to North Korea's actions.
3. The Australian Government supports international efforts to ensure that Iran's nuclear program is exclusively peaceful. Australia supports the right of all Parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) to benefit from the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, as set out in Article IV of the NPT. However, this right is not unqualified, and is subject to other provisions of the NPT, especially Article III which requires non-nuclear-weapon States Parties to place all nuclear material under IAEA safeguards, and Article II which prohibits such states from seeking to acquire nuclear weapons. Australia views the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, agreed between Iran and the E3/EU+3 (China, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the High Representative of the European Union) and endorsed under UN Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015), as a valuable and constructive mechanism. The JCPOA constrains Iran's nuclear program, and provides verifiable assurances to the international community that Iran's nuclear activities will remain exclusively peaceful. We note that the IAEA continues to report that Iran is meeting its nuclear obligations under the JCPOA (the latest statement by the IAEA Director General on Iran, *Verification and Monitoring in the Islamic Republic of Iran in Light of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231 (2015)*, dated 24 February 2017, can be found at: <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/focus/iran/iaea-and-iran-iaea-reports>).
4. Australia continues to enforce sanctions in respect of ballistic missile-related materiel and technology, as well as other sanctions measures in relation to Iran. The Australian Government remains concerned about Iranian ballistic missile tests and views them as not conducive to reducing tensions nor building confidence in the region. Further information on the Australian Government's sanctions regime can be found at: <http://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions/sanctions-regimes/iran/pages/iran.aspx>.

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

- 1. 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?**

2014: 124 applications received, 40 scholarships awarded.
2015: 225 applications received, 69 scholarships awarded.
2016: 226 applications received, 100 scholarships awarded.
2017: 244 applications received, 105 scholarships awarded.

Note that application numbers are capped as universities are only permitted to nominate a maximum of ten students each.

As at 21 March 2017:

- the average cost per scholarship in the 2014 pilot phase round is \$28,718
- the average cost per scholarship in the 2015 round is \$33,856*
- the average cost per scholarship in the 2016 round is \$34,232*
- the average cost per scholarship in the 2017 round is \$35,052*

*The average cost for 2015, 2016 and 2017 rounds may change because not all students have completed their programs, and students are able to vary their program after commencing their NCP experience.

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2. In relation to the New Colombo Plan Mobility program, can you please provide, for each year since 2014:

- 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.**

	2014	2015	2016	2017
i. Number of applications received from Australian universities	142	312**	835	1056
ii. Number of mobility projects funded	72	254	461***	569^
iii. Number of student mobility grants offered	1,361	3,171	5,487	7,441

*** Under the 2015 round, universities submitted one application for each New Colombo Plan location, which meant that there could be multiple projects within each application. In subsequent years, each application by Australian universities represents a separate mobility project.*

**** Two additional single year mobility projects were funded in April 2016, after announcement of the 2016 round results in September 2015. This takes the actual number of mobility projects for 2016 to 463 and the total number of students for which grants were awarded to 5,500.*

^ Multi-year funding was introduced for the 2016 round. Mobility projects funded in 2017 consist of 454 new projects funded from the 2017 round and 115 second year projects from the 2016 round.

- iv. The number of individual students funded under the 2014 round was 1,277. Actual numbers of students funded under subsequent rounds are not yet available as not all projects funded under those rounds have been completed.
- v. The average dollar value of grants received by individual students under the 2014 round was \$3,119. The average dollar value of grants received by individual students in subsequent round years is not yet available, however, most recipients of short-term mobility grants receive \$3,000 and most recipients of semester-length grants receive \$7,000.

3. Can you also provide a table of every grant issued under the Colombo Plan, the table should include the following: the 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?

See attached.

4. What is the maximum dollar amount a single New Colombo Scholar can receive?

In 2017, the maximum value of support that a student undertaking a full 19 month program under a New Colombo Plan scholarship could theoretically receive would be \$75,000.

This is not the amount that the individual scholar would receive as it includes tuition fees paid directly to institutions.

This amount would be payable only if a Fellow (a top ranked student for a host location) was fee-paying (rather than exchange) and undertook a full 19 month program, with language training.

The cost break down would be as follows:

- \$2,500 travel allowance – paid to the student
- \$2,500 establishment allowance – paid to the student
- \$2,500 monthly stipend for up to 19 months (\$47,500) – paid to the student
- \$1,500 language training fees (maximum payable) - paid directly to the provider
- \$20,000 host university tuition fees (maximum payable) - paid directly to the provider
- \$1,000 for top-ranked scholars (Fellows) for study materials – paid to the student.

To date, the average value of support provided for New Colombo Plan scholarships in 2017 has been approximately \$35,000.

As this point, there are no scholars whose programs would make them eligible to receive a scholarship valued at the theoretical maximum of \$75,000.

5. Is there a maximum dollar amount students can receive under a New Colombo Mobility grant? If so, what is it?

\$8,000 (for a student doing a semester of study plus an internship).

6. What are the other sources of government support available to students participating in the New Colombo Plan?

Eligible students interested in studying part of their degree overseas may apply through their university for an OS-HELP loan from the Australian Government. OS-HELP loans can be used for a range of expenses such as airfares, accommodation, and other travel or study expenses, and includes a supplementary amount for Asian language study.

7. What is the total dollar amount of support that students can receive, taking into account all other possible sources of government support?

In addition to the maximum amounts that a New Colombo Plan scholar or mobility grant recipient can receive (questions 4 and 5 above), in 2017, the maximum students can borrow under OS-HELP for a six-month study period is:

- \$6,567 (if the student will not be studying in Asia); or
- \$7,880 if the student will be studying in Asia; and
- an additional \$1,050 if the student will be undertaking Asian language study in preparation for study in Asia.

8. 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 Mobility Grants – and the source of this support?

We do not collect data on additional government support provided to New Colombo Plan scholars or mobility grant recipients.

9. How many students participating in the New Colombo Plan, for each year since 2014, have sought consular support?

One in 2015 and one in 2016.

10. What measures are in place to ensure students who receive grants or scholarships are from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds?

Recipients of New Colombo Plan mobility grants are determined by universities. Universities are strongly encouraged to actively support the participation of a diverse range of students in Mobility Projects including but not limited to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, students from Low Socio-economic Status backgrounds, students from regional/remote areas, different genders, women studying in non-traditional areas, students with disability and students from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Selection criterion one of the New Colombo Plan Mobility Program is worth 40 per cent of the overall assessment score. Under this criterion, universities receive credit for being able to articulate how their proposed Mobility Project will provide ‘opportunities for student groups that would not otherwise have the opportunity to undertake a mobility experience.’

Under the New Colombo Plan scholarship selection process, where applicants have similarly meritorious claims in relation to the selection criteria, preference is given to students from diverse backgrounds.

11. What measures are in place to ensure students who receive grants or scholarships are from diverse socioeconomic backgrounds?

See response to the previous question.

12. If there are measures in place:

- a) 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?

Numbers of New Colombo Plan scholars who have indicated on their application form that they come from a Non-English-speaking background are:

2014: 4

2015: 4

2016: 13

2017: 3

We do not hold this information for the Mobility Program as recipients of New Colombo Plan mobility grants are determined by universities.

- b) What criteria or categories do you use to measure a student's economic background?

As per response to question 10, the scholarship selection process takes economic background into account, where this is made known. Otherwise, we do not measure students' economic background.

- c) 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?

We do not measure students' economic background.

13. In 2015-16, total funding for the program was \$27,302,000, is that correct?

Yes

14. 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?

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	Actual (\$m) 2015-16
Scholarships	3.9
Mobility	21.3
Admin costs to third parties*	0.5
Alumni activities, advocacy, monitoring and evaluation, scholarship pre-departure events	1.2
IT systems	0.4
TOTAL in millions	27.3

*This is the payment made to contract case management services for New Colombo Plan scholars

Administrative costs in the Department are covered by departmental funds.

15. Can you please provide a similar breakdown for each year in the forward estimates?

	Forecast (\$m) 2016-17	Forecast (\$m) 2017-18	Forecast (\$m) 2018-19	Forecast (\$m) 2019-20
Scholarships	3.6	TBC	TBC	TBC
Mobility	22.3	TBC	TBC	TBC
Admin costs to third parties*	0.6	TBC	TBC	TBC
Alumni activities, advocacy, monitoring and evaluation, scholarship pre-departure events	1.2	TBC	TBC	TBC
IT systems	0.5	TBC	TBC	TBC

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TOTAL in millions	28.2	51.1	50.9	50.9
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*This is the payment made to contract case management services for New Colombo Plan scholars

Administrative costs in the Department are covered by departmental funds.

16. 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, have there been any occasions on which a Minister has sought to vary the outcomes approved by Program Delegates? If yes, please provide details.

No

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Year	Institution	Country	Type of grant and study experience	Students funded	Amount offered
2014	Australian Catholic University	Japan	1 Semester	6	46
2014	Deakin University	Indonesia	Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	20	70
2014	University of Southern Queensland	Indonesia	Practicum	0	19
2014	The Australian National University	Japan	1 Semester, Internship, Short-term study	35	165
2014	James Cook University	Hong Kong, Japan	Clinical Placement	5	16
2014	The University of Adelaide	Indonesia	1 Semester, Clinical Placement, Practicum, Short-term study	38	90
2014	James Cook University	Japan, Singapore	Clinical Placement	33	78
2014	University of New South Wales	Indonesia	Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term study	20	66
2014	Bond University	Singapore	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship	2	25
2014	The University of Sydney	Indonesia	1 Semester, Internship, Short-term study	59	128
2014	University of Technology Sydney	Japan	1 Semester, Short-term study	20	88
2014	The University of Melbourne	Indonesia	Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term study, Volunteer	22	66
2014	Southern Cross University	Indonesia	Practicum, Short-term research	20	66
2014	Charles Darwin University	Hong Kong	Practicum	3	13
2014	Charles Darwin University	Indonesia	Short-term study	34	97
2014	Murdoch University	Hong Kong	1 Semester	5	38
2014	University of Newcastle	Singapore	Clinical Placement, Short-term study	14	45
2014	University of New England	Japan	1 Semester	8	56
2014	The University of Western Australia	Hong Kong	1 Semester	0	35
2014	The University of Western Australia	Singapore	1 Semester, Short-term study	17	52
2014	Macquarie University	Indonesia	Short-term study	7	33
2014	Edith Cowan University	Indonesia	Clinical Placement	27	66
2014	University of Tasmania	Indonesia	Short-term research, Short-term study	31	212
2014	University of Wollongong	Japan	1 Semester, Short-term study	29	105
2014	Murdoch University	Indonesia	1 Semester, Internship, Short-term study	72	284
2014	University of the Sunshine Coast	Hong Kong	Short-term study	6	19
2014	Victoria University	Japan	1 Semester, Practicum, Short-term study	34	111
2014	University of Canberra	Japan	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	21	77
2014	The University of Queensland	Hong Kong	1 Semester, Clinical Placement, Semester-based, Short-term study	25	64
2014	Swinburne University of Technology	Singapore	1 Semester, Clinical Placement, Practicum, Short-term study	12	46
2014	University of New England	Hong Kong	1 Semester	2	10
2014	Federation University Australia	Japan	Short-term study	14	46
2014	University of Canberra	Singapore	Internship / mentorship	10	33
2014	Queensland University of Technology	Indonesia	Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term study	18	59
2014	Federation University Australia	Singapore	Short-term study	5	19
2014	Curtin University of Technology	Singapore	1 Semester, Clinical Placement, Internship	3	34
2014	Flinders University	Singapore	Practicum, Semester-based, Short-term	15	76
2014	Charles Sturt University	Hong Kong	Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Practicum	10	33
2014	RMIT University	Indonesia	Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Semester-based, Short-term study	28	88
2014	Swinburne University of Technology	Hong Kong	1 Semester, Practicum, Short-term study	14	53
2014	University of Western Sydney	Hong Kong, Indonesia	1 Semester, Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	26	89
2014	University of South Australia	Japan	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term study	26	148
2014	Central Queensland University	Japan	1 Semester, Clinical Placement, Internship	6	19

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			/ mentorship, Practicum, Volunteer		
2014	La Trobe University	Japan	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	18	85
2014	University of Tasmania	Japan	Internship / mentorship, Short-term research, Short-term study	24	78
2014	Griffith University	Indonesia	1 Semester, Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	31	115
2014	University of Western Sydney	Singapore	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	25	82
2014	Monash University	Indonesia	1 Semester, Clinical Placement, Internship Short-term study	45	150
2014	University of Wollongong	Hong Kong	Short-term research	15	45
2014	The Australian National University	Japan	Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	15	49
2014	Charles Darwin University	Indonesia	Short-term study	14	42
2014	Charles Sturt University	Indonesia	Short-term study	10	33
2014	Curtin University of Technology	Indonesia	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	10	21
2014	Deakin University	Indonesia	Short-term study	10	22
2014	Griffith University	Japan	Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Semester-based, Short-term study	19	52
2014	James Cook University	Singapore	Clinical Placement	13	39
2014	La Trobe University	Singapore	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	12	39
2014	Macquarie University	Hong Kong	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	7	18
2014	Monash University	Japan	Clinical Placement, Semester-based	10	65
2014	Queensland University of Technology	Indonesia	Short-term study	9	27
2014	Southern Cross University	Indonesia	Short-term research, Short-term study	30	99
2014	The University of Adelaide	Japan	Clinical Placement, Semester-based	53	197
2014	The University of Western Australia	Singapore	Short-term study	17	33
2014	The University of Melbourne	Japan	Semester-based	6	46
2014	University of New England	Japan	Semester-based	2	14
2014	University of New South Wales	Japan	Internship / mentorship, Semester-based	3	15
2014	University of Newcastle	Singapore	Short-term study	7	18
2014	The University of Queensland	Japan	Semester-based	11	36
2014	University of South Australia	Japan	Internship / mentorship	2	6
2014	The University of Sydney	Singapore	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	20	66
2014	University of Technology Sydney	Japan	Semester-based, Short-term study	25	192
2014	Victoria University	Indonesia	Practicum	12	39
2015	University of New South Wales	China	1 Semester, 2 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term study	10	80
2015	University of New South Wales	Hong Kong	Practicum, Semester-based, Short-term study	26	111
2015	Central Queensland University	Nepal	Clinical Placement, Short-term study	20	55
2015	Australian Catholic University	China	Clinical Placement, Short-term study	20	62
2015	Australian Catholic University	Taiwan	Clinical Placement	10	29
2015	Deakin University	China	1 Semester, Practicum, Short-term study	30	96
2015	University of the Sunshine Coast	Cambodia	Short-term research	8	17
2015	Deakin University	Indonesia	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	10	33
2015	Deakin University	India	1 Semester, Short-term study	15	49
2015	Deakin University	Malaysia, Vanuatu	Practicum	20	44
2015	University of the Sunshine Coast	Tonga	Short-term research, Short-term study	6	19
2015	Deakin University	Malaysia	Practicum	10	33
2015	Charles Sturt University	Samoa	Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term research, Short-term study	20	66
2015	University of the Sunshine Coast	Hong Kong	Short-term research, Short-term study	6	16
2015	University of the Sunshine Coast	China	Short-term study	6	16
2015	Charles Sturt University	Japan	Practicum, Short-term study	10	33
2015	University of New South Wales	Kiribati	Short-term study	10	33

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2015	University of New South Wales	Palau	Short-term study	10	33
2015	University of Western Sydney	Thailand	Short-term study	20	66
2015	University of New South Wales	Indonesia	Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term study	30	66
2015	University of New South Wales	Singapore	1 Semester, 2 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term study	6	45
2015	University of Western Sydney	Taiwan	1 Semester	5	27
2015	Bond University	China	Short-term study	28	68
2015	University of Newcastle	Cambodia	Short-term research, Short-term study	6	19
2015	University of Newcastle	Samoa	Short-term study	10	33
2015	University of Newcastle	China	Practicum, Short-term study	10	33
2015	Charles Sturt University	India	Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term research, Short-term study	10	31
2015	Charles Sturt University	Malaysia	Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Practicum	10	33
2015	Charles Sturt University	Sri Lanka	Short-term research, Short-term study	10	33
2015	Victoria University	Malaysia	Practicum, Short-term study	20	55
2015	Victoria University	Philippines	Short-term study	16	44
2015	Victoria University	India	Practicum	12	29
2015	Victoria University	Timor-Leste, Singapore	Practicum, Short-term study	20	59
2015	Victoria University	China	Short-term study	16	52
2015	Victoria University	Solomon Islands	Short-term study	10	33
2015	University of Wollongong	Samoa	Clinical Placement	6	13
2015	University of Western Sydney	India	Short-term study	55	181
2015	Queensland University of Technology	India	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	14	59
2015	University of Wollongong	Hong Kong	1 Semester, 2 Semester	4	30
2015	Queensland University of Technology	Cambodia	Internship / mentorship	18	59
2015	Victoria University	India	Clinical Placement, Short-term study	20	66
2015	Queensland University of Technology	Vietnam	Clinical Placement	10	33
2015	Queensland University of Technology	Bhutan	Short-term study	10	33
2015	University of Western Sydney	Vietnam	Short-term study	15	49
2015	Queensland University of Technology	Sri Lanka	Short-term study	10	33
2015	Queensland University of Technology	China	Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	19	75
2015	University of New England	Bhutan	Short-term study	20	60
2015	Edith Cowan University	India	1 Semester, Short-term study	20	71
2015	The University of Sydney	Japan	Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	13	81
2015	Swinburne University of Technology	India	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	26	85
2015	Edith Cowan University	China, Sri Lanka	Short-term research, Short-term study	10	33
2015	Edith Cowan University	China	1 Semester, Short-term study	10	22
2015	The University of Queensland	China	1 Semester, Semester-based, Short-term study	34	101
2015	The University of Queensland	Indonesia	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	24	46
2015	The University of Queensland	India	Practicum, Short-term study	20	43
2015	The University of Queensland	Vietnam	Clinical Placement, Practicum, Short-term study	25	48
2015	The University of Queensland	Sri Lanka	Short-term study	16	47
2015	University of Technology Sydney	Indonesia	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	50	110
2015	University of Technology Sydney	Thailand	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	30	126
2015	University of Technology Sydney	Maldives	Short-term study	20	44
2015	University of Technology Sydney	Philippines	Short-term study	5	38
2015	University of Technology Sydney	Japan	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	10	16
2015	University of Canberra	China	Short-term research, Short-term study	37	122

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2015	University of Canberra	Tonga	Clinical Placement, Short-term study	10	33
2015	University of Canberra	Thailand	Short-term research, Short-term study	30	99
2015	The University of Adelaide	Republic of Korea	1 Semester, Short-term study	30	82
2015	University of Canberra	Japan	1 Semester, Short-term study	10	33
2015	Edith Cowan University	Thailand	Clinical Placement, Short-term study	10	22
2015	Edith Cowan University	Singapore	1 Semester, Short-term study	5	11
2015	Swinburne University of Technology	Vietnam	Short-term study	10	33
2015	James Cook University	Laos	Short-term study	6	19
2015	The University of Adelaide	Cambodia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam	Clinical Placement, Short-term study	15	49
2015	The University of Melbourne	Singapore	Short-term study	10	16
2015	James Cook University	Vietnam	Short-term study	10	33
2015	The University of Adelaide	Thailand	Clinical Placement, Short-term study	15	99
2015	The University of Adelaide	China	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	15	49
2015	The University of Western Australia	India	Short-term study	20	44
2015	The University of Western Australia	Republic of Korea	1 Semester, 2 Semester, Short-term research	6	33
2015	James Cook University	Singapore	Short-term research	20	47
2015	Swinburne University of Technology	Malaysia	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	30	99
2015	The University of Adelaide	India	Short-term study	15	49
2015	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	Short-term study	30	66
2015	Southern Cross University	Indonesia	Short-term research	40	132
2015	Murdoch University	India	Practicum, Short-term study	12	39
2015	Murdoch University	Singapore	Practicum	8	26
2015	Murdoch University	Thailand	Clinical Placement, Practicum	18	59
2015	Murdoch University	Japan	1 Semester, 2 Semester, Semester-based	4	31
2015	The University of Melbourne	China	Practicum, Short-term study	50	55
2015	The University of Western Australia	Singapore	Short-term research, Short-term study	20	30
2015	The University of Western Australia	China	Short-term research, Short-term study	4	8
2015	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term study	111	608
2015	The University of Melbourne	Taiwan	Short-term study	10	16
2015	The University of Melbourne	Thailand	Practicum, Short-term study	10	11
2015	The University of Melbourne	Hong Kong	Short-term study	8	22
2015	The University of Melbourne	Cook Islands	Short-term study	20	35
2015	The University of Melbourne	Republic of Korea	Practicum, Short-term study	10	11
2015	The University of Melbourne	Malaysia	Practicum, Short-term study	10	11
2015	The University of Melbourne	Indonesia	Short-term study	10	11
2015	The University of Western Australia	Cambodia	Practicum, Short-term study	20	66
2015	Southern Cross University	Vietnam	Internship / mentorship, Short-term research, Short-term study	25	82
2015	Curtin University of Technology	China	Internship / mentorship	10	33
2015	Curtin University of Technology	India	Semester-based	5	33
2015	Curtin University of Technology	Vietnam	Practicum, Semester-based	7	23
2015	Curtin University of Technology	Thailand	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	6	19
2015	Southern Cross University	Cambodia	Internship / mentorship	10	33
2015	Griffith University	China	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	40	132
2015	Griffith University	Indonesia	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	16	52
2015	Griffith University	Singapore	Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	10	33
2015	Griffith University	Hong Kong	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship	4	13
2015	Griffith University	Republic of Korea	Semester-based, Short-term study	14	66
2015	Griffith University	Laos	Clinical Placement	20	66
2015	Deakin University	Japan	1 Semester	5	15
2015	Flinders University	Brunei Darussalam	Practicum	8	26
2015	Flinders University	Philippines	1 Semester	10	67

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2015	La Trobe University	Hong Kong, Singapore, Sri Lanka	1 Semester, Short-term study	22	81
2015	La Trobe University	Samoa	Short-term study	6	19
2015	La Trobe University	India	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	22	70
2015	The University of Sydney	China	Clinical Placement, Semester-based, Short-term study	45	148
2015	University of South Australia	China	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	10	33
2015	University of South Australia	Cambodia, Japan	Practicum, Short-term study	14	46
2015	University of Newcastle	Republic of Korea	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	16	85
2015	La Trobe University	Indonesia	Clinical Placement	4	13
2015	University of South Australia	Republic of Korea	Short-term study	19	62
2015	University of South Australia	Vietnam	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	10	33
2015	James Cook University	Taiwan	Clinical Placement	8	26
2015	University of South Australia	Taiwan	Short-term study	4	13
2015	University of South Australia	Singapore	Semester-based, Short-term study	8	61
2015	Charles Darwin University	China	Short-term study	10	30
2015	Charles Darwin University	Indonesia	Short-term study	30	90
2015	University of Newcastle	Singapore	1 Semester, Internship / Mentorship, Practicum, Short-term study	10	33
2015	La Trobe University	Malaysia	Practicum	15	33
2015	La Trobe University	China	Short-term study	10	22
2015	La Trobe University	Taiwan	Short-term study	12	26
2015	James Cook University	Japan, Taiwan	Clinical Placement	12	39
2015	Federation University Australia	China	Practicum, Short-term study	15	49
2015	James Cook University	Fiji	Clinical Placement	14	46
2015	Federation University Australia	Timor-Leste, China	Practicum, Short-term research	12	39
2015	Federation University Australia	Fiji, Papua New Guinea	Practicum	12	34
2015	Federation University Australia	Republic of Korea	Short-term study	8	26
2015	Griffith University	India	Short-term study	14	46
2015	Griffith University	Vietnam	Short-term study	14	46
2015	The University of Sydney	Indonesia	Clinical Placement, Practicum, Semester-based, Short-term research, Short-term study	52	171
2015	The University of Sydney	Laos	Short-term study	20	55
2015	Flinders University	Singapore	Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term research, Short-term study	12	46
2015	Flinders University	Indonesia	Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Short-term research, Short-term study	35	115
2015	University of Newcastle	Singapore	Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Semester-based	4	35
2015	Macquarie University	China	Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	6	26
2015	University of Newcastle	Indonesia	Clinical Placement, Practicum	20	66
2015	Macquarie University	India, Singapore	Internship / Mentorship, Short-term study	12	50
2015	The Australian National University	Myanmar	Short-term study	20	44
2015	The Australian National University	Japan	Semester-based, Short-term study	27	72
2015	The Australian National University	Cambodia	Short-term study	36	105
2015	The Australian National University	Vietnam	Short-term study	10	22
2015	The Australian National University	China	Short-term study	5	16
2015	The Australian National University	Taiwan	Internship / mentorship, Semester-based	5	16
2015	The Australian National University	Republic of Korea	Semester-based, Short-term study	8	34
2015	The Australian National University	Hong Kong	Semester-based, Short-term research	4	30
2015	Charles Darwin University	India	Short-term study	10	33
2015	Macquarie University	Fiji	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	20	77

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2015	Macquarie University	Hong Kong	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	2	13
2015	University of Wollongong	Indonesia	Practicum, Short-term study	12	39
2015	RMIT University	India	1 Semester, 2 Semester, Short-term study	10	88
2015	RMIT University	China, Thailand	Internship / mentorship, Semester-based, Short-term study	30	264
2015	RMIT University	Thailand	1 Semester, 2 Semester, Internship / Mentorship, Semester-based	7	61
2015	RMIT University	Vietnam	1 Semester, 2 Semester, Semester-based, Short-term research	10	88
2015	Curtin University of Technology	Malaysia	Internship / mentorship, Practicum, Semester-based, Short-term study	6	13
2015	Curtin University of Technology	Nepal	Clinical Placement	8	22
2015	Curtin University of Technology	Hong Kong	Internship / mentorship	4	13
2015	University of Tasmania	Indonesia	Short-term study	93	236
2015	University of Wollongong	Malaysia	1 Semester, 2 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Practicum	20	66
2015	University of Tasmania	China	1 Semester, Semester-based, Short-term study	25	115
2015	Bond University	Solomon Islands	Practicum, Short-term study	100	100
2015	University of Tasmania	India	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	6	16
2015	University of Tasmania	Japan	Short-term study	15	49
2015	Macquarie University	India	1 Semester, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	2	13
2015	University of Wollongong	India	Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	20	66
2015	Macquarie University	India, Philippines	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	18	59
2015	University of Tasmania	Malaysia	1 Semester, Short-term study	10	33
2015	Macquarie University	Japan	1 Semester, Short-term study	2	13
2015	University of Wollongong	Thailand	1 Semester, 2 Semester, Practicum	14	46
2015	Macquarie University	India	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	6	19
2015	Macquarie University	Vanuatu	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	5	16
2015	University of Wollongong	China	Practicum, Short-term study	20	60
2015	University of Tasmania	Nepal	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	10	27
2015	Monash University	Indonesia	1 Semester, Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	35	115
2015	Monash University	Hong Kong	1 Semester, 2 Semester, Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	5	16
2015	University of New England	Sri Lanka	Short-term study	10	30
2015	Monash University	Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam	1 Semester, Clinical Placement, Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	20	66
2015	Monash University	India	Internship / mentorship, Short-term study	20	66
2015	University of New England	Cambodia	Short-term study	20	40
2015	Monash University	Malaysia	Clinical Placement, Short-term study	18	59
2015	University of New England	Mongolia	1 Semester	2	10
2015	The University of Adelaide	Singapore	Clinical Placement, Short-term study	15	49
2016	Australian Catholic University	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	18	59
2016	Australian Catholic University	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22
2016	Australian Catholic University	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	33
2016	Australian Catholic University	Solomon Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Australian Catholic University	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	5
2016	Australian Catholic University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Australian Catholic University	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	35
2016	Australian Catholic University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Semester	22	77
2016	Bond University	Solomon Islands	New Colombo Plan Semester	36	118
2016	Bond University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	Bond University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	27
2016	Central Queensland University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82

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2016	Central Queensland University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Central Queensland University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	55
2016	Central Queensland University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	55
2016	Central Queensland University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	27
2016	Central Queensland University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	5
2016	Charles Darwin University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Charles Darwin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	7	23
2016	Charles Darwin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2016	Charles Darwin University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	11	36
2016	Charles Darwin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Charles Darwin University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	11	36
2016	Charles Sturt University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Charles Sturt University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Charles Sturt University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Charles Sturt University	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Charles Sturt University	Bangladesh	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Charles Sturt University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2016	Charles Sturt University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22
2016	Charles Sturt University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2016	Charles Sturt University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22
2016	Charles Sturt University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	Charles Sturt University	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Charles Sturt University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	13
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	7	53
2016	Curtin University of Technology	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Bangladesh	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Curtin University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	1	3
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	1	3
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Curtin University of Technology	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22
2016	Curtin University of Technology	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Curtin University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	Deakin University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	Deakin University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	Deakin University	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	36	39
2016	Deakin University	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Deakin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	16
2016	Deakin University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Deakin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Deakin University	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Deakin University	Papua New Guinea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	Deakin University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	10
2016	Deakin University	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2016	Deakin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Deakin University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	26
2016	Deakin University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	Deakin University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	70
2016	Deakin University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2016	Deakin University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22
2016	Deakin University	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2016	Deakin University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33

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2016	Deakin University	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Deakin University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2016	Deakin University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	88
2016	Deakin University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	16
2016	Deakin University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Deakin University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Deakin University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Deakin University (Deakin University and University of Tasmania Consortium)	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Edith Cowan University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	1	3
2016	Edith Cowan University	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	Edith Cowan University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	Edith Cowan University	Bangladesh	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Edith Cowan University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Edith Cowan University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2016	Edith Cowan University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	11
2016	Edith Cowan University	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2016	Edith Cowan University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2016	Edith Cowan University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	Edith Cowan University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	7
2016	Edith Cowan University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	Edith Cowan University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2016	Federation University Australia	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	20
2016	Federation University Australia	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2016	Federation University Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2016	Federation University Australia	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Federation University Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	25
2016	Flinders University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	26
2016	Flinders University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	6
2016	Flinders University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	6
2016	Flinders University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2016	Flinders University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Flinders University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	Flinders University	Brunei Darussalam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Flinders University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Flinders University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2016	Flinders University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	46
2016	Flinders University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	67
2016	Flinders University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Flinders University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Flinders University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2016	Flinders University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	14	46
2016	Flinders University (FU,CDU,UA,UNSA)	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	26	85
2016	Flinders University (Flinders University, University of South Australia)	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2016	Flinders University (FU,CDU,GU,JCU,LTU,MURU)	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	Griffith University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2016	Griffith University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2016	Griffith University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	17
2016	Griffith University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	Griffith University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	88
2016	Griffith University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	9	79
2016	Griffith University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Griffith University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	33
2016	Griffith University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	33
2016	Griffith University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30

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2016	Griffith University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2016	Griffith University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	Griffith University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2016	Griffith University (CDU,FU,GU,LTU,MURU)	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	James Cook University	Papua New Guinea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	James Cook University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	James Cook University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	James Cook University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	James Cook University	Laos	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	James Cook University	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	27
2016	James Cook University	Solomon Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	30
2016	James Cook University	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2016	James Cook University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	James Cook University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2016	James Cook University	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	34	112
2016	James Cook University	Papua New Guinea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	19	62
2016	James Cook University	Solomon Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	James Cook University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	La Trobe University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	9	69
2016	La Trobe University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2016	La Trobe University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	23	75
2016	La Trobe University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	24
2016	La Trobe University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	La Trobe University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2016	La Trobe University	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2016	La Trobe University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2016	La Trobe University	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	27
2016	Macquarie University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	Macquarie University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	13
2016	Macquarie University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	6
2016	Macquarie University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	19
2016	Macquarie University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	6
2016	Macquarie University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2016	Macquarie University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2016	Macquarie University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	7
2016	Macquarie University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	Macquarie University	Bangladesh	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2016	Macquarie University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2016	Macquarie University	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	Macquarie University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	11
2016	Monash University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Monash University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Monash University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Monash University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	Monash University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	Monash University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	Monash University	Bangladesh	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Monash University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2016	Monash University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	30	231
2016	Monash University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	20	176
2016	Monash University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	44
2016	Monash University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	44
2016	Monash University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	44
2016	Murdoch University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Murdoch University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	17
2016	Murdoch University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19

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2016	Murdoch University (ACICIS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	66
2016	Murdoch University (ACICIS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Murdoch University (ACICIS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	21	69
2016	Murdoch University (ACICIS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2016	Murdoch University (ACICIS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	71
2016	Murdoch University (ACICIS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	34	246
2016	Murdoch University (ACICIS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	43	283
2016	Murdoch University (ACICIS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	57	188
2016	Murdoch University (ACICIS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	22	133
2016	Murdoch University (ACICIS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	56	308
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	22
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	27
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	27
2016	Queensland University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	26
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Bhutan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	22
2016	Queensland University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	16
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Queensland University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	17
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	11
2016	Queensland University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	11
2016	RMIT	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	RMIT	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2016	RMIT	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	33
2016	RMIT	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2016	RMIT	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	RMIT	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	RMIT	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	RMIT	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	21	69
2016	RMIT	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	RMIT	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	44
2016	RMIT	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	RMIT	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2016	RMIT	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2016	RMIT	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	44
2016	RMIT	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	44
2016	RMIT	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	132
2016	RMIT	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	20	176
2016	RMIT	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	88
2016	RMIT (DU,RMIT)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2016	RMIT (GU,RMIT)	Bangladesh	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	132
2016	Southern Cross University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Southern Cross University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Southern Cross University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Southern Cross University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Southern Cross University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Southern Cross University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22

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2016	Swinburne University of Technology	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2016	Swinburne University of Technology	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Swinburne University of Technology	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Swinburne University of Technology	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	13
2016	Swinburne University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	22	72
2016	Swinburne University of Technology	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	Swinburne University of Technology	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	22	72
2016	Swinburne University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	22	72
2016	Swinburne University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	39
2016	The Australian National University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The Australian National University	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2016	The Australian National University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	The Australian National University	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	The Australian National University	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2016	The Australian National University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The Australian National University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The Australian National University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	The Australian National University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	24	26
2016	The Australian National University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The Australian National University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	The Australian National University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The Australian National University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The Australian National University (ANU,UM,US)	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The Australian National University (ANU,SUT,UTS)	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	26
2016	The University of Adelaide	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2016	The University of Adelaide	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	The University of Adelaide	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	The University of Adelaide	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	The University of Adelaide	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	The University of Adelaide	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	The University of Adelaide	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The University of Melbourne	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	38
2016	The University of Melbourne	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	The University of Melbourne	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	33
2016	The University of Melbourne	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	14
2016	The University of Melbourne	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	15
2016	The University of Melbourne	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2016	The University of Melbourne	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	The University of Melbourne	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	55
2016	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	11
2016	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2016	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2016	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Laos	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	27
2016	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	5
2016	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	11
2016	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The University of Queensland	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	55
2016	The University of Queensland	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2016	The University of Queensland	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	The University of Queensland	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	The University of Queensland	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	88
2016	The University of Queensland	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	36
2016	The University of Queensland	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	12	66
2016	The University of Queensland	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	38

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2016	The University of Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	The University of Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The University of Sydney	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	17
2016	The University of Sydney	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The University of Sydney	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	The University of Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2016	The University of Sydney	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	33
2016	The University of Sydney	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2016	The University of Sydney	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	17
2016	The University of Sydney	Solomon Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	The University of Sydney	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2016	The University of Sydney	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	33
2016	The University of Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	The University of Sydney	Laos	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The University of Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	33
2016	The University of Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	The University of Sydney	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	26
2016	The University of Sydney	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22
2016	The University of Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	The University of Western Australia	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	41
2016	The University of Western Australia	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	7	38
2016	The University of Western Australia	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	3	9
2016	The University of Western Australia	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2016	The University of Western Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2016	The University of Western Australia	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2016	The University of Western Australia	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2016	The University of Western Australia	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2016	The University of Western Australia	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Canberra	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	University of Canberra	Tonga	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	University of Canberra	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Canberra	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of Canberra	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Canberra	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Canberra	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of Canberra	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	University of New England	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	36
2016	University of New England	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	45
2016	University of New England	Bhutan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	60
2016	University of New England	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	20
2016	University of New England	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	28
2016	University of New England	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	14
2016	University of New England	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	10
2016	University of New England	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	40
2016	University of New South Wales	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	66
2016	University of New South Wales	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	66
2016	University of New South Wales	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of New South Wales	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	University of New South Wales	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of New South Wales	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2016	University of New South Wales	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2016	University of New South Wales	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of New South Wales	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	11
2016	University of New South Wales	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	132
2016	University of New South Wales	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77

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2016	University of New South Wales	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2016	University of New South Wales	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2016	University of Newcastle	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	University of Newcastle	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	22
2016	University of Newcastle	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Newcastle	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	70
2016	University of Newcastle	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	University of Newcastle	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of Newcastle	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Newcastle	Cook Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Newcastle	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Newcastle	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	University of Newcastle	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	University of Newcastle	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	70
2016	University of Newcastle	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	70
2016	University of Newcastle	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of South Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	University of South Australia	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	6
2016	University of South Australia	Laos	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	60
2016	University of South Australia	Cook Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of South Australia	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	University of South Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of South Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of South Australia	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of South Australia	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	University of South Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2016	University of South Australia	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2016	University of Tasmania	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	33
2016	University of Tasmania	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	University of Tasmania	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Tasmania	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Tasmania	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	University of Tasmania	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of Tasmania	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2016	University of Tasmania	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2016	University of Tasmania	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2016	University of Tasmania	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of Tasmania	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	University of Tasmania	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Tasmania (CDU,UNE,USC,UTAS)	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	75	247
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	40
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	University of Technology Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Technology Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	13
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	11
2016	University of Technology Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	26
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2016	University of Technology Sydney	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38

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2016	University of Technology Sydney	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	19
2016	University of the Sunshine Coast	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	12	92
2016	University of the Sunshine Coast	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	16
2016	University of the Sunshine Coast	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of the Sunshine Coast	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	9	29
2016	University of the Sunshine Coast	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2016	University of the Sunshine Coast	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	University of the Sunshine Coast	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2016	University of Western Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	11
2016	University of Western Sydney	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Western Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	28	84
2016	University of Western Sydney	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2016	University of Western Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of Western Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2016	University of Western Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	18	138
2016	University of Western Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of Western Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	University of Western Sydney	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Western Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	University of Western Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	55
2016	University of Western Sydney	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of Western Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	45
2016	University of Wollongong	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	15
2016	University of Wollongong	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	University of Wollongong	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	88
2016	University of Wollongong	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2016	University of Wollongong	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	46
2016	University of Wollongong	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2016	University of Wollongong	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	33
2016	University of Wollongong	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	University of Wollongong	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	26
2016	University of Wollongong	India	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	8
2016	University of Wollongong	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2016	University of Wollongong	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	8
2016	University of Wollongong	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of Wollongong	Papua New Guinea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	4
2016	University of Wollongong	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	8
2016	University of Wollongong	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	132
2016	University of Wollongong	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	4
2016	University of Wollongong	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	4
2016	University of Wollongong	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	4
2016	University of Wollongong	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	4
2016	University of Wollongong	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	University of Wollongong	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	4
2016	University of Wollongong	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	4
2016	Victoria University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	46
2016	Victoria University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2016	Victoria University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Victoria University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	Victoria University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	41
2016	Victoria University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	59
2016	Victoria University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	Victoria University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	26
2016	Victoria University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2016	Victoria University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2016	Victoria University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82

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2017	Australian Catholic University	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	22	72
2017	Australian Catholic University	Solomon Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Australian Catholic University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Australian Catholic University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Semester	30	105
2017	Bond University	Solomon Islands	New Colombo Plan Semester	36	118
2017	Central Queensland University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Charles Darwin University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Charles Darwin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	9	29
2017	Charles Darwin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Charles Sturt University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Charles Sturt University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Curtin University of Technology	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	7	53
2017	Deakin University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	66
2017	Deakin University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2017	Deakin University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2017	Edith Cowan University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2017	Edith Cowan University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	6
2017	Edith Cowan University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2017	Federation University Australia	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	Federation University Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	25
2017	Flinders University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	52
2017	Flinders University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	115
2017	Flinders University	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	132
2017	Flinders University	Brunei Darussalam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Flinders University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	61
2017	Flinders University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2017	Flinders University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Griffith University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	82
2017	Griffith University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	82
2017	Griffith University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	26
2017	Griffith University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Griffith University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	82
2017	James Cook University	Papua New Guinea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	James Cook University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2017	James Cook University	Laos	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	James Cook University	Solomon Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	36
2017	James Cook University	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2017	James Cook University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	James Cook University	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	34	112
2017	La Trobe University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	La Trobe University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	33
2017	La Trobe University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	Macquarie University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	17	56
2017	Macquarie University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	26
2017	Macquarie University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	19
2017	Macquarie University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	13
2017	Macquarie University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	Macquarie University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	Macquarie University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	17	56
2017	Macquarie University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	27	89
2017	Macquarie University	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	17	56
2017	Monash University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Monash University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	88
2017	Monash University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	88
2017	Monash University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	88
2017	Murdoch University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Murdoch University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82

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2017	Murdoch University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2017	Murdoch University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	107
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	22
2017	RMIT	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	Southern Cross University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	24	79
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	24	79
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	48
2017	The Australian National University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	The Australian National University	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2017	The Australian National University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	The Australian National University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	The Australian National University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2017	The University of Adelaide	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	The University of Melbourne	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	28
2017	The University of Melbourne	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	The University of Melbourne	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2017	The University of Queensland	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	55
2017	The University of Queensland	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2017	The University of Queensland	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	14	123
2017	The University of Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	44
2017	The University of Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2017	The University of Sydney	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	44
2017	The University of Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	70
2017	The University of Western Australia	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	55
2017	The University of Western Australia	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	7	23
2017	University of Canberra	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2017	University of New England	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	45
2017	University of New South Wales	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	88
2017	University of New South Wales	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	88
2017	University of New South Wales	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	66
2017	University of New South Wales	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	16
2017	University of Newcastle	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of Newcastle	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of Newcastle	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2017	University of Newcastle	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	88
2017	University of South Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	University of South Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	University of Tasmania	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	33
2017	University of Tasmania	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	61
2017	University of Tasmania	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	105	346
2017	University of Tasmania	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	82
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	18	59
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	115
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	University of Western Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	22
2017	University of Western Sydney	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of Wollongong	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	46
2017	University of Wollongong	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Wollongong	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	46
2017	University of Wollongong	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	39
2017	University of Wollongong	India	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	17

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2017	University of Wollongong	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	Australian Catholic University	Kiribati	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	82
2017	Australian Catholic University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	27
2017	Australian Catholic University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	27
2017	Australian Catholic University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	27
2017	Australian Catholic University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	11
2017	Australian Catholic University	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	132
2017	Australian Catholic University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Australian Catholic University	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Australian Catholic University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Australian Catholic University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	Australian Catholic University	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	39
2017	Australian Catholic University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	18	99
2017	Bond University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	132
2017	Bond University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	27
2017	Bond University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	24	79
2017	Bond University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	33
2017	Bond University	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	16
2017	Central Queensland University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	5
2017	Central Queensland University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2017	Central Queensland University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Central Queensland University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	60	198
2017	Central Queensland University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Central Queensland University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2017	Central Queensland University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Central Queensland University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Charles Darwin University	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Charles Darwin University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	27
2017	Charles Darwin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	Charles Darwin University	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	6
2017	Charles Darwin University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Charles Darwin University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Charles Darwin University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	22
2017	Charles Darwin University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	13
2017	Charles Sturt University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	Charles Sturt University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Charles Sturt University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Charles Sturt University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Charles Sturt University	Papua New Guinea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Charles Sturt University	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Charles Sturt University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	11
2017	Charles Sturt University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Charles Sturt University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Curtin University of Technology	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	52
2017	Curtin University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	26
2017	Curtin University of Technology	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	26
2017	Curtin University of Technology	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2017	Curtin University of Technology	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Curtin University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Curtin University of Technology	Papua New Guinea	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	Curtin University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	3	9
2017	Curtin University of Technology	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2017	Curtin University of Technology	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	Curtin University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2017	Curtin University of Technology	India	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	Curtin University of Technology	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Curtin University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33

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2017	Deakin University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Deakin University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	41
2017	Deakin University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	44
2017	Deakin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Deakin University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2017	Deakin University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2017	Deakin University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	Deakin University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Deakin University	Papua New Guinea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Deakin University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	45
2017	Deakin University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	Deakin University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	Deakin University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	Deakin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	Deakin University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Deakin University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	30
2017	Edith Cowan University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Edith Cowan University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2017	Edith Cowan University	Mongolia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Edith Cowan University	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	Edith Cowan University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	Edith Cowan University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2017	Edith Cowan University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	24	52
2017	Edith Cowan University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	7
2017	Edith Cowan University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	Edith Cowan University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	Federation University Australia	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2017	Federation University Australia	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	Federation University Australia	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	Federation University Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	14	46
2017	Federation University Australia	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	63
2017	Federation University Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	25
2017	Federation University Australia	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Federation University Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	24
2017	Federation University Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	24
2017	Flinders University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Semester	1	7
2017	Flinders University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Flinders University	Palau	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Flinders University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	9	29
2017	Flinders University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	63
2017	Flinders University	Maldives	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Flinders University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Flinders University	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Flinders University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Flinders University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	9
2017	Flinders University	India	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	Flinders University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	Flinders University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Griffith University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	33
2017	Griffith University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	22
2017	Griffith University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2017	Griffith University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	24	79
2017	Griffith University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Griffith University	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2017	Griffith University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	88
2017	Griffith University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	66
2017	Griffith University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	33

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2017	Griffith University	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	44
2017	Griffith University	Solomon Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2017	Griffith University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2017	Griffith University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	12	92
2017	Griffith University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	132
2017	James Cook University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	James Cook University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	James Cook University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	James Cook University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	James Cook University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	James Cook University	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	James Cook University	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	64	211
2017	La Trobe University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	La Trobe University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2017	La Trobe University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	La Trobe University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	La Trobe University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	La Trobe University	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	55
2017	La Trobe University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	La Trobe University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	La Trobe University	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	49
2017	La Trobe University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	66
2017	La Trobe University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	La Trobe University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2017	La Trobe University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	61
2017	La Trobe University	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	La Trobe University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2017	Macquarie University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Macquarie University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Macquarie University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	Macquarie University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2017	Macquarie University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2017	Macquarie University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	19
2017	Macquarie University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	13
2017	Macquarie University	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	27
2017	Macquarie University	Kiribati	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Monash University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	35	308
2017	Monash University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	Monash University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	20	176
2017	Monash University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	88
2017	Monash University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Monash University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	11
2017	Monash University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	Monash University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2017	Monash University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	Monash University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	Monash University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	Murdoch University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	Murdoch University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Murdoch University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Murdoch University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2017	Murdoch University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2017	Murdoch University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2017	Murdoch University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Murdoch University	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	Murdoch University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	26

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2017	Queensland University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	26
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	55
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	13
2017	Queensland University of Technology	India	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	26
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	16
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	33
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Queensland University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	30
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Queensland University of Technology	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	55
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Queensland University of Technology	Papua New Guinea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	17
2017	RMIT	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	RMIT	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	RMIT	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	RMIT	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	RMIT	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	RMIT	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	30	264
2017	RMIT	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	88
2017	RMIT	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	18	59
2017	RMIT	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2017	RMIT	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	RMIT	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	RMIT	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	20	176
2017	RMIT	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Southern Cross University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Southern Cross University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	22
2017	Southern Cross University	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Southern Cross University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	10
2017	Southern Cross University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	11
2017	Southern Cross University	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Southern Cross University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Southern Cross University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	22	72
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	16	88
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Swinburne University of Technology	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	The Australian National University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	7	61
2017	The Australian National University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2017	The Australian National University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	17
2017	The Australian National University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	17
2017	The Australian National University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	The Australian National University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2017	The Australian National University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	The Australian National University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The Australian National University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	The Australian National University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	7	53
2017	The Australian National University	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The Australian National University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33

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2017	The Australian National University	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2017	The Australian National University	Mongolia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The Australian National University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	The Australian National University	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The Australian National University	Laos	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	2	6
2017	The University of Adelaide	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	The University of Adelaide	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The University of Adelaide	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	27
2017	The University of Adelaide	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	27
2017	The University of Adelaide	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The University of Adelaide	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2017	The University of Adelaide	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	The University of Adelaide	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2017	The University of Adelaide	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2017	The University of Adelaide	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	The University of Adelaide	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	26
2017	The University of Adelaide	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	The University of Adelaide	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2017	The University of Adelaide	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	55
2017	The University of Adelaide	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	The University of Adelaide	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	27
2017	The University of Melbourne	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2017	The University of Melbourne	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	9	49
2017	The University of Melbourne	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	33
2017	The University of Melbourne	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	33
2017	The University of Melbourne	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	24
2017	The University of Melbourne	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	88
2017	The University of Melbourne	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	115
2017	The University of Melbourne	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2017	The University of Melbourne	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	24	184
2017	The University of Melbourne	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	13
2017	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	44
2017	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	22
2017	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	22
2017	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	14	46
2017	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2017	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	11
2017	The University of Notre Dame Australia	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The University of Notre Dame Australia	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	33
2017	The University of Queensland	India	New Colombo Plan Semester	24	79
2017	The University of Queensland	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	The University of Queensland	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	22
2017	The University of Queensland	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The University of Queensland	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	The University of Queensland	Timor-Leste	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	24	72
2017	The University of Queensland	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Semester	12	39
2017	The University of Queensland	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	The University of Queensland	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	The University of Queensland	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	27
2017	The University of Queensland	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	18	46
2017	The University of Queensland	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	The University of Queensland	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2017	The University of Queensland	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	20	154
2017	The University of Queensland	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	45
2017	The University of Queensland	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	82
2017	The University of Queensland	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	82

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2017	The University of Sydney	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	The University of Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	The University of Sydney	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	The University of Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The University of Sydney	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The University of Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	The University of Sydney	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	The University of Sydney	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2017	The University of Sydney	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	The University of Sydney	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	The University of Sydney	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	17
2017	The University of Sydney	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	The University of Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	The University of Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The University of Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	The University of Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	The University of Sydney	Tonga	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	9	29
2017	The University of Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	23
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	26	85
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	75	247
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	43	283
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	13
2017	The University of Western Australia	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	15	82
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	19	62
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	18	59
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	46	354
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	20	132
2017	The University of Western Australia	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	20	110
2017	The University of Western Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	44
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	23	177
2017	The University of Western Australia	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2017	The University of Western Australia	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	44
2017	The University of Western Australia	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	44
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The University of Western Australia	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2017	The University of Western Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The University of Western Australia	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	39
2017	The University of Western Australia	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2017	The University of Western Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	63	346
2017	The University of Western Australia	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Torrens University	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	20	110
2017	Torrens University	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	20	110
2017	University of Canberra	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	25	82
2017	University of Canberra	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	University of Canberra	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Canberra	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Canberra	Tonga	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	24	79
2017	University of Canberra	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	26	85
2017	University of Canberra	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	14	46
2017	University of Canberra	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	University of Canberra	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of New England	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of New England	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	3	16
2017	University of New England	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	7	56

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2017	University of New England	Bhutan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of New England	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of New South Wales	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	50	110
2017	University of New South Wales	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	88
2017	University of New South Wales	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2017	University of New South Wales	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	University of New South Wales	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	University of New South Wales	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	University of New South Wales	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2017	University of New South Wales	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2017	University of New South Wales	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44
2017	University of New South Wales	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of New South Wales	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	University of New South Wales	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	University of New South Wales	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	University of New South Wales	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	33
2017	University of New South Wales	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2017	University of Newcastle	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	32
2017	University of Newcastle	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Newcastle	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	5
2017	University of Newcastle	Bhutan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	University of Newcastle	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of Newcastle	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	University of Newcastle	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Newcastle	Mongolia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of Newcastle	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of Newcastle	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Newcastle	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of Newcastle	Myanmar	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Newcastle	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	University of Newcastle	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	61
2017	University of Newcastle	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2017	University of South Australia	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	36
2017	University of South Australia	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	University of South Australia	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of South Australia	Cook Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	8	26
2017	University of South Australia	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22
2017	University of South Australia	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	27
2017	University of South Australia	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	18	59
2017	University of South Australia	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2017	University of South Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	52
2017	University of South Australia	Brunei Darussalam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	9
2017	University of South Australia	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	30
2017	University of South Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	60
2017	University of South Australia	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Southern Queensland	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Tasmania	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of Tasmania	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of Tasmania	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of Tasmania	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of Tasmania	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Tasmania	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Technology Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	33
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	26
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	44

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2017	University of Technology Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	44
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	40	88
2017	University of Technology Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of Technology Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	32	105
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	61
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	8	61
2017	University of Technology Sydney	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	University of Technology Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	33
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Nepal	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	24	79
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Vanuatu	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Samoa	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	16	35
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Tonga	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Semester	2	15
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	5	38
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	16
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Laos	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	6	19
2017	University of the Sunshine Coast	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	8
2017	University of Western Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of Western Sydney	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of Western Sydney	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of Western Sydney	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of Western Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Western Sydney	Vietnam	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	13
2017	University of Western Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	35
2017	University of Western Sydney	Cambodia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	24	79
2017	University of Western Sydney	Hong Kong	New Colombo Plan Semester	4	30
2017	University of Western Sydney	Fiji	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Western Sydney	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	University of Western Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Semester	14	107
2017	University of Western Sydney	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	University of Western Sydney	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	22
2017	University of Western Sydney	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	30	99
2017	University of Wollongong	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	29
2017	University of Wollongong	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	35	115
2017	University of Wollongong	Taiwan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	University of Wollongong	Republic of Korea	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	46
2017	University of Wollongong	Thailand	New Colombo Plan Semester	6	52
2017	University of Wollongong	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	5	16
2017	University of Wollongong	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	4	8
2017	University of Wollongong	Sri Lanka	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of Wollongong	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	University of Wollongong	Japan	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	University of Wollongong	Malaysia	New Colombo Plan Semester	10	77
2017	University of Wollongong	Singapore	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	20	66
2017	Victoria University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	15	49
2017	Victoria University	India	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Victoria University	Indonesia	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	39
2017	Victoria University	Japan	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Victoria University	China	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	12	31
2017	Victoria University	Philippines	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33
2017	Victoria University	Solomon Islands	New Colombo Plan Short-Term	10	33

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QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Senator Wong, Penny

Topic: Australia Awards

Question

a) Under which program are the Australia Awards funded?

Answer:

a) Australia Awards are funded under the **Regional Scholarships and Education program** (as per Australian Aid Budget Summary 2016-17, Page 5, Figure 4: Allocations to DFAT country, regional and global programs).

Question

b) What was the total funding for Australia Awards in the following financial years:

- 2013-14;
- 2014-15;
- 2015-16; and
- 2016-17?

Answer:

b) 2013-14: \$362.5 million,
2014-15: \$371.2 million,
2015-16: \$328.9 million.
Financial year 2016-17 data is not currently available.

Question:

c) Can the Department provide a table for Australia Awards for each of the above financial years which breaks down by country:

- i) - total funding for Australia awards broken down between short-term and long-term awards;
- ii) - the number of applications received, broken down between short-term and long-term awards; and
- iii) - the number of applications granted, broken down between short-term and long-term awards.

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Answer i), ii), iii) :

c)

i) See table A. The total funding column for financial years includes expenses for continuing awardees from multiple intakes. Separate funding allocations for short-term and long-term awards cannot be provided as the administrative and implementation costs for the awards are not accounted for separately.

ii) data on the number of applications received for short-term awards is not readily available. Seeking to compile this information across our global network would involve a disproportionate diversion of departmental resources. We are able to provide partial data available on the number of applications received for long-term awards; the table below lists the number of applications received in our electronic systems, but does not include applications received in hard copy at our overseas posts.

Intake Year	Applications received
2014	9,859
2015	9,374
2016	9,550
2017	10,164

iii) information on short-term and long-term awards has been provided in table A.

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Topic: innovationXchange

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

1. Can the Department please provide an update on projects currently being worked on by the innovationXchange?
2. 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?
3. Can the Department provide a comprehensive list of projects completed by the innovationXchange, the purpose of each, and the outcomes of each?
4. Can the Department please provide an update on the number of full time equivalent staff working for the innovationXchange?
5. Can the Department please provide an estimated breakdown of operational cost for the innovationXchange including:
 - i. Staff salaries
 - ii. Operational overheads
 - iii. Staff travel
 - iv. Venue hire
 - v. Catering costs
 - vi. External consultant fees

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Answer

1. Answered in Question 2.
2. The projects that have been announced by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and are currently in progress, the purpose of each, and timeframe to completion:

Project	Purpose	Timeframe to completion
LAUNCH Food	To improve the supply and affordability of nutritious food and enable people to make better food choices by accelerating investment-ready innovations.	2016/17
Hamutuk Nutrition	To develop a multi-sector collaborative approach combined with use of mobile applications to combat malnutrition in Timor-Leste, where 1 in 2 children are stunted.	2017/18
Last Taboo	To develop affordable and accessible feminine hygiene products in the Indo Pacific.	2016/17
Vietnam Water Partnership	To catalyse private sector investment in water infrastructure to improve access to clean water in Vietnam.	2017/18
Investing in Women - Asia	To unlock finance for women-led SMEs; establish business coalitions to promote gender equality throughout supply chains, and work with governments to improve employment conditions for women.	2018/19
Seed Pacific	To partner with and access the knowledge, networks and capital of private sector corporations to achieve greater development impact in the Pacific.	2017/18
No win no fee trial	Test the hypothesis that we can better incentivise long term improvements to country taxation systems, through paying specialists a success fee based on the value of the taxation improvements they realised.	2016/17
Global Innovation Fund	A multi-donor initiative to pilot, test and scale social innovations aiming to improve the lives and opportunities of millions of people in the developing world. There have been 27 investments made to date.	2017/18
Google Impact Challenge	To identify and invest in quality initiatives in the region using technology for development.	2016/17
Global Innovation Exchange	A partnership between iXc, USAID's Development Lab and the Korea International Development Agency to develop and launch an online platform to connect innovators and funders of development innovation around the world.	2016/17
Innovation	To enhance DFAT and other Australian	2017/18

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Project	Purpose	Timeframe to completion
Resource Facility	Government agencies' innovation capabilities by providing efficient access to high quality innovation related expertise not available through existing panel arrangements.	
Bloomberg Data for Health	To contribute to providing 1 billion people across 20 countries and cities with better health data, and to equip governments with tools needed to improve public health. The program seeks to provide 250 million people with a high-quality birth and death certificate system and 750 million people with substantially improved cause of death information.	2018/19
Global Humanitarian Lab	GHL is both an incubator to develop ideas into solutions and an accelerator to scale solutions for the humanitarian sector.	2016/17
mSupply	To improve the supply of medical supply information in the Pacific region, starting in 6 countries.	TBA
XPRIZE	To catalyse additional investment in sustainable very low cost water production technologies to improve poor people's access to safe drinking water in the region.	2017/18

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3. The projects delivered/completed, the purpose and outcomes of each:

Project	Purpose	Outcome
DFAT Ideas Challenge 1.0	To develop solutions to challenges faced by the Department.	Challenge complete; 40% of the ideas are being implemented by the department
Pacific Humanitarian Challenge	Identify and support solutions to problems facing humanitarian response in the Pacific in the areas of disaster communications, logistics and financial resilience.	Challenge phase complete: 29 innovative proposals received across 5 continents, 5 winners selected.
Blue Economy Aquaculture Challenge	To support innovative solutions to problems facing aquaculture in the areas of fish feed; new ocean products; and better farm design.	Challenge phase complete: 220 innovative proposals received from 41 countries, 10 winners selected.

4. The innovationXchange has a notional structure of 12 full time equivalent staff; 11 of the 12 allocated positions are currently filled.

5. A breakdown of 2016/17 (year to date) operational cost for the innovationXchange

Type	Cost
Staff Salaries	1,024,806
Operational overheads	116,280
Staff travel	22,914
Venue Hire	Nil
Catering Costs	803
External consultant fees	19,918

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Topic: Efic QoN

Senator Gallacher, Alex

1. Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance?
 - a. Who are the contracts with?
 - b. How much does each contract cost?
 - c. How often do they visit?

Answer:

1. Yes.
 - a. Indoor and outdoor pot plants are hired and maintained by Green Design.
 - b. The cost of hiring and maintaining pot plants is \$1,319.85 per month.
 - c. The pot plants are serviced on a monthly basis.
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2. Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices?
 - a. Who were the contracts with?
 - b. How much was each contract cost?

Answer:

2. Efic does not have any floral displays. For details regarding Efic's indoor and outdoor pot plants refer to Question 1.
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3. 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?
 - a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals?

Answer:

3. The total cost of all subscriptions was \$76,650.86, from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016.
 - a. The subscriptions are as follows:
 - ft.com corporate online subscription
 - Fairfax corporate online/print version subscription (includes AFR and SMH)

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- The Economist online/print version
- BusinessNews WA online subscription
- The Australian
- The Daily Telegraph
- Henry Stewart subscription
- Global Capital subscription
- AB+F subscription
- KangaNews subscription
- Thomson Reuters / Basis Point
- Australian Taxation Reporter
- Factiva Limited
- OTC Guide
- BBSW
- BondNews
- Oxford Analytica
- Lexis Nexis
- Trade Finance

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4. What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the department since 1 January 2016?
- a. What were the gifts purchased?
 - i. Who were they gifted to?

Answer:

4. The total value of gifts was \$13,233.31, from 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017.
- a. Efic purchased gift cards, farewell gifts, flowers and other small gifts.
 - i. These were gifted to staff, guest speakers at events and clients.

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5. Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for your department?
- a. What is the monthly cost of this?

Answer:

5. No.
- a. Not applicable.

6. Do you provide fruit for your department?
a. What is the monthly cost of this?

Answer:

6. Yes.
a. The average monthly cost of providing fruit for staff is \$650.
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7. What is the total bill for your department since 1 January 2016:
a. Taxi hire
b. Limousine hire
c. Private hire care
d. Hire car rental
e. Ridesharing services

Answer:

7. From 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017, the total costs are as follows:
a. \$88,941.29.
b. \$526.75.
c. \$0.
d. \$3,761.26.
e. \$627.86.
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8. How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the department?

Answer:

8. There are currently no Efic staffed employed on a full-time capacity to advise on media and public relations. Activities relating to media and public relations are managed by Efic's Head of Marketing and Efic's Communication Manager, as required.
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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?

Answer:

9. Efic will not employ any full-time media or public relations advisers.
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10. What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department?

Answer:

10. The total cost of media monitoring services was \$5,720, from 1 July 2016 to 28 February 2017.

11. How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2015-16?

Answer:

11. Nil. Efic does not use Facebook.

12. How much has the Department spend in legal costs since 1 January 2016?

a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

Answer:

12. For the period 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017, Efic's legal spend was \$862,880.22 (including GST). Of that amount, \$536,950.79 (62.2%) was recoverable from Efic's customers.

a. A breakdown of legal advice sought is set out in the table below separated between fees recoverable and not recoverable from customers.

Firm	Amount (AUD)	Reason advice sought.
Fees recoverable from Customers		
Allen and Gledhill	8,623.23	Singapore legal opinion
Ashurst Australia	248,536.07	Preparation and drafting of equipment loan facility agreement
Gilbert and Tobin Lawyers	46,461.25	Preparation and drafting of guarantee and facility agreement
Henry Davis York	11,506.55	Preparation and drafting of General security and priority deeds
Hillman and Veniere Lawyers	3,185.60	Proceedings in French Polynesia
Hogan Lovells International LLP	15,501.68	Preparation and drafting of mortgage over Hong Kong security
HWL Ebsworth Lawyers	4,626.02	Preparation and drafting of mortgage over security property Notary services
Kensington Swan Lawyers	3,403.75	Preparation and drafting of share security deed

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King & Wood Mallesons	15,698.73	Preparation and drafting of UAE bank guarantee English legal opinion
Kromann Reumert	19,452.69	Preparation and drafting of facility agreement
Linklaters LLP	17,999.67	English legal opinion
Morales Besa	16,416.56	Registration of Efic with Chilean IRS
Morris, Nicholas, Arsht & Tunnell	4,644.77	United States legal opinion
Nithya Partners	10,856.16	Sri Lankan legal opinion on credit facility agreement Sri Lankan legal opinion on export finance facility agreement
Slaughter & May	25,538.57	Enforceability and English legal opinion on credit agreement
Thierry Jacquet	6,621.64	Proceedings in Tahiti
Turks Legal	77,877.85	40 x Preparation and drafting of general security deeds 1 x Preparation and drafting of discharge of Mortgage 1 x Preparation and drafting of specific security agreement 1 x Preparation and drafting of intercreditor deed
TOTAL AMOUNT	536,950.79	

Fees not recoverable from Customers		
Allens Linklaters	462.00	Solicitor audit letter
Ashurst Australia	129,689.59	Remuneration Tribunal advice Employment law advice Contractual advice Work Health & Safety advice Superannuation law advice Directors duties advice Procurement advice Freedom of Information law advice
Australian Government Solicitors	8,354.50	Export Finance & Insurance Corporation Act Advice Parliamentary reporting advice
Clayton Utz	15,895.00	Tax advice
Fumiaki Shimazaki	40,475.22	Annual securities advice
Henry Davis York	72,923.18	Preparation and drafting of Deed of variation Trade mark law advice Preparation and drafting of support and

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		maintenance agreement Unfair Contract Terms review
Hicksons Laywers	5,975.93	Property law advice Solicitors audit letter
King & Wood Mallessons	8,207.97	Regulatory advice Treasury advice
Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu	4,594.06	Treasury advice
Norton Rose Fulbright Australia	7,700.00	Reinsurance advice
Norton Rose Fulbright International	3,858.90	Corporate advice
Slaughter and May	15,917.09	Insurance advice
Tress Cox	217.80	Solicitors audit letter
Turks Legal	11,658.19	Advice on guarantee call Preparation and drafting of Impaired Exposure User Guide
TOTAL AMOUNT	325,929.43325	

13. Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 1 January 2016?

- a. Social media
 - i. And the cost of these services
- b. Photography
 - i. And the cost of these services
- c. Acting training
 - i. And the cost of these services
- d. Ergonomics
 - i. And the cost of these services

Answer:

13.

- a. Yes. Efic works with a range of specialist agencies and social media providers that provide marketing support and advice across a range of marketing channels.
 - i. From 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017, the costs were as follows:

Supplier	Description	Cost
Twitter	Advertising placements	\$7000.00
Oddfish	Retainer – 20% of Total retainer	\$7992.00

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Meltwater	Social media scheduling tool – annual licence	\$12,500.00
LinkedIn	Sponsored posts & Advertising	\$45,500.00
LinkedIn Navigator	Social Selling Tool – 12 month licence	\$22,662.00
Total		\$95,654.00

b. Yes.

i. From 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017, the costs were as follows:

Supplier	Description	Cost
SDP Media	Event photography x 3	2535.06
Eventive Photography	Event photography x 2	1,586.52
SeeSaw	Event photography x 1 Case Study Shoots x 3	3,559.60
Catchlight Pictures	Event photography x 1	800.00
Claudio Raschella	Event Photography x 1 Case Study Shoots x 5	4,465.00
Tony Phillips	Event Photography x 1	517.00
Tess Follett	Event Photography x 1	682.00
The Scene Team	Case Study Shoot x 2	\$1,320.00
Ali Nassar	Annual Report Shoot x 2 Staff Shoot x 2	\$3,850.30
Total Cost		\$19,315.48

c. No.

i. Not applicable.

d. No.

i. Not applicable.

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?

a. What was the nature of these works/services?

b. What was the total cost of these works or services?

Answer:

14.No.

a. Not applicable.

b. Not applicable.

15. How many redundancies were processed by the Department since 1 January 2016?

a. Of these redundancies, how many were:

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- i. Voluntary?
- ii. Forced?
- b. What was the total cost of all redundancies?

Answer:

15. Efic processed three redundancies, from 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017.

- a. All three were forced redundancies.
 - b. The total cost of the redundancies was \$162,067.65.
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16. Does the department have an iTunes account?

- a. What is the total expenditure since 2016 on iTunes?
 - i. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes? 131.

Answer:

16. No.

- a. There was no expenditure. Only free applications were used by Efic.
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17. Does the department have an Android account?

- a. What was the total expenditure in 2015-16 on Android?
- b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?

Answer:

17. No.

- a. The total expenditure in the 2015-16 financial year was \$16,134 (for handsets).
 - b. No applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android.
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18. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the department this year?

Answer:

18. From 1 July 2016 to 28 February 2017, the most utilised unique domain names were as follows:

Volume Rank	Destination address	Friendly name	Destination Host Name	Bytes	Bytes Received	Bytes Sent
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1	119.63.219.89	outlook.efic.gov.au	Outlook-2010-100MFibre.1.snat	607.08 G	586.48 G	20.60 G
2	192.168.0.124	esyd24.efic.gov.au	ESYD24.1.alm	205.76 G	9.84 G	195.91 G
3	192.168.0.128	esyd28.efic.gov.au	ESYD28	176.30 G	168.88 G	7.42 G
4	192.168.0.136	esyd36.efic.gov.au	ESYD36.1.alm	173.33 G	152.85 G	20.48 G
5	192.168.0.116	esyd16.efic.gov.au	ESYD16.1.alm	111.08 G	90.41 G	20.67 G
6	192.168.0.137	esyd37.efic.gov.au	ESYD37.1.alm	104.05 G	45.34 G	58.70 G
7	192.168.0.192	esyd92.efic.gov.au	ESYD92.1.alm	93.87 G	68.19 G	25.67 G
8	23.0.201.37	akamaitechnologies.com	a23-0-201-37.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com	92.08 G	90.23 G	1.85 G
9	13.107.4.50	msft.net (Microsoft)	13.107.4.50	85.53 G	83.66 G	1.86 G
10	17.253.67.205	apple.com	ausyd2-vip-bx-005.aaplimg.com	75.77 G	73.80 G	1.97 G
11	104.117.221.207	akamaitechnologies.com	a104-117-221-207.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com	59.30 G	58.40 G	915.08 M
12	192.168.0.245	esyd145.efic.gov.au	ESYD145.1.alm	49.63 G	43.03 G	6.59 G
13	17.253.67.203	apple.com	ausyd2-vip-bx-003.aaplimg.com	47.92 G	46.67 G	1.24 G
14	119.63.219.84	mail.efic.gov.au	SMTP-Inbound-100MFibre.1.snat	38.25 G	2.69 G	35.55 G
15	119.63.219.93	epa2.efic.gov.au	Sentry2-ASync-100MFibre.3.snat	33.49 G	23.09 G	10.40 G
16	192.168.0.131	esyd31.efic.gov.au	ESYD31.1.alm	33.33 G	25.36 G	7.97 G
17	192.168.0.100	esyd200.efic.gov.au	ESYD200	30.95 G	26.25 G	4.69 G
18	119.63.219.82	epa18.efic.gov.au	XTM-logs-100MFibre.1.snat	30.82 G	45.78 M	30.78 G
19	104.95.141.202	akamaitechnologies.com	a104-95-141-202.deploy.static.akamaitechnologies.com	29.05 G	28.63 G	437.05 M
20	192.168.0.107	esyd207.efic.gov.au	ESYD207	25.40 G	24.68 G	741.66 M

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19. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by the department this year?

Answer:

19. From 1 July 2016 to 28 February 2017, the most accessed unique domain names were as follows:

Count Rank	URL	Repeat Count
1	weather.service.msn.com/data.aspx?wealocations=&culture=en-US&weadegreetype=F&src=outlook	1006336
2	cas.efic.gov.au/	754739
3	epa2.efic.gov.au/	592023
4	epa1.efic.gov.au/	162595
5	efic.gov.au/	157882
6	esyd28/	92751
7	outlook.office365.com/	79341
8	settings-win.data.microsoft.com/	73899
9	npa1.naif.gov.au/	59365
10	sin1-ib.adnxs.com/	57738
11	myefic/dept/lel/_vti_bin/sharedaccess.asmx	57578
12	nexus.officeapps.live.com/	55987
13	cp101-prod.do.dsp.mp.microsoft.com/	49580
14	geover-prod.do.dsp.mp.microsoft.com/	49274
15	vortex-win.data.microsoft.com/	46130
16	login.microsoftonline.com/	34714
17	autodiscover.efic.gov.au/	32264
18	api.clickatell.com/	32157
19	esyd28.efic.gov.au/	31927
20	panos.wildfire.paloaltonetworks.com/	30492

20. How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff?

Answer:

20. The average monthly cost for tea/coffee/milk is \$683.67.

21. Does any office have coffee machines?

a. How many?

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- b. What was their purchase cost?
- c. What is their maintenance cost?
- d. Who has access to them?

Answer:

21. Yes.

- a. Efic has three coffee machines.
 - b. The coffee machines are hired by Efic.
 - c. The cost for hire and maintenance is \$1,300 per annum.
 - d. All Efic staff have access to the coffee machines.
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22. How many mobile phones are given to staff?

- 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?

Answer:

22. A total of 113 mobile phones are given to staff.

- a. Efic provided 27 new mobile phones, from 1 July 2016 to 28 February 2017.
 - b. The total cost of the phones was \$34,782.
 - c. No mobile phones needed replacement. Damaged phones were either repaired or replaced with used phones.
 - d. Two mobile phones were reported as lost.
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23. How many tablets are given to staff?

- a. How many new tablets in the last year?
- b. What is the total cost of these tablets?
- c. How many had to be replaced due to damage?
- d. How many were reported as lost?

Answer:

23. A total of 27 tablets are given to staff.

- a. Nil.
- b. Not applicable.
- c. Nil.

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d. Nil.

24. How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet?

- a. What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?

Answer:

24. A total of 27 staff have both a smart phone and a tablet.

- a. IT Support Specialist.
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25. How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill?

- a. By how much?
b. What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones?
c. What was the highest monthly cost?

Answer:

25. From July to November 2017, 29 staff overspent on their mobile phone or data bill. In December 2016, all of Efic's mobile/tablet plans were transferred to a 'pooled' plan. Consequently, since December 2016, there has been no 'overspend' on data services.

- a. The amount that staff overspent on their phone or tablet bill varies. The lowest amount was \$0.25 and the highest was \$494.11.
b. The average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones was \$419.33.
c. The highest monthly cost was \$494.11, in August 2016.
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26. What was the annual cost of stationery?

Answer:

26. The average annual cost of stationery is \$5,400.

27. What brand of paper does the Department use?

- a. Is this paper Australian made?

Answer:

27. Efic uses Reflex paper.

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a. Yes.

28. Were any refurbishments on office buildings carried out in the last year?

- a. What were they?
- b. What was the cost?

Answer:

28. No.

- a. Not applicable.
 - b. Not applicable.
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29. Were any internal fitouts/maintenance carried out on office buildings in the last year?

- a. What was the cost?

Answer:

29. No internal fitouts were completed. Normal building maintenance was undertaken.

- a. The cost of building maintenance was \$139,415.81, from 1 July 2016 to 28 February 2017.
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30. How many functions did the Department cater for since 1 January 2016?

- a. List of functions,
- b. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;
- c. Function venue;
- d. Itemised list of costs;
- e. Details of any food served;
- f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;
- g. Details of any spirits served including brand and vintage;
- h. Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and
- i. Details of any entertainment provided.

Answer:

30. Since 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017, Efic catered for 25 functions. Details are as follows:

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Function	1. SME Briefing Perth 2016	2. SME Briefing Adelaide 2016	3. SME Briefing Melbourne 2016	4. SME Briefing Brisbane 2016	5. SME Briefing Sydney 2016
List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Function venue	Duxton Hall	Adelaide Convention Centre	Crown Towers	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre	Ivy Ballroom
Itemised list of costs	31423.93	\$31,923.93	\$37,073.08	\$30,745.75	\$35,470.70
Details of food served	Sit down cooked breakfast with tea & coffee	Sit down cooked breakfast with tea & coffee	Sit down cooked breakfast with tea & coffee	Sit down cooked breakfast with tea & coffee	Sit down cooked breakfast with tea & coffee
Wine or champagne served – including brand or vintage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spirits served including brand & vintage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Floral arrangements and other decorations	Stage backdrop - \$500 Flowers - \$131.15 Furniture - \$1045	Stage backdrop - \$500 Flowers - \$132	Stage backdrop - \$500 Furniture - \$393.37	Stage backdrop - \$500 Furniture - \$952.95	Stage backdrop - \$500 Furniture - \$1266
Details of any entertainment provided	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Function	6. CEO Leaders Lunch Toowoomba 2016	7. CEO Leaders Lunch Perth 2016	8. CEO Leaders Lunch Newcastle 2016	9. CEO Leaders Lunch Melbourne 2016	10. CEO Leaders Lunch Adelaide 2016
List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Function venue	Inbound Toowoomba	Rockpool bar and Grill	Customs House	RACV Club	Chianti
Itemised list of costs	\$2,021.18	\$2,270.40	\$1,882.28	\$1,777.26	\$1,985.72
Details of food served	Sit down three course lunch	Sit down three course lunch	Sit down three course lunch	Sit down three course lunch	Sit down three course lunch
Wine or champagne	• Devil's	• 2015 Deep	• Vasse	• Stella	• '13

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served – including brand or vintage	Staircase Pinot Gris, Central Otago NZ • Ricasoli Chianti, Chianti Tuscany • Peroni Leggara	woods estate, Tempranillo blend (Margaret River) • 2014 Josef Chromy 'Pepik' (Northern Tasmania) • 2012 Flowstone Chardonnay (Margaret River) • Lord Nelson Pale Ale	Felix Filius Cabernet Merlot (Margaret River) • Vasse Felix Sauvignon Blanc Semillon (Margaret River) • Lord Nelson Three Sheets • Peroni Azzurro	Artois • Quealy Pinot Grigio, Mornington Peninsula VIC • Miles from Nowhere Cabernet Merlot, Margaret River, WA	Landaire Chardonnay (Padthaway, SA) • '13 Yangarra 'Old Vine' Grenache (McLarenVal e, SA) • Pirate Life, IPA
Spirits served including brand & vintage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Floral arrangements and other decorations	Flowers - \$138.18	Flowers - \$181.82	Flowers - \$138.18	Flowers - \$138.18	Flowers - \$138.18
Details of any entertainment provided	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Function	11. Efic Xmas Event Melbourne 2016	12. Efic Xmas Event Perth 2016	13. Efic Xmas Event Sydney 2016	14. Efic Xmas Event Adelaide 2016	15. Efic Xmas Event Brisbane 2016
List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Function venue	Eureka 89	Reveley Bar	The Mint	Electra House Hotel	NaVala Restaurant
Itemised list of costs	\$12,448.60	\$6,927.15	\$34,664.48	\$9,328.20	\$6,026.80
Details of food served	Stand up cocktail function	Stand up cocktail function	Stand up cocktail function	Stand up cocktail function	Stand up cocktail function
Wine or champagne served – including brand or vintage	• Pizzini Pinot Grigio 2015, King Valley VIC • Oakdene Sparkling NV, Bellarine Peninsula VIC • Sanguine Estate Shiraz, Heathcote VIC • Cascade	Open Bar with bar tab	• Morgans Bay Sparkling Cuvee NV • Morgans Bay Sauvignon Blanc • Asahi, Hahn Premium Light Beer	• Mars Needs Moscato • 2014 Golding Last Hurrah Sparkling • 2014 Altamont Sauv Blanc • 2013 Xanadu Chardonnay • 2014 Round Two	• Sparkling wine Chandon Brut • Cape mentelle hen pecked classic dry white • Cape mentelle hen pecked classic dry red • James

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	Pale Ale • Melbourne Bitter • Cascade Premium Light			Single Vinyard Shiraz • 2012 Parker Coonawarra Cabernet	Boags premium light • James Squire chancer golden ale
Spirits served including brand & vintage	N/A	Open bar with bar tab	N/A	N/A	N/A
Floral arrangements and other decorations	N/A	N/A	• Furniture and decorations - \$4340.41	N/A	N/A
Details of any entertainment provided	N/A	N/A	• Band - \$2800	N/A	N/A

Function	16. Asian Exim Banks Forum (AEBF) Conference Sydney Dec 2016	AEBF - Day 1	AEBF - Day 2 Dinner	AEBF - Day 2	AEBF - Day 2 Dinner	AEBF - Day 3
List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff	N/A					
Function venue		Quay West	Neptune Palace	Quay West	Zaaffran	Day Excursion - Efic office/Botanic Gardens/Watsons Bay/Bondi Beach
Itemised list of costs	N/A	\$2,884	\$2,030	\$2,884	\$2,352.44	\$2,564.93
Details of food served		All day conference with buffet lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea	Sit down dinner	All day conference with buffet lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea	Sit down dinner	Bus tour with stop offs at the Botanic Gardens and Watsons Bay followed by lunch at Bondi Beach
Wine or champagne served – including brand or vintage		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Spirits served including brand &		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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vintage						
Floral arrangements and other decorations		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Details of any entertainment provided		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Function	Diversity and Inclusion Program Senior Women's Lunch – 11/03/2016	Diversity and Inclusion Program Senior Women's Lunch – 18/08/2016	Diversity and Inclusion Program Senior Women's Lunch – 01/12/2016	Diversity and Inclusion Program Senior Women's Lunch – 07/12/2016	September Morning Tea
List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff	Jane Halton & 20 Efic employees	Sheryl Weil & 11 Efic employees	Denise Goldsworthy & 16 Efic staff	Judith MacCormick & 13 Efic employees	2 external guests and approx. 37 Sydney-based Efic employees
Function venue	Efic office	Efic office	Efic office	Efic office	Efic office
Itemised list of costs	Food: \$203.34. Gift (champagne): \$124	Food: \$274.83. Gift (beauty products): \$104	Food: \$203.34. Gift (champagne): \$124	Food: \$149.94. Gift (flowers): \$50	Food: \$799. Guest speaker: \$275
Details of food served	Sandwiches and fruit platter	Sandwiches, sushi, fruit platter	Sandwiches and fruit platter	Sandwiches and fruit platter	Fruit, muesli, small breakfast items
Wine or champagne served – including brand or vintage	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Spirits served including brand & vintage	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Floral arrangements and other decorations	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Details of any entertainment provided	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

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.

Answer:

31. The Managing Director of Efic recently disclosed (on 24 January 2017) that he would be resigning from Efic. The Efic Board is managing the statutory recruitment process for a new Managing Director.

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32. How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016?

- a. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts.

Answer:

32. Efic spent \$15,819 on media monitoring, from 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017.

- a. Not applicable. Efic, as a corporate Commonwealth entity under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, is not required to report on the AusTender website for contracts less than \$400,000.
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33. How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 January 2016?

- a. Please provide a list of all Contract Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to advertising and information campaign contracts please be provided.

Answer:

33. Efic spent \$358,387 on advertising and information campaigns, from 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017.

- a. Not applicable. Efic, as a corporate Commonwealth entity under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, is not required to report on the AusTender website for contracts less than \$400,000.
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34. Were any members of your department charged with fraud?

- a. How many staff members?
b. What disciplinary action was taken?

Answer:

34. No.

- a. Not applicable.
b. Not applicable.
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35. Has the Department undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months?

- a. With whom?

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- b. For what?
- c. What was the value of the contract?

Answer:

35. Yes.

- a. – c. From 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017, Efic undertook the following market research:

Research Provider	Research Rationale	Value
East & Partners	Brand Tracking Research 2016 (Feb – May 2016)	\$72,624.00
Wilson Fletcher	User Experience research for Efic Website and EficDirect (May – Aug 2016)	\$127,830.00
Potentiate	Combined Exporter Sentiment Index Research and Brand Tracking (Oct – Nov 2016)	\$55,830.00
Total		\$256,284.00

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Senator Gallacher, Alex

Topic: DFAT: Garden Service

Question

- 1) Does any office use a garden service for indoor or outdoor pot plants/flowers maintenance?
 - a. Who are the contracts with?
 - b. How much does each contract cost?
 - c. How often do they visit

- 2) Have any floral displays or indoor plants or pot plants been hired or leased for display in any offices?
 - a. Who were the contracts with?
 - b. How much was each contract cost?

Answer

1. The department does not capture this information centrally.

2. To provide these details would entail a significant diversion of resources and, in these circumstances, we do not consider the additional work can be justified.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: New Subscription

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Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

3. 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?
 - a. What are these services / newspapers / magazines / journals / periodicals?

Answer

To answer this question would require a disproportionate amount of departmental resources.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: Aid/Development Program – Sexual Reproduction Health and Rights

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Senator Moore, Claire

Question

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:

- i. What is the date funding will cease in 2017?
- ii. What is the current status of the program evaluation?

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?

- 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 policies in this area?

5. Can you confirm funding for the SPRINT program through IPPF commenced in 2007?

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?

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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?
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?
9. What advice did the Department provide as to the amount of further funding to SPRINT program? Is the amount announced by the Foreign Minister consistent with this advice?
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?
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.”?
 - i. If yes what have been the outcome of these discussions?
12. Given the substantive funding loss the IPPF will experience internationally as a result of the global gag rule, how did the Department decide upon \$9.5million in funding for the third SPRINT phase?
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?
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?
15. Can you advise on the breakdown of the \$9.5 million of the SPRINT funding over the three-year period?
16. Has the Department placed any limitations on the geographic areas in which Phase 3 of SPRINT program funding can be spent?

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Answer

1. (i) The duration of the program has been extended and will now end on 31 December 2018.

(ii) Planning for the program review has commenced.
2. No.

(i) IPPF has indicated that it expects to lose access to funding totalling an estimated US\$100 over the next three to four years. It anticipates that the bulk of the impact of funding loss will primarily affect South Asia, Latin America and Africa regions.

(ii) We are continuing to work with IPPF to assess the full impact of the Mexico City Policy on the Pacific region.
3. Funds beyond 2017 will be considered as part of the budget process and subject to global and country programming priorities.
4. The Australian Government remains committed to the protection and promotion of sexual and reproductive health and rights and it is a priority in our foreign policy and aid program. We are continuing to assess the impact of the Mexico City Policy globally and in our region.
5. Yes. The first SPRINT grant agreement was signed on 5 September 2007.
6. Funding for the first phase of SPRINT was \$5.8 million and funding for the second phase was \$11 million. The new commitment of \$9.5 million for the third phase of SPRINT brings the total funding commitment to \$26.3 million.
7. The final payment under the second phase was made on 1 August 2016. It is anticipated that the first payment for the third phase will be made in April or May 2017.
8. The Department regularly engaged with the Minister for Foreign Affairs on the SPRINT program during 2016 as it is an important part of our response to humanitarian crises. The grant agreement for the third phase of SPRINT was signed on 15 December 2016.
9. The Department does not disclose the nature of advice provided to the Government.
10. DFAT has been in regular discussions with IPPF since 2007 on SPRINT matters.

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11. IPPF, in its role as the head of the International Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights Consortium, has written to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade concerning the impact of the Mexico City Policy on sexual and reproductive health. The Department is continuing to engage with organisations including IPPF to assess the impact of the Mexico City Policy globally and in our region.

12. The decision was based on an assessment of the scale and nature of needs in the Indo-Pacific region and the capacities in IPPF and countries to improve services in crisis settings.

13. Yes.

14. The funding is from DFAT's ODA budget and was not reallocated funds.

15. Funding is allocated across three financial years

- 2016-17 - \$2.5 million
- 2017-18 - \$3.5 million
- 2018-19 - \$3.5 million

16. The Government's aid policy, *Australian aid: promoting prosperity, reducing poverty, enhancing stability*, calls for at least 90 per cent of aid to be directed to the Indo-Pacific region. SPRINT is focused on 15 countries in the Indo-Pacific region. In the event of a humanitarian crisis outside the Indo-Pacific region, SPRINT may support a response, subject to approval by DFAT or the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

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Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs - Gifts

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

- 4) What was the total value of all gifts purchased for use by the department since 1 January 2016?
- a. What were the gifts purchased?
 - i. Who were they gifted to?

Answer

Australia is not traditionally a gift-giving country, however the exchange of gifts with counterparts is not uncommon across the diplomatic network in respect for other countries' customs. The department does not have a reporting mechanism to obtain this information. To attempt to provide all of the information requested would entail a significant and unreasonable diversion of resources.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs - Water

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

- 5) Do you purchase bottled water or provide coolers for your department?
 - a. What is the monthly cost of this?

- 6) Do you provide fruit for your department?
 - a. What is the monthly cost of this?

Answer

- 5) There are at least two existing water coolers located in the department in Canberra for which tap water is used to refill them. Across the overseas network, bottled water and coolers may be provided where the quality of water is inadequate.
 - a. It would entail significant diversion of resources to collate this expenditure. In these circumstances, we do not consider the additional work can be justified.

- 6) No.
 - a. N/A.

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Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs - Transport

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

- 7) What is the total bill for your department since 1 January 2016:
- a. Taxi hire
 - b. Limousine hire
 - c. Private hire care
 - d. Hire car rental
 - e. Ridesharing services

Answer

The total bill for all these services across DFAT's global network, including Australia and all overseas posts, from 01 January 2016 to 31 December 2016 is \$1.919m.

It is not possible to break the costs down by the five different categories.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

119 - Additional Estimates QoN

Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs – Media

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

- 8) How many media or public relations advisers are employed in the department?
- 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?
- 10) What is the total cost of media monitoring services used by Department?
- 32) How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016?
- 32 a) Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts.
- 11) How much did your department spend on Facebook advertising or sponsored posts in 2015-16?
- 13). Has the Department engaged any consultants to provide the following services or advice since 1 January 2016?
- a. Social media
 - i. and the cost of these services
 - b. Photography
 - i. and the cost of these services
 - c. Acting training
 - i. and the cost of these services
 - d. Ergonomics
 - i. and the cost of these services

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Answer

8) There are 30 media or public relations advisers employed in the Department.

9) The total cost for the current financial year for the 30 media or public relations advisers employed in the department is \$3,146,390 representing salary costs.

10) See response to question 32 below.

32) The Department spent \$364,621.25 (ex GST) on media monitoring and associated copyright from 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017.

32a) The Contract Notice IDs for media monitoring area as follows:

1. Dec 2015 – 30/6/2016: CN2100691-A2
2. 1/7/16 – 30/6/2017: CN3363690

11) \$249,402.86 (Ex GST) of which the bulk was aimed at reaching consular clients.

13) a. Yes

i. \$309,523.06 (Ex GST)

b. No

i. N/A

c. No

i. N/A

d. Employee Health and Safety Section had spent \$38,929.23 on ergonomic assessments 1 Jan 16 – 28 Feb 17. This includes the cost of external ergonomic assessments for Canberra based personnel.

It does not include the cost of:

- sit-stand desks
- specialist ergonomic chairs
- ergonomic assessments at posts and non-Canberra based workplaces
- eyesight testing/reimbursement

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120 – Additional Estimates QoN

Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs – Staffing - Redundancies

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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?
- a. what was the nature of these works/services?
 - b. what was the total cost of these works or services?
15. How many redundancies were processed by the Department since 1 January 2016?
- a of these redundancies, how many were:
 - i. voluntary?
 - ii. forced?
 - b. what was the total cost of all redundancies?

Answer

14. Yes – all after their exclusion period expired.
- a. Short term projects and intermittent tasks.
 - b. \$270,666.
15. Forty-nine voluntary redundancies were processed by the department between 1 January 2016 and 31 January 2017.
- a. all redundancies processed in the period were voluntary.
 - b. \$6,863,929 inclusive of \$2,973,348 in leave liabilities.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs – iTunes Account

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

16. Does the department have an iTunes account?
 - a. What is the total expenditure since 2016 on iTunes?
 - b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through iTunes?
17. Does the department have an Android account?
 - a. What was the total expenditure in 2015-16 on Android?
 - b. What applications/subscriptions/services were purchased through Android?
18. What were the top 20 most utilised (by data sent and received) unique domain names accessed by the department this year?
19. What were the top 20 most accessed (by number of times accessed) unique domain names accessed by the department this year?

Answer

16. No
 - a. Not applicable
 - b. Not applicable
17. No
 - a. Not applicable
 - b. Not applicable

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18. The department is unable to extract an accurate reflection of the top 20 most used domains by data sent and received. Many domains automatically generate secondary associations or links to social media, advertising and 'like' domains. For example, a user opening an online news domain that enables articles to be shared by social media will automatically have background links established with Facebook and Twitter without the user being aware of the association. A review of a user's domain logs would indicate the user had accessed social media when they had only accessed a news site. Moreover, users accessing domains that store their video and image data in third-party content servers would be recorded as downloading data from the third-party content server, rather than the domain they visited.

19. For similar reasons to answer 18, the department is unable to extract an accurate reflection of the top 20 most accessed domains by number of times accessed.

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Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

20. How much is spent on tea/coffee/milk for staff?
21. Does any office have coffee machines?
- a. How many?
 - b. What was their purchase cost?
 - c. What is their maintenance cost?
 - d. Who has access to them?

Answer

20. Nil (staff purchase their own).
21. Nil (staff purchase their own).
- a. N/A
 - b. N/A
 - c. N/A
 - d. N/A

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs – Mobile Phones

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

22. How many mobile phones are given to staff?
 - 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?
23. How many tablets are given to staff?
 - 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?
24. How many people have both a smart phone and a tablet?
 - i. What is the lowest ranked official who has both a work smart phone and tablet?
25. How many staff overspent on their phone or tablet data bill?
 - j. By how much?
 - k. What was the average cost of data bills for tablets and mobile phones?
 - l. What was the highest monthly cost?

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Answer

22. 2804

- a. 676 in 2016-17 to date.
- b. \$544,369 (including GST)
- c. 90
- d. 11

23. 693

- e. 118 in 2016-17 to date.
- f. \$116,584 (including GST)
- g. 2
- h. None.

24. 458

- i. The department allocates smart phones and tablets to officers (of any level) who require them in the performance of their duties

25. DFAT has a capped data service contract under which usage is charged at an agency level rather than by billing staff individually.

- j. Not applicable.
- k. Agency data costs are capped at \$62,227 per month.
- l. Refer previous answer.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: DFAT - Stationary

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

26. What was the annual cost of stationary?
27. What brand of paper does the Department use?
 - a. Is this paper Australian made?

Answer

26. \$1,199,329.84 in 2016.
27. Paper being purchased by the department is Australian made.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

125 - Additional Estimates QoN

Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

28. Were any refurbishments on office buildings carried out in the last year?
- b. What were they?
 - c. What was the cost?

Answer

28. No

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Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

29. Were any internal fitouts/maintenance carried out on office buildings in the last year?
- d. What was the cost?

Answer

29. Yes
- d. \$1,934,873 for the period 1/1/2016-31/12/2016.

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Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs

Senator Gallagher, Alex

Question

30. How many functions did the Department cater for since 1 January 2016?

- a. List of functions;
- b. List of attendees including departmental officials and members of the Minister's family or personal staff;
- c. Function venue;
- d. Itemised list of costs;
- e. Details of any food served;
- f. Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage;
- g. Details of any spirits served including brand and vintage;
- h. Details of any floral arrangements or other decorations; and
- i. Details of any entertainment provided.

Answer

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade hosts many official functions, receptions, events and gatherings to advance Australia's foreign, trade and development interests, both in Australia and at Australian Government posts overseas. The department does not have reporting mechanisms to capture this detail readily. To attempt to provide all of the information requested would entail a significant and unreasonable diversion of resources.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: DFAT – Board Appointments

Question

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.

Answer

31. Advisory Group on Australia- Africa Relations: One vacancy since November 2016. Council for Australia Arab Relations: One vacancy. Board Member Houssam Abiab is acting Chairperson until a replacement is nominated. Editorial Advisory Board: Two vacancies since January 2017. New Colombo Plan Reference Group: One vacancy since June 2016. Trade Tourism and Investment Policy Advisory Council: One vacancy since March 2017.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: DFAT Administrative Costs – Media Monitoring

Senator Gallagher, Alex

Question

32. How much has the Department spent on media monitoring since 1 January 2016?
- p. Please provide a list of all Contact Notice IDs for the Austender website in relation to media monitoring contracts.
33. How much has the Department spent on advertising and information campaigns since 1 January 2016?
- 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.
35. Has the Department undertaken / contracted any market research in the last 12 months?
- a. With whom?
- b. For what?
- c. What was the value of the contract?

Answer

32. \$526,238.67 from 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017.

All contracts awarded valued at or above \$10,000 is publically available on AusTender. This includes the cost, subject matter, procurement method and supplier details for the contract.

To provide a list of individual Contract Notice IDs would be a significant diversions of resources.

33. \$3,971,008.99 from 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017.

All contracts awarded valued at or above \$10,000 is publically available on AusTender. This includes the cost, subject matter, procurement method and supplier details for the contract.

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To provide a list of individual Contract Notice IDs would be a significant diversion of resources.

35. All contracts awarded valued at or above \$10,000 is publically available on AusTender. This includes the cost, subject matter, procurement method and supplier details for the contract.

To provide a list of individual Contract Notice IDs would be a significant diversion of resources.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: DFAT - Fraud

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

34. Were any members of your department charged with fraud?
- p. How many staff members?
 - q. What disciplinary action was taken?

Answer

No DFAT staff were charged with fraud over the 2016/17 financial year.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

36. How many full time staff or equivalent are working on the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership?

- 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?

Answer

The Free Trade Agreement Division (FTD) is responsible for negotiating the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership. About 20 staff have responsibility for working on RCEP but a number of these are also involved in other negotiations or processes. Officials are not limited to working on only these negotiations. Numbers of staff working on the various trade negotiations fluctuate depending on the pace and stage of each negotiation (including negotiations that occur under the built-in agenda of concluded FTAs) and operational requirements.

- a. FTA negotiating texts remain confidential until an international agreement is completed, in order to facilitate candid and productive negotiations.
- b. FTA negotiating texts remain confidential until an international agreement is completed, in order to facilitate candid and productive negotiations.
- c. FTA negotiating texts remain confidential until an international agreement is completed, in order to facilitate candid and productive negotiations.
- d. FTA negotiating texts remain confidential until an international agreement is completed, in order to facilitate candid and productive negotiations.

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Topic: Trade

Senator Gallagher, Alex

Question

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?

Answer

Japan is an important market for Australia and the preferential access under the Japan-Australia Economic Partnership Agreement (JAEPA) currently provides Australian exporters with an advantage over their competitors in the US. Any impact of a bilateral FTA between Japan and the US would depend on the specific outcome of the agreement.

It is important to note that under JAEPA the Government successfully negotiated most favoured nation provisions for services and investment which ensure that Australian service providers and investors would receive the same access as the US, in the event Japan provided the US more favourable access in a certain sector. For goods, there are built-in negotiation and review mechanisms in JAEPA, including a specific review of priority agricultural products if a competitor gained better preferential access.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: DFAT – Legal Costs

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

How much has the Department spend in legal costs since 1 January 2016?

- a. For what specific purposes or matters was legal advice sought?

Answer

The Department's external legal services expenditure for the period 1 January 2016 to 28 February 2017 was \$4,405,507.49. The Department engages external legal service providers, where appropriate, on range of matters in connection with its operations.

QUESTION ON NOTICE/ Written

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Topic: Trade/Tariff Issues on Paper

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

38. How much paper does Australia import?
- a. What is the tariff on paper imports?
 - b. Are equal tariffs applied to all imported paper?
 - c. How much paper is imported from?
 - i. China?
 - ii. Brazil?
 - iii. Indonesia?
 - iv. Thailand?
 - d. Has Australia agreed to cut the tariff on Indonesian paper in the upcoming FTA?

Answer

How much paper does Australia import?

In 2016, Australia imported AUD \$2.76 billion in value of Paper, Paperboard, and Articles of Paper Pulp under the different headings of Chapter 48 (Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, or paper or of paperboard) of the Harmonized System.

a) What is the tariff on paper imports?

Australia's Most Favoured Nation (MFN) tariffs on imports classified under Chapter 48 of the Harmonized System are between zero and five per cent. Imports under Chapter 48 that meet rules of origin are currently eligible to enter duty free or at reduced tariffs under Free Trade Agreements, as follows:

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Chapter 48 goods are currently eligible to enter duty free when imported under the: ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area; Australia-Chile Free Trade Agreement; Australia – New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement; Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement; Canada-Australia Trade Agreement; Japan – Australia Economic Partnership Agreement; Malaysia-Australia Free Trade Agreement; Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement, and; Thailand-Australian Free Trade Agreement.

Chapter 48 goods are currently eligible to enter duty free or at reduced tariffs when imported under the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement, with tariffs available in Schedule 12 to the *Customs Act* (<http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/cargo-support-trade-and-goods/importing-goods/tariff-classification-of-goods/current-tariff-classification>), and; Korea-Australia Free Trade Agreement, with tariffs available in Schedule 10 of the *Customs Act* (<http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/cargo-support-trade-and-goods/importing-goods/tariff-classification-of-goods/current-tariff-classification>).

Reduced tariffs are also available to developing countries. Current tariffs are listed in Schedule 1 of the *Customs Act* (<http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/cargo-support-trade-and-goods/importing-goods/tariff-classification-of-goods/current-tariff-classification>).

Imports classified under Chapter 48 of the Harmonized System may enter at zero tariff where a Trade Concession Order (TCO) has been issued by DIBP at an importer's request. TCOs are issued only for products that are not manufactured in Australia. Current TCOs for goods classified under Chapter 48 are available on the Department of Immigration and Border Protection 2012 tariff classification page (<https://www.border.gov.au/tariffclassificationofgoods/pages/tariffconcessionsorders.aspx?ch=48>).

b) Are equal tariffs applied to all imported paper?

No. Please see response to question 1 a) above.

c) How much paper is imported from:

i. China?

Australia imported around AUD \$858 million in value of paper and paper products under Chapter 48 of the HS from China in 2016.

ii. Brazil?

Australia imported just over AUD \$2.3 million in value of paper and paper products under Chapter 48 of the HS from Brazil in 2016.

iii. Indonesia?

Australia imported around AUD \$182 million in value of paper and paper products under Chapter 48 of the HS from Indonesia in 2016.

iv. Thailand?

Australia imported around AUD \$48.7 million in value of paper and paper products under Chapter 48 of the HS from Thailand in 2016.

d) Has Australia agreed to cut the tariff on Indonesian paper in the upcoming FTA?

The tariffs on Indonesian paper imports have already been eliminated under the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA).

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Topic: Australia-India Free Trade Agreement

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

39. What is the scheduled conclusion date for the Australia/ India free trade agreement?
- a. How many full time staff or equivalent are working on the Australia/ India free trade agreement?

Answer

The Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement negotiations are ongoing.

- a. The Free Trade Agreement Division (FTD) is responsible for negotiating the Australia-India Comprehensive Economic Agreement (AI-CECA). About 18 staff have responsibility for work on AI-CECA but a number of these officials are also working on other negotiations and processes.

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Topic: Pacific: PACER Plus

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

40. When were negotiations of PACER Plus meant to have been concluded? (2016)
- a. Why were they not concluded by this date?
 - b. When is it likely that negotiations will be concluded?
 - c. Does this negotiation remain a priority for the Government?
 - d. How many people are working on this negotiation?
 - i. How many of these people are full time?

Answer

40. Market access negotiations between Australia, New Zealand and twelve Forum Island Countries have formally concluded.
- a. Negotiations on a PACER Plus Agreement concluded on 20 April 2017.
 - b. Market access negotiations concluded on 20 April 2017.
 - c. Market access negotiations concluded on 20 April 2017.
 - d. Six
 - i. Five.

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Topic: Bilateral Free Trade Agreements

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

- 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?

This relates to TPP (as the countries are signatories – OTN should own

Answer

2-5) The Department has a strong understanding of the potential benefits of bilateral FTAs with Canada, Mexico, Peru and Vietnam from our familiarity with their trade policy settings developed through our negotiating history in the TPP and discussions with stakeholders during those negotiations. In addition, our understanding of the potential benefits of a bilateral FTA with Vietnam have been further informed by our negotiations in AANZFTA and our ongoing negotiations in RCEP.

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Topic: Free Trade Agreements - Staff

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

45. Non-tariff barrier staff

- 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?
- d. What action does the Department take if trade in a particular industry has negative growth?

Answer

a) DFAT and other relevant agencies have responsibility for the implementation of Australia's concluded FTAs. Different agencies take the lead depending on the issue. Successful implementation and high utilisation of FTAs – across all sectors - are a high priority for the Government.

In respect of NTMs, the Government has a range of tools that can be utilised to address NTMS that are barriers to trade, including but not limited to FTAs.

Please refer QoN53 (paper on NTMs).

b) Performance of DFAT staff is assessed through the Department's Performance Management Framework, which reflects the Department's Strategic Framework.

c) Refer b above.

d) The Government's trade policy seeks to open markets and provide the best trading conditions for Australian exporters. DFAT continues to maintain a high degree of engagement with industry stakeholders, including to address specific impediments to exports and investment. The Australian Trade and Investment Commission also has a range of services and programs that are available to Australian firms seeking to enter the global markets or expand their presence internationally.

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Topic: TiSA

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

47. Has the Trade Minister made representations on TiSA to other countries since October 2016?
- 47(a) What are the reasons for the delay in concluding negotiations?
- 47(b) 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?
- 47(c) Has the Government and/or DFAT made representations to stakeholders concerned that privatisation of government services may result because of TiSA?
- 47(d) What measures are DFAT/Government planning in order to allay concerns about TiSA?
- 47(e) Did the Government develop a set of goals for negotiations of TiSA? Will the Government release them?
- 47(f) Will the Government commit to giving regular updates on negotiations of TiSA?
- 47(g) Has the Government considered releasing draft text or outlines of TiSA? If so, why has it not done so? If not, why not?
- 47(h) Will the Government table the proposed TiSA text to Parliament before signing?
- 47(i) Will the Government ask the Productivity Commission to review TiSA before signing?
- 47(j) [If not] Will the Government perform any public benefit-cost analysis of TiSA?

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51. In relation to the ongoing negotiations of TiSA:

51(a) 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?

51(b) Has the Government and/or DFAT made representations to stakeholders concerned that privatisation of government services (particularly health and education) that may result because of TiSA?

51(c) What measures are DFAT/Government planning in order to allay concerns about TiSA?

51(d) Did the Government develop a set of goals for negotiations of TiSA? Will the Government release them?

51(e) Will the Government commit to giving regular updates on negotiations of TiSA?

51(f) Has the Government considered releasing draft text or outlines of TiSA? If so, why has it not done so? If not, why not?

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51(h) Will the Government ask the Productivity Commission to review TiSA before signing?

51(i) [If not] Will the Government perform any public benefit-cost analysis of TiSA?

Answer

47. The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) is not aware of any representations but TISA has occasionally been raised in ministerial level discussions.

47(a) The election of the Trump Administration in November 2016 meant it was not possible to conclude negotiations until the new US administration came into office. At this stage, the US' position on the TiSA negotiations is unclear.

47(b) The current TiSA text does not contain an Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) clause. It does not allow private litigants to take action related to TiSA breaches under separate treaty mechanisms.

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47(c) DFAT has consulted with a wide variety of stakeholders during the TiSA negotiations. During the consultations, we have been clear that nothing in the TiSA will require the privatisation of public services. Moving forward, Australia will reserve the right in the TiSA to decide whether, when and on what basis an Australian government may decide to privatise a public entity that provides a service.

47(d) DFAT will continue to hold stakeholder consultations as negotiations progress to discuss concerns of stakeholders. Details of DFAT consultations can be found on the DFAT

website: <http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/trade-in-services-agreement/Pages/trade-in-services-agreement.aspx>

47(e) Australia's objectives in the TiSA negotiations are on the DFAT

website: <http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/trade-in-services-agreement/Pages/trade-in-services-agreement.aspx>

47(f) DFAT provides updates after each negotiating round on the DFAT

website: <http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/trade-in-services-agreement/news/Pages/news.aspx>

47(g) Current government policy is that draft texts of international treaties like the TiSA are not made public during the negotiating process. It is normal practice in the negotiation of international treaties to keep negotiating text confidential until the agreement is completed.

47(h) The TiSA, like all international trade agreements, will be tabled in Parliament for review by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties (JSCOT) after signing.

47(i) The Government decides on a case-by-case basis whether any public economic assessment or modelling of an agreement is warranted. In this instance, the focus is on services trade, particularly locking in current regulatory settings and levels of market openness to ensure certainty for business. This does not readily lend itself to economic modelling, so no assessment or review has been commissioned.

47(j) See response to 47(i)

51(a) See response to 47(b)

51(b) See response to 47(c)

51(c) See response to 47(d)

51(d) See response to 47(e)

51(e) See response to 47(f)

51(f) See response to 47(g)

51(g) See response to 47(h)

51(h) See response to 47(i)

51(i) See response to 47(i)

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Topic: DFAT - Staffing

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

48. How many full time equivalent staff are working on the RCEP?
49. How many full time equivalent staff are working on the TPP?
50. How many full time equivalent staff are working on the free trade agreement between Australia and Indonesia?

Answer

48. Please refer QoN 131.
49. The Office of Trade Negotiations is responsible for TPP. The number of staff working full-time on the TPP during the course of the negotiations varied between 2 and 17, with additional staff contributing to TPP-related work when required. No decisions have yet been finalised on the resourcing required for future TPP-related work – the allocation of staff will depend on operational requirements.
50. The Free Trade Agreement Division is responsible for negotiating the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA). About 20 staff have responsibility for working on IA-CEPA although some staff are working on other negotiations and processes.

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Topic: DFAT - Staffing

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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?

Answer

52. DFAT led a delegation of 31 officials including representatives from the Australian Embassy Tokyo; Department of Agriculture and Water Resources; Department of Industry; Department of Immigration and Border Protection; IP Australia; and the Attorney-General's Department. The DFAT delegation was led by Mr Michael Mugliston.

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Topic: TPP Negotiations - Costs

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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?
54. Who represented the Australian delegation to the trade summit in Vina del Mar, Chile on 14-15 March 2017?
55. What was the total cost of the delegation sent to Vina del Mar, Chile 14-15 March 2017?

Answer

53. The total dollar figure spent on Australian delegations to official TPP trade negotiations between the 2009-10 and 2015-16 financial years was \$7,221,445. This figure includes the costs of hosting TPP meetings in Australia.
54. The Australian delegation to the High Level Dialogue on Integration Initiatives for the Asia Pacific was led by the Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, the Hon Steven Ciobo MP.
55. The cost for the Canberra-based departmental officers to travel to Vina del Mar was approximately \$28,763.

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Topic: Capital Flows

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

Chinese controls of surging capital flows

- a. How will the Chinese Government's recent changes to capital flows affect the Australian economy?
- b. What has been done by the Department and Government to mitigate these effects?

Answer

- a. Please refer questions about impacts on the Australian economy to Treasury.
- b. The Department regularly raises bilateral investment issues with the Chinese Government and is aware of changes to Chinese capital controls. DFAT contributes to whole of government efforts to promote Australia as a competitive destination for Chinese investment, including through the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement. The Australian Trade and Investment Commission works to promote and attract productive foreign direct investment into Australia, including from China.

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Topic: Ms Bishop's Program

Senator Kitching, Kimberley

Question

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?

Mr Fletcher: I think it was 12 January that it was finalised.

Senator KITCHING: When did the first call come through? Was it on that day? Was it a series of discussions on the 12th?

Mr Fletcher: I will have to take that on notice.

Answer

The Department became aware on 4 January that Minister Bishop's office was proposing Ms Bishop's involvement in the visit of Prime Minister Abe. Pursuant to further discussions regarding confirmation of Prime Minister Abe's visit, Minister Bishop's attendance was confirmed on 12 January.

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Topic: Middle East – Jordan and Lebanon

Senator Fawcett, David

Question

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.

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 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.

Answer

The three-year \$220 million Syria Crisis Humanitarian and Resilience Package announced in May 2016 will support Syrians in need inside Syria, Syrian refugees in neighbouring countries, and host communities in those neighbouring countries. DFAT estimates that \$61.5 million will be spent in Jordan and \$54.5 million in Lebanon.

Prior to the development of the Syria Package, Australia had provided \$213 million in response to the Syria humanitarian crisis, including funding inside Syria and for neighbouring countries.

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Topic: Aid

Senator Wong, Penny

Question

Senator WONG: Have you done an analysis of the potential scope and quantum?

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.

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'?

Mr Exell: Those are exactly the questions that we are asking our partners.

Senator WONG: Shall we put it on notice or should we wait?

Mr McDonald: Yes.

Senator WONG: I will put it on notice. When you have done it can we have that?

Answer

DFAT has undertaken consultations with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) and Marie Stopes International (MSI). An initial assessment of the impact of the US decision on their operations globally is:

- UNFPA: anticipates the loss of all US funding amounting to US\$69 million in 2017.
- IPPF: has indicated it will lose access to an anticipated US\$100 million in funding opportunities over the four years with the bulk of the impact to affect South Asia, Latin America and Africa

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- Marie Stopes International (MSI): anticipates it will lose US funding totalling A\$42.3 million in 2017.

We are continuing to assess the detailed implications for our region following the reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy, along with newly announced cuts to the US foreign aid budget. Recent funding decisions by various governments will also have an impact on funding available for these organisations.

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Topic: Diplomatic Immunity

Senator Hinch, Derryn

Question

Ms Cooper: Diplomatic immunity for Australia's diplomats applies to our diplomats.

Senator HINCH: Yes, I understand that.

Ms Cooper: It comes under the Vienna Convention. Cardinal Pell is not an Australian diplomat so he is not—

Senator HINCH: I understand any Australian citizen whom 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.

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.

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.

Senator HINCH: So would that come from the Attorney-General's Department and not from the Prime Minister's department?

Senator Brandis: I have not encountered a case since I have been the Attorney, I must say, so let me check for you.

Senator HINCH: Thank you very much. That is all.

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Answer

- This question on extradition is best placed with the Attorney General's Department.

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Topic: Efic - Board Remuneration

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

Senator GALLACHER: What do you pay a board member?

Answer

Efic Board members are remunerated in accordance with the Remuneration Tribunal's 2016/18 Determination for Holders of Part-Time Public Office (Compilation No 2). This is a public document, accessible on the Remuneration Tribunal's [website](#).

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Topic: Efic – Book and Asset Allocation

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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

Answer

At 30 June 2016, Efic's exposures were \$2,078.9 million on the Commercial Account and \$822.4 million on the National Interest Account. Total exposure was \$2.9 billion.

The \$2.9 billion represents Efic's exposure to third parties and includes both on-balance sheet exposures, such as loans, and off-balance sheet exposures, such as bonds and guarantees.

Efic is not a fund manager nor an investor that selects different asset classes to invest in. Rather, Efic is a lender that supports Australian exporters and consequently exposures reflect industries and markets where Australian exporters are active or where a 'gap' in private sector export finance exists.

Efic's FY 2015-16 Annual Report provides a breakdown of the exposures by industry sector and by region, as illustrated in the diagrams below (extracted from pages 20-21 of the Report).

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Figure 1: Commercial Account at 30 June 2016 – exposures by region

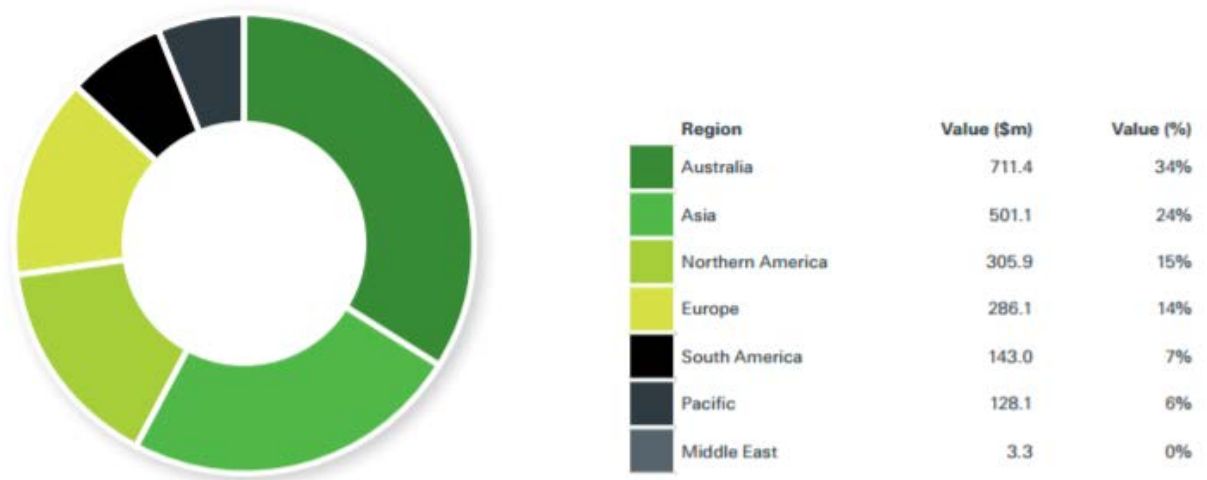


Figure 2: Commercial Account at 30 June 2016 – exposures by industry sector



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Figure 3: National Interest Account at 30 June 2016 – exposures by region

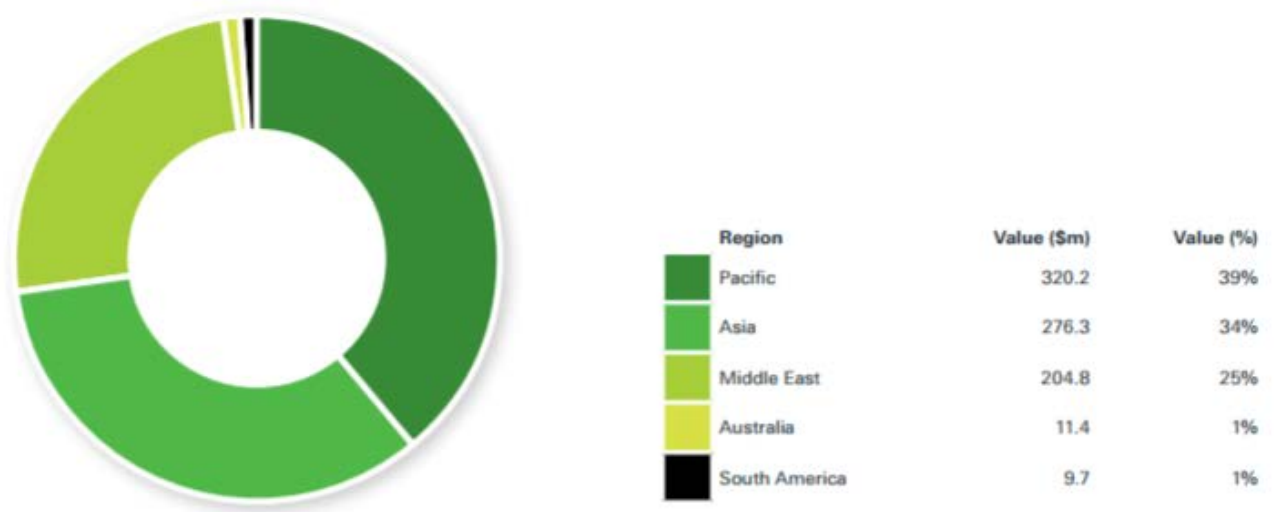
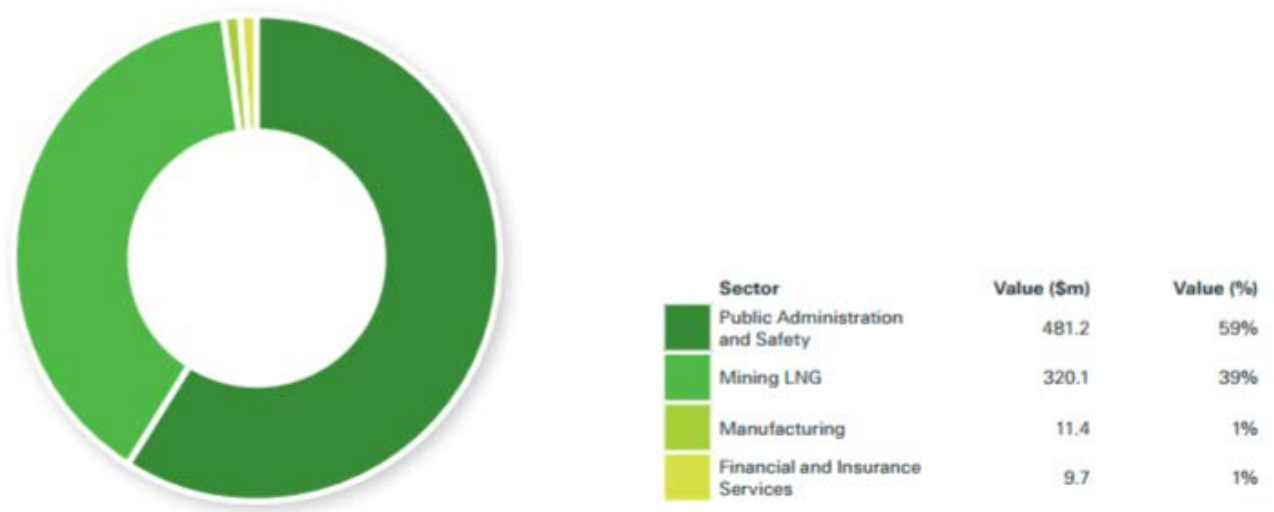


Figure 4: National Interest Account at 30 June 2016 – exposures by industry sector



Efic’s FY 2015-16 Annual Report also provides a breakdown of the exposures by product, as per the tables below (extracted from pages 121 and 126 of the Report).

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Gross exposures (before fair value adjustments) on each of the products offered on the Commercial Account are as follows:

	Note	30 June 2016 \$ m	30 June 2015 \$ m
Gross exposures			
Export finance loans	8, 1(n)	1,131.1	936.8
Funded export finance guarantees	8, 1(n)	233.0	250.9
Rescheduled credit insurance debts	8, 1(n)	2.6	7.5
Funded export finance guarantees at amortised cost	7	20.9	28.3
Rescheduled credit insurance debts at amortised cost	7	0.7	0.7
Guarantees	18	249.5	342.3
Medium-term insurance	18	363.0	351.6
Bonds	18	78.1	124.3
Total gross exposures		2,078.9	2,042.4
Reinsured exposures included above		673.3	601.4

Gross exposures (before unearned premiums, specific provision for impairment and unamortised grants) on each of the products offered on the National Interest Account are as follows:

	Note	30 June 2016 \$ m	30 June 2015 \$ m
Gross exposures			
Export finance loans	7, 1(j)	606.1	665.4
Rescheduled credit insurance debts	7, 1(j)	204.9	238.0
Guarantees	18	11.4	11.5
Total gross exposures		822.4	914.9

Efic employs a risk grading system to rank risks according to both the counterparty risk and the level of country risk inherent in the exposure.

Efic uses nine broad categories of risk grade, with category 1 representing the lowest risk. Within categories 1 to 6, an outlook modifier (of plus or minus) is used if the counterparty is particularly strong or weak for that risk grade. The equivalent risk, based on Standards and Poor's risk rating, is stated in brackets.

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	Note	30 June 2016 \$ m	30 June 2015 \$ m
Gross exposures loans and receivables			
Risk category 1 (AA- to AAA)		176.4	133.2
Risk category 2 (A- to A+)		355.2	183.8
Risk category 3 (BBB- to BBB+)		335.5	517.5
Risk category 4 (BB- to BB+)		37.8	174.1
Risk category 5 (B- to B+)		172.2	158.7
Risk category 6 (CCC+)		286.2	20.4
Risk category 7 (C to CCC)		3.4	7.5
Gross exposures loans and receivables	8, 1(n)	1,366.7	1,195.2

* There are no exposures in categories 8 and 9.

As part of its normal operations, Efic enters into a variety of transactions denominated in various currencies which give rise to contingent liabilities including guarantees, medium-term insurance, bonds, and political risk insurance. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the maximum amount Efic would pay if called upon to do so. The exposure for the Commercial Account after reinsurance under each of the nine broad categories is as follows:

	Note	30 June 2016 \$ m	30 June 2015 \$ m
Contingent liabilities			
Risk category 1 (AA- to AAA)		342.7	266.1
Risk category 2 (A- to A+)		131.5	259.9
Risk category 3 (BBB- to BBB+)		79.3	62.6
Risk category 4 (BB- to BB+)		10.0	33.1
Risk category 5 (B- to B+)		74.7	110.7
Risk category 6 (CCC+)		50.5	79.7
Risk category 7 (C to CCC)		1.9	6.1
Total contingent liabilities	18	690.6	818.2

More information regarding exposures and risk ratings is contained in Efic's FY 2015-16 Annual Report, available on Efic's [website](#).

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Topic: Efic - Boikarabelo

Senator Gallacher, Alex

Question

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 India than, say, any of our two ports.

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.

Senator GALLACHER: If you were to provide on notice the value of your book in the areas of investment, it would be very helpful.

Answer

For details regarding Efic's exposures (value of Efic's book) and asset allocation, refer to answer to Question 2.

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Topic: Efic – Fossil Fuel Investment

Senator Ludlam, Scott

Question

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?

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.

Senator LUDLAM: If it is not at the table, that is fine; it is late.

Mr Hunter: We will take that on notice.

Senator LUDLAM: Can you provide a break-up by whatever categories however you account for these things?

Mr Hunter: We can do that.

Answer

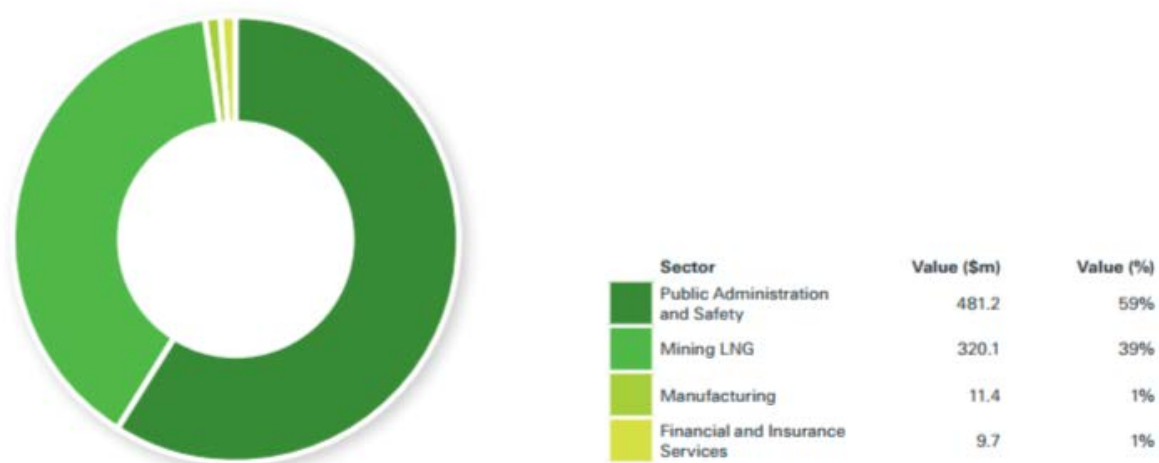
Efic's FY 2015-16 Annual Report provides a breakdown of Efic's Commercial Account and National Interest Account exposures by industry sector, illustrated by the following diagrams (extracted from pages 20-21 of the Report).

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Figure 2: Commercial Account at 30 June 2016 – exposures by industry sector



Figure 4: National Interest Account at 30 June 2016 – exposures by industry sector



This breakdown includes exposures to the ‘Mining LNG’ industry sector. As at June 2016, Efic’s exposures to mining LNG was \$402.6 million on the Commercial Account. This refers to Efic’s LNG exposures associated with the PNG LNG project, the Ichthys LNG project and the Gladstone LNG project. Support for service providers (including Australian SMEs) to oil and gas, and related infrastructure, totals \$51.2 million, spread across various industry sectors. For the National Interest Account, the ‘Mining LNG’ exposures of \$320.1 million cover only LNG exposures associated with the PNG LNG project.

The ‘Mining Commodities’ Commercial Account exposures of \$235.3 million cover copper projects for Minera Escondida and Oyu Tolgoi.

Efic has no direct exposure to coal mines on its Commercial Account. Support for service providers (including Australian SMEs) to coal, and related infrastructure, totals \$189.1 million, spread across various industry sectors. The largest of these exposures relates to Efic’s \$134.5 million support for the

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Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal, which is categorised in the “Transport, Postal and Warehousing” industry sector.

There is currently no exposure to the coal sector on the National Interest Account.

1. Boikarabelo

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Senator LUDLAM: Has the affected community been advised of the grievance mechanisms that are available to them through the Australian National Contact Point? That is one.

Mr Hunter: We will take it on notice.

Answer:

Efic is uncertain whether the affected community has been advised of the grievance mechanisms available through the Australian National Contact Point.

However, pursuant to publicly disclosing Efic’s potential involvement in the Boikarabelo coal project, Efic has been in discussions with several Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), including ActionAid Australia. ActionAid Australia has representatives in South Africa, located close to the project site and the affected community.

Efic discussed various grievance mechanisms available to CSOs and to the affected community with ActionAid. Such mechanisms include Efic’s public Complaints Mechanism (available on its [website](#)), which provides a formal channel for submitting complaints, grievances, concerns and adverse feedback. Efic also understands that ActionAid is aware that complaints can be raised with the Australian National Contact Point for alleged breaches of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.

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Topic: Efic – Climate Screening

Senator Ludlam, Scott

Question

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?

Mr Hunter: We will take that on notice.

Answer

Pursuant to Efic's Policy for Environmental and Social Review of Transactions (Policy), all potential transactions are screened for their environmental and social risk at the project level. Where a potential risk is identified, Efic also undertakes a risk evaluation.

Efic's Policy adopts the International Finance Corporation (IFC) Performance Standards (an internationally recognised standard) as its general benchmark. Performance Standard 3, which refers to resource efficiency and pollution prevention, provides the methodology for considering a project's greenhouse gas emissions. Consequently, Efic considers greenhouse gas emissions, including how a project manages emissions, at the project level.

The IFC Performance Standards are available here:

- http://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/topics_ext_content/ifc_external_corporate_site/ifc+sustainability/our+approach/risk+management/performance+standards/environmental+and+social+performance+standards+and+guidance+notes.

Pursuant to the OECD Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits (Arrangement), Efic is also required to comply with rules in relation to official support for coal-fired power stations. In November 2015, participants to the Arrangement agreed to remove support for large super and sub-critical coal-fired power plants, while allowing support for smaller sub-critical plants in poorer, developing countries. The agreement allows support for up to medium-size super-critical plants in countries facing energy poverty challenges.

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Further information on the Agreement is available here:

- <http://www.oecd.org/newsroom/statement-from-participants-to-the-arrangement-on-officially-supported-export-credits.htm>.

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Topic: Pacific - ABC Shortwave Radio Service

Senator Moore, Claire

Question

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.

Ms Adamson: Yes.

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?

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.

Answer

The Department does not hold that information.

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Senator Wong, Penny

Question

Wong On notice could you please advise who gave Ambassador Hockey the number?

Answer

The Department does not, as a matter of practice, publish details of confidential communications with foreign governments or the ways those communications may be arranged.